

Correspondence, containing important news, social reform or any part of the county. No communications desired, unless accompanied by the real name of the writer.

Local Department.

NOTICE.—This paper will not be delivered to the doors of subscribers next week, owing to the absence of our carrier, who will be in attendance at the National Guard encampment. Subscribers will please call at the post office where the DEMOCRAT will be served to them. Our carrier frequently takes a jaunt out of town, and when your paper is not left at the door, you will find it as above stated. Please bear this in mind.

ATTENTION NORTH WARD DEMOCRATS.—A caucus of the North Ward Democrats will be held at the Court House, on Friday evening next, at 7 1/2 o'clock to nominate two persons as delegates to the County Convention, which meets Tuesday following.

H. Y. SEITZER, Chairman.

Go to W. R. Camps for furniture of all kinds and prices. A tub race was indulged in at Coburn on Saturday.

Three new buildings are being erected on Half-moon Hill.

The members of the Reformed Sunday school and church are picnicing in Hunters grove to-day.

The National Bank, at Kenovo, has been authorized to commence business with a capital stock of \$50,000.

The sale of Bayard Hicks' household effects on Saturday, was largely attended. It took all the afternoon and evening to dispose of all the goods.

Morris Cowdrick has the contract for furnishing brick for the new buildings at the State College, and has gone to that place to operate his brick yard.

Elegant bedroom suits, sofas, lounges, chairs, rockers, tables and every thing else in the furniture line may be found at W. R. Camps store on Bishop street.

Chairman Rynder, of the Green-back Labor party, has issued a call for a State Convention, which will be held at Williamsport on the 7th of September, next, at 10 o'clock a. m.

An excursion train will leave the depot near the glass works on Saturday evening and proceed to Filmore where the Presbyterians of that place will hold a festival. Do not fail to attend.

The executors of the estate of the late Judge Hale, on Saturday morning sold fifty shares of First National Bank stock at public auction. The purchaser was J. N. Stone, of Coatsville, who paid \$140 per share.

The Lock Haven Democrat says: Mrs. Nicholas Bauer and eldest daughter Miss Fuss, of Bellefonte, are the guests of Mr. Jack Agar and daughter, of this city. They expect to remain about a week.

The Sons of Veterans' festival in the Court House yard on Saturday evening was largely attended and a neat sum was placed in the treasury of that organization. The Milesburg band was present and discoursed lively music.

An order was issued from National Guard headquarters to the effect that the members appear in camp in white pantaloons, but as it was not received until too late for execution, the boys will appear in the regulation suits.

The person who stated that he stabbed a man at Arnot, Pa., and was arrested here last week, was released Friday. A telegram received from that place stated that nothing of the kind had occurred there. The fellow was drunk and a little "cranky."

Death entered the family of Patrick McDonnell at Unionville on Monday and plucked one of the roses of that household. The body of the little one was brought to Bellefonte on Thursday morning, when after services in the Roman Catholic church, interment was made in the cemetery here.

Christie's School of Business at Lock Haven, closed on Friday, and Prof. S. N. Christie, with his family, has gone to Poughkeepsie, N. Y., where he enters Eastman's college as an instructor. Thus Lock Haven has lost one of the best institutions of learning ever established there.

The house owned by Adam Yearick near Jacksonsville, and occupied by Mrs. John Yearick, was totally destroyed by fire on last Saturday morning, while the lady was at Lock Haven attending market. All the household effects were burned, on which there was no insurance. The house was insured in the Peens Valley Company for \$700.

Cal. Lose conveyed in his large hack a party of Bellefonte's fairest daughters and gallant sons to the top of Nittany mountain on Saturday afternoon, where the time was spent according to the liking of those present until evening set in, when a bountiful lunch was served, after which a moonlight hop was announced. The party returned about 10 o'clock after having spent a very enjoyable afternoon and evening.

A new stone crossing has been placed across Willowbank street at the point where Reynolds avenue intersects it. This is a much needed improvement.

A gentleman named Dietrick, who he believe is from Berwick, was the first to move his family to the new town of Urmona, situated just above Valentine's forge.

Don't forget that our book-binding is in operation, and that we are prepared to rebind old books or bind new ones at short notice. Blank-books and ledgers made to order.

"One Hundred Years of Methodism" was the subject of the sermon delivered by Dr. Monroe on Sunday morning, and which we have heard it spoken of in the highest terms of praise.

Next week we will publish the complete programme for the centennial celebration of the signing of the Constitution of the United States, as well as the address of the committee having the affair in charge.

W. R. Camp's furniture store on Bishop street is packed full of the newest and latest styles of furniture, just received. Prices are way down, which accounts for the rush noticed at that establishment every day.

The Limited Express dashed by Greensburg, Westmoreland county, recently, while a 6-year-old child sat upon the end of a cross tie. It was too late to stop when the child was discovered, but it escaped without injury.

The Knights of the Golden Eagle will hold a grand picnic in the woods near Spring Mills on the 20th inst. Several bands will be present, and it is expected a large crowd from Bellefonte and surrounding country will attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Johnston-baugh who recently moved to Coleville, mourn the death of an infant daughter which sad event occurred early Saturday morning. The little one was buried on Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

The young man Dibble, convicted of robbing the post office at Nittany, this county, by the United States district court at Erie last week, has been sentenced to the Western penitentiary for three years, a fine of \$10 and the court costs. He made no defence.

We are requested to state that there will be a meeting of those persons selected as members of the Undine hose company, in the law office of D. F. Fortney, Esq., on this Thursday evening at half-past seven o'clock, for the purpose of effecting an organization. A full attendance is desired.

Mr. Daniel Garman, proprietor of the Garman House, last week entertained his three brothers, Samuel, of Renovo, Henry, of Jersey Shore, and M. B., of Philadelphia. This is the first meeting of the brothers for fully thirty years, and to say that it was pleasant would not be half expressing it. All are well to do and respected gentlemen, and although well up in years, the youngest being 63, it is hoped there may be many more such pleasant reunions.

The Gazette calls the Riddle-Brien affair an "affray." Now just how the editor of that paper makes it an affray is not known, as there was no fuss or quarrelling before or after the stabbing, it was simply one man deliberately cutting another, and then disappearing. "Affray" as legally applied, "is the fighting of two or more persons, in a public place, to the terror of others. A tumultuous assault; a brawl; a fray." We are afraid the Gazette man had too many bed-bugs buzzing in his ears when he wrote "affray."

On Thursday evening Miss Grace McBride, niece of Miss Mary McBride, who resides on the corner of Allegheny and Bishop streets, gave a garden party the occasion being the anniversary of the birth of the young Miss. About twenty of her young friends were present, and a very enjoyable time was had. The yard was handsomely decorated with Japanese lanterns, etc., and an elegant lunch was served, when the balance of the evening was spent in games, music, etc. We trust Miss Grace may see many more birthdays.

The large granite stone which rests over the door leading into the banking room in Reynolds' new building, was placed there on Tuesday morning. It weighs 3500 pounds. Another stone weighing five tons, is to be placed on the third story, and will be a support for the front part of the roof. It has not yet arrived but the trimmings are here, and when placed in position will surpass anything in this part of the state. The banking room will be handsomely fitted up and the distance from the floor to the ceiling will be twenty-seven feet.

A three year old child of David Hendershot's, who lives in the Brown Row near the car shops, met with a painful and perhaps fatal accident on Monday. Mr. Hendershot had captured a large turtle, and he and another gentleman were cleaning it. They had taken the reptile out of a bucket of boiling hot water and proceeded to the house when the little one approached the bucket and in some unaccountable manner fell into it. The child was rescued as quickly as possible, but before it had been terribly scalded, and its recovery is extremely doubtful.

Officer Foulk showed us a knife the other day that is certainly a curiosity. Recently, some persons were searching an old house situated below Spring Mills, when they unearthed it. In length, including handle, it is about 19 inches, and the length of the blade, which is quite narrow, is 9 1/2 inches. It closes like a pocket knife, and to open it required but the touch of a spring which rusted fast and does not operate now. This was probably made necessary on account of the sudden appearance of Indians, as it is supposed it was used during Revolutionary times when the settler had ever to be on the alert. It is a deadly looking weapon, and woe unto the man who felt the thrust of the keen blade, when wielded by one of the old pioneers, determined to protect his family from the depredations of his Red foe.

It is said H. A. McKee will make a decided change in his beautiful property on Willowbank street, and which extends back to Valentine street on Methodist Hill. The property will be divided and an alley is to pass east and west between the lots and connect with that at the Dale property. On the front portion, facing Willowbank street will be built two substantial dwelling houses, which will be comfortable and contain all the modern improvements. There is ample room for these houses and they will make a decided improvement to that end of town.

There happened into our office the other evening six young men, who by reason of their height attracted attention. They did not come by appointment, but casually dropped in. Their combined height is 36 feet 8 1/2 inches, all being above six feet except one who just leveled the two yard stick. Their weight is 1002 pounds, and their combined age 142 years. The tallest is 6 feet 3 1/2 inches and the heaviest drew the scales at 192 pounds. The oldest is 27 years and the youngest 19. If six young men happen together at any time, and can give us the same, or a better result we would be glad to hear from them.

Three Italian musicians manipulating violins and harp, are in town, and their music is delightful. The violinists are especially expert players, and wherever they play attract great crowds. The Coronet Hook and Ladder Company has decided to hold a hop in the rink this (Thursday) evening, and has engaged the above band to furnish the music. Those who are lovers of dancing will miss a rare treat by not attending. Tickets admitting gentlemen and ladies, 50 cents.

Co. B will depart for Mt. Gretna to-morrow morning at half-past ten o'clock. Corporal, J. Linn Murphy, and privates H. C. Rothrock, W. P. Rothrock, James Neff, James Noon, Kirk Tate and C. J. Highland, are the members detailed to go to the camping grounds to-day (Thursday) to prepare quarters for the company. Mt. Gretna is a beautiful place for an encampment, and we have no doubt the boys will enjoy themselves immensely.

Yesterday morning at 11 o'clock the marriage of Dr. R. G. H. Hayes to Miss Sallie Hoffer, occurred at the residence of the bride's mother. It was a quiet affair no invitations having been issued. The groom is one of Bellefonte's rising physicians, highly respected and has bright prospects before him, while the bride comes from one of our best families and is a beautiful and accomplished lady. May all the joys of life attend them.

There was not as large an attendance at the Union Temperance meeting in the Presbyterian church on Sunday evening as there should have been. Rev. Snyder, Reformed minister, delivered the sermon, which contained many sound points. He presented the temperance question in its proper light, and made a strong appeal to the young to join in the ranks. Rev. Monroe delivered an appropriate address and Rev. Steek assisted in the services.

L. W. Rittet, a prominent citizen of Phillipsburg and at one time a resident of Bellefonte, died at the above place last Thursday evening. He was a highly respected gentleman, and leaves a wife and three children. Mrs. George Bayard, Mrs. W. L. Zeller, Mrs. James I. McCully and Walter W. Bayard of this place, attended the funeral, which occurred on Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock.

Vol. 1, No. 1, of The Southern Hub, a monthly publication devoted to the interests of Chattanooga, Tenn., has been received. It is a neat journal and under its able advocacy of the advantages of that section, Chattanooga should receive a big boom. The subscription price is \$1 per year, and those who are interested in the South will do well to subscribe.

Over a year ago a drill was started above Renovo for the purpose of ascertaining whether oil or gas existed there. Last week the work was abandoned after reaching a depth of 3,500 feet. This is the third unsuccessful attempt and pretty thoroughly settles the oil question in that vicinity.

Personal.

E. C. Humes, Esq., son and daughter are visiting at Bedford Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. George P. Bible have gone to Bedford Springs, where they will remain a week or more.

Mr. James I. Lucas, of Snow Shoe, called to see us on Friday and enrolled his name on the DEMOCRAT's list of subscribers.

Messrs. Scott Harris, Harry Bush, John Bullock and Will Furst attended a party held at the residence of C. G. Furst, Esq., at Lock Haven, on last Thursday evening.

Miss Millie Smith, the accomplished daughter of Treasurer Charles Smith, is visiting at the residence of Dr. Buck, at Altoona. The lady will also spend some time at Cresson before returning.

Mr. Henry Swartz, of this place, departed on Tuesday morning for Muncy, where he has secured a situation in a furniture factory. Henry is a first class mechanic and will give entire satisfaction to his new employers.

Miss Amelia Rumberger, the bright and talented daughter of Commissioner's Clerk G. W. Rumberger, has been elected one of the teachers of the Unionville schools. Miss Rumberger will give the best of satisfaction.

W. S. Tripple and daughter, Miss Ollie, have gone to Safe Harbor, Lancaster county, where they will spend a few days and then proceed to Lancaster City. Mr. Tripple will return soon but Miss Ollie expects to remain until September.

Patrick Kane, Esq., the genial Renovo Banker, and staunch Democrat, called on the DEMOCRAT and paid his subscription. No more genial or pleasant gentleman drops into our sanctum than he. Our latch string is always on the outside to our Renovo friend.

Mr. William M. Harper, wife and son of Renovo, visited relatives in this county last week, returning to their home on Monday. Mr. Harper is Renovo's popular tinner, and we are glad to say is meeting with excellent success.

Miss Ella Williams of Reynolds avenue, is entertaining her friend Miss Mollie Chaney, of Huntingdon. Miss Chaney is a handsome and intelligent young lady and quite entertaining, and we have no doubt but that her visit will be pleasant.

Misses Tillie and Victorine Lyon, of Lyon & Co.'s store, departed on Thursday for Atlantic City, where they will spend the next six weeks. This recreation will prove a great benefit to the ladies, as they have been kept quite busy in the store during the spring and summer. The DEMOCRAT wishes them a pleasant time.

Miss Kate Powers one of the teachers in the Bellefonte public schools, came down on the Bald Eagle Valley train this morning, and will return this afternoon. Miss Powers is one of the most competent teachers in the corps and one of the cleverest and brightest of Bellefonte's many clever and bright young ladies.—Democrat.

Mr. William Speer, Jr., better known to his many friends in this place as Will, arrived in Bellefonte on Tuesday evening. Will became a telegraph operator in the office here and after spending several years in this capacity departed for Youngstown, O. where he received a position at his occupation, revealing himself to be a reliable young man he received a good position from one of the railroad companies of that city, where success has attended his efforts. After being absent for two years we have no doubt he will spend a week's vacation very pleasantly among us.

Mr. James Mendenhall, son of Rev. Henry S. Mendenhall a Methodist minister known in this vicinity, was a guest at the home of his uncle Mr. W. T. Speer of Lamb street on Monday and departed in the evening at 5 o'clock for Altoona where he holds a responsible position being employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for several years. Mr. M is a young man who by intelligence, industry and perseverance has acquired the confidence of the officials of the company and when promotions are in order he will no doubt be in demand.

CHANGE OF EXAMINATION DATES.—On account of the delegate election to be held at the school house in Unionville Borough on Saturday, August 6th, I will hold the examination for the township of Union and Unionville borough at the school house in the latter place on Friday, August 5th, and for the township of Huston at the school house at Julian on Saturday, August 6th.

D. M. WOLF, Co. Sup't.

We were in error last week when we stated that Mrs. Jones, the lady who is visiting at the residence of Mr. Harry Hicks, was mourning the death of a son. The lady has but one son, a bright little lad, and he is living we are glad to say. The information which led to the first notice we believed to be reliable, but which, unfortunately for us, was not.

E. H. Magill, president of Swartmore College, delivered a free lecture to the people of Unionville on Tuesday evening, the subject being "The Relation between Normal Schools and Colleges."

A MAN WITH MORE NOSE THAN BRAINS.—Editors DEMOCRAT: Please give me a small space in your paper to refer to charges made against my management of the Poor House by a man named Feldler editor of a sheet called the Gazette. It seems the charges against me are made on the report of two gentlemen from the State Board of Charities, they having examined the poor house found everything upside down and piles of dirt lying all around, and also four inmates absolutely neglected and forsaken. Now I will meet these two charges of the state board. First, they say in their report they made an examination of the poor house. I say it is untrue, for the reason that all of the rooms that are used by the boarders were locked, early that morning, as Mrs. Edward Dummel left about 8 o'clock a. m. to attend her church picnic, and had some of the inmates with her. They did get in two or three rooms in the garret which are used to keep stoves and pipe in, as we have no other place to put them. Warren going with them they made their way into his room, where they found everything in No. 1 order. They also got into an outside kitchen that is never used except in the summer, and is never locked. The second indictment is, they found the four inmates neglected. This is also a mistake for the two had arrangements made to have their meals at the usual time. Now this sheet called the Gazette, fires a red-hot ball at my management of the poor house. If he could have hit me directly I would have been ashamed to ask you to publish a reply, coming from a man without a character, as he is known to everybody here as the political liar of the age. As nearly everyone knows who I have in charge, I have only to mention their names to set at rest such a silly charge, as they are well known in this community. They are Mr. Edward Dummel and his christian wife. I know the lady feels very sore over the charges of the two cranks from the state board, and also the thing that runs the Gazette. I have made this statement in vindication of the woman in charge of the poor house and not of myself, as I disregard anything this sheet may say about me. JAMES SCHOFIELD.

GRANGES' PICNIC.—The committee on the Patrons' Picnic and Exhibition of Centre county, to be held on top of Nittany Mountain, near Centre Hall, September 14 and 15, is pushing its work vigorously, and now promises to be a grand affair, surpassing anything of the kind ever held in the county. Arrangements for tents have already been fully completed, and the committee is now ready to furnish any number of them wanted, and to all persons applying. Nearly all the Granges have already engaged tents besides many private individuals, and all other applications should be made as soon as possible.

Arrangements have also been completed with the Gettysburg railroad company to give stereopticon exhibitions of the views of the Gettysburg battle field on large canvases. These exhibitions will be given two nights free of charge, along with many other novel and interesting scenes under the management of Messrs. Bartrond & Long. It is a marvel how the Patrons of our county are able to give such an interesting exhibition free of charge, as they are usually accompanied with heavy expense.

The majority of our home manufacturers and dealers in agricultural implements have engaged space for the exhibition of their wares and implements, and no doubt there will be many more applications before the Exhibition opens.

An effort is being made to secure an exhibition of thorough-bred horses and cattle. Those who desire to take advantage of the feature should make application early in order to enable the committee to provide accommodation. Hay, straw, etc., will be furnished exhibitors of stock at a nominal price. The camp arrangements, under the supervision of proper officers, will be the most complete. Stoves will be provided for cooking purposes for those wishing to board on the ground. A coffee house, restaurant and refreshment stands will serve the public so there will be nothing wanting for the comforts of those attending the Picnic and Exhibition.

Those who desire to tent on the ground should provide themselves with blankets and wraps for protection at night. Application will be made to the court for the appointment of a police force. None but licensed houses will be allowed on or within one mile of the ground.

Applications for restaurants, refreshment stands, boarding houses, etc., should be made to Messrs. Boozer & Brisben, Centre Hall, who have special supervision of the department and will oblige and accommodate all.

For exhibition privileges, tents, etc., application should be made to the chairman, Hon. Leonard Rhone.

BOOK BINDING.—We are now prepared to do all kinds of book binding at reasonable rates and will guarantee all work. Send in your books, papers, magazines, etc., and have them bound.

Ice cream every day at Jacob's delivered in any quantities to families at shortest notice.

The members of the Coronet Hook and Ladder Company were well pleased with the support given them at their recent festival, and to those who so kindly assisted at the tables and elsewhere, and to the County Commissioners the following vote of thanks was tendered at their meeting last Thursday night:

Resolved, That a vote of thanks of Coronet Hook and Ladder Company, of Bellefonte, Pa., be and is hereby extended to all the ladies and gentlemen who so ably assisted us at our late festival, and also extend our thanks to the commissioners of Centre county for the use of the court yard.

H. S. HALE, President, W. F. HARRIS, Secretary.

Henry Woomer whose home is at Rock Forge, this county, met with a narrow escape on Monday. Mr. Woomer is assisting in making the repairs on Gerbrick, Hale & Co's flouring mill, at this place. On the day mentioned he was working on a scaffold, when the timber gave way and he was precipitated to the ground a distance of eight feet. A large stone lying on the platform also fell striking him on the side and back. At first it was thought his back was broken, but fortunately such was not the case, although the injuries received were of a serious nature. He is able to walk about again, but he feels quite sore yet.

PINE GROVE. Hess & Erb want 1200 bushels of huckleberries to make jam for the boarding house at Benore.

The Lutherans and Reformers are making extensive repairs on Salem church. J. W. Greenoble & Bro. put the iron roof on. They are pushing mechanics and those wanting anything done in their line will do well to consult them at Oak Hill.

The Washington Coronet Band intend holding a concert on next Saturday. Hope they will have a good turnout.

Our friend J. G. Heberling is rapidly improving from his spell of sickness, and is now able to step around town without using his cane.

M. E. Meek had the misfortune to run a pick fork through his foot the other day, but the injury is healing rapidly.

People traveling through this end of the valley and in want of a good square meal, should stop at James A. Deekard's hotel. The latch string is always on the outside and the tables spread with the best the country can afford or money can buy.

George Danley captured a nice swarm of bees on Saturday last, good luck to him. We hope they are Democrats. But keep away from the little end of the bee, George.

Some of our young men indulged in a very bad practice recently. They got it into their heads that it would be good fun to frighten an old woman, who is patially demented, and went up the road where they accomplished their purpose. The victim was badly scared, and ran into town that being the only way she could rid herself of her tormentors. Should this be repeated the names of the culprit will be made public. PHILANTHROPIST.

The Centre Hall Reporter furnishes us with the following items:

Corn crop in our valley will be about 1/2 of a full crop.

Prof. A. L. Little of Bedford, has been engaged as principal of the borough schools this coming term. He comes with good recommendations as a student and instructor, and hope he will be successful in his work. The public schools will open about the 2nd week of September.

Our band has been reorganized and among the players mentioned are J. Wes. Henny, Sam Rowe, Dr. Jacobs, Ezra Tressler, Jas. Lohr, Henry Boozer, Chas. Arney, Geo. Bushman, Harry Dinges, Cal Wieland, Dave Boozer, Gottlieb Strohmiere, Sam Kresmer, Orris McCormick, Rob Miller, and others. We are glad to see the band reorganized as it is a desirable thing to have in the community. We are told that the members resolved to ask for no aid from the citizens and will defray themselves all necessary expenses. Our citizens should go them one better and give them a boost even if not asked, as it is needed anyhow. Again we say, let the band play.

Jack Limbert, of near Madisonburg, one day last week, had a serious runoff as he was on his way, with a two horse team, to Lock Haven, having a load of butter and eggs. As he got near Peitt's mill, one of the front axles broke and the team began to kick and run. The whole dash board of the wagon was kicked off, the wagon upset and he and his son were thrown out. The son had a leg broken and his father was badly bruised. The wagon was wrecked and a long stretch of the road was daubed with smashed eggs and smeared with butter. Besides the injuries sustained by Mr. Limbert and his son, he has a serious loss on wagon, butter and eggs.

The firm of Kaufman & Long general merchants, doing business at Millheim, has by mutual consent been dissolved. Mr. Kaufman, an honest and conscientious gentleman, will continue the business at the old stand, and will give satisfaction as heretofore. Mr. Long expects to establish himself in some other town. He is a thorough business man, a pleasant and affable gentleman and we would cheerfully recommend him to any community. May success attend both parties.