

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

Local Department.

-The dog days end on Saturday. -Go to W. R. Camps for furniture of all kinds and prices.

-Criders' building is rapidly nearing completion. It will be a fine structure. -The rain which set in Sunday afternoon put a damper on the bush meeting.

-Tuesday morning market was fairly represented by farmers, but the buyers were not overly numerous.

-The death of Mrs. Margaret Burns occurred at the residence of her brother Dr. Stewart, of Pine Glen, on Wednesday.

-It is estimated that between eight hundred and a thousand people were at the scene of the Colby murder on Sunday.

-A letter addressed to Maggie J. Spangler, Lemont, Centre county, is being held for postage in the Altoona post office.

-Representative John A. Woodward of Howard has been summoned as a grand juror to the United States Court, at Scranton.

-The Episcopal Sunday school picniced at Snow Shoe Intersection yesterday. Sixty-seven tickets were sold at the ticket office here.

-Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wallace are mourning the death of an infant, which occurred on Sunday morning, the cause being cholera infantum.

-The Republican State Convention was held in Harrisburg yesterday. There is no doubt that the "slated" ticket went through swimmingly.

-The Penn Hall Lutheran Sunday-school has invited all the schools between Coburn and Bellefonte to join in an excursion to Snow Shoe on next Saturday.

-The Presbyterians, of Bellefonte, and those of Buffalo Run will unite in holding a picnic in Hunter's Grove today (Thursday) providing the weather is favorable.

-The new telephone line between Bellefonte and Phillipsburg is almost completed. The wires are being strung and it is expected everything will be in readiness for use by Friday or Saturday.

-The K. of L. picnic in Roush's Gap, on Saturday evening was largely attended, and quite a success. The people were conveyed to the ground in hacks, which were running to and fro all evening.

-The following pensions were granted to residents of Centre county during the past week: William Askey and Frances Poorman (mother) Phillipsburg, Mary E. Flick Julian, Frederick Kerchof, Howard.

-Prof. W. S. Hayden, who several years ago taught music at State College, has located in Bellefonte and has decided to organize a class here. The Prof. is a splendid musician and teaches music to perfection.

-The new school building is to be dedicated on Thursday, September 8th, when interesting services will be held. It is expected Gov. Beaver will take part. The schools will open on the 14th and 15th of that month.

-A platform has been erected in the spring at the water works, and steps lead to it. Glasses with chains attached have also been placed there, and now the thirsty can procure a fresh drink of water with convenience.

-The bush meeting held in the woods near Unionville on Sunday was attended by a great many people from this place. Hacks were run all day, which gave our town the appearance more of a holiday than any thing else.

-The 5-ton brown stone ornament was placed in position on Reynolds' banking building on Wednesday morning. It took one hour to raise it, and the feat was watched by many people. There is now a weight of nearly 15 tons on that particular corner.

-Judge Krebs rendered a decision in the collateral inheritance tax case of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania against John E. DuBois in favor of the plaintiff for \$136,700. Interest at 12 per cent. dates from May 5, 1887. The case will be taken to the Supreme Court.

-Rev. J. H. Welsh requests us to state that a quarterly meeting will be held in the Evangelical church at Curtins on Sunday, August 21st, at which Rev. I. M. Pines, P. E., will preside. Preparatory services will be held the Saturday evening previous. All are cordially invited to attend.

-John Noll, who lived at Nye Bank died on Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock, after a lingering illness. Deceased was a respected gentleman, and many friends mourn his death. He was a brother to Mr. David Noll, and Mrs. Henry Harmon, of this place. The funeral took place on Monday afternoon.

-Don't fail to attend the Logan festival Friday and Saturday nights.

-Mrs. Frank Gilbert is visiting friends in Bellefonte. Mrs. Gilbert was formerly Miss Dame Shrom, and was a composer in the Watchman office. She is now living in Trenton, N. J., where her husband is engaged.

-An informal reception to Judge Williams, the Republican nominee for Supreme Judge, was held at the residence of Judge Furst, on Linn street, last evening. The members of the Bar and other citizens without regard to politics, called on his honor, shook hands and congratulated him.

-We are sorry to hear that Rev. Charles Steck has tendered his resignation as pastor of the English Lutheran church. During his stay here Rev. Steck has made many friends, and has proven a preacher of ability. He will preach his farewell sermon on the 28th inst, but will remain in Bellefonte until spring.

-S. U. Thompson & Co., have sold their furnishing store and tailoring establishment to Mr. F. C. Montgomery of the firm of Montgomery & Co. The purchased establishment will be under the management of Mr. John Bullock, a young man of more than ordinary abilities, and with whom it is a pleasure to deal. The old stand will be carried on as usual.

-Co. B. returned on Saturday night about 10 o'clock, feeling none the worse for the jaunt at Mt. Gretna. The boys distinguished themselves on the field, and report having had a grand time. Barring Thursday, when a heavy gale, accompanied by copious rains, visited the camp, the weather was pleasant throughout, very little suffering from the heat being reported.

-Stephen Garrity, who died on last Tuesday near Milroy, was brought to this place on Thursday for burial. High Mass was held in the Catholic church by Father McArdie, after which the remains were interred in the cemetery. The funeral was large. Patrick Gerrity and Mrs. McCafferty, of this place, are children of the deceased.

-Mrs. Thomas Newel died of consumption at Williamsport on Saturday morning. Her remains were brought to Bellefonte on Monday morning and taken to the residence of Mr. Newel's aunt, Mrs. Miles, on Bishop street, from whence the funeral took place at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Mrs. Newel was yet a young lady, and was well and favorably known here. Her sad death is sincerely regretted by all who knew her.

-Monday morning a distressing accident occurred to Mrs. Kyle McFarlane. The lady was sitting on the porch surrounding her residence, when H. H. Harshbarger, Esq., went out in his yard to shoot a chicken, using an old shot gun. He banged away at the fowl and brought down his game. In some manner one of the shots found its way to where Mrs. McFarlane was sitting, penetrating her shoulder. The injury although annoying, is not serious.

-A case involving over half a million dollars was brought up for argument before the Court on Wednesday. A number of eminent lawyers are connected with the case, including Judge Orris, of this place, Senator Woolverton of Sunbury, Judge Mayer and H. T. Harvey, Esq., of Lock Haven, Henry Drinker, of Philadelphia, and others whose names we have not learned. Judge Williams, of Tioga county, presided. It is an action in ejectment brought by the Midland Mining Company against the Lehigh Valley Mining Company, and the land involved lies in Snow Shoe township, this county.

-The School Board purpose having the dedication of the new public school building on Thursday, September 8th, 1887, at 2 o'clock p. m. It is proposed to make a town affair out of it and rather have a jollification upon the completion of better school facilities than we have heretofore enjoyed. The lawyers and ministers of the town will be invited to do the speech making, while the securing and arrangement of music for the occasion has been left to Mr. S. A. Stover, a member of the Board. It is to be hoped that the people of the town will heartily and sincerely join with the Board and make this an event long to be remembered by our people. An educational jollification would be new as well as delightful.

-On Friday and Saturday evenings, August 19th and 20th the Logan Hose Company will hold a festival for the benefit of the organization, in the Court House yard. On Saturday evening there will be a fireman's parade, participated in by the Logans, Undines and Coronet Hook and Ladder Company headed by a band of music. No aid will be solicited by the company, but those who desire may contribute cakes, cream, fruits, or anything else which would tend to make the affair a success. This makes it possible for the people of the borough to show their appreciation of a really good and loyal fire company. Contribute what you can, whether it be little or much, and then patronize the festival. What you do for the boys now, may be repaid tenfold within the month.

-THE COLBY MURDER.-The brutal murder of the Colbys near Washington Furnace, Clinton county, is still the absorbing theme within a radius of 25 miles of that place. John W. Johnson, of near Hubersburg, this county, has been arrested, charged with the foul deed. James Kline has been arrested in connection with the robbery near Washington Furnace, and also the murder of the Colbys, as has "Essec" and William Kline brothers of James. "Essec" is said to be a simpleton. There seems to be but little doubt that these men are the guilty parties as they were seen in that vicinity on Sunday, the day of the murder. Johnson it is said, had threatened Colby at different times, and is considered a bad character.

The Coroner's Inquest developed the fact that after Mrs. Colby had been shot she was cruelly outraged, evidently while in the throes of death. The dead bodies were placed in their graves on Monday night, and on Tuesday were viewed by hundreds of people. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Dotterer, of Rebersburg.

The Commissioners of that county have offered a reward of \$500 for the arrest and conviction of the murderer or murderers. A day or two before the murder was discovered a tramp attempted an assault upon a little girl. He answers somewhat to the description of the highway robber and the police are after him also. On Saturday last some of our officers arrested a tramp at Milesburg, who answers the description of the one mentioned above, except that instead of Burnside he has whiskers all over his face. He is a hard looking customer, and refuses to talk.

Two singular incidents have occurred in this connection, and which will be interesting to note. On the Sunday the murder is supposed to have been committed, a gentleman named Myers, his wife and children, and a brother-in-law and his wife, were on their way to the country to spend the day, their destination being the woods in the vicinity of the Colbys, with whom Myers was acquainted. Mr. Myers states that he intended going to Colby's spring for water. After the party had turned into the road leading to Tylersville, they were met by Essec Kline, who stopped them and warned them not to proceed that way as robbers and murderers were in that vicinity, and that they might be attacked. This so frightened the ladies that they entreated Mr. Myers to return, which he did. Had the party proceeded they would probably have saved the lives of the victims, or discovered the bodies at least twenty hours sooner. The question arises was Essec Kline placed there to watch?

Probably the strangest story comes from Commissioner Grugan, who four days previous to the murder, had a dream, the substance of which, as printed in the Democrat is as follows: On Thursday night, August 4th, Grugan was lying on his bed asleep. He had a vision in which he saw a lonely looking clearing on a lonely mountain, in the centre of which stood a dilapidated house, and a stream wended its way among the rocks. Suddenly two men appeared upon the scene, one brandishing a knife, with which he killed his companion. Two other men appeared about that time, but seemed not to be taking a part in the murder, and soon disappeared in the distance. The murderer then picked up some bloody clothing, a satchel, and what appeared to be a crow-bar, and going to the stream washed his hands and crossed marking the spot where he did so. He then went to a clump of bushes some distance away and building a fire burnt the clothing and hid the bar and satchel. With this Mr. Grugan awoke, but his dream deeply impressed him. Upon awaking in the morning the dream again flashed across his mind, and he forthwith concluded to draw a sketch of the surroundings. The next day he went to Lock Haven and in course of conversation related his dream to his fellow commissioners, also producing his draft. Of course all who heard of it poked fun at the dreamer. But here is where the strange part comes in. On the following Monday the Colby murder was announced. Still Mr. Grugan was grieved. On Friday last Mr. Grugan, in company with several friends, concluded to visit the scene of the tragedy. A hack was procured and they started, the warfare still being kept up by Grugan's friends. But as they reached a certain clump of bushes Mr. Grugan called a halt, stating that that spot looked familiar, although he had never been in that locality before. They alighted and going into the brush the remains of what was once a small fire were discovered. Further search brought to light the gun stolen from Colby and also his powder flask. The gun bore blood marks. This accounts for the crow-bar and satchel. It is needless to say that the faces of the jokers now took on a serious aspect. Proceeding to the scene of the murder, everything was found as pictured in the vision, the foot prints where the murderer crossed the stream being plainly visible, and there was a small pile of stone indicating that he marked the spot. Surely this is a wonderful dream, and as it has been verified in many points, it is fair to presume that three men were implicated in the affair.

Considerable excitement was caused on Tuesday last by the announcement that John Colby, father of the murdered man, had been arrested and lodged in jail by a constable from Mill Hill, who claims he has strong evidence against the accused. On the Saturday previous to the murder, John Colby and his nephew, Charles Colby, were fishing in the neighborhood of the Colby farm, and towards evening the man under arrest sent the boy home, stating that he wanted to go to a neighbor's house to get his hair cut. Colby denies that he was fishing at all that day, but the boy says he was. The constable who made the arrest claims to have strong evidence against him.

A tramp was arrested a short distance from Milton on Monday afternoon and it is believed he is the man so badly wanted. He asked for something to eat at a farm house, and after receiving what he wanted sat down on the porch. The housewife ordered him off. He refused, when she threatened to call her husband. His reply was he would cut the farmer's heart out if he would come near him. The lady screamed and the husband and another man came in and captured the rascal. He answers the complete description of the tramp seen in the vicinity of the murder, and officers have gone after him.

John W. Johnson, and Essec Kline were taken before Alderman Harris on Tuesday, for a preliminary hearing but as all was not in readiness, a continuance until the 30th inst. was had, and the prisoners were taken back to jail.

The tramp arrested and lodged in jail here charged with assaulting a Reece girl near Nittany, was held until Monday when the girl was brought up to identify him, which she failed to do, stating that he was not the man. However from his actions he is supposed to be guilty of some other crime and is therefore held for future developments. The man's actions prior to his arrest were very suspicious. When arrested and searched he willingly parted with his knife and other possessions, but his pocket-book had to be taken by main force. When asked what he had done with his revolver he said, "I haven't got it now." Shortly afterwards he was again asked the question by T. J. Dunkle, when he answered "That's none of your business."

A meeting of the borough council was held on Monday evening, at which there was a good attendance. The citizens requested a hydrant for Howard street, which was refused. The street committee reported that several property owners on Bishop and Linn streets, and also on the north and south side of the jail, had been notified to lay new pavements. The Undine hose house was reported completed, and as there is some dissatisfaction existing between the members and the citizens, a committee was appointed to investigate the matter. \$22 10 was the amount reported from the market committee, while the report of the finance committee showed a balance of \$4,311.01 due the borough. President Fortney, of the School Board appeared before the council and stated the needs of the schools in reference to the borough. The children living in the vicinity of Reynolds' mill must go to the new school house and will find their most convenient way to travel up the Burnt Mills road to Logan street, thence along Logan street to the school house. He requested that sidewalks be laid along one side of Logan street extension and a crossing there if the walk is built on the south side; also a crossing on Bishop street in front of the school house. In reference to the laying of the walks the Street committee was directed to proceed according to ordinance. The request for a crossing on Bishop street will be investigated.

Intelligence reached this place on last Friday morning from Millbrook, Kan., through Mr. Edward Speer, formerly a resident here but now of that place relative to a terrific cyclone that struck their town, and almost entirely swept it from the face of the earth, in which one child was killed and a large number injured, and some fatally thereby rendering many helpless and homeless, so much so that an appeal for help to the generosity of the public was necessary in order to give some comforts to the afflicted and distressed who are found in this once prosperous but now desolate wast. Chief Burgess H. S. Hale received a circular, inclosed in the letter from Mr. Speer giving an account of the complete wreck of property and the destitute condition of the people which is beyond description. This appeal is made to all who feel themselves able to contribute to this noble object, if but a small amount. The appeal is signed by the council and by D. M. Smith, Mayor of Millbrook, Graham county, Kan. Contributions given to Chief Burgess Hale for this purpose will be immediately sent to E. M. Speer, who will judiciously distribute it among the sufferers. Ed. fortunately was not a sufferer, but had a close call, he being in the cellar to avoid the terror of that part of the west, when the building collapsed and he was buried beneath 10 feet of debris; he was compelled to dig his way out. He was not hurt.

MARRIED.-A new bride's home in Centre Hall, August 11th, 1887, by the Rev. G. P. Sarvis, Vance W. McCormick, to Miss Minnie J. Roseman, all of Centre county, Pa.

DIED.-At Pleasant Gap, August 9th 1887, DeForest B. infant son of Potter and Elizabeth Tate, aged 9 months and 11 days.

Personal.

Gov. Beaver spent Sunday with his wife and family here.

Ellis Snyder and Robert McKnight are enjoying the exhilarating breezes of Atlantic City this week.

Ex-Judge Adam Hoy was again reported seriously ill yesterday. We trust he will speedily recover again.

W. I. Flemming, the merchant tailor is off to the city, where he will purchase a complete stock of fall and winter suitings.

John Shaughensy, son of Thomas Shaughensy, who has spent the past few months at Philadelphia, Atlantic City, and other interesting points, returned to Bellefont Tuesday.

J. B. Mayes, of Houserville, was a caller at our office Saturday. Mr. Mayes deals in all kinds of marble and granite grave stones and monuments, and his work is of the most satisfactory kind.

That battle-scarred and brave warrior, General D. H. Hastings, arrived in town Saturday night. He enjoyed encampment very much, and distinguished himself on the field in the manner in which he conducted Gov. Beaver to headquarters.

Miss Sallie Meyer of Rebersburg, spent a few days of this week in Bellefonte, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Bower. Miss Meyer is an accomplished and pleasant young lady, and an excellent musician, being a graduate of the Boston Conservatory of Music.

Miss Mary Snyder the amiable daughter of Rev. Snyder of Spring street is entertaining a lady friend from Harrisburg. Miss Snyder is well qualified to make it pleasant for her guest, and no doubt the young lady will be favorably impressed with our beautiful surroundings.

Mr. George Chase, who last winter moved to New York City, where he is engaged in the steam heating business with his father, spent Sunday with his many friends here. George attended the National Guard encampment with Co. B. of which he is a member, and returned here with them.

Mr. Henry Swartz, who is now employed in a large furniture factory at Muncy, Pa., spent Sunday with his family here. He likes his position very much and will likely remove to that place. He had the honor of completing the first piece of furniture made in the factory, which only recently commenced operations.

Rev. Father Fisher of Philadelphia, celebrated a high mass in the Catholic church here Sunday. Father Fisher is a brother to Dr. Fisher of Zion, and many of his friends from that place attended the morning services. He is an able and eloquent priest, and a gentleman of pleasing manners and address.

Miss Rachel Humes, well known to a large circle of friends as a bright and intelligent young lady of this place, returned home on Monday from a prolonged visit to Atlantic City, and many other places of interest. She seemed to have enjoyed the lashing of the roaring waves and the fanning of the sea breeze to the extent that she is much improved in her general health.

Miss Nellie Kline, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. Z. Kline of this place, departed one evening last week to spend a week among her friends and relatives in the pleasant little borough of Howard. Miss Nellie is an accomplished and refined young lady being one of Bellefonte's fairest daughters, and those who will have the pleasure of making her acquaintance will be of the same opinion.

Mr. Shelhart a very prominent business man of Danville, has for the past week been a welcome guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Lyons on Bishop street. The gentleman came with the intention of spending a day or so, but as Will and his estimable wife know how to entertain their many friends and make it agreeable for them and the many attractive features of our town and vicinity has a charm for him as he is still in our midst enjoying the pure mountain air. Mr. Shelhart is identified with Sunday-school work, and a great advocate of temperance.

As the engine on the Bellefonte & Buffalo Run railroad, with Jerry Nolan at the throttle, bounded around a curve one day last week, the engineer was horrified to see a man lying across the track. Quickly he whistled "down brakes" and reversed his engine, stopping within a short distance of the prostrate figure, and which he immediately proceeded to rescue. Judge of his surprise when he found a stuffed figure lying there, which some miscreant had placed on the track as a joke. Of course Jerry was mad, and the perpetrator would have received rough usage had he been there. Such tricks are too serious to practice, and should not be repeated.

The case of G. W. Rinehard was to have been considered by the Board of Pardons this week, but up to the hour of going to press no action had been taken.

We will sell for the balance of this season South Bend Chilled Pigs at cost. H. K. Hicks & Bro.

-An infant child of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Seibert died on Monday night, of cholera infantum. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Foster are mourning the death of a child, which occurred on the same night and from the same cause.

-After a thorough trial of the qualities of the Link Barb Fence Wire during the past two years in this vicinity, it has become an established fact that it is by far the best in the market. Write McFarlanes, of Bellefonte, for prices.

-Rev. W. W. Anstet, of York, the young man who preached a trial sermon in the Lutheran church on Sunday last, made a favorable impression upon the congregation. He is a scholarly gentleman, and is quite likely to receive a call.

-We have before us three bean pods, the longest of which measures 27 1/2 inches, the next 25, and the third 24 1/2 inches. They were raised by Mrs. Caroline Murphy in her garden in this place, and are only a sample of the many that may be found on the stalks. Can any one beat them?

-Calvin Green, our popular downtown colored barber was married in Huntington on Tuesday last to a young lady of that place, but whose name we have not learned. The happy couple came to Bellefonte yesterday. The Democrat wishes them much joy.

-The Democrats of Blair county on Monday held their county convention and nominated the following ticket: County Commissioners, James McIntosh and C. B. Jones; Poor Director, G. B. Smith, Auditor, A. J. Fidler, Delegates to State Convention, Harry Bonnell, H. A. McFadden, John Dumphry, and Augustus Lardis.

-The body of a two-year-old child of John Mahinsky, a laborer living on Spring alley, Pittsburgh, was devoured by flames in its coffin on Sunday while awaiting burial. In accordance with the rites of the Roman Catholic Church a number of candles were burning about the coffin. Several children were in the room, and one of them accidentally upset one of the candles. The lace in the coffin took fire, and before the flames could be extinguished the coffin was in ashes and the remains of the little one burnt to a crisp.

-The great event of the season among farmers, manufacturers, stockraisers and fruit growers is the Interstate Picnic Exhibition at Williams' Grove, Pennsylvania, which opens August 29th and continues during the entire week. The number of applications for exhibition space, the number of tents erected and the mass of mail matter daily received at the General Manager's office give abundant proof of the popularity of this meeting and its unequalled success. Improvements are being made, new buildings are being erected and the grounds beautified and made still more attractive.

-The Altoona Tribune says: Monday evening, as the Philadelphia express east was running past Penn Station, on the Pittsburgh division, it struck an unknown man near the water plug. Two engines were attached to a train of ten cars, and being on down grade the speed was rapid. The man was instantly killed, every bone, it is said by the trainmen, in his body was broken and his clothing, save his shirt, even to his shoes, was stripped from the body. He was thrown forward and lit on a crossing, and it is supposed that the ends of the planks caught his clothing and ripped them off. Strange to say, the remains were not in the least mangled.

-The Lock Haven Democrat says Harry Bush met with an accident while traveling along the Susquehanna river on his bicycle the other day. He went from here to Lock Haven and thence to Williamsport. At a place where the river bank was about eighteen feet high his bicycle went over the bank. In the descent he struck a rock, rendering him unconscious. Had he not been seen by two men on horseback who rescued him from the water, he might have drowned. As it was, he quickly recovered consciousness and now is perfectly well. His bicycle was broken.

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