

CORRESPONDENCE containing important news will be gladly received for publication in this paper. Non-communications will be inserted unless accompanied by the real name of the sender. Patrons will receive a favor by reporting any personal notice at this office.

Local Department.

Next.
Don't be a dude.
Congress is in session.
Shaffer will have to hang.
The moon is on the wane.
See Loeb's ad. on 5th page.
Tuesday dawned clear and cold.
It is in order for Most to yell Rate, Rat.
Give Sharpe a rest. He is becoming notorious.
One more issue of this paper before Christmas.
The diamond is getting to be quite a barn-yard.
Court continued during the whole of last week.
Farmers consider this the dull season of the year.
Look out for several weddings in Bellefonte soon.
The churches are rehearsing their Christmas music.
Weighed and found wanting; republican officers.
Bachelors are trembling as leap year is approaching.
Local politics about town is below boiling point at present.
The President's message is a stunner to some of our politicians.
An occasional fisticuff is the only excitement just at present.
WANTED.—A good boy to learn the printing trade at this office.
The man who parts his hair in the middle is not always a dude.
1887 is tottering on the brink, and soon the old year will be dead.
Several cases of diphtheria have been reported within the last few days.
The United States army now numbers 2,200 officers and 25,236 men.
The saw mill of Bilger Brothers at Pleasant Gap, is now ready for work.
For muddy crossings Bellefonte can compete with any town in the State.
You would do well to call and examine the Red Letter sale at Loeb's.
The new rooms in the Arcade will not be finished as expected by Christmas.
It is noticeable that the merchants who advertise are doing a profitable business.
December has five Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, and but four Sundays.
The CENTRE DEMOCRAT is the best medium in which to advertise your holiday goods.
The pavement should be repaired in several places before the ground becomes too solid.
The highest cash price paid for hides at A. Beezer & Son's meat market. 48-3m.
The poor man is more content with his small treasures, than the rich man with his large ones.
The holidays being so near, it will soon be time for Thomas and Jeremiah to put in their appearance.
Don't pay two prices for candy, but buy where it is manufactured, and get it at city prices, at Jacob's. 2-t.
Quite a number of bears have been killed this season, and really some tall bear stories have been told.
Christmas parties can not be held on Xmas evening this year as Sunday will interfere with such arrangements.
The only place where candy is manufactured in this city is at Jacob's, and sells at city prices pure and fresh.
It is reported that the Western Union has reduced rates 20 per cent, throughout the country. It is about time.
We had an occasionally fine shower during the last week, which keeps the streets in a constant puddle.
Our anarchist friend, Herr John Most, has been refused a new trial and sentenced to one year in the penitentiary.
Wm. Singer Esq., is spending a few days at his home. He expects to capture a deer before his return. Possibly you can William; try it.
The annual ball given by the Logan Home Company will be held on Friday eve before Christmas. A good time in general may be expected.
For Sale—Two handsome hand-painted Landscapes, just completed. Can be seen at old part of Garman hotel, up stairs. Will sell cheap.
J. A. Finkbinder has leased his photograph gallery on water street to J. A. Swick, who has been connected with Mr. Bell's gallery for some time.

—Sometime we'll wander back again. Save your money for holiday purposes.
The livery men are anxiously waiting for snow.
All day long the sound of the hammer is heard.
The newspaper men will soon have a few days off.
Mixtures from 15 to 75 cents per pound at Jacob's.
You can not do better than to remember the poor.
Many people about town are suffering with severe colds.
The winter poet will soon be made happy by the floating flakes.
Only one wagon put in appearance at the market Tuesday morning.
A cold wave always improves Bellefonte, as it dries up the mud.
Jacob's makes his candy toys, get them pure and fresh, and at city prices.
There will be a number of boys-cott during the last few days in December.
Already the windows of our enterprising merchants are looking like holiday fares.
We recommend the reading of the advertisements in the columns of the DEMOCRAT.
Now is the time to clean up your yards, prevent sickness and get ready for winter.
It is not considered in good taste for any man to go into a store and sit upon the counter.
Now is the time when loafers in the county stores, tell tall stories, and relate their adventures.
The Boston Post speaks as follows: Mr. Steek stands without a superior among platform orators.
The largest stock and cheapest prices, then why not buy of Jacobs, and get pure and fresh candy.
The highest cash price paid for hides at A. Beezer & Son's meat market. 48 3m.
If your Sunday school is going to treat the children, get your candy from Jacob's at wholesale and save money.
Candy baskets, canes, pretzels, muffs, and anything you want in the candy line, at the lowest prices, at Jacobs.
In other towns people place their hitching posts in the ground; in Bellefonte they place them in the mud puddles.
Be sure to read Moyer's ad. It will tell you where the largest, cheapest and best stock of goods can be found in this town.
The funeral of Mrs. Pettingill, of Coleville, took place on Sunday afternoon, followed by numerous friends and relatives.
Farm animals are hurt more by medicine than by the lack of it. When an animal needs medicine, it needs a competent physician.
The trains that come to Bellefonte are crowded with people many of whom are already starting on their holiday visit with some friend.
We understand that Uncle Tom's Cabin will be the next entertainment in the Opera House. Let it come, it has not been here for some time.
Counterfeit bills are being circulated in large quantities. It would be well to examine your money closely, as it requires great care to detect them.
The entertainment at the Presbyterian chapel on Thursday evening last was a decided success and a handsome sum was realized for church purposes.
Posters, dodgers, cards, letter heads bill heads, statements, shipping tags and envelopes, printed at the office of the CENTRE DEMOCRAT.
Fall and Winter Season 1887 and 88.—Full lines of Overcoatings, Suits, and Pantaloonings. Leave your order now. MONTGOMERY & Co. Tailors.
A complete list has been arranged for Institute week, and the teachers of Centre county may expect to receive a fine course of instruction during the week.
Several exceedingly fine pictures are to be seen in the windows at Bunnell & Aikens, corner and are really about the only works of art on exhibition in this town.
The Lock Haven Democrat gave a full account of the murder trial, and every person in Bellefonte was anxious to get the first paper as soon as the train arrived.
One of the finest and best equipped institutions in the State is the State College near this place. All the advantages excepting a great deal of society can be had for less money than in any other school in the State.
The fright among our people caused by the apparent spread of diphtheria, is dying out, as the disease has been skillfully treated by our able physicians. There was no cause for such an out break of alarm, which if any thing only tended to increase the danger.

A number of bills have been introduced into the Senate, and that august body has apparently made up its mind to do some work.
The light that now attempts to illuminate our streets is good for house purposes only. Why not give some other company a trial for street lamps that would give us much more light.
E. L. Harper, President of the defunct Fidelity Bank in Cincinnati, Ohio, was sentenced to ten years imprisonment in the penitentiary at Columbus, Ohio, and by order of the Court was conveyed thither at once.
The pugilistic efforts that occasionally occur above our composing rooms, are not calculated to make it pleasant for those at work. It is truly annoying and would be a favor conferred if the prize ring were moved to some other place.
There is a chance for an enterprising man in this town. The car works are standing idle, why not put some of the money about town into circulation and start them up. If this were done it would be more of a boom for the place than an iron furnace, and would employ as many men.
We are glad we gave Bailey a chance to express his "opinion" as it is so seldom that young man is in possession of that article. Had he not been delivered of that "opinion" he might have been inflicted with a surplus of common sense. However, the danger is past, Bailey is delivered.
Notice.—All persons having Deeds, Mortgages and other instruments in the Recorder's office recorded and unpaid, will call and lift the same on or before the first day of January A. D. 1888, as after that date the accounts due the Recorder will be collected according to law. Pay up and save trouble and expense.
Clegg Bamford has gone and got married without saying anything to the editor of this paper. Of course it was none of our funeral, but "Clegg" might have left us known about the affair. However, we are on deck to extend our congratulations to Mr. Bamford and his handsome and accomplished wife. May they live long and prosper.
We are in possession of the scientific report published by the department of science of the State College which would be interesting and profitable to the farmers or any one interested in agriculture. We would advise all our readers to procure this interesting book and make use of the scientific properties explained in its pages. A little more study and reading would prove profitable to the majority of farmers throughout Centre County.
It does often appear as though it was a pity to remove all the old land marks about town, but one after another, slow but sure, they are disappearing. Naturally we reverence those ancient marks, but when they have served their mission and modern improvements demand their removal, we should be willing to make the change without a murmur, and in the end we find that improvements which take their place add greatly to the beauty and value of any locality.
THEIR BUSINESS BOOKING.—Probably no one thing has caused such a general revival of trade at J. Zeller & Son's Drug Store as their giving away to their customers of so many free trial-bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. Their trade is simply enormous in this very valuable article from the fact that it always cures and never disappoints. Coughs, Colds, Asthma, Bronchitis, Croup, and all throat and lung diseases quickly cured. You can test it before buying, by getting a trial bottle free, large size \$1. Every bottle warranted.
There should be a free library in Bellefonte for the benefit of the public. If large comfortable rooms were furnished, there is not a working man in town who would not contribute toward the expense of keeping up the rooms. The Y. M. C. A. does not fill the want of the people taken as a whole, and we have reason to know, and do know, that many would patronize a free library or even pay for the use of it that could not be induced to connect themselves with any other than a library association. Some may possibly question this statement and say that one library is enough, or raise other objections. To those we would simply say, look at this question fairly before you make up your mind about having only one place where young men can spend their evenings and then name over those who never go inside the association rooms and you have only a few left and those most of them married men. I do not wish to be understood as speaking against the Y. M. C. A. It does its work as far as it can reach, but there is an element outside of its limit that it will never be able to reach. For this reason we would advocate a free reading room entirely separate, or if possible a building for that purpose. The amount of good done by an institution of this kind would be surprising.

After the 26th instant no county orders will be cashed until after the first of next year. This is made necessary as the financial report for the past year is being prepared by the board of outgoing officers. If you have a claim, present it before the above stated time.
William Lehler, of Benner township killed six porkers last week, the aggregate weight of which was over two thousand pounds. How is that for fat hogs? William surprised us with two yards and a half of most palatable sausage merely to prove the weight of the hogs you know. The proof of the hog is eating the sausage.
BRACE UP.—You are feeling depressed, your appetite is poor, you are bothered with Headache, you are fidgetty, nervous, and generally out of sorts, and want to brace up. Brace up, but not with stimulants, spring medicines, or bitters, which have for their basis very heap, bad whiskey, and which stimulates you for an hour, and then leaves you in a worse condition than before. What you want is an alternative that will purify your blood, start healthy action of Liver and Kidneys, restore your vitality, and give renewed health and strength. Such a medicine you will find in Electric Bitters, and only 50 cents a bottle at J. Zeller & Son's Drug Store.
The message of President Cleveland which will be found in this week's DEMOCRAT is a most remarkable State paper, and deals with a subject which must be settled at this session of Congress or the country will go through a financial and business struggle unparalleled in our history. It is a paper which every American should carefully read. We are confronted with a fact and not a theory. The actual condition of affairs is known to every intelligent and thoughtful man and was foreseen by the politicians of both parties when they formulated their platforms at Chicago in 1884. Upon the 50th Congress President Cleveland has thrown the responsibility for the relief demanded from a large, unwieldy and dangerous surplus collected annually from the people and hoarded up in the Treasury. The message has by its bold and clear exposition of the evils under which we are laboring, created consternation in the ranks of the monopoly tariff advocates in the Republican party and their few allies among the Democratic membership. Something must and will be done to reduce the surplus and that something has been clearly indicated. The influential Republican papers, such as the Chicago Tribune and the New York Times, demand of their party in Congress that they unite with the Democrats in a measure of relief as outlined by the President's message. No one can be terrified by the free trade cry of the monopolists in the future. Under the cover of "protection to American labor" has grown up every monopoly and "trust" in the country, and under that same cry thousands of foreign laborers have been imported to compete with American labor.
UNCLE TOM.—Linden Hall was packed on Wednesday night to witness the play of Uncle Tom's Cabin by Abbey's Double Mammoth troupe. It was the largest audience that has been out this season. The performance was an excellent one, and Harriet Beecher Stowe's powerful and touching story of Uncle Tom was never better depicted in Geneva. The company is a strong one each member filling his or her role in an easy and telling manner, and slave life in the South was brought vividly before each one of the large audience. Gus T. Wallace in the character of Uncle Tom came out very strongly and it would be hard indeed to find fault in his acting of the part. The part of Eva was taken by Gracie Peck, a child of only five years, and the little lady played the difficult role in a charming manner far beyond many older children who have appeared on the stage. Her singing was fine and was encored several times; she rendered some difficult songs. This little one is a born actress and is very easy and graceful on the stage. Of Miss Kate Partington as Topsy, too much cannot be said. She was a typical happy-go-lucky young ducky. Her manner is inimitable, her songs are good and her dancing superb. She is also quite an accomplished banjoist, and her playing on this instrument was one of the leading features of the entertainment. It is impossible to speak of the merits of each performer, suffice it to say that the entire company are up to the standard. The singing of the colored quartette was grand and they were forced to respond to encore after encore. Their voices are all good and show thorough training. The troupe of South Carolina Jubilee Singers sang a number of songs, many of them humorous, and their singing and dancing were applauded to the echo. Add to all this two fine brass bands and the excellent orchestra, one of the finest ever heard here, and Abbey's Uncle Tom's Cabin Company presents one of the best organizations on the road.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

(Continued from 1st page.)
proof of our country's progress. But if in the emergency that presses upon us our manufacturers are asked to surrender something for the public good and to avert disaster, their patriotism as well as a grateful recognition of advantages already afforded, should lead them to co-operation. No demand is made that they shall forego all the benefits of governmental regard; but they cannot fail to be admonished of their duty, as well as their enlightened self-interest and safety, when they are reminded of the fact that financial panic and collapsed to which the present condition tends, afford no shelter or protection to our manufacturers more than to our other important enterprises. Opportunity for safe, careful and deliberate reform is now offered; and none of us should be unmindful of a time when an abused and irritated people, heedless of those who have resisted timely and reasonable relief, may insist upon a radical and sweeping reformation of their works.
The difficulty attending a wise and fair revision of our tariff laws is not underestimated. It will require on the part of the Congress great labor and care and especially a broad and national contemplation of the subject and a patriotic disregard of such local and selfish claims as are unreasonable and reckless of the welfare of the entire country.
RAW MATERIALS OF MANUFACTURE AND NECESSARIES OF LIFE CHEAPENED.
Under our present laws more than 4000 articles are subject to duty. Many of these do not in any way compete with our own manufacturers and many are hardly worth attention as subjects of revenue. A considerable reduction can be made in the aggregate by adding them to the free list. The taxation of luxuries presents no features of hardship but the necessities of life used and consumed by all the people the duty upon which adds to the cost of living in every home should be greatly cheapened.
The radical reduction of the duties imposed upon raw material used in manufacturers or its free importation, is of course, an important factor in any effort to reduce the price of these necessities, it would not only relieve them from the increased cost caused by the tariff on such material but the manufactured product being thus cheapened, that part of the tariff now laid upon such product as a compensation to our manufacturers for the present price of raw material could be accordingly modified. Such reduction, or free importation, would serve besides, to largely reduce the revenue. It is not apparent how such a change can have any injurious effect upon our manufacturers. On the contrary, it would appear to give them a better chance in foreign markets with the manufacturers of other countries who cheapen their wares by free material. That our people might have the opportunity of extending their sales beyond the limits of home consumption—saving them from the depression, interruption in business and loss caused by a glutted domestic market and affording their employes more certain and steady labor, with its resulting quiet and contentment.
BOTH PARTIES PLEDGED TO TARIFF REVISION.
The question thus imperatively presented for solution should be approached in a spirit higher than partisanship; and considered in the light of that regard for patriotic duty which should characterize the action of those entrusted with the weal of a confiding people. But the obligation to declared party policy and principle is not wanting to urge prompt and effective action. Both of the great political parties now represented in the Government have, by repeated and authoritative declarations, condemned the condition of our laws which permits the collection from the people of unnecessary revenue, and have, in the most solemn manner, promised its correction, and neither as citizens nor partisans are our countrymen in a mood to condone the deliberate violation of the pledges.
Our progress toward a wise conclusion will not be improved by dwelling upon the theories of protection and free trade. This savors too much of bandying epithets. It is a condition which confronts us—not a theory. Relief from this condition may involve a slight reduction of the advantages which we award our home productions, but the entire withdrawal of such advantages should not be contemplated. The question of free trade is absolutely irrelevant; and the persistent claim made in certain quarters that all efforts to relieve the people from unjust and unnecessary taxation are schemes of so-called free traders is mischievous and far removed from any consideration for the public good.
The simple and plain duty which we owe the people is to reduce taxation to the necessary expenses of an economical operation of the Government, and to restore to the business of the country the money which we hold in the Treasury through the perversion of governmental powers. These things can and should be done with safety to all our industries without danger to the opportunity for renum-

active labor which our workingmen need, and with benefit to them and our people, by cheapening their means of subsistence and increasing the nature of their comforts.
TAX REDUCTION PARAMOUNT.
The Constitution provides that the President "shall, from time to time give to the Congress information of the state of the Union." It has been the custom of the Executive, in compliance with this provision to annually exhibit to the Congress, at the opening of its session, the general condition of the country, and to detail, with particularity, the operations of different Executive Departments. It would be especially agreeable to follow this course at the present time and to call attention to the valuable accomplishments of these Departments during the last fiscal year. I am so much impressed with the paramount importance of the subject, which this communication has so far been devoted, that I shall forego the addition of any other topic, and only urge upon your immediate consideration on the "state of the Union" as shown in the present condition of our Treasury and our general financial situation, upon which every element of our safety and prosperity depends.
THE DEPARTMENTS TO SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES.
The reports of the heads of departments, which will be submitted, contain full and explicit information touching the transaction of the business intrusted to them, and such recommendations relating to legislation in the public interest as they deem advisable. I ask for these reports examination and action of the legislative branch of the Government.
There are other subjects not embraced in the departmental reports demanding legislative consideration and which I should be glad to submit. Some of them, however, have been earnestly presented in previous Messages, and as to them I beg leave to repeat prior recommendations.
As the law makes no provision any report from the Department of State a brief history of the transaction of that important Department, together with other matters which it may hereafter be deemed essential to commend to the attention of the Congress may furnish the occasion for a future communication.
GROVER CLEVELAND
Washington D. C. Dec. 6, 1887.
—THE SPECIALIST.—Dr. Clemens is going to make his regular visit to Bellefonte, Dec. 14, '87, at the Brooker's House. By all means see him for chronic disease. Dr. Clemens treats inhalations.
John L. Sullivan
May be the Giant now in Europe; we are still in
BELLEFONTE
And expect to be here during
Holidays with the finest line of
CANDIES
NUTS and FRUITS
Ever in Bellefonte. Our INDIAN RIVER
ORANGES
Are finer than they have been any season yet, and our
GROCERIES
Are kept new and fresh.
PRUNES
At all prices.
DRIED PEACHES
—AND—
CANNED GOODS
Of all kinds. Come and see us; have a wonderful Curiosity on exhibition. You can only see it once. Hand-made
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Are PURE SUGAR GOODS from Penn's Valley.
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