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Local Department.

Uncle Tom to-night. Uncle Tom and Topsy to-night. The days are nearing their shortest. Yesterday was the shortest day of the year. Mill Hall is to have a \$4,000 creamery soon. The first sleigh this season was out Saturday night. Mixtures from 15 to 75 cents per pound at Jacob's. The front is now being put in the new Reynolds building. WANTED.—A good boy to learn the printing trade at this office. Twenty-three inches of snow fell at Easton, Pa., on Sunday last. The Republicans of Massachusetts favor the President on tax reduction. Several good instructors have been secured for the institute here this year. Rheumatism is always a joint affair, and yet there is only one party to it. Mr. and Mrs. Shook, of this place, spent Sunday in Lock Haven with her parents. NOTICE.—According to our custom, no paper will be issued next week from this office. Taking time by the forelock is all very well until a bald-headed time comes along. The highest cash price paid for hides at A. Beezer & Son's meat market, 48-3m. Uncle Tom's Cabin was presented at the Opera House in Philipsburg, Tuesday night. Abbey's Uncle Tom's Cabin company played at Altoona last Saturday afternoon and evening. The new closed carriage purchased by Mr. Mallory is a daisy. Cal. knows how to please the people. The students at the State College now number 76, with 62 preps, making in all 138 in attendance. The Lock Haven people look for as much interest in the trial of Johnston as was in Shaffer's. Don't pay two prices for candy, but buy where it is manufactured, and get it at city prices, at Jacob's. It would be a good plan for some of the business property owners in Bellefonte, to put down new walks. If your Sunday school is going to treat the children, get your candy from Jacob's at wholesale and save money. J. K. Emmett, the noted actor, will appear at the Opera House in Lock Haven next Saturday night, in "Fritz." While many hearts are glad and rejoice, a greater number have sorrows which weigh them down and bring sadness. Candy baskets, canes, pretzels, muffs, and anything you want in the candy line, at the lowest prices, at Jacobs. The old year has concluded not to enter into that gloomy past, without one last slide, hence the snow on Saturday night. The leading Republican papers of Minnesota favor the views of the President's message, and still some people are not happy. On Saturday afternoon the snowflakes began to fly in a manner to make one believe that it was time to bring out the sleigh. The best and only sure way in which a business man can prevent business from becoming dull is to keep it well polished by advertising. The country is flooded with female swindlers. The "fair sex" seem to understand the business pretty well from the way they are doing people. The ladies of Unionville will hold a festival for the benefit of the M. E. Church, to begin on Saturday, Dec. 24, and continue over Monday evening. The public is invited to be present. THE LATEST.—A bug race will take place at Elmer Straub's shoe shop, east High street, Friday evening at 7:30 sharp. Admission free. Brunus Miller will be master of ceremonies. Mr. Harry Tate, who has been confined to his bed during the last few weeks with rheumatism, is slowly recovering, and will in a few weeks at the most be able to be about as usual. Since Kilrain and Smith have not been able to decide which one is the best man, Sullivan will give his decision in a short time that neither one of them amounts to a great deal. They will have less respect for themselves after John L. gives them a good clumping.

Saturday was the 80th birthday of Whittier, the Quaker poet. The snow on Saturday night did not become deep enough for sleighing. Jacob's makes his candy toys, get them pure and fresh, and at city prices. The Juniata Valley editorial association held a meeting at Altoona last Saturday. The display of fine goods is slowly unfolding itself in the windows of our merchants. The highest cash price paid for hides at A. Beezer & Son's meat market, 48-3m. The last work out is called, "Guide to the Station House." The author slept in an ash barrel. Harry Hockman, a plasterer, of Sugar Valley, expects to locate in Bellefonte in the spring. The depot was crowded Saturday night as usual with loafers and people waiting for the trains. The largest stock and cheapest prices, then why not buy of Jacobs, and get pure and fresh candy. A little good sleighing is badly needed in this community. It would be a great help to business. An exchange says a kiss on the forehead means reverence, but there's no fun in it worth mentioning. The Centre County Teachers' Institute will commence Monday, December 26th, at the Court House. The only place where candy is manufactured in this city is at Jacob's, and sells at city prices pure and fresh. A farmer named Cramer, residing at Rock Forge, this county, has lost twenty-three hogs from hog cholera, in the last few weeks. FOR SALE.—Two handsome hand-painted Landscapes, just completed. Can be seen at old part of Garman hotel, up stairs. Will sell cheap. The work of trimming the churches will be carried to completion during the coming week, as that glad season which should fill all hearts with gladness will soon be here. Prof. Geo. P. Bible, formerly of Bellefonte, assisted prominently in a musical and educational entertainment at the Opera House in Lock Haven, Tuesday night. Mr. Will. Keller, who is attending College in Lancaster City, has returned home to spend his Christmas vacation. Will appears well and apparently College life agrees with him. Already the gentle grade of our streets warns us to be careful where we step, because a small bit of snow covers a small bit of ice, and it is exceedingly awkward to sit down on the pavement with half the town looking at you. A man in a Western town hanged himself to a bed-post by his suspenders. The Coroner's jury, which was composed of mother's decided "that the deceased came to his death by coming home drunk and mistaking himself for his pants. A new track is being built from the toll-gate to the stock house of the Valentine Ore Land Association. The authorities of the Lemont road refused the use of their track from that point to the works, as it would cause a great deal of extra time and trouble to the company. The wedding of Miss Kate Jackson, on Thursday of last week was an elaborate affair. Many friends from the surrounding cities were in attendance. Mr. Brew and his handsome bride took their departure on the five o'clock train for their new home in Ridgeway, Elk county. One of the Commissioners sent to the United States by the English government to adjust matters between the two countries asked Gov. Curtin a few days ago, "who was backing Sullivan in his tour for the championship," and was somewhat surprised when the Governor informed him that Sullivan was backed by sixty million Americans. The Disciples held their first meeting in their new hall on Sunday last. The room was nicely fitted up and furnished with a handsome pulpit and chairs. The floor was covered by a beautiful carpet and the room was filled with chairs arranged in good style. All are invited to attend their meetings, which will be conducted by Elder Sherman. Mr. George Deats, who for many years has been working for Mr. Haag, of Pleasant Gap, has been unfortunate during the past few weeks. Mr. Deats was always a quiet, inoffensive person, doing his work in a cheerful manner, until a short time ago when his mind gave way leaving him on the verge of insanity. He is also suffering from dropsy, which places him in an almost helpless condition. Mr. Deats is very fortunate in having a home such as he has, as he is cared for as a member of the family, and every comfort given him that is possible, under the circumstances. Dr. Hibler has the case in charge and we hope will be able to battle against this disease successfully.

It is now almost a settled fact that Bellefonte is to have a band of her own. The instruments which have been on exhibition for several days, would in every respect be a credit to any organization, and in point of worth and beauty, would not be equaled by any in Centre County. During the past few months, we have advocated a move in this direction, and it is apparent to every one that not only a few of our citizens have been interesting themselves in this new enterprise; but many have come forward and offered their assistance in a financial way, which leaves no doubt that she is ready and willing to assist liberally in building up a musical organization upon which she could look with pride. Equipped with a set of first class instruments, and placed under the direction of an able leader, such as we know Recorder Harter to be; with a man of age and experience to arrange the music, it would not be long until we would have a band whose appearance and music would fully repay our citizens for the amount of money expended in its organization. We would again repeat that to much care can not be taken in the selection of an instructor to start the band from the foundation in such a way that would not require repeated attempts at organization and discipline to place it on a firm musical basis. Such instructions can be had from Milton, Lewisburg, and Selinsgrove. After two weeks of intense suffering and a brave struggle, Ralph McClain, the bright little four year old son of Mr. Jas. A. McClain, fell a victim to that dread disease diphtheria. He died on Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, and was buried on Monday morning at half-past 10 o'clock in the Catholic cemetery. While Ralph was sick two of the other children and Mrs. McClain had the disease, but in a milder form. Four members of Mr. McClain's family were down at the same time. The little fellow is now at rest; his trials and sufferings are over. During his entire illness he was nursed by his father, and everything that medical skill and careful nursing could do for him was done, but death claimed him for his own. Nothing but the warmest sympathies of neighbors and friends can go out to a family in a case of this kind, and while ever person was anxious to render any service in his power, the dangerous character of the disease necessarily kept those with families away from the afflicted home. The care of the sick devolved on the father and a few days before his death the little fellow seemed in a fair way to recover, but on Thursday he was not so well, and rapidly grew worse until Sunday when he died. In this hour of affliction when death has made vacant the first little chair in this happy household, the tenderest sympathy of the community goes out to the sorrowing parents. Yet faith in Him that doeth all things well can alone heal the wound. The new instruments on exhibition at Garman's have been purchased, and it only remains to organize the band and start it. We hope, however, in doing this, the persons who gave their names as security, will have a word to say, and insist on home talent, as we have plenty of that virtue in Bellefonte. It has been rumored that several parties from other bands outside of town would be asked to take instruments in this. We hope such is not the case, as those parties come and go and will not be here half the time. Mr. Harter is the proper man to put at the head, and his experience as a leader will secure for the band instructor one who is competent and known in almost every section of the state. Good ripe talent is what is wanted as well as a man who is an able cornetist; we would advise several parties, beware, and do not let people impose on you; if you are no judge of music, ask the advice of those who are, and do not allow the band to be organized on a false basis. The rooms occupied by Co. B of the National Guard are certainly adapted to the purpose for which they are used. The boys present a fine appearance when in full uniform, and are commanded by an equally handsome set of officers, the various movements are executed by the boys with a great deal of grace, and ease which shows the superior training of their commanders. The music to which they march is of high order and furnished by an equally fine instrument. A fine room is being fitted up for the use of officers only, and when completed will be the most cozy corner in the building. Another room is fitted up and used by the boys as a club room, while on the main floor some progress has been made in the direction of a gymnasium. Mr. Frank Brown, who for many years has his home with Mr. Loneberger of Pleasant Gap, has returned on a visit, after an absence of nine years. He says Bellefonte is quite a different place now from what it was nine years ago, while many changes have taken place in the surrounding country. Mr. Brown's home is now in Illinois, for which place will be leave in a few days.

Personal. Gen. J. I. Curtin and Claude Cook, of Bellefonte, were in Lock Haven last Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. P. Bible, of Lock Haven, will spend the holidays in Bellefonte. John I. Rankin, the enterprising insurance man of this place, was in Lock Haven last Friday. Prof. Dick, of the Central State Normal School, Lock Haven, will be one of the instructors at the Centre County Institute. Dr. Bordner, who was located in Bellefonte for a short while, spent a few days here this week. The Dr. has accepted a position in Brazil, South America, and will sail in a few days from New York. The good wishes of his many friends will follow him on his voyage across the stormy waters to another continent. TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.—The following is the order of the Teacher's Institute to be held at the Court House, Bellefonte, commencing Monday, December 26th, 1887: Dr. E. E. Higbee, State Superintendent. R. M. McNeal, Supt. of Dauphin county, Pa. Prof. Wallace P. Dick, A. M., Central Normal School. Rev. W. W. Deatrick, A. M., Clarion Collegiate Institute. Prof. John W. Heston, Pennsylvania State College. Prof. W. J. Swigart, Normal College, Huntingdon, Pa. Prof. Geo. P. Bible, Central Normal School. Lee L. Grumbine, Esq., Lebanon, Pa. S. T. Ford, New York City. Henry Firth Wood, New York City. Musidirected by Prof. C. L. Gramley. Lectures and entertainments each evening. Directors' day, Thursday, Dec. 29, '87. Directors' Session, Arbitration Room, 10 a. m. Enrollment begins 10 a. m. Monday. Teachers, in accordance with the law, must be paid for each day spent at Institute. The Opera House was packed last evening by an audience representing three generations to see Abbey's Double Uncle Tom's Cabin Company. While the main features of the old Dramatization are retained, the management has added many new and unique features that do not fail to please general audiences. Eva St. Clair is personated by Gracie Peck, who is but five years of age. She is a great favorite and a wonderful child-actress. The two Marks made a vast deal of fun. There are two Topsy's in the company, but the Topsy No. 1, Kate Partington, is a specimen that cannot be excelled. She is a veteran in the role, and as comical as the original "black witch" in her business, songs and dances. Her banjo playing had a touch of old time. The quartette's singing and plantation scenes, especially the revival of the "Essence of Old Virginia" gave great pleasure to lovers of negro melodies. Gus Wallace as Uncle Tom, was the best we ever saw, and Aunt Ophelia was very good indeed. Taken in all, the Double "Uncle Tom" entertainment gives more than one's money's worth. The play has been presented to over-crowded houses every night since it opened. It could be repeated with profit in Utica this season.—Utica Observer. WORTH KNOWING.—Mr. W. H. Morgan, merchant, Lake City, Fla., was taken with a severe cold, attended with a distressing cough and running into Consumption in its first stages. He tried many so-called popular cough remedies and steadily grew worse. Was reduced in flesh, had difficulty in breathing and was unable to sleep. Finally tried Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption and found immediate relief, and after using about a half dozen bottles, found himself well and has had no return of the disease. No other remedy can show so grand a record of cures, as Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption Guaranteed to do just what is claimed for it.—Trial bottle free at Zellers & Son's Drug store. On Tuesday morning we received the sad news that Mr. Jno. Rishel of Centre Hall was dead. Mr. Rishel was candidate for the nomination of associate Judge on the Democratic ticket at the late delegate election and was extensively known throughout the county. His many friends will feel sorry to hear of his sudden call to appear before the high court of heaven. Mr. Rishel's friends in Bellefonte sympathetic with the family in this their hour of sadness. There will be special Christmas services in the Lutheran church on Sunday morning, at halfpast 10 o'clock, at which the Rev. C. T. Steck will deliver a special Christmas address. All are invited. A treat for the Sunday school has also been decided upon at the regular church social on Thursday evening, Jan. 5th.

One of the most polished comedians was only too true. On the 1st of Calvin M. yer, Harry Smith and other young men from around Penn Hall, he spent weeks for him in the Seven Mountains from Zelig M. H. H. The party of life and with joyous and swift footed deer; but oh, what a ending. Monday and passed away without anything to make the pleasure, but indeed, Mr. Fisher having met his companions at the for their meeting for dinner commenced a search for him, short time they found his life. From the position in which he was found, it is thought was standing on a log and the barrel of his gun, when he slipped off and striking against the hammer, was discharged passing through his hand, and in his head. The bullet, which was a Winchester broken off. Procuring a spring wagon brought him home, reaching his residence about two o'clock morning. On Saturday he was interred in the cemetery with Salem Reformed church Penn Hall. The funeral was attended, many not being able into the church. Mr. Fisher, 28 years old. He had a kind and disposition, was plain and ing in his manners, sociable his neighbors, and scorned. He had charge of his father's the flouring mills, and so did he attend to his duties. father entrusted all to his care. He will be greatly missed in neighborhood. May he rest in peace. Christmas is coming; now is to buy your Christmas gifts. The M. E. Sunday school, holding a festival some time in ary, the date of which will be later. Mr. Charles Rudy has gone spend the holidays. Mr. W. C. Donlap, who has a tending school at Selin's Gap, spending his vacation at home. The singing class, under the tion of Miss Birdie Musser, is ing finely. About forty pupils to the class. The Lutheran Sunday school a Christmas entertainment neay evening, Dec. 24. All are to attend.

John L. Sullivan  
May be the Giant now in Easton, but we are still in  
BELLEFONTE  
And expect to be here during  
Holidays with the finest  
CANDIES  
NUTS and FRUITS  
Ever in Bellefonte. Our  
RIVER  
ORANGE  
Are finer than they have  
season yet, and our  
GROCERIES  
Are kept new and fresh  
PRUNES  
At all prices.  
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—AND—  
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Of all kinds. Come and see  
have a wonderful Curiosity col-  
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Are PURE SUGAR GOOD  
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A Merry Xmas and Happy  
Year, 1888.  
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