THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 1888.

ORRESPONDENCE containing important news will be gladly received for publication in this paper. No communications will be inserted unless accumpanied by the reat name of the sender. Patrons will confer a favor by reporting any personal notice at

## Local Department.

-Court commenced Monday.

-Sleighing parties are numerous, -The DEMOCRAT bindery is on the

-This being court week some of the hotels are reaping a harvest.

-Mr. Arthur Brown, son of Edward Brown of Bishop street, is seriously ill. -The Hettie Bernard Chase Company played in Philipsburg Tuesday night.

-The Court House was crowded Mond y night to hear Francis Murphy. -If you have books of any kind to bind take them to the DEMOCRAT Bind-

-The highest cash price paid for I hides at A. Beezer & Son's meat market.

-Duncan Clark's Company of temale artists will appear at the Opera Houge Saturday night.

-It is said that the Bellefonte Fornace Company will run out their first batch of iron on Saturday. -Coasting in Bellefonte is in a very

Thealthy condition, and the number o Bittle a cidents up to the average. -The Pennsylvania company is run

ning excursions to various places, including Florida and Washington D. C.

-Several of our c untry friends have been in recently and paid their subs riptions. Let the good work go on. -Hon. Fred Kurtz of the Reporter

was a caller at our office. Fred is like a hen on a hot griddle and only stays a moment in one place.

-Select your strongest and best men for township and borough offices and poll your party vote for them. That is the way to begin the work of re-organization in Centre county.

-Rev. L. C. Edwards of Freeland. Pt., a former pastor of Aaronsburg, will preach at Salem in the morning, Penn Hall 2:30 p. m. and at Aaronsburg in the evening February 5th.

-The quarter session court was the slimmest this term of any term for a number of years, there only being two cases before the Grand Jury and they of a very trifling character.

-Samuel Gray of Buffalo Run died on Sunday afternoon at his home, he was the father of "S. D. Gray Esq and was about 84 years old. His death was w ry sudden, and almost painless.

-Mr. Samuel L. Stover, of Pine C eek, died the 18th inst., aged 78 years 3 months, and 4 days. He was buried at Wolf's school house on the 21st. A large congregation was in attendance.

-During a dearth of news in a western newspaper office, the office cat was jammed into the job press, and the editor immediately set up the following -head-lines; "Dreadful Accident -Nine Lives Lost.

-- The record of deaths from the northwest runs up to a thousand and is heartrending to read, such tales of suffering heretofore came to us from the arctic regions. Who wants to move west and run the risk of a blizard?

-C. G. McMillen has resigned his position as Quarter Master of the 5th Regiment and it is said will be succeeded by Capt. Williams of Bellefonte. Well we don't know anyone who would fill the bill better than Capt. Williams,

-A musical convention will be held at Asronsburg, February 14th to 18th, under the auspices of the Reformed Ladies Mite Society and of which the Hon. J. G. Meyer, will be conductor, assisted by able singers and musical performers.

-The County Commissioners and Mr. Feidler think that the way to "purify" the Democratic party of Centre county is to give the Gazette \$700.00 worth of printing at one pull. We always had an ider that it was the printing rather than purity that the Gazette was after.

-Those who desire to avail themselves of the magnificent clubbing rates with the American Agriculturist should do se at once. We have sample copies of that Journal at our office. No farmer or gardener should be without such a va wible aid to his business as the Agricu turist. Read our offer,

\_Mr. Sam Rigling, the accommo\_ dating steam fitter, who is employed by Duncen & Co., has been putting the steam fittings in Major Renyold's new block. The Major is making his own steam. The boiler was started last Tresdy and works first-class, Sam is the man to do a good job.

-Rev. A. D. Wirts, formerly o Houserville, this county, and of late years so successful in revival work in Huntingdon Co., Pa. received a unanimous call from the First Baptist Church of Oberlin, Kansas. He has accepted the call and has already been very successful in revival work in his new state. News.

-A young son of Mr. Fords, the Bishop street tailor, received severe injuries last Tuesday afternoon. He was coasting on Reservoir Hill, and run into a sleigh. This adds one more to Bellefonte's coasting accidents.

-The Grand Jury has unanimously recommended an addition to the Court House in order to accommodate the increasing business of the different county offices and to provide vault room and necessary sanitary accommodations for Jurors, witnesses and those compelled to attend Court. We give the upshot in another column.

-We are in receipt of advanced sheets of the Cyclopedia of American Contemporary Biography published by Jno. B. Allen of 393 Pearl Street N. Y. From the advanced sheets before us we can form an idea of the excellence of the work, and believe it should be in the hands of every reader, the volumes will be issued at the low rate of a \$1.00

-A banquet will be tendered the Messrs. Collins at the Bush House, this evening, by the citizens of Bellefonte as a testimony of the appreciation in which our citizens hold these gentlemen, and to show them that their labors in behalf of Bellefonte have not been over looked, by our people. This is eminently proper, and the occasion should be one not only of social communion but or business. How can we best advance the interests of our town and county, is one of the subjects natural to arise even at a banquet such as this. In our next issue we will give a full account of the affair.

-Who fancies that an editor's life i the easiest in the world, deceiveth himself. It is like every other work that is faithfully followed and well performed. There are gentle slopes and bound ing brooks, and wooded dells, and joyous landscapes, and summer sunshine; but there are also desert stretches, and rugged steeps, and dry, hard stubble and bitter storms. Success is the product of work in whatever vocation in life a man may be. The mistaken notion that some other employment is easier than his own, sends many a young man wandering among the varied activities of life without gathering the advantage of any, and the discontent which this illusion engenders is the disintegration which crumbles numberless fortunes in the experience of the world.

-Wait and watch for Duncan Clark's Monster Combination, the great sensa tion. Balladists, Russian Skaters, Aerial performers, Contortionists, Commediennes, the most beautiful ladies ever presented by any company, ladies that do all a man does, Gorgeous Costumes, Magnificent Properties, new music, new songs, new dances, startling novelties, sensational surprises. Of this celebrated company of lady artists we clip the fo

Duncan Clark's Company deserves the crowded houses they receive nightly. The show is one of the finest vaudeville attractions of the season .- Neu York World, August 4.

Will appear at Bellefonte Opera House, Saturday evening, January 28, one night only. Reserved seats, 50 and 75c; gallery 35c. Sale at Keichline's. next door to Brockerhoff House entranec.

-We were informed that some of our landlords are putting up the rents both on private houses and store rooms, in anticipation of a boom next year. That is right, it will give us such a building boom next year as we never had. Of blance to humanity over at Castanea. course it is hard on poor people who on Wednesday evening of this week; get low wages and can only barely live, the 19th instant, Reuben Houser was but what does Shylock care about the mutilated beyond rocognization in the pain he causes so that he get his pound | yard here, and now this morning a of flesh. If rents in Bellefonte are not up to the seventh story of prices in the name of Shylock and Satan why don't a fearful and fatal accident near the you put them up. Squeeze the poor, same place. It is enough to sicken force up the rents on business men, and we will have two or three hundred additional houses built next year. There is no excuse for the raising of rents except the unholy greed of the fossils and mossbacks who "Sow not neither do they spin." Nor boom the town nor help a man but rake the ducats in. Yea verily a few firstclass funerals would be blessing to this town.

-A sledding party composed of six couples left Martinsburg, Blair county on the evening of the 18th to attend a dance out in the country. All went well, and their enjoyment ran into the 'wee sma" hours of the night. By 3 a. m, the party started for home. When they came to Plum Creek, which was only partially frozen over, they entered the fording on an angle and the runner next the centre of the creek suddenly cut through, giving the entire party a complete wetting, when the thermome ter registered near zero. Ladies, robes etc., were at once gathered again into the sled, when they returned to the house where they spent the evning, which happened to be near the scene. The ladies exchanged their wet garfor feather beds, where they remained until a messenger was sent to their homes the next day and another wardrobe secured .- Huntingdon Local

-Francis Murphy, the great temperance orator held forth in the Court House on Monday evening to a very large audience. Mr. Murphy always draws a great crowd, and has his oration thoroughly committed and beautifully embellished with the flowers of rhetoric but after hearing the same oration twice, one begins to tire of even so brilliant a speaker as Mr. Murphy.

-The man who is r inning the present board of Commissioners is a newspaper man; by that we mean he is the editor of a paper. He is to be found about the Commissioners' office at all times and dines at the county table regularly. When each meal is over, Feid - (oh! we nearly forgot ourselves) when each meal is over he carefully brushes the crumbs up, so that the poor, lean, famished editor of snother republican paper gets never a crumb. The work of "purifying" the democratic party goes on at the rate of \$700 worth of county printing per month. In the work of "purifying" the democratic party, the ring looks carefully after the ducats for the "purifyer." The republican members of the board seem pleased to wear the collar of the boss.

-On Sunday morning Wm, H. Humes died at his home, on Allegheny street. His death was very sudden, he had just returned from the barn where he had been teeding his stock or attending to some of his work, when he complained that his ears were cold. He sat down in a rocking chair near his wife. She inquired if he was not feeling well, and went into an adjoining room to attend to some household duty returning in a moment Mrs. Humes found her husband perfectly quiet in death. Heart disease was the cause. Mr. Humes was well known to the people of Bellefonte, as he had lived here all his life. He was born here on the 25th of May 1823, was a son of Hamilton Humes and brother of E. C. Humes president of the First National Bank. He leaves a wife and six children all of whom have reached maturity. Mr. Humes was an exemplary citizen a loving husband and father, and his death is a great shock to the community.

-A most outrageous wrong was perpetrated on the people of this section in the removal of John Igoe from the position of mail agent on the Bald Eagle Valley railroad. As the people of Bellefonte are concerned in this mail agency to a greater extent than any other community, they will be the greatest sufferers. It was agreed to by all the buisness population of this place that Mr. Igoe was a most excellent and competent agent. None ever gave better satisfaction. While we have not a word to say for or against Mr. John Campbell, of Milesburg who takes his place, we denounce the political influences that deposed Mr. Igoe. and the fact that it was done because Mr. Igoe is a Republican and Mr. Campbell a Democrat makes the matter so much worse. - Daily News.

Yes, brother Bailey, we condole with you. Now hear our sorrows in your own language. Your party has turned out of office D. F. Fortney and Geo. Washington Rumberger from their positions in the Court House simply because they were Democrats, now just apply your language to our fellers. We are all broke up, and then we don't get any more printing-just in your fix.

-For the third time inside of eleven days we are called upon to record a borrible railroad accident. On Tuesday evening, the 10th instant, J. G. Brown was killed and crushed out of all semyoung man, a brakeman from Williamsport, named Joseph Hilscher, met with people who have to read about them.

The particulars appear to be that young Hilscher, who was brakemen on a coal train, was in the act of making a coupling near the Hanna street crossing this morning at 10. 15 o'clock, when he slipped and fell with both legs and his left arm under the wheels, all of the three members being horribly mangled. He was tenderly lifted up and carried into the baggage room where everything was done for him that could be done, after which he was placed in as comfortable position as possible and sent to Williamsport on day express, where he died at 1.15 o'clock in the city hospital, Dr. Watson, the company's physician and surgeon here, hardly thought he would live until he reached Williamsport,

Perhaps a little more attention to cleaning the ice and snow along the tracks in the yard here might have prevented this sad accident to this unfortunate young man. This sort of thing has got to be stopped pretty soon

or some one will get into trouble. Fathers Power and Seibert were both in attendance at the depot here after the accident. -- Clinton Democrat.

-Gov. Beaver and ex-Gov. Curtin will grace either end of the banquet table, at the complimentary banquet to the Messrs. Collins this evening.

PERSONAL.

Harry Keller spent Sunday in Belle-

Major Wolf, of Philipsburg, was in town yesterday. Mrs. Samuel Linthurst of Philips-

burg, was in town last Friday. Adjutant General Hastings, of Harisburg, is at home this week attending

Mr. C. B. Sanford, of Philipsburg, principal of the public schools there, was in town yesterday.

Rev. Mr. Snyder preached before the Faculty and studens of the State College on Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Minnie DuPreynne of Lewisburg, visiting at the residence of Mrs. Gibson, on Lamb street.

Mr. Sourbeck it is rumored, will start up business at the new town of Hastings in Cambria County.

Mr. Theo. Deschner, the gunsmith, left last Tuesday evening, for a four weeks trip through Florida. This is good weather to go south. Chas. W. Scott and wife, of William-

sport, registered at the Bush House on Tuesday. Mr. Scott is looking after his book business in the county.

Ellis L. Orvis who has been seriously ill the past fonr or five weeks, is we are happy to say slowly mending and we believe now out of danger.

Jas. A. McClain was foreman of the Grand Jury and Will Perlstine the clerk. Both were very much disappointed at the slimness of the criminal list. Misses Loretta Runk, and Gertrude Laire, two of Philipsburg's handsome young ladies, were delegates to the Good Templars District Convention

The Zion Musical Convention, Has surpassed all exspectations in the number of participants and the range of vocal and instrumental exercises. The chorus consists upwards of seventy-five voices, including some of the leading talent of Centre and Clinton counties, while the solos, duetts, quartetts and instrumental features of the programme present an unusual array of attractions. The management has determined to give two entertainments, instead of the single concert as originally contemplated, in order that all may have an opportunity to enjoy this musical feast. The first will be given Friday evening, January 27, to be followed by that of Saturday evening the

Court Proceedings. seault and battery, settled,

Commonwealth vs. Patrick Goodwin, assault and battery, settled. Goodwin-Commonwealth vs. Chas. L. Calloway

carrying concealed deadly weapons. gnoramus -- Prosecutor to pay costs. Common wealth vs. Jas. Agnew, assault and battery. Settled.

Commonwealth vs. Overseers of Howard township, neglecting to open public road. Nol. Pross. Commonwealth vs. Jno. Shadman,

and Ed. Shadman, obstructing a publie road. True bill, nol pros. CIVIL LIST.

John Duke, vs. Wm. Parker. Appeal Verdict for plaintiff in the sum of

In the matter of the application for an extension of the borough of Unionville, the Grand Jury report in favor of the application.

REPORT OF GRAND JURY.

We beg leave further to report : That we have visited and inspected the County buildings, and find the Jail in a fair condition, with the exception of the doors and locks which are at present being repaired.

We further report that we condemn the water closets at the rear of the Court House as a nuisance, and that the same should be removed, also find inadequate vault room in the Registers and Recorders office and further that the Sheriff should have his office in the Court House for the convenience of of the general public. To meet these several requirements we would recommend that a proper addition be erected at the rear of the Court House, to provide for an office and vault for the Commissioners, an office and vault for the Treasurer and proper water closet facilities on the ground floor and for proper Jury witness library and consultation rooms on the second floor, with proper water closet facilities, which addition will enable the Register and Recorder to have separate offices and the Sheriff to have an office in the Court House, as well as give ample court facilities.

Four stray sheep came to the residence of Wm. B. Beck, in Marion township. The owner can have the same by proving property and paying WILLIAM BRCK. expenses.

of Madisonburg this county, offers his Saturday matinee. This is a great and general store for sale. Post office in rich treat, let us all go. Three nights ! the store. A rare oportunity for a Three new Operas! Popular prices, 25. good business stand,

Low Rates to the National Capital via Pennsylvania Railroad,

In order to afford the people of Western Pennsylvania an opportunity of visiting the National Capital, at the most attractive season, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company has arranged a special excursion for that point to be run on February 2d, 1888. The party will be carried to Washington by a special train leaving Pittsburg at 8.00 A. M. Round-trip tickets, good for ten days, going by special train only and returning by any regular train within the limit, will be sold from Pittsburg. at \$7.50, and at proportionately low rutes from other points.

No better season than this could be chosen for a visit to the seat of the government. Both Houses of Congress are in session, and every day important matters are discussed by the leading statesman of the country. The galleries of both the Senate and the hose of Representatives are open to the public. The Supreme Court all the various departments of the Government, and the Executive Mansion are also open during certain hours of the day. The city is certainly the handsomest and by far the most interesting point in the country, and one who visits it now, sees it at its best.

There will be ample time, too, for pleasaut side trips to Mt. Vernon, or the homestead of Washington, and \$4 to Richmond, the Capital of the Old Dominion, A round-trip rate of 75 to Mt. Vernon, and \$4 to Richmond, to be used within the ten-day limit. will be granted the excursionists.

For detailed information as to the excursion apply to the nearest ticket agent, or address Thos. E. Watt. Passenger Agent, Western District, 110 Fifth. avenue, Pittsburg.

A Surprise.

On Thursday, Jan. 19th, 1888, the pastor and wife of boalsburg charge, Centre county, Pa., were genuinely but agreeably surprised by the sudden approach of nearly sixty whole-souled persons from Pleasant Gap congregation. The pastor and lady at once surrendered the house to the pleasant visitors, who began to manifest the object of their visit by bringing everything that is good and sustains the body. The people of Pleasant Gap and and vicinity have no small hearts nor closed hands.

A pleasant time was spent at the parsonsge, after which the donors with the exception of thirteen who remained for divine services, returned to their homes. The surprise will be long remembered as a source of gratitude. Words can Commonwealth vs. Jas. Williams, but imperfectly express the thankfulness of the recipients of these rich gifts.

W. A. TROSTLE. Pastor of Luth. church.

An Unparalled Offer. No. 1 .- CENTRE DEMOCRAT No. 2.-The American An ist, post paid, (English or Ger-

man) for 1888, No. 3 .- "Christ before Pilate." 22 by 28 inches in size, photoetching,

No. 4 .- "Christ on Calvary," 22 by 28 inches in size, Mezzograveure.

No. 5 .- "Our Homes; How to beautify Them," 150 illustrations. bound in cloth and gold, published December 20th,

Total \$5.50 We will furnish all the above

\$2.60 post paid, for Send postal to 751 Broadway New York for specimen copy of the American Agriculturist, sample pages of "Our Homes; How to beautify them," full descriptions of the pictures, "Christ before Pilate" and "Christ on Calvary," and portrait of Munkacsy, the painter of these great works.

-During the latter part of next week the Star Opera Company, celebrated in the eastern cities this season, will open in Bellofonte Opera House, in a series of Operas including the favorite opera "Erminie." Of this Company Norwalk Ct., Gazette says : A good sized audience assembled in the Opera House on Monday night to witness the opening performance by Starr's Opera Company. "Erminie" was presented under the title of Baron, Mr. Frank Deshon as Tedous, (Jacques Strop), was as irresistably funny as ever and kept the audience in good humor with his drollieries of action and expression. "Charlie" Osborne as Redmond, (Robert Macsire,) was greeted with a hearty round of applause when he made his appearance, and carried off a large share of the honors of the evening. Miss Agnes Halleck was bewitching as "Minnie" and captivated the audience with her voice and beauty. John H. Wilson made a capital "General Ponvert." The chorus is good and, in some respects, the cast is stronger than last season. Last evening "Olivette was presented to a good house, At Bellefonte Opera House Thursday

-A RARE OFFOR TUNITY .- Henry Beck evening Feb , 24, for three nights, and 35, and 50 cents. Sale at usual place.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

SPRING MILES, The convention held by Philip Mever at Penn Hall was a success. It closed on Saturday night with a grand concert. Mr. Meyer was supported by the very best talent, such as Lowell Meyer and Prof. Right Meyer.

A number of our soldier boys took in the public installation of Shappon Post No. 282, at Centre Hall on Sarurday night, members from Bellefonte and Milesburg Posts were present. Comrade Austin Curtin acted as installing officer in the place of Comrade Van Valin whowas unavoidedly absent.

Mr. Isenhart of Shamokin is visiting his son R. G. Isenhart.

HUBLERSBURG ITEMS.

That dreaded desease scarlet fever has been in our midst and plucked little Beulab, one of the brightest flowers of George Gates family. While they mourn they must not forget their loss is her gain.

Mr. James Markel, who has been spending some time in the west, has returned home to his native town.

Mr. Carner, of this place, had Mrs. Johnson and her two children to Lock Haven to see Johnson, the husband and father, who was convicted for the murder of Isiah Colbey.

Mr. Lincoln Swarts, who has been attending Commercial College at Pittsburg, has returned home, he says city life does not agree with him.

Mrs. Rathmell and little girl of Williamsport, are paying their many friends

LULU BELL.

Mr. Frank Zimmerman and little brother, who have been suffering with pneumonia, are, we are glad to say, rapidly recovering.

Sleighing is elegant, and it is expected that every gent who has a sleigh or any kind of a box what goes on runners should take his best girl out. Some have been improving the time, but where are the leap year parties? Now girls be about. We bachelors are anxiously waiting a chance. Don't let

the opportunity glide by unimproved. The many friends of Mrs. Nannie J. McMeen are glad to welcome her home from a lengthy visit to Kansas. She reports having a very pleasant visit, and admires the western country much.

Mr. Howard Walker and family, are nicely ensconced in their new home at this place. A very pleasant event occurred at the residence of Jacob Leathers near this

piace. His children (in honor of his birthday) with brothers, sisters and many friends gathered together and proceeded to his home, giving him a complete surprise. Many valuable presents were given him as tokens of kind remembrance. A table spread with all kinds of good estables, was surrounded by the happy guests, who were puzzled to know just what to eat first. Everyone enjoyed a pleasant time long to be ramembered, wishing many more happy birthdays for Mr. Leathers.

Mrs. Mays, wife of John Mays of this place, died on the 12th inst., at the advanced age of 76 years, 8 months and 3 days. Mrs. Mays was the mother of eighteen children. She leaves an aged husband and several children to mourn her loss. Funeral services were conducted at Messiahs church, by Rev. Zeigler.

-Next Tuesday evening January

31st Gordon's New Orleans Minstrels and well remembered Gold Band will appear in Bellefonte Opera House. This Company is now in fine form and stands in the front rank of minstrelsy. We clip the following from Louisville Courier Jonnal: The attendance last night was very large to witness the performance of Gorton's Original New Orleans Minstrels. The first part was very fine, the singing being new and the witty sayings and conundrums fresh all of the old chestnuts having been eliminated, and as a close of the minstrel scene Mr. George W. Frankum played a euphonium solo, accompanied by the Golden Band. After the overture, Carnival de Ethiope, Mesara, Pearl, Stiles, Dillon, Graham and Lambon went through a fancy military drill, setatue and combat and clog dance dressed in silver-scale suits. Frank West, the banjoist, is a commedian of merit being original in nearly all of, his songs and sayings. D.llon and Graham are very neat in their Laucashire and waltz clogs. John Stiles is a good commedian, his style being originat and his singing above the average negro commedian. Dillon and Graham did a very fine Irish (white face) turn. This is an innovation in the burnt-cork profession. These two performers are good dialect artist, and work well in either color. The performance conclud-ed with a very laughable afterpiece entitled Buttermik. The same programme will be continued during the

-The Starr Opera Company will show here three nights next week commencing Thursday, February 2d.