

CORRESPONDENCE containing important news will be gladly received for publication in this paper...

Local Department.

The Subscriber's Soliloquy.

To pay or not pay that is the question— Whether 'tis better for me to refuse...

—Don't forget Sam Jones to-night. —Next Tuesday is St. Valentine's day.

—Water Lembeck is clerking for Recorder Harter.

—Another fall of snow Monday night renewed the sleighing.

—The political pot is boiling lively for this year's campaign.

—Centre County Times will move to Spring Mills in the near future.

—If you want a good Democratic paper, subscribe for the DEMOCRAT.

—The Disciples are holding services in their hall in the Reynolds block.

—Get ready for the Spring elections. Select good men, and vote for them.

—The managers of the masquerade ball, are looking for a large attendance.

—Judge Orvis who has been ill for several days, is able to be about again.

—The roads in the county are pretty well shoveled out, and sleighing is good.

—Editor Kurtz was in town on Tuesday and reports no new papers in that borough.

—Be sure and attend the mock trial at the Y. M. G. A. rooms next Tuesday evening.

—The recent good roads have caused lots of hauling, and a good trade for our merchants.

—The boys of Company B. will give a grand masquerade ball at the rink, next Monday night.

—Gen. Hastings report on the National Guard presents a good showing for Pennsylvania troops.

—It is rumored the Messrs. Collins contemplate erecting eighteen additional houses out at their furnace.

—A young man who drives a delivery for one of our grocers came near having a smash up recently, caused by carelessness.

—The 9:30 a. m. train on the B. E. V. Road was about two hours late on Tuesday caused by some trouble on the main line east of Tyrone.

—A. O. Traugh, of the Hollidaysburg Standard has been appointed postmaster at that place. The poor editors get there to once in a while.

—E. R. Chambers Esq., and Justice Foster have moved their offices into the room formerly occupied by the late Senator Alexander as a law office. Law and Justice will be found hand in hand.

—Will Perlestein is a resident of Williamsport for the present. He expects to return in about three weeks after which he will open a dry goods and notion store in the New Bush Arcade.

—The reason assigned by the commissioner for giving brother Feidler \$700 worth of printing and the Republican none at all don't seem to satisfy the red headed editor of the anti-ring organ.

—The Bellefonte Furnace belches forth the liquid iron every four hours, and at night lights up the whole town. There is a look of business about that establishment that is gratifying to all interested, and to the people of Bellefonte.

—The band is getting itself in shape for sweet music with the coming of the blue bird and robin. There is a constant toot, toot, toot, all over our town big and little toots that indicate practice on the part of some if not all of the twenty members.

—When are we to have a new depot? Over two hundred thousand dollars go into the pockets of the Bald Eagle Railroad Company out of Bellefonte each year, and yet we are left with a miserable old shed of a depot that would be a disgrace to a way station on a coal road. Hurry up with the new building.

—Lent begins on February 15th. —Easter comes on the 1st, of April this year.

—Sleighb parties are numerous in Bellefonte.

—The tickets for Sam Jones' lecture at this place are selling rapidly.

—Put ashes on your sidewalk, and save broken bones or profanity.

—The Lock Haven people report being well pleased with Sam Jones' lecture.

—The Columbus clock is heading this way and it is said will be exhibited in Bellefonte.

—The Lewisburg orchestra will furnish the music for the masquerade ball next Monday night.

—The large supply of comic valentines in town affords considerable amusement for the small boy.

A certain business man in Bellefonte has promised to lay off his summer stiff hat when we get the new depot.

—Charley Jacobs has sold his bakery to a party from Williamsport and will remove to Philadelphia where he has accepted a position.

—The Starr Opera Company gave several very creditable performances here last week and had good houses. They are now in Lock Haven.

—Secure your tickets for the mock trial on next Tuesday evening at Bairfoot's Book Store. They are going fast. Price only 10 cents.

—There isn't much doubt but that a great many poor people in Bellefonte are wondering what they did with last summer's wages and hoping the ground hog sign will fail.

—The most fastidious need not complain about the weather during the past few days, it has been all that everybody could expect or desire both as to quantity and quality.

—The shrill whistle of the locomotive and the roar of the cars is now heard on the South of town. The Nittany Valley road is nearing completion, and we will soon be surrounded by railroads.

—Sam Jones says that when a "high license preacher goes to hell it will just take him ten minutes to get on good terms with the devil. Wonderful how well Sam is acquainted with foreign countries.

—The railroad from Milton to Bellefonte has evidently not been abandoned as quite a number of releases of right of way were recorded in Clinton county recently which indicates that some one means business.

—The borough authorities should take some action to keep the cows off the streets, especially the main streets. It is a common occurrence to see an old cow poke her head in a man's business room, or even chew the tail off of a loafers overcoat.

—We are under obligations to the W. C. T. U. for tickets to the Rev. Sam Jones lecture for which they will please accept our thanks. The ladies never forget the printer, acting on the scriptural injunction that "the poor you have always with you."

—Don't raise your rents on your tenants because you anticipate a business boom. You are getting about all the rent your tenants are able to pay, and it is certainly a fair interest on the money invested. This unnatural raising of rents and real estate values has a depressing effect on the town.

—Rev. Sam Jones lectures this evening in the Court House on "Character and Characters." Now if there are any sinners in this town who having had a character are now minus that article or if any are duplicitous as he can find out how to regain the one or lose the other—Don't miss Sam Jones.

—The Bush Arcade will be completed by the first of March, and will be the finest business block in Centre County, most of the rooms are already rented and some of the offices up stairs. What is needed now is a new station a decent Opera House and a railroad connecting with the Beech Creek road, new blood and new brains and several eminently respectable demises.

—CORRECTION.—Last week we used an extract from the Philadelphia Times concerning the Collins banquet and the various ore operations of the County, The Times made a serious blunder in saying that the Messrs. Collins had become the owners of the Struble ore mines. This is however correct only in part, the Messrs. Collins are the lessees of the Struble ore property and not the owners.

—At Penfield, Clearfield county, in boring for a gas well, a stream of water was struck 280 feet from the surface, sufficient in quantity to furnish motive power for a mill, but the most remarkable thing about the water, according to the local paper, is its medicinal quality. The water is impregnated with several minerals, and it is claimed, has already benefited a vast number of invalids. The people seem to think a veritable fountain of perpetual youth has been discovered.

—Lawrence Brown moved R. M. McGee's big safe into Stitzer & Magee's law office in Reynolds Bank building. So we suppose than the firm of Stitzer and Magee will be back in their old quarters this week.

—Ellis L. Orvis will build a cosy residence on Linn street next to the M. E. parsonage this summer and J. Kyle McFarlane will commence his building as soon as the weather opens. Kyle has his cellar walls up, and his brick on the ground.

—A gentleman in Lock Haven had the misfortune to lose one of his horses recently in a rather strange way. He was driving across the river, when the ice began to crack, scaring one of his horses which gave three jumps and fell dead.

—The Relief Committee of Gregg post assisted by the ladies Auxillary will give a grand supper in the Post room on the evening of the 22d. An orchestra and Glee club will be present, and render choice music. The proceeds to go to the relief fund of the post. A watch will be chanced off at the same time. Don't forget the supper as it is for a worthy purpose.

—We acknowledge the receipt of "Practical hints on Forestry" with the compliments of Gov. Beaver. We are awfully pleased with the little pamphlet and when we have leisure we will read it—If the Governor would give us some "practical hints" on how to "make the mare go" or in other words how to get money we would be under greater obligations. However we suppose Jim thinks we need more forests.

—The politician is around hunting his constituents and explaining his virtues and fitness for the office. Each fellow is willing to be offered up an unblushing liar on the altar of his borough or ward. The stories he can invent of his own usefulness are legion, and the lies he can tell about his opponent are simply appalling. We know whereof we speak we were at one time somewhat of a politician ourselves. We have seen the error of our ways and have reformed we will endeavor to find character by hearing Rev. Sam Jones.

—Why not re-organize the board of trade under the old charter and get down to active and earnest work in behalf of Bellefonte. If we had had an organization of that character the gentlemen who located at Howard could have been induced to locate here and it would have been greatly to their advantage as they will have to purchase their iron either here or at a greater distance. Don't hang back on a matter of such importance, start it up if you only have a half dozen members, it will soon grow and its influence will be felt for good.

—Everybody should attend the mock trial given for the benefit of the Y. M. C. A. at their rooms next Tuesday evening. Linn Murphy the Chicago horse dealer will be tried for stealing a valuable horse in this county. Hon. W. E. Gray will sit upon the throne of justice with his associates at his side. Francis Speer will represent the Commonwealth and J. Milton Forey will make a strong plea for the defendant. Great preparations are being made to have it a success and it promises to be one of instruction and interest. Tickets only 10 cents. Secure them at Bairfoot's Book Store

—A. G. Morris is going to erect a second stone crusher at his new lime kilns on the Buffalo Run Railroad. Fires were started in two new kilns this week, one hundred men will be employed about the works and that number will be doubtless increased, as Mr. Morris' business is continually growing. The lime industry of Bellefonte and Centre county bids fair to rival that of any part of the state as we have the stone in inexhaustible quantities and of the finest quality. Every resource of the Buffalo Run Valley is now open to development through the construction of the Bellefonte and Buffalo Run Railroad. We just need another outlet for our products, a competing line to both east and west and we will be made happy. The boom however will go right along, and the roads come in due time.

—"Sam" Jones—who hasn't heard of "Sam" Jones the phenomenally successful Evangelist, whose sermons have been extolled and rancorously criticised? He is to-day one of the most elegant of natural orators, and while his thoughts are lofty and noble, yet they are expressed in such simple language, that it is understood by both age and infancy this popular orator, the "Pope Bob" of the pulpit, speaks so much in so few words that all who have heard of him desire to hear him. His is a style of elegance which sparkles with wit, bubbles over with humor and anecdote. He is a man of uncommon perception, of unique and original thought. His sermons and sayings have been copied far and near, and yet the fund of his brilliancy is unexhausted. Bellefonte people will have a chance to hear the prince of orators lecture on Thursday Feb. 9th, in the Court House, tickets 50 cts. For sale at the Book Stores.

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

—A Beezer & Son, the Allegheny Street butchers are always on the lookout for fat cattle, George Scholl always has the fat cattle, and of course Beezer and Scholl get together and Bellefonte meat buyers eat the choice meat. Sixty one pounds dressed to the hundred pounds live weight is considered a fair test of good cattle, and that is what one weighed. Centre County farmers can raise good cattle if they want to do it, and many of them do. A little more attention to stock raising might be a good thing for our farmers.

—List of unclaimed letters remaining in the post office at Bellefonte Centre county, Penna. Feb. 6th 1888.

Robt. Bordaer, 3; Harvey Butts; David Craft; Wm. Cunningham; Bertha Garbrick; Miss Maggie Gill; Wm. Harter; George Hassinger; Miss Annie Houser; John I. Jones; R. F. Lockard; N. L. McGoo; Miss Jane Moyer; H. C. Myers; Samuel Pottor; W. E. Robinson; Robt. Saylor; Samuel J. Smith; H. H. Shively; Miss S. Shuey; Mrs. Patrick Scandlor; John W. Wilson; Miss S. C. Wise 5.

Persons inquiring for letters named in the above list will please say advertised. J. S. H. DOBINS, P. M.

—We are sorry that the Philadelphia Press should carry its bitterness and hostility to Adjutant General Hastings to the extent it did in its Tuesday edition. Hastings is a handsome man of magnificent physique and his head and face are noticeably Romanesque while the Greek cut of his nose is perfection, but why the Press should put the head of Josh Billings on the body of General Hastings and label the agglomeration "On the Gov's Staff" we can't see. Everybody recognizes the colossal proportions of the Generals body, but that horrible phiz, oh! its more than this too proud flesh can bear. We are glad however that the General did not see the caricature of Chawls Emory Smith would now be a beautiful specimen of inanimate editorial clay.

—We hope the two Republican papers in town will take up the subject of the Borough debt and Republican mismanagement of Borough affairs and advocate the purifying of the Republican party of Bellefonte. The poor fund has been well managed since Messrs. Keichline and Schofield have had charge of that department and we hope our Republican contemporaries will insist on the entire management of the borough, being turned over to the Democrats. If they do we will bet a hundred cents on the dollar that the borough will be out of debt in less time than it took the Republicans to load it down. Every tax payer is interested in the extinguishment of the borough debt and it is time to begin to provide for the payment of the bonds which will mature in a few years. That can only be done by rigid economy such as no Republican administration has ever given. Wake up tax payers, take matters in your own hands, elect men who will manage your affairs in a business way.

—The Daily News accuses the Gazette of lying about the printing it has received from the Commissioners and goes on to prove it. The News forgets that brother Feidler is just now engaged in "purifying" the Democratic party of the County and he must have some pecuniary recompense even for his labor of love. However the real truth about the printing of the county statement is that brother Feidler is getting \$19,75 per thousand for printing it—And he manages it in this manner. He prints 12,000 at \$7.25 per thousand or \$87.00 for the work. These 12000 are to be circulated through the other County papers at 2 cents per copy. He then offers to run the statement four weeks in his paper for \$150.00 which is a very extravagant price considering that he has been paid already for the work of setting up the matter and has but to put his form on the press and run it off each week, for this he gets \$150.00 making in all \$237.00

Other papers offered to distribute the statement at prices as low as \$42.00. Thus the News is about right in its charges, and when our up town neighbor says he is doing the work for \$7.25 per thousand he just stretches the truth \$12.50 worth but as it is done to "purify" the Democratic party we file no objections except that the party might be "purified" at lower rates.

Low Rates to Pacific Coast. The new agreement between the transcontinental lines authorizes a lower rate to Pacific coast points via the Manitoba-Pacific route than is made via any other line. Accommodations first-class. For rates, maps and other particulars, apply to C. H. WARREN, General Passenger Agent, St. Paul, Minn., or S. L. WARREN, Gen'l Eastern Agent, 287 Broadway, N. Y.

That Explanation. We regret, for the sake of complete harmony in the ranks of the Republican party, that some one who is supposed to have unlimited influence in the office of the Gazette, did not place his hand on the pencil of the editor and tell him to use it in some more profitable way. The attempted defense of what we consider an unjust and unwarranted action makes the matter worse than before, because the Gazette adds falsehood to the first offense.

We have no quarrel with the Gazette. We have only the best desires and wishes for the commissioners. Our earnest hope is that the administration of the new board will be one in which the entire party can take pride. Indeed, we justify the Gazette in any legitimate business enterprise. But when we knew of great injustice being done we spoke out in meeting and all we said was true. Permit us to tell the real facts.

The bid for the commissioner's statement was open and above board. The Gazette bid lowest and got the work and we wish it joy in doing it. But when the commissioners informed us that they had already given the Gazette \$700 worth of work upon which no bids had been asked we were naturally indignant. Their explanation to us that the Gazette needed the work to help that paper along financially did not help the matter any and we had every reason to believe that the people would not care to bolster up an establishment that could not stand alone.

The "explanation" of the Gazette adds insult to injury. It claims that the work was of a character such as could be done only in that office. Forsooth! One printing office is as able to do it as another and the explanation is only a subterfuge to cover up a bad business. The Gazette published its prices for the commissioner's statement; now let it publish its prices for the other work which it and it only can do. We ask it to do this for its own good, as the supposition is that the high price for the \$700 worth to make up to the Gazette what it loses in its desperate attempt to underbid on the commissioners' statement.

Having reached an understanding with the commissioners we had not a word of further complaint to make; but the Gazette's lame explanation necessitated that the truth be told.—News.

Western Wealth. Such conflicting reports are heard from various sources that it is a relief to read a reliable statement of the actual situation of the farmers, stockmen and business men of the West, such as is contained in a pamphlet just issued under the above title. The statistics given are the latest official figures. Parties desiring this pamphlet can secure a copy free by addressing C. H. WARREN, Gen. Pass. Agent, St. Paul, Minn.

Knights of the Golden Eagle. The following statistics as to the condition of the order in Centre county, are gleaned from the report of District Grand Chief T. B. Jamison. The membership etc., is for the annual term, ending December 31st, 1887:

Centre Castle, No. 169, of Spring Mills, instituted March 22, 1887; initiations during the past year, 60; membership, 60; invested \$307.50.

Phillipsburg Castle, No. 193, of Phillipsburg; instituted August 12th, 1887; initiated, 72; membership 72; invested \$224.40.

Port Matilda Castle, No. 219, of Port Matilda; instituted Nov. 9, 1887; initiated, 34; membership, 34; invested \$75.50.

Badly Squeezed. Yesterday morning John Quinlan of this city, who is a brakeman on the Beech Creek railroad, was badly squeezed between the engine and car while making a coupling at Hawks Run. The hurts are just above his hips, and he cannot walk and cannot lay down, and yet no bones seem to be broken. There may possibly be some internal injury, but nevertheless Mr. Quinlan looks all right and talks all right. Mr. Q. lives on Bald Eagle street this city with his parents.—Clinton Democrat.

A Magnificent Water Power. The water power at Minneapolis, since developed to its present capacity, has only 32,000 horse power. At the town of Great Falls, Mont., the Great Falls of the Missouri furnish over 250,000 available horse power. With an extensive grain and stock country rapidly developing on one side; an abundance of timber, coal, and magnificent quarries close at hand; and extensive mining districts only a few miles away with their great quantities of ores to be reduced, and large population requiring food, heat and shelter, Great Falls seems beyond question destined to soon become an industrial centre of magnitude, now that it has secured railroad communication with the rest of the country. A new map just issued, and other information may be secured free by applying to C. H. WARREN, General Passenger Agent, St. Paul, Minnesota, & Manitoba Ry., St. Paul, Minnesota.

Pine Grove. A convention will be held in the M. E. church of this place commencing Monday afternoon Feb. 13, and to continue during the week, closing on Friday evening with a concert. The convention will be conducted by Prof. P. H. Meyer, of Linden Hall, this county. Among the singers who attended the convention at Baileyville were noticed Dr. A. J. Orndorf, Messrs. James Stover, and Musser Heberling, Mrs. Heberling, Misses Birdie Musser, Clara and Lucetta Ward, of this place and were well entertained by the people of Baileyville and vicinity.

Miss Lilla Meek, of Altoona, is visiting friends in town and expects to remain until after the convention. Mr. Robert Fry was visiting friends in Bellefonte, last week.

Spring Mills. The methodists intend to dedicate their new church on the 29 inst. Rev. Gregg D. D. of Williamsport, and several of the former pastors will be present.

The Evangelicals are holding a series of revival meetings. A number of seekers have been forward at the altar of prayer.

M. L. Rishel of Farmers Mills, our accommodating Justice and school director, is lying very low with inflammatory rheumatism.

The members of the Knights of the Golden Eagle are attending to him at present as he requires constant night watches.

Henry Krumrine who has been confined to the house for several months, is able to visit his store on the Hill again.

Rev. Fischer is holding a series of revival meetings in the George's Valley Lutheran church.

The members of the Rev. Land's [Reformed] church are taking out the timber for a new church which they will build either this the summer of '88 or '89.

Table with 2 columns: Title and Price. Includes items like 'CENTRE DEMOCRAT \$1.50', 'The American Agriculturist, post paid, (English or German) for 1888, 1.00', etc.

We will furnish all the above post paid, for \$2.60. 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.

The Third Pleasure Tour to Florida via Pennsylvania Railroad.

On account of the unparalleled demand for tickets for the Florida tours, and a lack of ability to supply that demand by reason of the limited number assigned to each special train, the Pennsylvania Railroad Co., announces a third personally conducted pleasure tour for Wednesday, February 22d. This tour will be conducted in every respect as were those which preceded it. The special train of Pullman sleeping cars, in charge of the Tourist Agent and Chaperon, will leave New York at 10:15 a. m., Philadelphia 1:15 p. m., Baltimore 3:45, and Washington 4:35 p. m., stopping at Newark, Trenton and Wilmington. Dinner will be served at Philadelphia, supper at Milford Va., breakfast at Florence, S. C., and dinner at Savannah, arriving at Jacksonville in time for supper on the 23d.

The round-trip tickets admitting of a stay of two weeks in Florida, including Pullman accommodations and meals en route in both directions, and one day's board at the Hotel Everett, Jacksonville, will be sold as before, at \$47 from New York, \$45 from Philadelphia and points South, and proportionate rates from all principal stations on the Pennsylvania system. The returning special train will leave Jacksonville on the morning of March 9th.

This will be one of the choicest trips of the series. The winter season of Florida will be at its height, the great Sub-Tropical Exposition at Jacksonville will be in full feather, and all the pleasures of winter in the tropics may be enjoyed to the fullest extent. The number of tickets to be sold will be limited to 150.

For detailed information and itineraries apply to ticket agents, or address S. W. F. Draper, Tourist Agent, 849 Broadway New York.

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