

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

Local Department.

Hamlets Soliloquy. With editorial Variations.

"Alas poor Yorick: I knew him Horatio (He ran a country newspaper in Pennsylvania) "A fellow of infinite jest, of most excellent fancy" (His subscribers sinned "pay up," indeed)

—The fishing season is near at hand. —See the sale register in another column.

—Last Sunday was Abraham Lincoln's birthday. —Bellefonte celebrated Valentine Day in good style.

—Orvis Bower & Orvis are having their office repaired. —The saloons did a flourishing business Saturday night.

—Nearly 13,000 miles of railroad were built in the past year. —A strange sight in Bellefonte—a batchelor that doesn't drink.

—B. W. Royer of Madisonburg was a caller at our office on Tuesday. —It was a curiosity to see the long faces at the post office Tuesday.

—The Bennett-Moulton opera co. at Bellefonte February 27 28 and 29. —One of the finest pieces of fresco work in town is that in the new Reynolds bank room.

—Jno. G. Love Esq. can now be found at the office of the late Judge Hoyer. He moved this week. —The day is now past for this year when the small boy can best take his spite out on the school ma'am.

—An exchange thinks the year 1888 ought to be an unusually good year for fishing. It contains 53 Sundays. —A bill will probably pass the Ohio Legislature regulating the salaries of county officials and abolishing the free system.

—Mr. Burkholder, the gentleman who gave the walking exhibition here a short time ago, is running a ten cent show at Altoona. —"Put the old mare in at \$150." is said to be an electioneering scheme to induce Burgess Hale to run for Mayor of the city. The Col. refuses to be a candidate at \$150.

—A young lady saks in an exchange: "Which is the worse, to lace tight, or to get tight? Both practices are very bad and it is questionable which one is the most injurious to health.

—A Bellefonte man dreamed that he placed his watch beneath his blanket on retiring, and somebody in his dream asked him why he did that, and he replied that it was to enable him to get up on time."

—Mr. J. H. Bibby, of Spring Mills, was to town Saturday. He will take charge of the National Hotel at Millheim in the Spring. Mr. Bibby is a first-class hotel man and will no doubt meet with success in the place.

—Sleighting is fast disappearing in town. —The post office here did a big business last Tuesday.

—Pleasant Gap people are enjoying protracted meeting. —Sam Jones worried the people of Hollidaysburg Tuesday night.

—There will be a tableaux entertainment held in the Presbyterian chapel to-night. —A sportsman is a man who spends a day away from his business, \$2 for powder and shot, and comes home at night tired, hungry and ugly, dragging a 14 cent rabbit by the ears.

—The maquerade ball given by the boys of Company B. was quite a success and netted quite a little sum: The proceeds we understand are to be used towards fitting up a gymnasium.

—Jno. Q. Miles dropped in on his friends in Bellefonte and surprised them not a little—John is devoting his time to reading the Bible, five County papers and taking an occasional sleigh ride.

—Let every Democrat attend the caucus on Saturday evening, and vote for the best men for the different offices. It is important that a careful selection of candidates be made both in ward and borough offices.

—The frescoing in the W.F. Reynolds' book room is an excellent piece of workmanship. It was done by T. Baraldi, of Philadelphia. The Centre county Banking Company have given the same gentleman a contract to fresco three rooms.

—Prof. Scull, of Milton, Pa. has been secured to instruct the Bellefonte Band. Mr. Scull comes well recommended and the band will no doubt make rapid progress under his instruction. The band will meet to night at the Undine Hose House, on Logan street.

—An Ohio exchange says: Sam Jones is coining money by getting off a lot of rot like this: "I will be in Heaven when these stinking, miserable little reporters who malign me are sitting on one ear in hell, trying to keep cool by fanning themselves with the other."

—C. G. McMillen formerly of the Brockerhoff House, is now located in Pittsburg running the Hotel Albermarle. The menu of which he sends us every thing known to tickle the palate is on the bill, and our Mac signs his name as proprietor. Success Mr. Mac.

—The Bennett-Moulton troupe remained at the Ahwaga until this morning, when they went to Susquehanna, where they have a three nights engagement, on which the Hill City is to be congratulated. —Owego Record.—Bellefonte Feb. 27, 28, 29, matinee Wednesday.

—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.

—Mr. Lathrop the gentlemanly superintendent of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company at Snow Shoe has been appointed to succeed Mr. Mercur as general Superintendent of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Lathrop—No better man for the place could be found.

—Many a child goes astray because home lacks sunshine. A child needs smiles as much as the flowers need sunbeams. If a thing pleases they are apt to seek it; if it displeases, they are apt to avoid it. If a home is a place where faces are sour and words harsh and fault finding is ever in ascendant they will spend as many hours as possible elsewhere.

—The houses of Maj. W. F. Reynolds and Mrs. Harris Linn were burglarized on Thursday night. The burglars went through Fred Reynolds wardrobe taking about \$300 worth of jewelry and clothing, two watches masonic badge and cuff buttons about a dozen scarf pins and numerous other articles of gentlemen's wear are missing. We don't believe the story, but a fellow said to us that Fred went to breakfast in an ulster. The burglars evidently were old hands as it is said all the doors in the house were locked and it is supposed that they had previously taken a wax impression of one of the locks and made a key to fit.

—Thos. DuBois, the expert and polite manipulator of the razor and scissors, will open his elegant tonsorial parlors in the Crider block, next door to the First National Bank, where his friends and patrons will find the neatest and coziest furniture, the best razors and the cleanest towels in town, and the genial and accomplished DuBois always ready to minister to their wants. Mr. DuBois is one of the best artists in his line in the State and as a hair cutter has few equals. Don't forget the new tonsorial parlors of Thomas DuBois. Everything will be found in apple pie order, new and clean. Saturday will be the opening day.

—Mr. Phillip Beezer, the Allegheny street butcher, was married on last Thursday evening, to Miss Ada Royer, of this place. Here's to you, Phil., but we haven't smoked yet.

—Creston Every of Altoona, who had been living with some young girl aged 17, as father and daughter, shot himself and his mistress; both were dead when found. Drunkenness and jealousy is assigned as the cause.

—We are continually receiving pamphlets, papers and circulars advertising towns in all parts of the country sent out either by boards of trade or other organizations. Why should not Bellefonte be made known to the world of investors through the same instrumentality? Let us have a board of trade and make an organized effort in the direction of additional manufacturing industries.

—The popular borough ticket for the Republicans seems to be: For Burgess, W. W. Bayard; for Collector of Taxes, George Smith; for Overseer of the Poor, James McClure; for Treasurer, Charles F. Cook. We have not heard any one named for assistant burgess.—News.

—List of unclaimed letters remaining in the post office at Bellefonte Centre county Penna. Feb. 13 1888. James D. Clark; G. W. Courter; Wm. Cupp; J. H. Fraeger; Mrs. W. B. Hertz; Miss May Murray; Jeremiah Nolen; Mrs. Rebecca J. Koath; M. L. Smith; J. H. Stoyer; J. A. Wagner; Mrs. Alex. Whitaker.

Persons inquiring for letter named in the above list will please say advertised. Jas. H. DOMBINS, P. M.

—The Williamsport Breakfast Table is being boycotted by the Knights of Labor. The Union hands employed on the paper struck for some reason or other, and the proprietors supplied their places with non union men, hence the boycott. It is said the paper will be very lively this week and many copies will be bought through curiosity and by many through sympathy with the proprietors because of the attempt to ruin their business through the power of the labor organizations.

—The Newport Ledger says: Last Saturday, those of our citizens who saw her, him, were astonished to see Lilitia Scott, a well-known woman, daughter of the late William Scott, of Milford, walking the streets of Newport attired in a full suit of gentlemen's clothing. 'Tish as she is called, has lived as a servant girl with a number of families in Newport, among which was that of the editor of this paper, and was always faithful to any trust reposed in her. She says that she is more of a man than a woman, and that henceforth she will wear man's clothing. This may be a parallel case to the one published in the daily papers a few days since, of a transformation from the female to the male sex, that occurred in another part of the state recently. It may be only an hallucination of the girl.

—William Swanger of Altoona, filled himself full of fighting whiskey the other day and started out to carminize his municipal surroundings. William invaded the quiet precincts of a hotel bar room and observed to one of the practitioners present "I may as well do you up now as any other time." Mr. Morgan the president of the establishment interposed his veto and the bill failed to pass at that session for want of the necessary votes. Swanger remarked that he would do up Mr. Morgan handsomely, and left. He soon returned with an axe in his hand, and hurled it with all the strength of an infuriated demon at Mr. Morgan. The cries of Mrs. Morgan caused her husband to look up in time to save his life. He threw up his arm in time to receive the blow that was intended for his head. The would-be murderer was disarmed, arrested and will be tried for assault and battery with intent to kill.

—Walter W. Bayard the north ward druggist is the republican candidate for Burgess if the Rattle ring that controls that party in the borough can manipulate the primaries. Brother Feidler of the Gazette is for Bayard as a bob to his legislative kite, and the knights of labor of which organization both Feidler and Bayard are members is so worked politically far all it is worth, in Bayard's interest. Now we haven't a word to say about our friend Bayard he is a good druggist, a nice young man, parts his hair in the middle and is a member of our church (don't even smile) and if he were running for the presidency of the Y. M. C. A. or W. C. T. U. we would give him our hearty support, but such a nice young man is entirely too utterly too, too, for the position of mayor of a wicked city like Bellefonte. We don't know of a fellow who would be easier knocked out than Bayard, and that is what is keeping us awake at night. We don't want Walt sacrificed on the public altar at his fresh age. Run for Supt. of a Sunday School Walt and rake your chances on the majority in the future.

—Joseph Rogers a venerable old citizen of Milesburg died on Saturday last at the advanced age of 82 years. Mr. Rogers was a kindly old gentleman a member of the Methodist church for many years and was held in high esteem by his neighbors. The writer of this experienced many little acts of kindness and courtesy at his hands as did all who came in contact with him. He was a tall erect old gentleman with the rosy cheeks of a boy and had a pleasant word for every body. He leaves a wife and one son, Joseph, employed at the Penna. station at this place. Mr. Rogers was buried on Monday.

—The expression "Put the old mare in at \$150" which is just now on everybody's lips in Bellefonte had its origin in this manner. A certain business house in town had an account against General Simon Cameron through his agent, and the Senior member of the firm went to Harrisburg to collect the bills among other articles of hardware was an old mare. The junior member who feared that the animal had not been properly valued in the bill, if at all, telegraphed the Senior member in care of the old General to "put the old mare in at \$150 The message reached Gen. Cameron before the senior member did and it was opened by the old war horse and read. It was worse than Greek to him until the Bellefonter made his appearance on the scene, with his bill.—The rest can be imagined, the story got out on the verdant young man, and the senior member was reported to have said on his return home that he never knew that General Cameron was "such a profane old man." Now James when you want to put the old mare in at \$150 don't put her in through the telegraph.

John W. Johnson Case. The arguments for and against a new trial for John W. Johnson which were begun before Judge Mayer and the Associates yesterday afternoon, were concluded this forenoon, and the case is now in the hands of his Honor for decision. Messrs. Meyers, for the prisoner, and Brown and Hipple for the Commonwealth spoke yesterday, and Mr. Clough for the prisoners this morning. Judge Mayer will no doubt render his decision as soon as possible, and we shall probably know the result in a day or two. Daily Democrat.

Washington's Birthday Will be properly celebrated by Gregg Post G. A. R. assisted by the Ladies Auxillary. Dinner will be furnished from 11:30 a. m. to 12 p. m. or as long as the feed holds out and the appetites continue fresh and vigorous. An orchestra and male quartette will be present and render the choicest and most patriotic music. A watch will be contested for and if any fellow wants to climb a greased pole or catch a shaved pig he can do so. The proceeds are to go to the relief fund of the post and every body should chip in his half dollar to so charitable an object. Don't forget the dinner—any time after 11:30 a. m.

The Bennett-Moulton Opera Company. The fame of Bennett-Moulton opera company went abroad in the land yesterday, and the house was crowded last evening to hear Olivette sung. The only ones who feel regret were those who failed to hear it. The gallery was particularly jubilant over the rich treat they were enjoying, and the Platt encore verse, in "Bob Up Serenely" was applauded loudly from all parts of the house, as were all the excellent local hits. To speak of the company in Olivette as a success would be drawing it mildly, and faintly express the opinion of the Opera going public. Miss Siegfried, as Olivette, was charming and carried off the honors of the evening despite the severe cold which she has. Miss Reed was a charming Countess, and added new honors to her proud position, by the easy delivery and correct aim with which she kicked her slipper at a stout young gentleman, who has lately arrived from Kansas, and who had been very persistent in the employment of his opera glasses, which he had leveled on her for a long time. Mr. Clayton, as Captain de Merrimac and Sig. J. Clusetti, as Valentine, were excellent. Mr. Slattery, as Coquelicot, kept the audience in a roar. No one expected that the old song, "Bob Up Serenely" could be made to cause a laugh, but his laughable local gags caught everybody. The forms and faces of the chorus girls made a decided impression on the susceptible young men and those of more mature age and less hair.

The matinee performance is largely attended this afternoon, and the reserved seats are going rapidly for this evening's "Chimes of Normandy."

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, 257 Broadway, N. Y.

An Undiscovered Country. For many years traditions and occasional reports obtained from traders and ranchmen have been repeated, regarding the wonderful mineral and agricultural resources of central and northern Montana, which has been terra incognita. Statements from prospectors who occasionally ventured into this country verified to the fullest extent, the reports regarding the unbounded wealth of the Territory, but the great uncertainty and expense of transportation has heretofore prevented any development of this district. Recently a great change has taken place. The extension of the line of the St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba Railway through this territory and the announced policy of the Company to, in every way, aid in developing its resources, mineral and agricultural, will cause a great transformation in the next few months, from which those who get in first will derive the greatest benefit. An elaborate detailed map with description of the country, can be secured upon application to C. H. Warren, Gen. Pass. Agent, St. Paul Minn.

An Unparalleled Offer. No. 1.—CENTRE DEMOCRAT \$1.50 No. 2.—The American Agriculturist, post paid, (English or German) for 1888, 1.00 No. 3.—"Christ before Pilate," 22 by 28 inches in size, photo-etching, 1.00 No. 4.—"Christ on Calvary," 22 by 28 inches in size, Mezzo-gravure, 1.00 No. 5.—"Our Homes; How to beautify Them," 150 illustrations, bound in cloth and gold, published December 20th, 1887, 1.00

Total \$5.50 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 Munkscay, the painter of these great works.

Social Party. The Misses Glenn gave a social party and dance at the Glenn residence, on Methodist Hill, last Friday evening. About fifty or sixty young people were present. A supper was served at about 12 o'clock, which was first-class and answered to renew the evening's entertainment. It is needless to say that the party enjoyed themselves till the small hours slipped around. The Bellefonte orchestra furnished the music.

Ward Meetings. The caucus of the Democratic voters of the north ward will be held in the arbitration room on Saturday evening at 7:30 P. m.

R. M. Magee, chairman. South ward Democratic voters will meet at the office of D. F. Fortney on Saturday evening at 7:30 P. m.

V. J. Bauer, chairman. West ward. We have not heard from the chairman but suppose the Caucus will be held at the usual place, the Watchman office.

Entertainment at Zion. The Zion Lyceum will give an entertainment, on Wednesday evening, Feb. 22d. The exercises will consist of original orations, essays, recitations, debates interspersed with vocal and instrumental music. It promises to be a rare treat. Admission 10 cents, proceeds for the benefit of the Lyceum. Come one, come all.

A New Map. Among the latest exhibitions of what it is possible to accomplish by the engraver's art is a large pocket map just issued by the St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba Railway, showing the north-western country between Chicago and the Pacific Ocean in detail. A copy will be mailed free to any address upon application to C. H. WARREN, Gen. Pass. Agent, St. Paul, Minn.

The Population of Bellefonte. Is about 5,000, and we would say at least one half are troubled with some affection of the Throat and Lungs, as those complaints are, according to statistics, more numerous than others. We would advise all not to neglect the opportunity to call on their druggist and get a bottle of Kemp's Balsam for the Throat and Lungs. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial six free. Sold by all druggists.

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

For Sale. Black horse 7 years old, weigh 1550 pounds, about 15 hands high, elegant draught horse, gentle, drive single or double, a great horse to pull. Can be seen at George Youngs livery stable.

Tusseyville. The broad smiling of William Biter signifies that a young daughter has made an appearance in that household.

The Tusseyville Literary Society will give an entertainment on the third and fourth Saturday evening in March, Messrs. W. D. Ernest, W. A. Wagner and Miss Emma V. Krumrine are the committee in charge and an interesting programme will be given.

Miss Elmira Grossman was married to a man from Clinton County last week one day.

Edgar J. Martz of Altoona is paying this locality a visit and will take in the convention while here.

Misses Mary G. Wagner and Emma V. Krumrine were to Wolfe store last week attending the musical convention held at that place. What do you think of Brush Nalley by this time ladies?

The Tusseyville convention is now in session, three sessions a day, Prof. Meyer comes up to all expectations and is showing his ability to hold such a convention. Prof. Rieck of Spring Mills is the organist. Don't forget the concert on Saturday evening.

Miss Ida M. Collyer a vivacious young lady of Bellefonte paid her mother of this place a visit last week and her many friends were glad to see her.

Samuel Wingsart of this place a stone mason by trade was quite ill last week with pneumonia, but at this writing is improving, his friends will be glad to hear of his improving.

Nittany. As we seldom see any thing from this end of the County in the columns of the Democrat, I have concluded to send you a few items. There is not much of interest occurring at present though the good sleighing is helping to enliven matters. There will be a number public sales in Nittany Valley during February and March and much moving on the first of April. We much regret the loss of Mr. Lo. Swartz near Hublersburg, who has sold his farm and intends moving to Easton Pa. Mr. Swartz and his estimable wife will be missed very much and the good wishes of the entire community go with them to their new home. Our Republican Commissioners very wisely came to Walker township for their mercantile appraiser and we congratulate them on the wisdom of the appointment. Prof. Fletcher's appointment is a good one, and they very wisely appointed a good, square Democrat. This section of the valley is feeling very much gratified at the success of the Musical Convention held last week in St. Marks Church Snyderstown and conducted by Prof. Beck of Lock Haven, the convention began on Monday evening January 30th and closed with a grand concert on Saturday evening February fourth. Prof. Beck's family were present throughout the week and added very materially to the success of the convention. The singing of the class was a surprise to those who had not heard them before the evening of the concert as with a few exceptions none of the class had studied music sufficiently to run the scale before this winter and had only twelve nights instruction by Prof. Beck previous to the convention. The singing and performance of "The Boys," Masters Brady, Mack and Ward, were a treat. Master Mack performs on three different instruments at the same time and is an expert violinist; but Master Ward is a musical wonder. He is an expert performer on more than a dozen different instruments, and we doubt if we can be equaled in the world by any child of his age. The large audience present on Saturday evening showed their appreciation and enjoyment of the performance of the troupe by hearty and vigorous applause and one Dutch song brought down the house, (sung by Masters Brady and Ward.) Saturday evening, the 18th inst., Prof. Reber, of State College will deliver a lecture on Astronomy in St. Mark's church. Miss Katie Doreblazer of Lamar, will sing a solo and other musical selections will be given by Prof. Fletcher and others. A very pleasant entertainment is promised.

A Remembrance of old Centre. Of "a pig in a poke" we have quite often heard tell, but asking a pig at us is a new thing that befell the writer hereoff only two days ago, when a friend in Bellefonte, whose name you shall know, sent us a fine one, of Centre's best breed, as plump as a partridge and not hard to feed. Of course it is small, and not likely to grow, as it is built of material that expands very slow, though it came into the world fully formed in each feature, and, ironically speaking, is quite a perfect young creature. But hadn't we said, we return thanks to the "feller" who drove it out of the "Bush," his last name is Teller, and consigned it to us as a sweet reminder, not bitter, of the kind that came forth in the first Collins litter. And now let us say, by way of conclusion, that this pig is by no means a wicked delusion, but perfect in form, and as it squats in our "winder" all passers-by can see for themselves, as there's any thing to hinder.

—Altoona Times.