The Centre Democrat.

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Local Department.

-Soup is quoted at 5 cents a plate. -Watch your hydrants and water

-The skating rink is being well patronized.

-A Merry Christmas and Happy

-No paper will be published from this

office next week. -Skating on the Planing Mill dam was a rare treat to the boys on Saturday

-The hunting season is over and the number of deer killed was not as large as last year.

-The wheel of time has almost comwrite it '89. -We give a full list of all the teach-

ers and their addresses who are attending institute this week. -Our "devil" is brim full, not of tangle-ga-bob-a-la, but of merriment.

Christmas is coming you know. -G. R. Spigelmyer, purchased the Hoffer stock of goods and is busy disposing of same at auction and greatly

reduced prices. -As a result of the High License act only 315 applications have been filed by Pottsville saloon keepers, against 800

-There are four hundred and thirtyseven applicants for deputy sheriff in Dauphin county, so says a Harrisburg

paper. -Our "devil" says he will "galvanize" and wishes all the patrons of the DEMO CRAT a Merry Christmas and Happy. New Year.

-The public schools of Portland Northampton county, were closed last week owing to the many cases of diph. theria in the town.

-A water main on High street opposite the Court House sprung a leak on Sunday afternoon and sent a pouring | institute. stream down the hill all day,

-J. Will Conley is smiling and happy, and everybody is offering congratulations-a little girl called on Sunday evening and has decided to stay.

-In this issue we publish James made against him during the recent cussed his subject in such a clear and reasons. Persons assisting in caring for jumps a train and the company will take on Marsh creek, in Howard township, gn-it is interesting reading.

-The Central Pennsylvania Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church will meet at Shamokin, on March 20,

1889. Bishop Bowman will preside. -The smoke stack on the Kurtz roller flowring mills at Centre Hall, was blown down by the storm on Tuesday morning and will suspend operations for

a few days. -On Friday evening Dec. 21, the annual election of officers of the Son's of Veterans organization of Bellefonte will take place in their hall. The attendance of all members is requested.

-The match was applid to one of the Glendon Iron Company's furnaces, at Easton, which has been undergoing repairs for several months, and two more stacks of the same plant are being prepared for blast.

-A meeting of the Philadelphia and Reading railroad employes in Reading has been called for next Tuesday evening to consider the new relief plan of the company, as proposed for their benefit by President Corbin.

-Daniel Ulrich, one of Millheims old and higly respected citizens died on Tuesday morning. Mr. Ulrich was seventy years of age and feeble in health. On last Friday he had a stroke of paralysis from the effects of which he died on Tuesday.

-The schools of Altoons and Tyrone. in Blair county, have been presented with flags which are to be kept floating from the tops of the school houses in those two rural villages. The emblems were presented by the G. A. R., and the United American Mechanics.

-Garmans Hotel is the principal headquarters for the teachers while attending institute this week. Monday morning early every room in the house was taken and the register reached almost a hundred. Their dining room is equal to the emergency and was able to accommodate the many.

-The Christmas exercises in the Episcopal church this year promise to be the finest for years. Rev. Davis is having University at Lewisburg, but declined an elaborate program prepared, the as his spere of usefulness was greater green, mosses and ferms. At the sumprincipal feature of which will be the over six hundred teachers in a Normal mit of the cliff and standing out promimusic rendered by large choruses. The School than that of the Presidency of a nently is one of the old style wind-mills. interior will be appropriately decorated small college-a position in the eyes of with evergreens, ferns, etc.

the Malaga Mines, near Halifax, and were listened to with close atten- chinery. In this case however the Dauphin county, went to a dentist to tion by all. His lecture on astronomy have thireeen teeth extracted. After was a leading feature of the institute. wo had been pulled she begged him to Dr. Wm. Frear, of State College atlesist. He refused, and her husband tended institute on Monday and reports aeld her down while the remainder were everything flourishing at that instituextracted. The woman died two hours tion.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

THE ATTENDANCE LARGER THAN FORMERLY.

The Forty Second Annual Gathering in Session.-Able Instructors Present,-What is Being Done.

The damp and misty atmosphere and | future. threatening clouds were unpropitious on Monday morning for the opening exereises of the forty-second annual gathering of Centre county's army of teachers. Although the weather was unfavorable, at half past nine a. m., the muddy and everybody growling. trains came into Bellefonte packed and jamed with pedagogues. There were young and unsophisticated youths of tender years and pubescent faces,they were happy-it was their first institute. Among the host were many familiar faces, veterans in the service for many years and were busy greeting their old acquaintances and co-workers

in the great cause of educating the rising

generations. That familiar and much spoken of character is also present—the school marm. They dropped in upon us like a pleted another cycle and will have to besieging army and have taken the town by storm. Their smiling countenances, rosy cheeks and terribly bewitching eyes are playing havoc with young and unsuspecting teachers, and the kid gloved "Dudes" of Bellefonte. Thus it is, always was and ever will be-we live to love and be loved. The school marm is a welcome visitor; her presence is an in spiration which will send many a young pedagouge back to his work all-be-fuddled and tangled by the fair ones allure-

> Monday forenoon was devoted to the preliminary work of institute. The the regular assessments and issuing the | you must pay in advance. certificates. County Superintendent D. M. Wolf was on hand early welcoming the teachers and arranging the programs THE FIRST SESSION.

On Monday afternoon at 1:30 institute was called to order; the Court House was completely filled. The Superintendent addressed the gathering in a short and appropriate talk to the teachers, welcoming them and inviting them to take an active part in the exercises.

Dr. T. B. Noss, principal of the Southwestern Normal School, of California, Pa., made an interesting address as an introductory to the work of the

The "Heart" was the subject of the next talk by Prof. Maltby, of Indiana Normal. He explained its structure, functions, circulation of the blood and other interesting data.

"How to teach Arithmetic" was next taken up by Dr. Philips, and he distion of the large audience and every body was intensely interested.

THE EVENING LECTURE. At an early hour the room was packed to its utmost to hear Dr. Philip's lecture entitled the "Story of the Heavens." This no doubt was one of the most interesting as well as instructive portions to give an outline of the speakers discourse in this brief sketch. He covered that few were aware that the time had

passed so quickly when he closed. TUESDAY.

The first subject taken up was that of "School government" by Dr. Philips. He gave some valuable pointers to the to buy the right of their township to sell of the "Study of Geography." Dr. Philips followed with short talk on "Our Courts."

An interesting part of the morning exercises was a description by Geo. Rumberger of the old Red school House at Gatesburg.

As a body, the Institute is composed of an intelligent class of teachers and are a credit to the county.

Miss Minnie Hoy presides at the piano and is quite an accomplished mu-

The attendance at the various sessions is unusually large.

One of the leading instructors at institute this week was Dr. G. M. Philips, of if not in the country. Over six hundred pupils are in attendance annually few years ago, it was in bad shape and keep them down. Let us have legisla-had no prestige or patronage of any tion of some kind. had no prestige or patronage of any value. By hard work, pluck and untiring energy he has put it on sound footing and it is the envy of similar in- Bros., window. The display is designed stitutions in the state. Dr. Philips was | for a mountain scene and is quite a sucoffered the Presidency of Bucknell cess. A high cliff rises before you, covsome, more honorable. His talks upon by the force of the wind and furnish the -A woman named Scelwig, living at anthmetic were unusually interesting motive power for driving the inside ma-

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-Read the terms of subscripition at

-Spring Creek was on a tear this week on account of the heavy rains.

-The report that John Sourbeck had rented the hotel at Coburn is without

-Linden Hall and Madisonburg are to have musical conventions in the near

again, the shortest of the season was on last Friday Dec. 21. -It is not necessary to remark that the weather is unpleasant, the streets

-"Science of Home" will be the subject of Will Carleton's lecture in the Court House next Friday evening Dec.

-Our "devil" this week was all "discombobulated" on account of too many school ma's in attendance at the teach-

-John Powers Jr., left Wednesday evening for Williamsport to accept a position in a large shoe store in the Academy of Music building on fourth Bellefonte as he was one of the most popular young men of the town.

-Farmers who bring poultry to town for sale should know that there is a law prohibiting the tying of the fowls' legs; the same applied to calves and sheep. Any one disposed to inform on them could mulct the offenders in a fine and cost. Half the fine goes to the infor-

-The regular price of the CENTRE DEMOCRAT is \$1.50 per year; when paid in advance, at the beginning of the year \$1.00; and if not at the end of four years two dollars per year. We will stick to these terms without an exception and registering of the members, collecting if you want the paper at \$1.00 per year

-Henry Emerick, of near Farmers Mills, is suffering from the effects of a sore toe, which has caused his leg to become swollen and inflamed, with danger of blood poisoning resulting threfrom. What makes the affliction all the more distressing is the condition of Mrs. Emerick who is said to be helpless from

-Herman Vickety, a burglar who was killed while trying to escape from the California penitentiary the other day, had a queer record. Everytime he burglarized a house he kissed all the sleeping women in it. No matter how great the risk, the rascal always went through the bedchambers and kissed everything worth kissing.

-The Carbondale Leader says the custom of publishing a "card of thanks" for kindness shown to the family upon the death of a member is no longer considered in good taste and for excellent forcible manner that he held the atten- sick or deceased neighbors are only do- extra pains to see that their prosecution this county. He was much respected them and their reward will come when they are obliged to accept like services.

-Deschner the gunsmith has the toys this year that attracts little folks. The front of his shop windows are continually surrounded by little folks, often blocking the side walks. He seems to of Institute. It would be useless to try have gotten the American idea when he made his selections. Walking elephants, creeping dolls, see-sawing and other toys in general the subject of astronomy and all of which move and act as though did it in such an entertaining manner alive. They are lively toys and a new venture in that line of Christmas goods.

-For several days past agents have been canvassing Fayette county, alleging to represent a wire fence company of Cincinnati. Farmers were solicited young instructors on this subject. Prof. | the fence, for which they were to give Maltby then followed with a discussion | \$125, payable when they sold \$500 worth of the fence. Several farmers were induced to sign a contract and give their note for \$125 on these conditions. The alleged agents then came to Uniontown, got the notes cashed and departed. A number of farmers have been victimized although some of them were warned

that the whole thing was a swindle. -It beats all says the Reporter, how plenty foxes are getting since there is no premium on them. Penn township is swarming with them, two and three can be seen together in the daytime noot any, if they can they want them to increase in numbers for they know that something must be done before West Chester State Normal. Dr. Phillong to get them out of the way, and as ips presides over one of the most flour- soon as they get \$1 again to shoot them ishing normal schools in Pennsylvania, they will. Our legislature made a great mistake in this, in a few years we must spend ten times more money for fox and it is increasing rapidly every year. scalps than it would take if a premium When he took charge of the school, a had remained on them. That would

-One of the finest displays for the holiday season is to be found in Joseph ered with a dense forest of spruce, everwith great long arms which are driven minature is turned by water yower from life, and it was like signing one's own a small stream ingeniously arr anged on fect of the display is striking and attracts many passers-by.

In accordance with a time-honored pany will for the Christmas and New Year holidays sell excursion tickets between all principal stations on its system at reduced rates. Holiday excursion tickets will be sold December 22d, 23d, 24th, 25th, 29th, 30th, and 31st, and January 1st, valid for return trip until January 3d, 1889. -The days are beginning to be longer

The Engineer Was Asleep.

that left Williamsport about 1 o'clock railroad ran into the first section near meting out of capital punishment. West Milton. The engineer, Wallace Nattress, of Shamokin, who, it is said, was asleep, waskilled. The corner's jury should have taken more precaution.

The Latest Fad. _

Monograms worked on stockings is the latest craze among the Philadelphia society bells. A Record reporter got street. We are sorry to see John leave the following information from one of them: "Monograms are worked in the stockings in all collors and all kinds of they placed?" "Why, what a silly question! They are worked on the instep, of course, where they may be seen. They per end of the stocking, where they

> portion rented for his holiday advertisements. Great scheme, that.

The State Grange. At a meeting of the State Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry at Harrisburg last week, Secretary Thomas reported that twenty-six new granges were organized during the year and the membership increased over 3,000. There is a surplus of \$7,000 in the treasury. Leonard Rhone was elected master. Dr. Warren, of Chester, offered a resolution, which was agreed to, that State Grange recommends the preparation of memories for presentation to the legislature asking that a bounty of 21 cents each to be paid on English sparrows. The members of the grange in a body were received by Governor Beaver.

Will Arrest Boys.

Since the death of Frank Eckley at Milesburg by being crushed under the wheels of a freight train steps have been taken to aviod as much as possible similar accidents in the future. We are told that orders have been issued from the head office of the Bald Eagle Valley R. R. to all employees to keep boys off all engines and freight trains. They are circumstances, was married and had also ordered to arrest every boy who two children and lived with his family ing what common humanity demands of will follow. This is a good idea on the part of the company and will have the effect if enforced of pratically putting a stop to this dangerous habit.

A Flobert Rifle Will Kill, The Greensburg Argus of the 15th inst., says: "A Flobert rifle will kill anyone as far off as that," said Frank Barry, who had been remonstrated with for pointing a rifle of that kind at George Callahan, who was hewing timber sevyou," he continued. Before anyone could stop him he raised his gun and his hands and fell to the ground. The bullet had entered his right temple, and killed him instantly. Callahan was Barry's brother-in-law and intimate friend. The above was enacted at Wallace's Mill, Fayette county, last

Will be Comfortably Fixed.

Professor Eldon says that in case the Montour House should be converted into a Normal School building nearly or altogether as many students can be accommodated as in the great building on the hill. They will have no chapel or society rooms, it is true, but they will have an assembly room and class rooms and can comfortably keep about one hundred boarders. He has great hopes close to buildings. The hunters won't that in a few weeks the new school of education will be proceeding as usual. Then, there will be plenty of good water, they will be right in the city and on this account may get more of the home patronage. Altogether the Professor seemed to be quite well pleased with the

An Elephant Sentenced te Die.

bably the most vicious elephant in captivity, has been guilty of so many homicides that his owners, the Robinson Brothers, of Cincinnatti, have decided that he shall suffer the death penalty. Old Chief is 25 years old, weight 10,000 pounds and is worth over \$1 a pound. elephant driver as ever carried a "prod" by crushing him against a railway ear. Two years later, in the same manner; be killed George Sullivan, his second keeper. Old Chief.

THEY STRETCHED HEMP.

custom the Pennsylvania Railroad Com- LEAVES OUT OF THE HIS-TORY OF CENTRE COUNTY.

> Daniel Byers Hanged in 1802 After the Rope Had Broken and a Mob Was Ready to res-

county has revived an interest in the present generation for a knowledge of The second section of a freight train the occurrence three score and ten years at twenty-nine minutes past 1 o'clock, ago, when Centre county first avenged ast Thursday morning on the Reading | the blood of a murdered victim by the

one or two persons living in this county | not happy at the result, were at least who remember the details, of how jusgave the following verdict: "That the tice was then meted out to the murderer engineer failed to do his dutyon account as well as as a brief account of a crime of want of sleep and that the flagman unparalleled and which, at that time was celebrated throughout the entire state as the most remarkable case of murder, trial, conviction and execution then on record.

The first case of capital punishment

was that of a slave. Daniel Byers, as

'Negro Dan." he was more popularly

called, who, in cold blood, murdered materials," said she. "Where are James Barrows, in what is now known as Spring township on the night of Oct. 15, I802. In November of the same year he was tried for the same crime and the certainly would not be put on at the up. jury returned a verdict of "guilty and valued at two hundred and fourteen ed by a father's uncontrollable temper. dollars," which valuation was paid his Suppose John Wannamaker has that owner out of the county treasury. On the 13th of December, or two days less than two months from the time he committed the murder "Negro Dan" was executed by James Duncan, Esq., then high sheriff. A large crowd had assembled to witness the first execution and a company of horsemen, under the command of Captain James Potter (General Potter 2d) was drawn up near the scaffold. With the first swing the rope broke and Dan fell to the ground unhurt. Almost simultaneous with the cry "Dan is free," made a rush for his rescue. Several knock-downs followdd and the riot might have terminated William Petriken, who stepped up to Dan and patting him on the shoulder said, "Come now Dan you have always been a good boy, now go up and be hung like a man," which he did. The case which excited the most pul-

lic attention and which was remarkable because of its many peculiarities was that of the conviction and execution of James Monks for the murder of Reuben Guild. Monks was born in Potter township and at the time of the murder was about 24 years old. He was in well-to-do and well thought of by everyb knew him. On Sunday, the 15th day of November, 1817, he was returning on foot from somewhere in Clearfield county, when, on a lonely piece of road, he met Reuben Guild on horseback. The two were strangers but, as was the pre, fession, written while under the sentence of death in the Centre county jail, eral rods distance from where Barry he said, "I know not what came over was shooting at a mark. "I'll show me, but after passing the man I was suddenly seized with an uncontrolable impulse to kill him. The feeling to do fired toward Barry. Barry threw up the act was so strong that I was utterly unable to resist it, and so I turned around, took my gun off my shoulder and fired, the ball taking effect in the right side of the back and, coursing diagonally through the body, it came out just a little below the left breast."

The man dropped from his horse and Monks then went up to him when the only and last words of the man were, "my friend you have killed me." Fearing that he might not be dead, Monks beat him on the head with his tomahawk and then after stripping the body of its clothing dragged him into the woods to an upturned tree and there buried it under old leaves. The watch and pocket book of the dead man Monks put in his own pocket, donned the tell-tale coatmarked with the bullet hole in it, home will be ready for the reception of and then taking his gun, mounted students and that once more the work | Guild's horse and proceeded on his way.

When the murder was discovered Monks was at once suspected and arrested on suspicion. but by this time (several days after the murder) he had made away with all the articles taken from the dead man, and his conviction which followed was only upon strong circumstantial evidence. He was tried Old Chief, one of the biggest and pro- in the November term of court, 1818, before Hon. Charles Huston, president judge. The commonwealth was represented by Messrs. Etting, Bradford and Blanchard. Monks was defended by Messrs. Norris, Burnside and Potter, one of the ablest trios at the Centre county bar. During the trial, which In 1870, at Charlotte, N. C., he killed was one of the most exciting then on his first keeper, John King, as brave an record and which lasted almost three weeks, more than fifty witnesses were called. After the commonwealth had woven a chain of circumstantial evidence so close that escape for the pris-Many times he has crippled keepers for oner seemed impossible, the defense suddenly changed their fighting front death warrant to take charge of him. It and put in a plea of insanity. At this the inside and hidden from vie w; at the has been suggested that he be executed late day that would probably have base of the chiff is a small pond with a by an electrical current, and the Robin- saved Monks, but in those times no fountain playing in the centre. The ef- son brothers have signified their willing- such travesty of justice was to'e ate ! ness to have the experiment tried on and that only hastened the vendet of the jury, which was "guilty," and on | nti 34

the first day of December Judge Huston

pronounced sentence:

Saturday, January. 23, 1819, was fixed as the day of execution. When the day arrived Bellefonte was filled with a crowd, who then looked upon a public execution very much as the average citieae Him-Execution of James Monks on Zen would now look upon a panic. Monks was escorted to the gallows from the jail by a military company, the fifer The impending murder trial in this of which, by his request, played the plaintive air, "Mary's Dream," instead of the customary dead march, and there, the last act in that terrible tragedy had been played. "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth," blood had been Though so long ago there are still avenged by blood and the citizens, if satisfied and content. But even to this day among the rural localities of this county "Mary's Dream" is a popular tune because it was played on that occasion, and "Monk's Confession." penned by himself, in verse, is recited at more than one fireside as a memento of th sad ending of that peculiar man as well as a warning to the young to shun his footsteps.

It may not be known, yet it is a fact. that the baby daughter, that then was, of the unfortunate man, is still living, now an old and decrepit woman, near the, old homestead at Marsh Creek, where the little family lived in peace and happiness, when a home was blight

-Typographical errors are made by the most careful of printers and when you occasionally find them in a paper don't be in a hurry to condemn the sheet. In some cases newspapers become famous for the scarcity of them while others gain a reputation for the great number. "About one hundred years ago a number of professors of the Edinburgh University attempted to publish a work which should be a perfect specimen of typographical accuracy. Every precaution was taken to secure the desired result. Six experienced proof readers were employed, who devoted hours to the reading of each page; and, after, it was seriously but for the forethought of posted up in the hall of the University with a notification that a reward of £50 would be paid to any person who would discover an error. Each page was suffered to remain two weeks in the place where it had been posted before the work was printed and the professors thought they had attained the object for which they had been striving. When the work was "issued it was discovered that several errors had been committed. one of which was on the first line of the first page."

-According to the time honored custom no paper will be issued from this office next week as all from the "scribe" on up to his satanic majesty, our devil, want the week off to enjoy ourselves like other mortals.

-Doc. Geissinger, Arthur Taylor and Al. Dale, Esq., returned last Saturday from an extended deer hunt in the northern part of the county. They brought home as the result of the chase vailing custom in those days, where a fine doe knocked down by Arthur they passed on the road they bade each | Taylor's unerring rifle. The boys were other the time of day. In Monks con- in the best of health from their sojourn in the woods.

BELLEFONTE MARKET.

Grain, as corrected weekly by Gerberick.

PROVISIONS, GROCKEIES, &c., (as lorrected by J. A. Harper, & Co. Apples, dried, per pound...... Cherries dried per pound, seed Conciny Side per pound Dried Sweet Corn per pour Apple But er per gallon... Apples per bushel Roller Flour per sack.... Snew Flake Front

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