

LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

A Successful Physician.

Dr. H. S. Clemens, M. D., from the Sanitarium, Allentown, Pa., who is a specialist in all chronic affections, will be at the Brockerhoff House, Bellefonte, Pa., Wednesday, February 27, for the purpose of examining all his numerous patients with chronic affections.

MUSEINGS.

I would like to be a Commissioner, And with the Commissioners stand, With a nickel in my pocket, And a "plate of soup" at hand.

—To-day is Valentine day. —Next Sunday will be St. Patrick's day.

—Preston the barber, was on the sick list this week.

—It is about time for another big fire in Bellefonte; what is wrong?

—Mr. Chas. Nau has returned home after an absence of several months.

—Rev. W. E. Fischer, of Centre Hall was a caller at this office Saturday.

—The revival in the African church is in full blast with a large number of seekers.

—The sign over Sternberg's fruit, cigar and tobacco store indicates where you can get a good cigar or choice fruit.

—If you want a sale bill printed and advertisement, this office will give you satisfaction at the most reasonable terms.

—A jolly sleighing party, the first of the season, from Howard, took possession of Garman's Hotel, on Monday evening.

—The Keystone orchestra, of Milesburg, will give a hop in Bogg's Hall, at that place, this evening. All are cordially invited.

—Mr. Henry J. Derr, died suddenly on Sunday morning. He was able to be around on Saturday and was seemingly in good health.

—Mr. Bartram Galbraith, for many years janitor of the Court House, has been quite ill this week. He is well advanced in years and an old citizen of the town.

—Mr. G. R. Spiglemeyer of the "Racket Store" purchased remainder of the Perlstein stock on Monday and will remove it to his room in the Crider building where he will dispose of it in short order.

—The first snow that made any sleighing fell on Monday evening and more has been falling every day since, but not very much in all. The roads were level and frozen hard and made elegant sleighing.

—Rev. J. Milton Akers, formerly a well known Methodist minister of the Central Pennsylvania conference, and a native of Fulton county, died at St. Charles, Minn., on Saturday, where he was stationed as pastor.

—On last Thursday evening, our young friend Mr. A. Lincoln McGinley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel McGinley, was united in marriage with Miss Ella, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Williams, the ceremony being performed by Rev. D. S. Monroe.

—Montgomery & Co. now occupy their second room in the Crider building and have it chuck full of new goods. In this room they will keep nothing but ready made clothing and suitings for gents. They claim to have the largest stock in central Pennsylvania.

—Bellefonte will be well represented at Harrison's Inauguration. Company E. expects to leave on March the 1st and return by Tuesday. As Gov. Beaver and Gen. Hastings will hold positions of honor and distinction on that occasion, our people will take more than ordinary interest in the event.

—Mr. Chas. Henry and two sons, Robert and Charley, who have been at York the past four or five years returned recently to Bellefonte, their former home and have accepted positions in Duncan's machine works. Mr. George Harbeck, formerly foreman in the same works, returned from Altoona, to work at the same place.

—We are sorry to hear of the illness of Mr. W. R. Mattern, commissioners clerk. He has been in poor health for some time, though able to attend to his office duties until last week, when he went home feeling quite badly. Since then, he has been confined to his bed and is a sick man. His system was broken down and may be some time before he will be able to be about again.

—The latest is that a "Gentlemen Club" has been organized by a number of gentlemen of the town and will take rooms in the new Bush Arcade. Gentlemen Clubs are said to be quite useful institutions in prohibition districts and should the amendment pass, have an idea that their stock of "original packages" would be large.

SMALL POTATOES.

HOW THE COMMISSIONERS TRANSACT BUSINESS.

Another Sample of how the Affairs of our County are Conducted.—Small men in Office.

It has been the custom of the Commissioners of Centre county to have the auditor's statement printed each year in circular form and distributed throughout the county by the papers. When the printing was to be done it always was the rule of the former board—Messrs. Wolf and Greist, an honorable set of Coms.—to notify all the printing offices of the county by letter of the fact, and always enclosed full specifications of the work to be done. That was transacting business in a fair manner and upon business principles. But how was it done this year?

To commence, they were late, and when ready this is the way the Republican Coms. notified the papers. They called up the Centre Reporter, at Centre Hall, by phone, and wanted to know how many printed statements were wanted; that was their notice to put in a bid. Next the DEMOCRAT was called at Garman's hotel and wanted to know from Mr. Garman how many we wanted, which reached this office several days later. The Watchman was treated to a like dose, by phone. Their reason in doing this was to pretend to give the Demo-

cratic papers of the county a fair chance and yet insult them to their face.

The result of this kind of business was that none of the above offices replied. The Reporter and DEMOCRAT were not notified and the Watchman refused to have anything to do with these men, as he considers them without honor or integrity and would cheat a Democratic paper out of the job by any disreputable means. The bids were to be received until Thursday evening and then closed. A short time before Com. Decker approached the editor of this paper and wanted to know why none of us put in a bid for this printing—the first time we knew anything of the affair. When asked as to where the specifications were, was referred to the Com. office, and after several visits was told to bid only on "10,000 supplements, to be printed in same style as last year." To be sure, the question was asked a second and third time and received the same reply.

Thursday afternoon this office put in a bid and that evening the work was to be awarded. Nothing was done until the end of the week when the job was awarded to the Republican office.

This delay indicated that some understanding and dishonest scheme was being played. And this is what they did, and is from Coms. Decker and Henderson. When the bids were opened, the DEMOCRAT was the lowest bidder and should have had the job. Oh no! no Democratic paper was to have it, they tried to prevent it all along.

Then the Republican office was notified to put in a lower bid, and got the work. Was this an honorable transaction and is it not a disgrace to the county that men of such small principles should occupy such an important office. We have said heretofore that they were incompetent and will add that their methods in this case were dishonorable and disreputable as public officers and a disgrace to any man. We have since learned another reason why we did not get the job. When the bids were opened the DEMOCRAT of that week was opened also, and in it was found an article alluding to some of our county officials and pointed out their carelessness. This angered Henderson and he vowed that they would "get even with the DEMOCRAT" and would not give them the job. And so they did, Decker joined in, and Fiedler was a silent minority. They expect to silence the DEMOCRAT, by refusing to give it a job to which it was fairly entitled, but they are dealing with the wrong kind of material. The editor may be of small stature and of "innocent" expression, but he can't be bulldozed in that style, for the sake of a little county printing. Mercenary motives, we hope, will never prevent us from making a fearless exposure of the rottenness of any county official or officials. We have alluded heretofore to the mercenary motives of some of the commissioners. When we say mercenary, we mean stingy, miserly and small principled. And that is what we think of any man drawing three dollars per day and too stingy to get a square meal at the hotel, until exposed by the press, but lives on two plates of soup per day and often sleeps in the commissioners office at night to save an additional 25 cents.

Think of it, voters of Centre county, this is a sample of some of the material in the commissioners office. Commissioner Henderson says he wants to start new with the DEMOCRAT after cheating us out of the supplement. All right give us our dues and be square in all your transactions and above all be square with yourself hereafter.

Soup is still quoted 5 cents a plate, with crackers and water thrown in—free.

—The public sale season is here and some of our patrons may be in need of bills. This office has a large supply of job type and material and can execute work on short notice and in fine style. Our prices are low.

KILLED AT HUNTINGDON.

The Death of M. M. Ray, of Bellefonte at that Place Wednesday Night.

M. M. Ray, a brakeman in the employ of the Pennsylvania railroad company and a resident of that city, was killed at Huntingdon Monday evening. He was a member of Conductor Wise's crew and the run being between Altoona and Millin. The accident happened about twenty-five minutes after 7 o'clock. The east-bound trip was being made when the accident occurred while some cars were being put onto the canal siding at Huntingdon. Just how the accident happened is not positively known, but it is supposed that he fell from his train. The body was not mutilated.

Mr. Ray was about 25 years of age and single and had been in the employ of the company since June 18, 1887. He was the son of Robert and Elizabeth Ray, of Bellefonte.

He is highly spoken of by his employers and had many friends, being a young man of excellent qualities. The body was properly cared for at Huntingdon and then taken to Mr. Cox's residence at Altoona, his uncle, with whom he boarded.

The body arrived at Bellefonte on Tuesday evening and the funeral will take place Thursday morning at 9.30 from the Methodist church.

Locate at Bellefonte.

The proprietors of the Baldwin locomotive works, Philadelphia, have come to the conclusion that it will soon be necessary for them to locate somewhere else. They do not have sufficient room for their extensive works and want to build new shops at some other point. A number of the directors of the establishment visited different sections of the state for the purpose of selecting a new location.

If the Baldwin locomotive works leave Philadelphia they will give a great boom to the town they select for their new shops. This would be an elegant opportunity for the wide awake business men of Bellefonte to unite in an effort to have this industry come here. The claims of the town, when properly presented would surpass any location in the state. Bellefonte, with its many and diversified industries, with its large and improved furnaces and rolling mills would be the place for these works and a desirable community for the homes of the many workmen of that establishment. Let our influential men and wide awake citizens take an active step in this direction.

Moore—McKee.

Quietly and with scarcely a word of warning our young hardware merchant, Mr. James D. McKee, took the Tuesday morning train and hid himself to Leont, and there consummated a contract which he considers the most important event of his life. At the residence of Mr. John P. Moore a number of relatives and near friends assembled to witness the marriage ceremony of Miss Maggie Moore, their daughter to Mr. J. D. McKee. The ceremony took place at about noon, and after partaking of an elaborate dinner they took the 3 p. m. train at Leont for a trip to Philadelphia and other points.

All Guess Work.

Congressman John Patton, and some of the other wisecracks who have been giving their opinion as to how the counties in this and other congressional districts will vote on prohibition, merely guess at it. They don't really know anything more about it than anybody else. They look wise and make oracular utterances that may or may not be verified. Is like guessing about a pig in a poke. The Clinton Democrat is about right on that point.

—Eddie Shaffer, an assistant in Spiglemeyer's Racket store, has been on the sick list for several weeks. A painful healing in the left ear is the cause of his sickness.

—Messrs John Noll and G. Brandon, of the Brockerhoff house left on Saturday for Erie, Pa., as delegates to the G. A. R. encampment at that place.

—A Mrs. Green of Lock Haven who had been blind for years caused by cataract obscuring her sight, underwent an operation in Philadelphia recently and her vision was restored.

—Mr. Buck, the foundry man, has commenced manufacturing a double planter, the invention of Wm Swab, Centre Hall. The new machine is claimed to be a very simple contrivance and does not have one half as many parts as other machines intended to do the same amount of work.

—The lecture delivered by Mrs. Livermore, on last Friday was a grand treat for those present. Her subject "A Dream of To-morrow" was an elaborate review of the achievements in science of the present time and a prophecy of what the future might have in store for us. She also discussed the labor question and wound up with a plea for the adoption of prohibition in this state and then a national prohibition amendment.

Mrs. Livermore is a pleasant speaker and a woman of strong intellect, and when before an audience she does not have the bold manners and masculine address of the average female orator.

The bill granting the right of suffrage to women was defeated in the lower branch of the Dakota legislature on Friday.

DEATH OF HON. L. A. MACKAY.

Take Sick on the Street in Lock Haven and Expires.

His death occurred suddenly and unexpectedly and was a great shock to his relatives. He was taken ill on the streets with heart disease, on Friday noon was placed in a cab and taken to his residence on Water street. When taken from the cab his spirit had flown and L. A. Mackey was dead.

Hon. L. A. Mackey was born in White Deer township, Union county, Pa., November 25th 1819, and was consequently 69 years old last November.

In 1837 he graduated from the University College at Schenectady, N. Y., with the highest honors of a class of one hundred and eight, of which he was the youngest member. He studied law with ex-Gov. Pollock and was admitted to the bar at Carlisle in 1840. In February 1841 he removed to this city where he practiced law until 1855, when he was elected President of the Lock Haven Bank.

When the city of Lock Haven was incorporated in 1870 he was elected its first Mayor and held the office three years. In 1874 he was elected to represent the 20th Congressional District in Congress. For many years Mr. Mackey has been President of the Bald Eagle Valley Railroad Company, and has always been closely identified with the leading interests of the community in which he lived.

He was widely known throughout the State and formed many warm friendships with prominent men from all parts of the country during his congressional career, having served two terms at Washington as the Representative of the 20th Penna. District.

He leaves a wife and two married daughters, Mrs. J. H. Hayes, and Mrs. F. P. Ball, both residents of that city, and the whole community extend their warmest sympathy to the bereaved family.—Express.

Death of John H. Morrison.

After a severe sickness, the venerable John H. Morrison, who lived on Spring street in this place, died on Tuesday morning at ten minutes past 11 o'clock. Had he lived until the 29th of March he would have finished his 81st year.

He was born in Huntingdon county, near Shavers Creek. His wife, who is now an aged lady still survives him.

Four children are living—three daughters and one son. The daughters are Miss Lizzie, Miss Jennie and Mrs. Rhen, the latter living in Williamsport. Andrew, his son, also resides in Williamsport.

Mr. Morrison was, several years ago, prominently connected with the politics of the county, being a Democrat. The funeral service will be held on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Episcopal church.—News.

—The recent snow was a great boon to the lumbermen in Clearfield county, and they are making good use of it in getting their timber to the streams for the spring rafting.

—Services in the Christian Chapel every evening of this week; Rev. W. Ryan, of Williamsport will officiate. He is an able minister and his sermons evince much care and study.

—The last entertainment of the Star Lecture course will be the Swedish Ladies Concert company next Friday evening. The company consists of eight young Swedish girls who comprise a double quartette and appear in their native costumes. Their entertainment is highly recommended by all who have heard them and is a rare musical treat.

—A passenger coach was badly wrecked on Monday on the branch road between Milroy and Lewistown. The train was running at full speed when a broken rail caused the car to jump the track and it rolled down a steep embankment. The contents of the stove were scattered about the car and soon started a fire which was extinguished with snow. All the occupants were injured but no one seriously hurt.

—The Lutheran Sociable given at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. H. Y. Stitzer on last Thursday evening was largely attended and was a pleasant affair. The young folks prepared a number of recitations, dialogues and tableaux for the evening's entertainment, and produced the entire program in a manner that evinced much care and preparation. After the program was finished the evening was spent in various amusement. Mr. and Mrs. Stitzer know how to care for such a large gathering which was the most successful sociable of the season.

—Everybody admires the new passenger depot at this place but the building is so small that it requires very little admiration to cover it. At last it has been completed and was opened up for service on Monday of this week. With all that has been said in regard to this building we must admit that it is a very cosy and handsomely equipped structure. The exterior is really artistic and displays the work of an architect in its design. The building is of brick, with slate roof and one story high. The interior is divided into two waiting rooms, ticket office and closets; all are handsomely finished and present a beautiful appearance. What is of the building is a success.

OUR BOROUGH ELECTION.

A FEW FACTS AND FIGURES FOR STUDY.

How the Borough has been Conducted.—Bad Management in the Past.—Want Good Men to Hold the Offices.

The Daily News and the sheet of slum and filth have of late been greatly exercised over the borough election.

For the information of those who have become citizens of our borough within the last few years and a reminder to our life long citizens we wish to say a word about our borough elections.

That the borough is enormously in debt everybody knows. They know equally well that this debt is entirely due to the Republicans in the borough.—AN ENORMOUS DEBT.

We are to-day paying seven per cent, interest on \$80,000 or \$90,000 of our bonded debt. The bonds bearing this rate of interest were issued in 1871 to run for 20 years. The meanest and poorest municipality in the country can get all the money it may want for four per cent, and have done so for at least fifteen years past.

Strange as may seem, in 1871 when this enormous amount of bonds were issued, E. C. Humes, Daniel Rhoads and Robert Valentine were members of the town council. Business experience, good sense, sound judgment, seems to have been of no use to the men, in this transaction. It is astonishing to think that three men of so much capacity, and ability could do so vast and important a business transaction and show so little good sense. They ought, and no doubt did know, that financial revulsion must come, yet they issue bonds to bear seven per cent, interest for twenty years without providing any fund to meet them when due, or making any provision to call them in and refund them when rates of interest would be lower. So we are paying seven per cent, interest on \$80,000 or \$90,000 of bonds. Is it any wonder we are burdened with taxation? and industry and labor are driven from our town by our high taxes?

The bonds now bearing seven per cent, interest will be due in 1891. The councilmen elected this Spring will be in council when these bonds become due and must be refunded. They cannot be paid. We have nothing to pay with. With good men in the council these bonds can be refunded at 3 per cent, interest. This will be some relief to our taxed people.

We should look well to our councilmen. It is little difference about their politics, so they are able, sensible, conscientious men, who will legislate in the interest of our people instead of the money power. If it is possible, the republican party always nominates some one for councilmen and school directors who have just come into the borough and who, in consequence, know nothing of our boroughs real wants and needs and care less.

INEFFICIENCY COSTS MONEY.

Take for instance Curtin street, when it was first opened and the water pipes put down at great cost to the borough. Last fall when grading Curtin street, the water pipes were entirely uncovered and a new ditch had to be made and the water pipes relaid, costing the borough as much as when first laid. Councilmen who knew anything would have obtained the proper grade of the street in the first place and then laid the water pipes so that the grading of the street would not have interfered. That is what business men would have done.

GIVE US GOOD COUNCILMEN.

We need a good tax collector; we have him in Mr. Keichline. Before Mr. Keichline became collector the orders of the borough were hawked about the streets and sold for whatever could be obtained for them. Since then they have always been cashed on presentation to the treasurer and have invariably passed at par. The republicans of the borough have done well in that they have heretofore supported Mr. Keichline for tax collector. It is not a political office. They should support him again. They ought not to make any nominations against him. It should be their pleasure to recognize an honest and faithful public servant.

HO BEAT THE MACHINE.

A patent electric health lifting machine, which does its own bank business and keeps its own accounts, is one of the recent attractions in town. It is an ingenious contrivance and will do business a whole day without any assistance and a fellow must be a sharper to get ahead of it. You drop a nickel in a little opening every time you take a lift, nothing but a nickel will do, as the machine remains locked if any other coin is dropped in the slot. So exact and positive are its parts that the owners place them in the hotels and come around once a week to get the spoils.

But the other day a fellow beat the machine and this is the way he did it. He took a nickel and drilled a very fine hole in it to pass a silk thread through. Then he dropped the nickel and after a while the boys took a pull he drew his five cents out again and had the satisfaction of knowing that he beat the machine. It will be in order now for the inventor to get his wits together and put a stop to the new method.

A Badly Scared Woman.

A little incident occurred in town the other day that came to our notice and is quite rich. Of course, with it came a warning never to write a word of it, but a newspaper man, like a woman, is not selfish, and can't keep anything to himself but will give it dead away. The incident we relate was an actual occurrence on Monday last, and have the story from an eye witness of the affair.

One day, recently, Sheriff Cook put up a number of small bills about town announcing the sale of a horse and harness belonging to a Mr. Walker, committed to jail recently on charge of stealing a sleigh. The bill was the usual form, and read "a writ of Fieri Facias etc." Fieri was in hand writing, the "F" resembling an "S" and the "ie" an "a" so as to read, to one not acquainted with the term, "Sari Facia." On Monday Wm. Undercoffer noticed two ladies greatly interested in reading one of these bills, and at last in their excitement one called to him and wanted to know what this meant. She said she heard of Walker, but did not know anything about a horse and harness, and asked what it meant. Mr. Undercoffer explained the whole affair to her, but she was not satisfied and pointing to what she thought was "Sari Facia" asked him why they put that name on the bill. He at once explained that it was a common error when she exclaimed "it is all right then" and walked away with much satisfaction; her name was Sara Fasia.

Prohibition Amendment County Convention.

The following call for a County Convention, to be held in the Court House at Bellefonte on Feb. 21st, has been sent throughout the election district of the county:

At a meeting of citizens favorable to the adoption of the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth prohibiting the manufacture and sale of Intoxicating Liquor as a beverage, a committee was appointed to arrange for a County Convention.

In accordance with the above action the committee send you blank calls for a meeting to be held in your election precinct to select three delegates to a County Convention to be held in Bellefonte on Thursday, February 21st, 1889, at 10.30 o'clock a. m.

Will you please see that the announcement be made in each School House and Church and the posters put up in post-office, stores and other public places within the bounds of your election precinct, and make all arrangements for the meeting. Each temperance organization is authorized, in addition to the three delegates above named, to send not exceeding three delegates from each society. Will you please see the officers of such societies within your precinct and in behalf of the Committee request their co-operation?

In order to success it is necessary that immediate attention be given to the matter and the meeting be called at as early date as possible.

Please send names of the delegates elected to A. J. Cook, Bellefonte, Pa. Committee: A. J. Cook, C. M. Bower, Rev. D. S. Monroe, George L. Potter, H. Y. Stitzer, Mrs. John F. Harris, Mrs. Wm. H. Blair, Miss E. D. Thomas.

In addition to the afore going provision for delegates all the Ministers of the County have been invited to be present as ex-officio members of the Convention.

Don't Growl.

There is a great deal of dissatisfaction in this section since the location of the post office has been decided upon and will remain down town for the next five years. Keep cool and stand it; the down towners came out on top, and we must grin and bear it. We will have free delivery ere long and want have to run down there after our mail.

About Hastings, Pa.

The Hastings Herald is the name of a new paper started at Hastings, Pa., and made its appearance February 7, with R. M. Huston as editor. The first issue comes out with a glowing account of Hastings, when founded and its general history. From the line of advertisements we are led to believe that Hastings is a booming town already with a great future before it. Centre county is well represented as Gov. Beaver, General Hastings and Major J. L. Spangler, have large investments in the coal fields and the operations being carried on.

The first tree cut down for the site of the town was felled by Sturges Charles, well known in this section.

H. D. VanFelt, of Centre Hall, is also interested in real estate of the town and is erecting several dwellings.

Scott Harris, of this place, is shipping clerk for the coal and coke company.

—Messrs Harry Bush and Chas. Witter, of Tyrone, paid us a short visit on Wednesday.

CHOICE BUILDING LOTS!

Messrs. Shoemaker and Scott offer for sale seven building lots located on West side of Thomas Street 50x150 feet. Also thirty-five lots located on South side of Public Road leading from Bellefonte to Bellefonte Furnace 50 x175 feet. Also sixty lots on Half Moon Hill 50x150 feet.

For further information call on or address R. H. Boal, Bellefonte Pa.