

LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

"Daniel Boone" at the opera house to-night.

Musical convention is in session at Boalsburg this week.

Sheriff Ishler has eight boarders at his mansion on the hill.

Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Davis, of DeLancey, Pa., called on Wednesday.

Col. J. R. Mully, of Virginia city, Montana, is visiting friends in this section.

Tax collector Ray should make his statement read: Am't uncollected \$12,000, not \$6,000.

What are our business men doing in regard to the extension of the Beech Creek railroad?

The CENTRE DEMOCRAT office turns out the finest sale bills of the season. They bear inspection.

Joseph Bros. have turned their clothing department into a carpet room and have a large stock on display.

On last Sunday night the Lewisburg Furniture factory was destroyed by fire, caused by the explosion of a coal oil lamp.

The strike in the bituminous coal fields will cause a scarcity of fuel and may compel the nail works to close again.

On Tuesday, Mr. John Kane, while employed in the railroad yards at Tyrone was run over, and died from his injuries.

The Potter House, at Phillipsburg, came near being destroyed by fire on Sunday morning by a coal oil lamp exploding in the cellar.

Last Friday afternoon Mr. James Gallagher, an employee at Morris' lime kilns had his leg crushed by a large stone rolling upon it.

"Trying to do business without advertising is like kissing a girl in the dark. You know what you are doing, but no one else does."

We hear of a number of cases of "la grippe" in this community. It is of the same type as the affliction which fastened itself upon many a year ago.

Mitch Cunningham has rented the room formerly occupied by P. F. Kechline in the Brockerhoff House block. He will open up a first class cigar store.

The firm of Rowe Bros., furniture dealers in the Bush Arcade, have dissolved partnership and hereafter the business will be conducted by Mr. Ed. Rowe.

The most distinguished passenger on the Cunard Steamship "Umbria" which arrived in New York on Sunday, "Sir Bedivere" the champion St. Bernard dog imported by Mr. E. B. Sears, of Melrose, Mass., who paid \$12,500 for the pup.

A peculiarity about the '1891' is that adding the first figure to the second makes the third, and subtracting the fourth figure from the third gives the second. Adding the four figures together gives the number of the century.—Watertown Times.

If the bill now pending in the State legislature making provision for moneys to be refunded to counties to replace the amount spent to construct or replace the bridges destroyed by the flood of 1889, should become a law, Centre county's share would amount to seventeen thousand dollars.

A count has been made of the physicians in regular practice in this State, and it was found that they number 8,248, divided as follows: regulars, 6,240; sectarians, 1,075, without diplomas, 93; homeopathic physicians, 561; eclectic, 293, and non followers of any particular school, 91.

Col. James Milliken, of this place, who holds extensive and valuable silver operations in the western states, appeared before the Silver Committee at Washington, last week, and made a plea in behalf of the measure. That bill no doubt would prove a benefit to the Col. but the balance of the citizens of this place hold different views—they have no silver mines.

Unclaimed letters: C. F. Benton, G. H. Clark, John Clark, Mrs. George Dary, Housell Gohar, Sarah Kling, Bertha Kline, Mary Mayer, Wm. M. Phillips, Lizze Pearson, George R. Reese, Hugh W. Riddle, Minnie Reed, Emma Speece, Risie Smith, Emma Lipton. When called for say advertised.

A gentleman residing near Woodland, Pa., has had misfortune heaped upon him of late, according to a story related on Saturday evening. He lost \$4,000 by the recent bank failure at Clearfield, the mind of his wife then became somewhat affected, and having \$3,000 in government bonds in the house which he feared she might destroy, he took them out to the corn crib and secreted them in what he supposed was a safe "nook." Imagine his deep chagrin the other day when he went out to take a look at the bonds to find that the rats had totally demolished them.

A HEROIC PARENT.

A REMARKABLE CASE OF SKIN-GRAFTING.

Mr. Wm. Musser, of Bellefonte, Contributes Skin from his Arms for the Recovery of his Little Daughter—A Successful Operation.

During the past month interesting accounts appeared in all the daily papers of a remarkable case of skin grafting, at a Chicago hospital, where a hundred members of the Masonic order volunteered to contribute small portions of their skin, in the hope of the recovery of an afflicted member of their order. Another similar operation occurred at Altoona, two weeks ago, where two hundred workmen in the car shops each allowed small portions of their skin to be cut off and placed upon the wound of an injured man, and the operation is said to have been successful. Both cases created much interest and comment even among citizens of this community, yet little were they aware that a more remarkable operation had been performed in our own town and all the grafts were taken from the arms of a heroic and self-sacrificing father, who hoped to see his daughter restored to health.

On Monday evening the editor paid a visit to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Musser, who reside on Reynolds Ave., this place, and there found little Mary, their bright and interesting daughter, who has undergone untold pain and sufferings, for the past seven months, and is the object of a remarkable surgical operation.

To begin we will first briefly narrate the incidents to her affliction.

ENVELOPED IN FLAMES.

Last Summer, on the 30th of July, Mr. Musser's little six year old son built a fire in the meadow below the house and intended to roast some potatoes. The mother saw the fire and sent her little ten year-old daughter Mary down to put it out and bring the mischievous boy back. The little fellow insisted on staying right there until his potatoes were roasted and ready to eat. In her attempt to pull him away the flames ignited her dress on the back. The poor girl looked back and began to scream "fire" and in a dazed state of mind ran around in a ring crying when her mother saw her and rushed to her. By the time she reached her, Mary's clothing on the back were all ablaze and her long flowing hair was afire. The clothing was torn off and the fire extinguished with difficulty. The poor child could not bear to see her mother weep and insisted that she was not burned. When Mary was taken into the house it was discovered that her back, hip and portions of her limbs were not only blistered but the skin and flesh was

ROASTED TO A CRISP.

Dr. Dorworth was a witness of the affair and came in and did all that was possible to relieve the unfortunate girl who was then frantic from the great pain.

Dr. R. L. Dartt, the family physician, arrived later and took charge of the case. He found that almost two square feet of the little girl's body was roasted to a crisp, and a week later the skin and flesh to over a quarter of an inch thick began to fester and drop off. The recovery of the little girl was considered a matter of great doubt. For days and nights the mother was by the little one's cot, doing all that was possible to relieve her of her untold sufferings.

From the knees up to the shoulder blades the skin was gone and an immense raw sore remained. Slowly the healthy skin on the edges healed and the process of repair began, but it was so slow that it was feared that the patient could not live unless other measures were employed.

Dr. Dartt, determined to try skin grafting as a final resort and the father, Mr. Musser, was only too willing to allow it to be cut from his body in the hope of seeing the child restored. About three months ago the first operation was performed.

Mr. Musser is a stout, robust, healthy man and is employed in Ed Rhoads' coal yards and by his daily exercise was a good subject for the operation. The doctor took the grafts from the arm. He first thoroughly washed the surface with carbolic acid water, the best kind of a disinfectant which destroys all kinds of germs or foreign matter that might cause trouble. The surface was then vigorously rubbed to improve the circulation. With a small pair of forceps he would grasp the skin and draw it up and with a sharp pair of scissors nip off a patch about the size of a pea. This would then be forced down into the raw flesh on the child's back so that it might get nourishment and grow. In this way he first removed about ten patches and transplanted them as an experiment. The result was carefully noted and to his gratification nearly every one grew and slowly enlarged, producing new and healthy skin.

FOUR OPERATIONS.

Four such operations in all have been performed during the past eight weeks and all the grafts were taken from Mr. Musser's arms. He rolled up his sleeve and exhibited to the writer the mutilated surface. About fifty pieces were cut out, in some places only a red scar

remained while in others there were sores which must have cost him much pain also. He has worked regularly all the time at the yards, but for a time he was in bad condition from a cold he contracted and settled on these spots.

A PATIENT SUFFERER.

When the writer entered the invalid's room, little Mary looked up with a smile upon her face as if to welcome her inquisitive caller. She was lying face down on a cot and for the last seven months she had to lie in that one position, on her breast, as the back was a mass of sores and ulcers.

Her many sympathizing playmates keep her company much of the time and when alone she is industrious; she has a great fondness for fancy needle work and during the past few months she made an exceedingly beautiful silk quilt, composed of patches contributed by her friends. Considering that she is but ten years of age, an invalid and compelled to lie in that one position for so many long days, weeks and even months, her work is all the more remarkable.

She has been compelled to lay aside her needle work as it overtaxed her energies and affected her nervous system. The grafting operation was very painful also. This so weakened her that a week ago she for a short time lost her voice, but that has since returned. During her affliction she has grown taller and heavier and her face is full and round only slightly pale. Her eye is bright, and a happy smile is always on her countenance. Dr. Dartt feels confident of the ultimate and complete recovery of his interesting patient, only it will take many weeks more of careful nursing before she can leave her couch.

Successful Skin Grafting at Altoona.

Two weeks ago Dr. J. M. Sheedy engraved about one hundred pieces of human skin on the leg of Mr. Louis Casey, of Altoona, who was injured in the railroad shops about three months ago. The injury, despite the best of care, developed into blood poisoning, and the young man's life was for a time in a precarious condition.

To overcome this defect Dr. Sheedy resorted to the operation of skin grafting, an account of which was published. At that time the doctor transplanted about one hundred pieces, and one week later transplanted one hundred and fifty more. Mr. Casey and his many friends are delighted with the success. Out of the two hundred and fifty pieces over two hundred took hold and are growing nicely. Those nearest the skin have already united with it, and those in the middle of the raw surface have grown to three times their original size. Mr. Casey will not be deformed in the least and will have as healthy a limb in six months from now as any man in the city.

Another Railroad Story.

A correspondent of the Williamsport Gazette and Bulletin writing from Watertown says: "W. N. Albright, who has been with the civil engineers of the Wilkes Barre and Western railroad is at home for a few days; they will make the final survey for the Bellefonte and Eastern, which will connect with the Wilkes-barre and Western railway, by bridges at this point, giving Watertown an outlet to the east and west."

Knipped with the Bride-elect's Money.

At Huntingdon, last Friday night, extensive preparations had been made for the marriage of Charles Gordon and Miss Mary Kephart. The presents were arriving and the honeymoon trip was projected. That afternoon the groom secured \$250 from the bride-elect and her mother, to make additional purchases and taking the first train west left for parts unknown. Gordon, who is 22 years old, has been on a three month's leave of absence from the regular army, and it is thought that he is now on his way to join his command. Officers are on his track.

Change of Firm.

This week the firm of D. Garman & Son dissolved. Mr. Daniel Garman withdrawing from the partnership, and the business hereafter will be conducted by his son Edward F. Garman, the former manager. Ed. has made that business a study and if there is anything in "hustling" he will get there.

Look for It.

The "Star of Bethlehem" is now the largest and most beautiful of the constellations of the heavens. It is to be seen every morning, up to half past 6 o'clock in the southeast firmament. After this year it will not appear again for 300 years.

Don't Feed Them.

During the past week a crowd of five big lazy tramps have been lounging about town sponging their meals from the people. They are a tough looking class and will remain here as long as our people are willing to feed them. The police should run them out of town.

Visiting Days Established.

Sheriff Ishler has decided that two days a week is enough for admitting visitors to the jail and he has therefore set apart Tuesdays and Fridays, from 10 a. m. to 3:30 p. m., as the days and hours when visitors will be admitted.

TAXING FOREIGNERS.

This week Senator Meek introduced a bill into the State Senate, which if it becomes a law, will place a tax of \$3 upon every unaturalized laborer employed in the state. It will be the duty of the company employing such laboring men to make a monthly report to the overseer of the poor of that district where they reside. The firms are required to deduct this tax each month and in case they fail will be liable to the poor authorities for double the amount. Unnaturalized persons owning taxable property over \$200 are exempt from this tax.

That is the substance of the bill and it is a good idea. These foreigners should be taxed as well as the citizens. Both enjoy the benefits of the government. Some think the rate of \$3 too low and should be \$6 instead. If this bill passes, and we hope it will, it will bring a handsome revenue to Spring twp. for poor purposes.

School Saving Bank.

Some time ago the school directors of Phillipsburg adopted a school savings bank system at that place. The object is to have the children form the habit of saving their pennies and keeping an individual bank account thereby early instilling into their young minds the principles of frugality and economy. The experiment at Phillipsburg has proven quite successful and the directors and teachers are much pleased with the move.

Lock Haven's school authorities decided last Friday to introduce the same system into their schools and have taken active measures for its immediate adoption.

Would it not be a capital idea for Prof. D. M. Lieb to give this matter his careful attention and see whether it would not be advisable to adopt the same system in our schools. Let our children early learn the value of thrift and economy.

Let Bellefonte have the same system. We believe it is a good idea.

Fire at Lewisburg.

At an early hour Monday morning the buildings of the Lewisburg Furniture Company were totally destroyed by fire involving a loss \$8,000. Insurance \$9,000. The fire was caused by Watchman Jonas Fry's lantern, which exploded, the unfortunate man himself being probably fatally burned. Through the efforts of the fire-man the flames were prevented from spreading to adjoining buildings.

Mr. Fry died on Tuesday from his burns.

A Bad Fall.

On Saturday afternoon as Dr. J. W. Rhone was passing over the crossing between his home and Hastings & Reeder's office he had a bad fall. The falling rain at the time made it very slippery. When the Dr. fell, willing hands soon helped him to his feet, but it was discovered that his limb was injured, and was carried into the house. His injuries consist of a dislocated hip which is a painful and serious affair.

Daniel Boone.

This Thursday evening "Daniel Boone," an exciting border drama, accurately portraying some of the thrilling scenes incident to such a life, will be rendered in the Garman opera house. The troupe is a first class one and travels in a car built especially for carrying their large amount of scenery, stage rigging and lot of trained horses. An open air concert on the diamond at noon.

Large Sale.

One of the largest public sales of the season will be that of Sheriff Ishler's farm stock and implements at his former residence in Benner twp., two miles east of Shiloh, on Thursday March 12th. Among the principal articles will be a fine team of dapple gray horses, another team of blacks, two bay mares and two colts, also seven milch cows and ten head of young cattle. A large lot of farm implements, wagons, etc.

Bold Robberies.

During the past month the town of Lewisburg has been greatly agitated over a number of bold robberies. These midnight prowlers entered Proctor's hardware store, the Cameron House, the residence of Fred Nesbit, Cashier, John Kreamer's home and finally the residence of J. T. Baker, Esq., who had a lively encounter with one and exchanged a number of shots with him before he made his exit.

Death of two aged Ladies.

On Saturday morning Mrs. McSuley died at her home this place. Her age was about 82 years. Interment in the Catholic cemetery.

On Sunday morning Mrs. Mary A. Howard, who lives at the home of her son Hunter Knicely, fell down stairs and died that afternoon from her injuries. Her age was 84 years; interment at Roland, on Wednesday.

A naughty exchange says there is scarcely anything a woman cannot do with a hairpin. They use it to pick their teeth, button shoes, clean finger nails, punch bed bugs out of cracks, fasten up stray bangs, clean out their husband's pipe, scratch their heads, pick their toe nails, run into cakes to see if they are done, and about a million other things that the poor deluded men know nothing about.

APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSE.

The following liquor license applications have been properly filed in the Prothonotary's office:

HOTEL LICENSES. George Brandon, Brockerhoff House; D. Garman, Garman House; Gotlieb Haag, Cummings House; W. L. Daggart, Bush House, all of Bellefonte. D. L. Bartges, Centre Hall; Jacob L. DeHass, Howard; Wm. S. Musser, Millheim; Geo. E. Leister, Wm. Parks, G. A. Walthier, Jas. Passmore, Peter Ashcroft, Stephen Shelden, Thos. J. McDonald, all of Phillipsburg; A. Kohlbecker, Central city; D. H. Rhule, Spring Mills; W. W. Rishel, Coburn; John Odenkirk, Old Fort; Jeffrey Hayes, Rush twp.; Mary C. Nolan, Snow Shoe; Jno. G. Uzzle, Snow Shoe; Henry Robb, Nittany.

WHOLESALE LICENSES.

As a brewer—Catharine Hass, Roopsburg. As a distiller—N. W. Eby, Woodward; John Mulfinger, Pleasant Gap. For beer—Rochester Brewing Co., at Phillipsburg; J. C. Hicklen and G. E. Lamb, Phillipsburg. For beer and malt liquors—George Diem, Phillipsburg.

The Country Road Bill.

The country road bill is a voluminous affair, but the following is a brief condensation of its provisions:

"An act providing for the election, appointment, qualification and organization of the supervisors in the several townships of this commonwealth; defining their duties, authorizing them to make, repair and maintain roads and bridges or to give out contracts for the same and to construct highways by contract; also to levy and collect taxes, to employ the labor and to make reports to the county engineer; providing also for the election or appointment of a county engineer, defining his duties and fixing his salary; prescribing the manner of petitioning for road views, etc.; to lay out, vacate or open roads and highways and give the notices thereof required to be served; defining the word highways and manner of construction, penalties for violation of the act, directing the Secretary of Internal Affairs to furnish blanks for supervisors and give the State Treasurer a statement of moneys expended in the several townships, etc., to fix the basis for the distribution of the State appropriation."

The measure asks for an appropriation of a million dollars for the building of permanent roads. It provides for the distribution of this money to the townships in a manner similar to the public school appropriation.

Court Proceedings.

We here give the result of Thursday, Friday and Saturday proceedings in court, of last week:

Geo. Noll and wife, vs. David Shopes heirs, ejectment for small strip of land in Boggs twp. Verdict for Plaintiff for land.

F. P. Blair vs. W. J. Jackson, replevin for hay. Plaintiff suffers voluntary non suit.

Rebecca Leathers vs. Robt. Cooke, Jr., recover property sold at Sheriff's sale. Verdict for plaintiff \$130.64.

S. H. Kunes vs. B. F. Holter, et al, ejectment. Plaintiff suffers voluntary non suit.

G. A. R. Entertainment.

Dr. George L. Potter Post, No. 261, G. A. R. of Milesburg, will, on Friday and Saturday evenings of this week, present in Bogg's Hall, realistic scenes and incidents "of a soldier's life." The same will be given by members of the Post for the benefit of the Relief Fund, and promises to be very interesting. It will consist of representations of a soldier's life from '61 to '65. The real, the pathetic and the humorous. The price of admission will be reasonable and everybody should patronize the same. Vocal and instrumental music.

Not From Centre County.

The Harrisburg correspondent of the Punxsutawney Spirit says the following of some of the legislators:

We have a few rural members here who can scarcely take care of themselves let alone looking after the interests of their constituents. Only yesterday a gentleman from one of our neighboring counties who had just gotten his order for stamps went to the city post office to get them.

"What denominations?" inquired the clerk. "Lutheran," said the member, modestly.

The Normal School.

Prof. James Eldon, Principal of the Lock Haven Normal School, is in Harrisburg in the interests of the school and is confidently looking for the additional appropriation needed to put the institution out of debt. Hon. J. C. Quiggle has introduced a bill appropriating \$60,000 for the Normal which will, if received, liquidate the debt incurred in the erection and furnishing of the building.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Issued During the Past Week—Taken From the Docket.

Albert Deal, New York and Miss Mary Holmes, State College. John Ayers, Spring twp., and Miss Carry Walker, Bellefonte.

A PRAYING SALOON KEEPER.

He Turns the Tables Upon a Band of Female Crusaders.

The recent revival throughout Maine of the prohibitory law, due to the republican administration desiring to placate the Temperance party, has led to a revival of the old female crusading band of prayers, whose means of driving away obnoxious liquor-dealers is to constantly besiege their places and hold impromptu prayer meetings therein.

Several saloons have been closed at Bangor by this means, and Monday night an attack was made upon the saloon of Robert O'Brien. The latter was equal to the emergency. When the band appeared his restaurant was nearly full of customers. The proprietor invited the ladies to seats, and asked them to pray, and then himself offered the following prayer:

"Almighty Creator in heaven, thou who has made the heaven and the earth, and created man in Thine own image as ruler of this earth, whilst animals are living on grass and water, thou didst teach thy servant Noah to make wine, and Thou didst not punish him for making intemperate use of it. At the wedding of Cana, Thine only Son, Jesus Christ, transformed water into wine when the juice of the grape was exhausted, that the enjoyment of the guests might not be disturbed. The great reformer, Martin Luther, said: 'He who does not love wine, women and song remains a fool all life long.' And all the great men upon this earth have given drinking of the wine Thou hast given Thy children upon this earth.

"O, Lord, we pray Thee, have pity upon these women here who are not grateful for Thy gifts. They dress extravagantly, and lead their husbands, by other extravagances not tending to our wellbeing, to bankruptcy, depriving them of all pleasures of this world. Yea, driving them to suicide.

"O, Lord, have mercy upon these ladies. Look upon them; they wear not even the color of the face that Thou hast given them, but they are sinning against Thee; and, not content with nature, paint their faces. O' Lord, Thou canst also perceive that their figure is not as Thou hast made it, but they wear humps upon their backs, like camels. Thou seest, O' Lord, that their head-dress consists of false hair, and when they open their mouths Thou seest their false teeth.

"Oh, Lord, these women want men who will patiently accept all this without using the power Thou hast given to man, that all women shall be subject to man. Amen."

Vick's Floral Guide For 1891

No lover of a fine plant or garden can afford to be without a copy. It is an elegant book of over a hundred pages, six by six inches, beautiful colored illustrations of sunflowers, gladioli, hydrangea and potatoes. Instructions for planting, cultivating, etc. Full list of everything that can be done in the way of vegetable and flower seeds, plants, bulbs, etc. Also full particulars regarding the cash prizes of \$1,000 and \$200. The novelties have been tested and found worthy of cultivation. We hope it will be our good luck to see the Nellie Lewis carnation and taste the Grand Rapids lettuce. It costs nothing because the ten cents you send for it can be deducted from the first order forwarded. We advise our friends to secure a copy of James Vick, seedman, Rochester, N. Y.

Bellefonte Grain Market.

Corrected weekly by Geo. W. Jackson & Co:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes White wheat, Red wheat, Eye, Corn, etc.

PROVISIONS, GROCERIES &c., (as corrected weekly by Bower & Co.)

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes Apples, Cherries, Dried Currants, New Raisins, Beans, etc.

Public Sales.

All sale bills printed at this office will receive a free notice of the same under this heading. Parties having bills printed at other offices can have a notice inserted in this registry for fifty cents.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18—W. H. Taylor, on farm one mile east of Bellefonte, in Spring twp., will dispose of his entire farm stock, consisting of a pair of mules, horses, cattle, etc., and a valuable assortment of all kinds of farm implements.

TUESDAY, MARCH 17—At the residence of James J. Graney, Miles township, near Bellefonte, sale of horses, cattle, farm implements, etc.

THURSDAY, MARCH 15—Wm. A. Ishler, Sheriff, at his recent residence in Benner twp., on the Robert Valentine farm, a large lot of farm implements of every description, team of dapple grays, heavy weight team of black draft horses, two bay mares and two colts, 15 head of young cattle, 7 milch cows, 3 brood sows, 5 shoats. Also a lot household goods.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13—At the residence of Daniel Lash, near Zion, the following: 4 horses, 4 cows, 10 head of young cattle, 10 head of sheep and large lot of farm implements.

FRIDAY, MARCH 12—At the late residence of Conrad Singer, dec'd, on March Creek, the following: 2 work horses, 2 work cows, 2 cows and heifer, 4 cows other farm implements.

TUESDAY, MARCH 10th—At the residence of Charles S. Beck, near Nittany Hall, a large lot of farm implements, 2 work horses, 2 colts, 2 mule cows, 3 short horn bull, etc.