

LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

Since the boro election is over the topic of conversation about town is license vs. anti-license.

Mrs. Gilmore's millinery store will occupy the room in Bunnell & Aikens building by the first of next month.

That ground hog day prediction of cold winter for six weeks was a failure. It turned out the opposite this time.

Mrs. David Booser, of Centre Hall, died suddenly on Wednesday evening. A husband and three children survive.

Gen. Beaver and wife will be in Philadelphia until the 1st of April when they will occupy their residence at this place.

Some of our local weather prophets say that winter is over and we will continue to have open weather until Spring. But we doubt it.

Major Wolf, of Philipsburg, was in town on Wednesday morning and was seen in company with Sheriff Ishler. Nothing wrong about that.

Remonstrances against liquor license are being circulated about Bellefonte by ladies of the W. C. T. U. They are uniting in their efforts.

One of the handsomest stores in Bellefonte is that of Harry Schreyer, the carpet dealer, since he occupies his new room in the Crider Exchange.

There is a great deal of railroad talk about Bellefonte at present and, if all the rumors materialize Bellefonte will have more railroads than Chicago.

Philipsburg has twice as many applications for liquor licenses as Bellefonte. Suppose they do twice as much drinking out there than at Bellefonte.

Mr. J. E. Reber, of Vicksburg, Union county and Miss Annie Feidler, were married at the home of the brides parents at Madisonburg, on last Sunday evening.

A bill is now pending in the legislature for an appropriation of \$300,000 for State College. That much money ought to place them on a good financial footing.

The finishing touches upon the exterior of the Brockerhoff House are being made this week. Handsome iron railing is being put on the top of the corner towers.

The old Clintondale camp ground has been sold to a lumber firm and all the timber will be cut off. All the buildings are being torn down and taken away by the owners.

We note that negotiations are now pending for the purchase of the hotel building at Spring Mills, erected by J. A. Grenoble, for the purpose of converting it into an Academy. That would be a good idea and would be a valuable addition to Spring Mills.

The citizens about Penn's State College have employed an attorney to petition the court to grant them a charter for a borough. The population of that place has greatly increased in the past few years and is a town of some importance.

The commissioners should not fail to make some improvements to the Court House this coming Spring. A lot of shade trees should be planted in the park and the old iron fence removed in front of the building and a little order kept.

Garman & Luckenbach opened their new store on Saturday last. Their stock is composed of gents furnishing goods and embraces a large list of articles. As their stock is new and of the latest styles they are enjoying a good opening trade. May success attend them.

If Doc, Pettingill had been forced to officiate as justice of the peace in Spring twp. he would have been compelled to neglect his extensive practice. The Dr. expects to be prepared to treat patients at his sanitarium, for consumption, with Dr. Koch's lymph ere long.

The Supreme Court recently rendered a decision to the effect that shooting birds from a trap is not necessarily unlawful, thus reversing a decision of a Bucks County Court, which pronounced such form of sport cruelty to animals—the defendant, a member of a marksmen's association, having wounded a bird instead of killing it.

Some Philipsburger is advertising in the Williamsport *Grill* for nine ladies for the purpose of forming a female baseball team, offering a salary of \$25 per month and expenses. When they play ball there will be scratching and hair pulling instead of kicking. Umpires will have little to say.

The Williamsport *Republican* says many of the men of that town who do the most grumbling about people buying things away from home are the same merchants who purchase their letter heads, envelopes and other stationery out of town and grumble because the newspapers do not give enough attention to advising people to patronize home industries.

AN INLAND LAKE.

150 ACRES OF FINE LAND INUNDATED.

Over Twenty Feet in Depth—The Water Rises Out of the Ground—An Unexplained Phenomenon—Overflow of a Subterranean Stream.

In years past we have heard people speak of an immense body of water suddenly rising and forming a small lake near the Gentzle farms, in Spring twp.

During the past week the constant rains and melting snow turned little brooks into rushing streams, and mountain rivulets to raging torrents. With the news of the large floods along rivers, comes the report that another large lake had made its appearance in Spring township.

This week, upon hearing of this strange phenomenon, the writer, sharpened his pencil and started on his journey towards Zion to see this strange freak of the elements and write for our readers exactly what was seen.

The lake covers portions of four farms occupied by Henry Gentzle, Perry Gentzle, Geo. Kauffman and Benj. Kauffman. The greater portion being on Geo. Kauffman's farm. As one comes over the hill from the Nigh ore bank the vast expanse of water spreads out in full view and extends far in the distance. It follows the shape of the ravine in the hollow which is somewhat like the letter "S". At some places it is so wide that persons on the opposite side look like mere specks and can only be seen when they move. This ravine crosses the road leading to Zion and it is impassable. At some points the road must be under fifteen feet of water as the fences are in places entirely submerged. The day was windy and as one stood at the edge of the water the waves came beating and splashing against the shore with a force that reminded you of the ocean's tides. White caps rode on the crest of the waves and it was in fact a storm on an inland sea on a small scale.

WHEN IT APPEARED.

Mr. Perry Gentzle informed us that water commenced to form in the hollows early last week, but that on Friday and Saturday it rose more rapidly than before. As the location of this body of water is in a basin it can only disappear by evaporation or sinking again from whence it came.

FORMER LAKES.

In 1865, in the early part of summer, this same section of the country was submerged, by a similar body of water. It was at about harvest time and, as we are told, the farmers were compelled to wade the water to cut their grain, and wear gum boots while cultivating corn. The Baptists from surrounding country came there to be immersed and that large picnics were held there and all would go bathing in the afternoon. Some preachers declared that this was a signal from heaven that another flood would sweep wipe all the wicked people from the earth, while others declared that if you bathed in the waters it would make the old young, restore the ill and infirm, bind the sore and open the eyes of the blind. This idea penetrated over portions of the valley and the peculiar and superstitious people from all directions came to bathe in this fountain of youth, and quaff of the waters of life. The old maids bathed their faces but they only found, to their sorrow, that their wrinkles grew deeper and their hair grayer and scarcer, and their faces homelier. This was related to us for truth, and it may be true. But it is a fact that a lake appeared at that place in 1865.

WHAT IS THE CAUSE.

That is the question asked by most every person who hears of it, or goes there and sees it. That section of the country is hilly and in some places large sinks are found. The rocks are of lime stone and from the general appearance of the country there are subterranean caverns beneath the valley. All the water and small springs that crop out at the base of Nittany mountain between Pleasant Gap and Zion, run on the surface for a short distance and then sink. The reasonable inference is that these springs lead to some subterranean water course that for miles drains the valley. When the waters on higher elevations increase in volume this course may be small to carry all away and it is forced out. In this basin there are several large sinks and in one there is a cave. Ordinarily water runs into these places but in times of overflows the water comes out of the sinks and, as there is no outlet, it submerges this large territory and then gradually disappears.

A CURIOSITY.

Last Sunday hundreds of people from Bellefonte and all parts of the valley were to see the lake. And every day this week persons can be seen going that way. It was all the talk about the stores. Some enterprising fellows are talking of filling the openings with cement to keep the waters from sinking, with the intention of building a summer resort. John Sourbeck expects to take his swan down and carry passengers to and fro on the road to Zion.

Judge Furst thinks it would be a good idea to turn it into a fish pond stocked with trout. Then some of our marksmen are in favor of stocking it with bull frogs, shikpokes and sea gulls. One

strange feature is that suckers can be seen and caught most any time of the day, along the edge of the water; yet strange to relate, they will approach visitors and without fear bore them for a chew of tobacco or a smile, of some of the "Oh! be joyful."

H. B. Shaffer, the photographer, took two elegant views of the lake and they can be seen at his gallery any time.

Since writing the above article we are informed that the water is slowly receding and it is expected to disappear before long.

TALES OF LIBBY PRISON.

Related on Saturday evening by Gen. B. F. Fisher of Philadelphia.

On Saturday evening the Court House was well filled by an audience to hear Gen. Fisher relate some of his experiences during the late war. As the Gen. was born in this section and went to the war as a Centre county soldier the lecture was all the more promising of interest.

Judge Furst introduced the speaker of the evening. He prefaced his lecture by paying a glowing tribute to the memories of Gen. Grant and Gen. Sherman.

He gave a vivid description of the engagement in which he with many others were taken prisoners of war by the confederates and marched to Richmond, and then introduced to Libby prison. He related the horrors of that pen and depicted some of the terrible scenes that occurred. The Gen. was one of the men who managed to dig a mine by which over a hundred prisoners escaped. Many were recaptured but he succeeded in reaching the Union lines.

His lecture was delivered in a free and easy manner and held the audience enraptured in the closest attention. Major McCauley, of Philadelphia, then favored the audience with a song.

Next was the presentation of the flag to Gregg Post by Gen. Hastings, in behalf of the Women's Relief Corps. The Gen. made an eloquent and stirring speech. Gen. Beaver being absent, D. F. Fortney, Esq., responded in behalf of the post. The receipts of the entertainment were good and it was a success in every particular.

Affecting Scene.

Last Monday night at about 11 p. m., there was considerable commotion in the South Ward. All at once the electric lights went out, the moon hid its face behind a cloud, all the dogs set up a piteous wail and the tom cats howled. People were running to and fro in great agony and even the door knobs cracked and fell to the walks.

After a bit of investigation we found the cause of all this pandemonium to be due to Bob Hunter, who was trying to pick on a guitar, while some of his chums were serenading lady friends in that vicinity.

Improving in Health.

In a former issue we gave an account of the skin grafting at this place where Mr. Musser had some fifty patches of skin cut from his arm and placed on the back of his little daughter. Mr. Musser informed us that for the first time since last July the little girl was able to walk around about the house. The large sore on her back is slowly healing and all the skin grafts are growing nicely. A new lot of grafts were planted last week.

An Old Custom.

There is an old custom in the country that where the older brother of a family allows the younger to get ahead of him as a bridegroom, the elder must dance a jig in a hog trough without music, and this custom was adhered to at Montgomery at the wedding of Daniel Hartman and Miss Eva A. Wallizer on Thursday evening last.

ABig Walk.

Another long-distance walker has loomed up in Christ Brown, of Fort Wayne, Ind., who is going to start, on a \$10,000 bet, to walk from Aspinwall to Alaska. People can only pray that he won't live through it. Dime museum attractions are altogether too numerous.

Kline-Swartz.

This Thursday evening the wedding of Mr. Robert Kline, of this place, and Miss Maggie Swartz, of Pleasant Gap, will take place at the home of the brides parents. Rev. Trostle of Pleasant Gap will conduct the ceremony. The DEMOCRAT extends congratulations.

License Court.

Next Tuesday, March 3, will be the time for holding license court. At present there are nineteen licensed places in Centre county and twenty-nine applications. It is doubtful if the number will be increased and some of them will get left.

A Mistake.

Last week we stated that 500 singers had attended Prof. P. H. Meyers' concert. The correct number is as follows: Rebersburg 150, Centre Hall 90, Pine Grove Mills 18, Shilloh 102, Zion 110 and Bealsburg 160. Total 782.

Sumner to Appamattox.

On Saturday evening, an entertainment will be given by the young people of Howard, Pa., entitled from "Sumner to Appamattox." It will be a war play and the proceeds are for the benefit of the P. O. S. of A. of that place.

INSTANTLY KILLED.

In a Railroad Wreck at Milesburg, on Monday.

As the early morning passenger train, from Lock Haven to Tyrone, was nearing the Milesburg station at about 5:30 Monday morning, the engine was derailed at Greggs crossing. The train was running at a high rate of speed at the time. The engine struck several freight cars standing on an adjoining track with enough force to smash one and scatter coke in every direction. The collision stopped the train suddenly and the front of the engine was badly smashed by it. The tender and baggage car left the track but the passenger coaches were not derailed.

CRUSHED TO DEATH.

When the accident happened, the fireman Ed. Cassett, was throwing coal into the furnace. It is supposed that the jar threw him off and he fell beneath the tender where he was found crushed together, unconscious and life extinct. He was cut about the lower part of the face, bones in his arms were broken and his body was cut and mangled in a horrible manner. The body was carried to the depot and later undertaker Harris prepared it for burial and it was forwarded to his home at Lock Haven. Mr. Cassett was a young man of 26 years of age and leaves a wife and one child to weep and mourn.

CAUSED BY A STONE.

It was found that the engine was thrown from the track by a large stone that had been wedged between the track and a guard rail of the switch. The supposition is that it was placed there by some human fiend with the devilish intent in his heart to wreck the train. The stone might have fallen from a car and lodged there but it does not seem probable.

If there is any method of finding out the criminal it will be done.

The engineer, James Hensley, bravely stuck to his post until the train came to a stop and was not injured. None of the passengers were in any way injured only received a good jolting.

DARING DANIEL.

How he Walked through a Cemetery at Night.

Daniel, of old, was brave and fearless and Webster was a wise and great man, but Daniel Webster, a colored citizen of this place had as much nerve as either of his name sakes, when he offered to walk through the Union Cemetery at the dark dread hour of night, and all for a box of cigars. The bargain was made down at Rines street and a large crowd went up high street to see Daniel undertake his task.

In the meanwhile a number of young men went ahead to give Daniel a reception as he passed through the "city of the dead."

He started in bravely determined to go straight through to the other side and would not be frightened by hobgoblins, scare devils, spooks or any of their sort of things. When about half way through he heard a noise and next a groan, then white clad figures came towards him. His eyes dilated like saucers, his heart thumped up into his throat as he gasped: "Ya-h! For de Lords sake!" The next instant poor Dan was cutting a clean coat tail, with his heels higher than his head, to go back the way he came. He forgot all about the bet as he thought the spirits were after him and that if they captured him there would be no use for cigars in the other Kingdom, where Dan expects to go.

Bill Nye is Right.

Bill Nye says that a man may use a wart on his neck for a collar button, ride in the back coach to save the interest on his money until the conductor gets around, stop his watch at night to save wear and tear, leave his "I" and "U" without a dot and cross to save ink, pasture his mother's grave to save corn—but a man of this sort is a gentleman and a scholar compared with the fellow that takes a newspaper two or three years and when asked to pay for it puts it back in the office and has it marked "refused."

Good Horse Gone.

Last Friday the old horse used by the Adams Express Company dropped over on the street and died from the effects of heart disease. He was an intelligent and faithful old animal. That day he fell several times but the greedy, grasping, heartless managers of that corporation ordered the men here to drive the animal until he died.

A Handsome Present.

On Saturday evening a handsome record book was presented to Gregg post by the gentlemen of this town. It is a large volume, handsomely bound in fine leather and the pages are beautifully engraved. The book is said to have cost over one hundred dollars.

Thirty-six Cows Burned to Death.

The barn on the dairy farm of Mrs. Young, near Williamsport, was destroyed by fire Sat. night and the building and contents destroyed, valued at \$9,000. Thirty-six cows and five horses perished in the flames. There was \$5,000 insurance.

Will Marry.

From an exchange we notice that a license has been issued in Blair county for the marriage of Mr. Thomas Dale, of Unionville, and Miss Minnie Gauffer, of near Tyrone.

RAILROAD SITUATION.

A DANGEROUS BILL PASSES THE STATESENATE.

Would Revive the old Charter for the Beech Creek Road for Five Years More—Means Obstruction by the Penna. R. R.

Persons who are interested in seeing a competing railroad built to Bellefonte were aroused this week over the news that among the bills passed by the State Senate was an innocent looking little bill which, upon inspection, turns out to be an ominous and even dangerous measure for the interests of Bellefonte and adjoining country. It is a bill authorizing the extension of the corporate existence of any railroad corporation organized under either a general or special law. The evils of this measure will only be realized when the situation of railroad matters about Bellefonte is known.

The company or corporation holding the right of way for a railroad from Bellefonte to Beech Creek is in such a situation that that road will never be built by them. The reason is that the principal men are in peculiar business relations with certain head men of the Penna. R. R., in Philadelphia, and any move made for the building of this road to Beech Creek would prove disastrous. In fact they dare not make a move in any direction except that dictated by the Penna. R. R. men. Any other course would mean a financial crash.

The charter granted for the building of the road to Beech Creek has expired and the Penna. R. R., is in danger of seeing another party stepping in and gaining an advantage. And without a doubt, this innocent looking little bill, which passed the senate, so broad and general in its way, was intended to fit right into this place, and some even say was engineered, concocted and lobbied through that body by persons who are the servants of railroads and corporations and are well rewarded for their services.

It is often asserted that the Penna. R. R., owns the state senate and legislature. If this bill should pass the legislature and receive the endorsement of the governor it would make it utterly impossible for the Beech Creek branch to be built to this town within the next five years, when the charter would expire and might be renewed again.

It would prevent another branch in being built from the fact that the narrow gap through the mountains to Milesburg would make it almost impossible to locate another survey. The present right of way practically blocks any other line.

Some of our leading and enterprising men have taken the proper preliminary measures for obtaining a charter and right of way to build a line to Beech Creek but the passage of this bill will completely thwart their intentions.

This is the situation as we find it. What the result will be depends upon the action of the "powers that be" at Harrisburg.

Employees Contribute.

The stockholders of the Lewisburg Furniture Works, at their meeting last week, decided to rebuild the factory at once. Work has been already commenced. The building is to be somewhat larger and more handy in many respects. We understand all the employees, and they numbered nearly one hundred, offered to each contribute one week's labor towards the rebuilding of the works, which is a very generous offer and shows that the best of feeling exists between employer and employee.

—Journal.

Our Idle Furnaces.

Everybody is anxious to see these large industries in operation. Thus far we have no definite information. The News of Wednesday says: The gentlemen who will compose the new Centre Iron Company met in Bellefonte on Tuesday and are now hard at work perfecting an organization and going through the legal forms required by law and necessary for a complete organization. Nothing definite in regard to the time of starting the works will be done before Friday, at which time there will be a meeting held for the purpose of considering that all-important question.

The Modern Pagan.

Gen. George H. Sheridan, the gifted orator and lecturer, will deliver his great lecture entitled the "Modern Pagan," in Bellefonte, on Saturday evening, March 7th. It is the most effective reply ever made to Colonel Ingersoll's attack on the Christian religion. It will be delivered under the auspices and for the benefit of the Bellefonte M. E. church.

She Got the Hoodie.

The West Newton Times states that a Hungarian died at Port Royal recently, and left \$1,900 in money, the savings of several years' hard labor. When his wife was spoke to about burying him, she said: "Me no bury him; him no good now; him dead!" She took the cash and left for Hungary. The dead man's friends raised a collection and had his remains interred.

—The pews for the new United Brethren church, this place, have arrived and are being put in place.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Issued During the Past Week—Taken From the Docket.

James Gummo, Boggs twp., and Miss Emma Lose, of Pine Grove Mills. O. L. Bishel, Oak Hill and Miss M. S. Welland, Linden Hall. J. H. Emmerber, Howard and Miss Martha Ellen Force, Burnside twp. Joseph A. Emerick and Miss Sarah Kessinger, both of Walker twp. Robert E. Kline and Miss Maggie E. Swartz, both of Spring twp.

New Lumber Operation.

Mr. Alfred Graham, the lumberman, has purchased a large tract of timber land in the Brushvalley Narrows. The chief difficulty in operating there is the distance to haul to the railroads and it was estimated that it would average \$5 per thousand for teaming. Mr. Graham has decided to purchase a large road engine that will haul several road cars and in that way can take 10,000 feet of lumber at one trip. The train will be able to make a trip a day to Millinburg and will do it much quicker and at about one fourth the cost of teaming.

Proceeding Against Contractors.

The Lock Haven Express says: The County Commissioners commenced a suit against W. K. Hogan and E. T. Gallagher, contractors for the stone work of the Island bridges, last Saturday. The suit is a civil action of trespass to compel the defendants to refund the money alleged to have been overpaid on the contracts for stone work done on the Island bridges. A warrant was issued by Judge Mayer and placed in the hands of Deputy Sheriff McNaull, who arrested Mr. Gallagher and he entered bail in the sum of \$2,000, Edward Hogan becoming his bondsman. There is likely to be still further developments in the Island bridges matter during the week.

Now it is Judge.

Judge Holt, of Centre county, has been making diligent search for several days in the Auditor General's Department, at Harrisburg, for mislaid bills for the State's expenditures for relief in the Kiskiminetas and West Branch Valleys after the floods of two years ago. The Judge is a member of the subcommittee of the House appropriation committee to audit Governor Beaver's expenditure. The Governor was much worried by the reported loss, but Judge Holt found the mislaid documents in a package that had been frequently handled. Thus far it balances to a cent.—Philad. Times.

—The report started that Grover Cleveland would not be a candidate in 1892 is without foundation. The republicans are quite anxious to see him out of the race.

MARRIED.

GRÖVE-SMITH.—At the residence of the groom, in Henrich township, Huntingdon county, on February 17, 1891, by Rev. E. E. Dietterich, Daniel Grove to Mrs. M. Smith, of Hubersburg, Centre county, Pa.

GRÖVE-PACHT.—At the Lutheran parsonage, Bellefonte by Rev. Ed. Everett, Huberburg, on February 12, 1891, M. E. Grove and S. Jennie Pecht, both of Sigerville, Mifflin county, Pa.

Bellefonte Grain Market.

Corrected weekly by Geo. W. Jackson & Co.

White wheat, per bushel.....	90
Red wheat, per bushel.....	85
Rye, per bushel.....	60
Corn, ears per bushel.....	45
Corn, shelled per bushel.....	50
Oats—new per bushel.....	55
Barley, per bushel.....	50
Buckwheat, per bushel.....	50
Ground plaster, per ton.....	\$4.00 to \$5.00

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

Apples, dried, per pound.....	18
Cherries dried per pound, seeded.....	26
Dried Currants, per pound.....	14
New Raisins, per pound.....	14
Beans per quart.....	10
Onions, per bushel.....	20
Butter, per pound.....	20
Cheese, per pound.....	15
Tallow, per pound.....	5
Country Shoulders.....	10
Sides.....	10
Hams.....	10
Hams sugar cured.....	11
Breakfast Bacon.....	13
Lard, per pound.....	10
Eggs per dozen.....	25
Potatoes per bushel.....	100
Dried Beef chopped.....	25
Canned Beef per can.....	10
Canned Tomatoes per can.....	10
Canned Corn per can.....	12
Lemons per dozen.....	25
Dried Sweet Corn per pound.....	10

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 18.—At the residence of James J. Granley, Miller township, near Bebersburg, sale of horses, cattle, farm implements, etc.

THURSDAY, MARCH 13.—Wm. A. Ishler, Sheriff, at his former residence in Bender twp., on the Robert Valentine farm, a large lot of farm implements of every description, team of double grade, 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 11.—At the residence of Daniel Lech, 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 13.—At the late residence of Conrad Singer died, on Marsh Creek, the following: 2 work horses, 1 cow, Holstein Bull, cow and heifer, 4 cows other farm implements.

TUESDAY, MARCH 18.—At the residence of Charles S. Beck, near Nittany Hall, a large lot of farm implements, 2 work horses, 2 colts, 2 milch cows, 3 short Horn bull, etc.

FRIDAY, MARCH 13.—At the residence of Mrs. Elizabeth Getting, two miles west of Tusseyville, a large lot of stock and implements: 5 horses, 4 milch cows, 4 head of young cattle, the Osborne Binder, Mower, Furgerson Separator Wagons, Sleds, Harness, and Household goods.