

LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

A small goat ate a tomato can And then eight pounds of nails, He finished his meal, by way of dessert, By consuming four large fence rails.

—On Wednesday morning we had a surprise in finding almost a foot of snow on the ground.

—Some of the farmers in Nittany Valley did considerable plowing before the present cold spell arrived.

—Burgess Reeder spent Sunday with his family, who are visiting at Mrs. Reeder's parents home, Berwick, Pa.

—Ex-county commissioner John H. Henderson, merchant, of Julian Pa., was in town this week.

—Mr. J. B. Crawford, the deputy sheriff, will not move to Bellefonte, but the family will remain at Spring Mills

—Two large blast furnaces at Hollidaysburg have closed down on account of the scarcity of coke caused by the recent strikes in the coal regions.

—A new type writer is announced that can be held on the knee, but it is not stated whether it is one of the blonde or brunette type.

—Messrs Harry Keller and Harry Quigley are hard at work on legal lore, preparing for admission to practice law in our courts. Success to you.

—Don't fail to attend Gen. Geo. A. Sheridan's lecture in the opera house, on Saturday evening. Proceeds for the benefit of the M. E. church.

—Mr. Jacob Comely, died suddenly at his home in Milesburg, on last Thursday morning. His age was 74 years, and was the oldest member of the M. E. church, of that place.

—When Bellefonte gets the extension of the Beech Creek road don't be surprised to see new car works, cutlery works, large glass plant and other industries locate here.

—Our merchants are very much opposed to seeing traveling salesmen come to Bellefonte and supply the ladies with dress goods. They think the Burgess should refuse to grant such licenses.

—Mr. Frank Basset, formerly connected with the Bellefonte furnace company as chemist, has accepted a similar position with an iron company in Philadelphia.

—Dr. J. W. Rhone, is slowly recovering from the effects of his severe fall some time ago. He occasionally rises from his bed, and is able to move about in his room by the use of crutches.

—When speaking of the successful candidate, we say: "He got there just the same." In Boston it is different, they say: "He attained his destination notwithstanding."

—Mr. Ellis L. Orvis and family, and sister Carrie, spent Sunday with their father, Hon. J. H. Orvis, at Pottsville, where he is retained as counsel in the famous Shepp-Core ejection case.

—Ex-Com. Henry Mingle, of Aaronsburg, is said to be in poor health of late, his present condition is not encouraging. He is the father of Mr. A. C. Mingle of this place.

—One thousand ministers and their wives will participate in the Methodist Conference to be held in Sunbury, this week. All the large hotels have agreed to take fifty each, and those taken care of by families throughout the town will reach fully seven hundred.

—One of the coldest spells of the year came last Saturday with a slight snow fall. Sunday some say that early in the morning the thermometer stood 15 degrees below zero. A great many water pipes were frozen up and plumbers were busy this week repairing.

—Mrs. Albright, widow of Samuel Albright, of Millheim; Mr. Henry Royer, a well known citizen of Potters Mills; Charles, the 16 year-old son of Howard Fetterolf, of Centre Hall, and Mrs. George Nearhood, also of Centre Hall, are recent Pennsylvanians.

—On Monday morning Mr. Samuel Gray, Jr., died at the home of his parents at Buffalo Run. His illness was due to consumption which finally caused his death. He was a young man about 19 years of age. He is a brother of Wm. Gray, Esq., of this place.

—Isaac Crotzer, a mail carrier at Lock Haven, was arrested last week by a postal detective, for opening letters that contained money. He was given a hearing at Williamsport where he confessed his guilt. He will be placed on the retired list, for a several years visit over the mountains.

—A tax payer of Bellefonte is anxious to know in what way Assistant Burgess Swoope accounts for the money that came into his hands in the shape of street license, fines, etc. He does not say that Mr. Swoope would pocket it, but he does not see it stated in the report. Mr. Swoope no doubt can explain.

FIFTY YEARS AGO.

EXTRACTS FROM "CENTRE DEMOCRAT" OF 1841.

Who Were Doing Business at That Time in Bellefonte—Other Interesting Paragraphs for Our Readers.

The other day our genial friend Mr. James Derr, who no doubt realizes that newspaper men are often "in a sweat" to find something interesting to give to their readers, brought us an old paper and said we might look over it and see if there was not something in it worth noting.

A paper fifty years old is nothing exceptional or even very remarkable, but at the same time there is much in such a paper to interest both the old and young of the community.

The paper handed us was the CENTRE DEMOCRAT published on March 27th, 1841, which on the 27th of this month will be fifty years old. The paper is Vol. 9, No. 24, and was founded then in the Summer of 1831. It was edited and published weekly by S. T. Shugert, still living at this place. Subscription price, \$2 in advance. Following the terms is a paragraph which explains the postal regulations of those times. It reads:

"Letters to the editor, to insure attention, must be post paid."

In those days the person receiving a letter usually paid the postage, instead of the writer.

On the head of the editorial column is this announcement: "Democratic candidate for Governor—GEN. D. R. PORTER," which shows that the Democracy, it fifty years ago, was one of the great political parties of the times, and still remains.

Down the editorial column an article begins thus:

"The Federalists seem to be quite elated over their nomination of Lawyer John Banks for Governor. \* \* \* They have opened the campaign and again commenced their work of scandal and defamation. The sewers are to be raked up to procure material to do the dirty work."

From the reading of that article politics has undergone little change since then.

History repeats itself, and the following paragraph taken from this paper could be inserted in our editorial columns this week and be appropriate for 1891:

President Harrison has (may call) called an extra session of congress, to meet in May. \* \* \* But what signifies this if the Federalists (Republicans) can succeed in establishing \* \* \* a high tariff and the distribution of the public funds among themselves."

On the local page the following local notices appeared for meetings in Bellefonte and Spring twp:

Temperance society in the Presbyterian church.

A meeting in the Court House to revive a military company, known as the "Bellefonte Grays."

Among the other notices appears this familiar appeal, which shows that human nature has not changed, and to-day the same old story is sung by many a publisher:

"Can our friends be prevailed upon to pay us the small amount due by them for subscription and advertising. Our stock of paper is nearly exhausted."

AMONG THE ADVERTISEMENTS. In glancing over the paper we find the following firms were doing business in this vicinity: Jas. Gilliland, general store; Wm. G. Williams, shoe store; Dr. J. Johnson, Vet. Surgeon; C. Striford, tombstones; H. Humes & Son, merchants; J. M. Hale, merchant; H. Brockerhoff, merchant.

James Logue, coach shop at Boalsburg.

Nicholas Hilbish, hardware, tinware, etc.

Hesser & Weidman, wholesale and retail dealers in copper, tin, iron, etc.

Dr. John Harris, druggist.

Clement Beckwith, general store.

William Ward, proprietor of the "Gen. Washington" hotel, north west corner of the diamond.

The Bellefonte Academy was then under the principalship of Jno. Livingston.

From the legal notices John Toner was then Clerk of Court, and John G. Lowrey, treasurer of Centre county.

The CENTRE DEMOCRAT in those days taught the soundest democracy and was edited by S. T. Shugert, whose record as a citizen of our community is so well known that it is unnecessary to add any comment.

Will Restrict License. Judge Furst said in court on Tuesday afternoon that the aim and object of the Brooks license was to restrict the number of licenses and place the sale in the hands of a few responsible and reliable men. That it was easier to control two or three licensed houses than a dozen. As a proof of its good results he pointed to the few violations of the law in this section and the better regulated bars.

He says the spirit and intent of the law was to make license a monopoly. From this disposition of the court the number of licenses in Centre county will never be increased under the present administration.

—Miss Jessie Saltzman now holds a position in Hastings & Reeder's law office as stenographer and typewriter.

Gone.

On Thursday evening 26th, inst., the shades of night brought nearly fifty cheerful and happy neighbors and relatives to the brick mansion of Mr. Swartz, near Pleasant Gap, to witness the marriage of his youngest daughter, Maggie. Miss Maggie S. was the only unmarried daughter of the house, whom Thursday evening's occasion gave in marriage to Mr. Robert E. Kline of Bellefonte. Mr. and Mrs. Swartz are now alone. The whole family is married. The occasion was one of the most pleasant and social of the season. Just at the hour, 8:00 P. M., every thing was in readiness, and as the symphony of the wedding march, admirable executed by Miss Annie Kline, greeted the listening ears of the waiting couples, the march began. Mr. Daniel M. Kline acted as groomsmen and Miss Alea Keller as bridesmaid; but a few minutes were required for Rev. Trostle, to say the words. Congratulations were then accepted after which the inviting and laden tables were surrounded.

The festive board was furnished with every thing palatable and nourishing from the luscious tropical fruits to the more substantial viands. To enhance the enjoyments of the evening the Zion band appeared, and were invited in. Several fine pieces of music were then rendered.

After the inner man of the members of the band was strengthened, music flowed freely from their well managed instruments.

The leader Mr. Gensel and the members of the band deserve praise for their ability in rendering good music.

The evening passed rapidly away and having viewed the many valuable and well selected presents in another room, the happy people withdrew leaving their good wishes with the newly married couple.

Had Some Fun with Him. Several days ago Andrew Weaver, Jr., husband of Fietta Weaver, who was recently pardoned from the western penitentiary, came out from his mountainous abode to Coburn, and related the story of Fietta's persecution of him since her return home. He said she slit his coat with a butcher knife which she endeavored to use upon his person as an argument during a heated discussion, and afterwards threatened to hew him down with a double bitted axe. He said he is having a hard time of it as he was not allowed in the house over night. No doubt Fietta received some pointers during her incarceration as to the breaking in of a husband and is putting them into practical use.—Reporter.

Joseph-Gutman. On Sunday February 22, the ceremony was performed that united Mr. Emil Joseph and Miss Bertha Gutman, of New York city, in the bonds of marriage. The marriage occurred at four o'clock in the afternoon. A sumptuous banquet was next served and at 8 p. m. a grand hop followed, after which the bride and groom departed on their wedding tour.

Signmond Joseph, Harry Holtz and Miss Joseph, all of this place attended the wedding. Mr. Emil Joseph and bride will return to Bellefonte this week and will occupy one of those handsome residences on Curtin street.

snow Worms. A puzzling phenomenon has been noticed frequently in some parts of Valley Bend District, Randolph county Va., this winter. The crust of the snow has been covered two or three times with worms, resembling the ordinary cutworms. Where they come from, unless they fall with the snow, is inexplicable. The snow is two feet deep and the crust is too strong for them to have come up out of the ground. A square foot of snow can scarcely be found some days without a dozen of these worms on it.

Large Funeral. The funeral services at the interment of Mrs. David Boozer, at Centre Hall, on last Saturday morning were so largely attended that many people could not gain entrance to the church. She was a woman who won friends wherever she went and was admired by all. Our sympathies are with the bereaved family in their affliction.

Going West. Our friend, A. Sternberg, is actually going to leave us. He will dispose of his household goods March 21, and soon after will pack up and strike for Seattle, where two of his sons are now located and engaged in business. Sternberg is most too old to grow up with the country but will leave that for his boys.

25 cent pieces Plenty. Last Saturday was pay day at the Nail Works and the pay roll of over \$1,300 was paid off in nothing but silver quarters. The result is that during the past few days there is nothing but quarters circulating among the business men.

At Old Point Comfort. The Philadelphia Times says: A. G. Curtin, accompanied by Mrs. Curtin, came down from Bellefonte Thursday and is at the Strafoyl. Ex-Gov. Curtin is in the enjoyment of excellent health and may extend his trip to Old Point Comfort until the spring opens.

They Don't Read the Papers.

The cashier of one of our banks had a melancholy interview one day recently with a Decatur township farmer and wife, who had signed a judgment note under the impression that it was an order for some agricultural implements. The swindle was perpetrated by a slick-tongued rascal who "done up" a number of other honest but gullible farmers in Decatur township, who are now cursing the day they ever learned to write, and making frantic but vain efforts to avoid paying the notes. The farmer's wife told the cashier, with tears in her eyes, that she and her "man" didn't want to sign the "order" but the "Feller jist talked an' talked, an' the first thing we knowed we had signed our names." The cashier, in pity for their forlorn condition, agreed to not "push" the note for awhile, until the granger could "dicker off the spotted heifer and the sorrel colt," and raise the wind to pay off the "darned shirt tail note."

Will the horny handed sons of toil never learn to look out for these scoundrels who go around wheedling them into signing judgment notes.

Boalsburg Happenings. One day this week Mr. James Holderman was severely hurt while at work in the Bear Meadows for Mick & Nogle, lumbermen. Mr. Holderman was chopping down trees for paper wood when a dead limb fell upon him and fractured his skull. At this writing it is feared that his injuries will prove fatal.

Mr. Geo. W. Williams, is still quite ill.

The Wieland-Rishel wedding in the Reformed church was largely attended on last Thursday night.

Boalsburg goes to the head of the list for holding the most successful musical conventions of the season. There was some dissatisfaction at first in regard to obtaining a church, but the Lutherans kindly gave the use of their building. Singers came from all directions until the class numbered over 160. The right party took the convention and with the direction of Prof. Meyer it could not fail but be a great success. The receipts amounted to \$176.25.

Comfort Sentenced. From Thursday's Middleburg Post: "Adam Comfort's trial for the shooting of John Snyder at Shamokin Dam, on Thursday night, January 15th, occupied the court from Monday evening to Tuesday evening of this week, when the jury retired and in about an hour returned with a verdict of guilty in manner and form as he stood indicted, viz: 1st, assault and battery with intent to kill; 2d, aggravated assault and battery; 3d, assault and battery; 4th, assault."

Yesterlay (Wednesday) afternoon, he was sentenced by Judge Bucher to three years in the Eastern Penitentiary at hard labor, \$300 fine, and costs of prosecution."

Young Ladies Club. Since the young gents of Bellefonte have taken to organizing clubs to afford them a place to meet and spend the evenings with their companions, a cry has been raised in another direction. Their lady friends feel that the boys are growing indifferent and selfish.

To keep even the girls, who feel slighted, have organized a social club too and wont let anyone come near their meetings unless that person wears petticoats.

These dear girls, these giddy young girls are getting desperate.

Branching out. Mr. Chas. P. Long, merchant, of Spring Mills, has opened a new store at State College, Pa. This establishment will be managed by Mr. J. F. Condo. It is Mr. Long's intention to keep his store at Spring Mills also and will devote his time between the two. Mr. Long is an enterprising young man and is meeting with great success.

Keller-Kline. This Thursday evening the marriage of Miss Alea, daughter of E. K. Keller, and Mr. Daniel M. Kline, will occur at the home of the brides parents near Axe Mann. A large number of invited guests and relatives will be present to join in the festivities of the occasion. Rev. Trostle, of Boalsburg will officiate.

Special Service. Next Sabbath evening all lovers of music should attend the Reformed church at this place. A song service will be given in place of the regular sermon. The singing will be accompanied by the Sunday school orchestra, under the direction of Prof. W. T. Meyer. A collection will be taken up for the benefit of the choir.

Sale of Household Goods. There will be sold at auction, on Saturday March 21. All household goods of the undersigned, consisting of bed room, dining room and parlor suits. Two double heaters, tables, chairs, dishes, etc. A. STERNBERG. 129 East High St.

A White Eagle Seen. The Phillipsburg Journal says residents of South Phillipsburg were excited on Sunday over the appearance of a large white eagle, which soared over that neighborhood for quite a while. It is said to have been as white as snow.

SWINDLER CAUGHT.

A PHILIPSBURGER BEAT OUT OF \$2,200.

Endorsed for a Friend and he Raised Him Ten—How Our County Detective Displayed His Great Usefulness.

Mr. Edward P. McCormick, of Phillipsburg, Pa., met a young man by the name of Lewis S. Baxter, about a year ago at Berwick. Baxter was selling buggies and by his genial ways won the friendship of Mr. McCormick. He later induced Mr. McCormick to endorse two notes for him so that he could buy buggies from a new firm in Cincinnati. He later arrived at Phillipsburg and sold a lot of buggies and upon the supposition that the former notes were settled Mr. McCormick agreed to again assist his friend by endorsing to the amount of \$700.

Mr. McCormick received a gentle surprise soon after from the buggy factories announcing that they had notes due to the amount of \$2,200 with Mr. McCormick as endorser. It turned out that Baxter never paid for any of the buggies and raised the \$700 note to \$1,700 by adding "teen."

Mr. McCormick sent to Bellefonte for the County Detective, Amos Mullen. The Phillipsburg Ledger says:

"Mr. Mullen chased the swindler around and was in the same town with him a couple of times, but Baxter was too cute for Captain Mullen and Mullen gave up the chase. Then Mr. McCormick went out and gave himself a couple of backhanded kicks in the rear and went to Capt. Thos. E. Clark and told him the story and asked the Captain if he thought he could find Baxter, and the Captain said he would if he was on earth, and McCormick said "go for him." The Captain had a long chase. He unearthed his man at Elmira and raced him around through New York State and down into Pennsylvania, and up into New York State again, and finally telegraphed McCormick to go to Philadelphia and go to Scott's Hotel, at 15th and Filbert and look, and behold you the first man McCormick saw was Mr. Baxter, and the next thing Baxter knew he was tapped on the shoulder by an officer and was under arrest. He had a hearing before Magistrate Clemens, who held him in \$3000 bail to await trial for forgery, and as he couldn't furnish bail he was locked up. Mr. McCormick feels very grateful to Capt. Clark for the way in which he bagged the forger, for he was a slippery one."

Spring Mills. David Burrell, James Kennelley, Daniel Kennelley, R. G. Kennelley, and W. B. Krape attended the encampment of the G. A. R., at Altoona last week.

Charles Cummings is spending a few weeks at the home of his wife. There are three of them now.

The "Burlesque" entertainment of the Golden Eagle was, considering the bad weather, a success. It will be repeated next Saturday evening. Those who never saw a candidate initiated into a secret society will then have an opportunity of seeing how rough and rugged the road is, which the goat and its rider must travel.

Robert Miller, of Centre Hall, has moved to Spring Mills to take care of his aged and invalid parents.

Mrs. Lillian Krise, teacher in Marion township, spent Washington's birthday with her parents.

C. P. Long has opened a store at State College. It will be operated by Jonathan Condo.

Emanuel Zeiger, who teaches close to that new lake, spent Sunday at the paternal mansion.

A number of the neighbors of David Burrell gave him a surprise on the occasion of his 53th birthday, which event took place last Friday. He received a handsome lot of presents. G.

Powdered Hair and Patches. It is now predicted that there will be a speedy return to powdered hair and patches. Many French women of fashion are now wearing the front hair rolled over a cushion and sprinkled with white powder. Powdered hair is always becoming to young faces, and doubtless our elegantes will realize this fact and lose no time in adopting this charming accessory to their toilets. With powder very naturally goes the jiny bits of black court plaster, which serve admirably to call attention to dimples, rosy cheeks or flashing eyes.

House Burned. Last Thursday morning a fire was discovered in a tenement house occupied by Frank Holt, at Curtins Works. It originated from a defective flue and gained such headway that only the household goods could be saved, and part of that was burned. There was no insurance on the building which was owned by the Curtin heirs. Mr. Holt's loss will be considerable as he is a poor man and has a family to support.

Speak Easies. Judge Furst remarked in court, on Tuesday, that he was told that as high as ten "Speak easies" existed in Bellefonte. He said that his informant claimed to belong to three of them and exhibited keys for the same. Some one must have been stuffing his Honor in great shape.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Issued During the Past Week—Taken From the Docket.

P. B. Hartman, Benner twp., and Miss Sarah E. Love, Lemont.

Edward C. Riley and Miss Emily M. Beck, both of Boalsburg.

Joseph R. Confer and Miss Carrie Ripka, both of Gregg twp.

Ira B. Bartley and Miss Lizzie Rauchau, both of —

Win. E. Boyer and Miss Carrie E. Struble, both of Spring twp.

Wm. Showers and Miss Ida Dorman, both of Nittany.

Daniel M. Kline and Miss Alea A. Keller, both of Spring twp.

Floods in the Past. An article in the Engineering News based on the report of Major Charles W. Raymond, United States engineer, gives some interesting figures on other great floods that devastated the valley of the West Branch. The water shed of this river is 6,900 square miles in extent extending from Sunbury to Clearfield. From Sunbury to the head of the river, 125 miles, the fall is 415 feet. Two great floods have occurred, of which the heights have been recorded as follows:

Table with 3 columns: LOCALITY, 1865, 1889. Rows include Northumberland, Muncy Dam, Williamsport, Lock Haven, Clearfield.

The flood of March 17, 1890, was caused by the rapid passing away of a large accumulation of snow and ice after a severe winter. The flood of June 1 and 2, 1889, was the result of unprecedented rainfall.

Of Interest to Farmers. At the last meeting of trustees of State College, at Harrisburg, a committee was appointed to advise with the director of State Agricultural experiment station as to the character of their work and the means of benefiting the community by that work. Senator Mylin, S. R. Dowling, J. A. Woodward and Joel A. Herr with President Atherton of State College are the committee. This committee will be glad at any time to receive suggestions from persons interested in this work. They will meet every two months, and held their first meeting at the State College last Monday.

Heavy Beef. The big Holstein steer, Jumbo, now being fattened by Jason Sexton, Mr. Singler's superintendent, at his farm in Gwynedd township, Montgomery county, has reached the weight of 3,333 pounds. He eats twenty quarts of corn meal daily. This brings to mind, says the Doylestown Democrat, that the largest specimen of the bovine species by Samuel Arkley in Pennsylvania and exhibited at the Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia.

Celebrated Scotch Choir from Glasgow. The next entertainment to be given by the ladies having the Star lecture course in charge will be in the court house on Friday evening of this week, when the celebrated Lambeth's Scotch Choir will make its appearance in Bellefonte. This is one of the finest choirs now traveling.

Bellefonte Grain Market. Corrected weekly by Geo. W. Jackson & Co.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Price. Rows include White wheat, Red wheat, Eye, per bushel, Corn, ears per bushel, etc.

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

Table with 2 columns: Item, Price. Rows include Apples, dried, per pound, seeded, Currants, dried, per pound, etc.

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 16—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.

THURSDAY, MARCH 17—Wm. A. Ishler, Sheriff, at his former 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, 10 head of young cattle, 7 milch cows, 2 brood sows, 3 shoats. Also a lot household goods.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17—At the residence of Daniel Lesh, 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 15—At the late residence of Conrad Singer dec'd, on Marsh creek, the following: 2 work horses, 1 colt, Holstein Bull, cow and heifer, 4 cows other farm implements.

TUESDAY, MARCH 19th—At the residence of Charles B. Beck, near Nittany Hall, a large lot of farm implements, 2 work horses, 2 colts, 2 milch cows, short Horn bull, etc.

FRIDAY, MARCH 21st—At the residence of Mrs. Elizabeth Getting, two miles west of Trexville, a large lot of stock and implements: 5 Horses, 4 Milch Cows, 4 Head of Young Cattle, Osborne Binder, Mower, Farquar Separator Wagons, Sleds, Harness, and Household Goods.