

## Local News, &amp;c.

All communications, business letters, &c., for this office, a prompt attention should be addressed as follows: THE POST, Middlebury, Snyder County, Pa. Advertisements, communications &c. must be handed in by Monday noon, to secure insertion in next issue.

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We hope all persons enjoyed themselves during Christmas, so much so that the time may never be forgotten. The year just closed will certainly be an important one in our country's history and its last days may be long.

The Pennsylvania Central Musical Association, comprising thirteen counties, will hold its Fourth Annual Musical Convention, in the Musical College, Freeburg, Snyder County, Pa., commencing on Monday, January 22, 1877, and to continue one week. The musical public and others are cordially invited to attend.

Many people using a lead pencil in writing have a habit of putting the point in their mouths after writing a few words, under the impression, perhaps, that it makes the writing look plainer and blacker. It is well to suggest to such persons that every time they touch the pencil to their tongues they seriously endanger their health. Cases have occurred where the system has been so badly poisoned that paralysis and death have resulted from this practice.

Thursday, Dec. 21st was the shortest day of last year. Since that date they will lengthen until June 21, when they will begin to decrease again. The actual length of the above mentioned days, from the time the sun rises until it sets, is 8 hours and 57 minutes, both days being alike in length. The day's length increases slowly, as the sun comes in view on January 21 but one minute earlier and sinks beneath our sight 34 minutes later, making the difference only 35 minutes for a month. The length of the longest day is exactly 13 hours. Four days in June are of the same length to the very minute.

**The Goose Bone.**—The goose bone has been consulted, and we are to have some cold weather, which will continue to grow colder as January advances. The month of January will be a cold one throughout, with some very severe weather during the last part of the month. On about the last of January we will have the coldest weather experienced for a number of years. February will be more pleasant and spring like, betokening an early return of the flowers. During the last of the month, however, there will be a few cold days, but no severe weather. Such is the prediction of the goose bone, but there is no law to compel you to believe in it.

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