The Centre Reporter, Millheim, Pa.

The Reporter.

.W. FOOTE, Editor and Publisher.

Millheim, Friday, Mar. 12.

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"Flitting" has commenced. Don't make your garden just yet.

The snow is disappearing very

Wine improves with age but kisses

slowly. The "Ground-Hog's" six weeks

expire next Tuesday. Subscribers who change their residence should notify us.

Lock Haven has a cat that weighs

ten pounds and one ounce. Now is the time to plant advertisements for the spring trade.

Col. W. W. Brown. will repeat his lecture on the 17th inst.

The Citizen Hose Company, of Lock Haven, has disbanded.

"Do you think we'll have a flood?" is the current question on our street.

An incendiary fire at Muney, Pa., last week destroyed \$15,000 worth of

quite rapidly.

The ice is moving out of Pine and Penns Creeks without doing any serious damage.

Congress did the best thing on Thursday last that was done during the whole session. It adjourned sine

published and edited by Edward T. Tuten.

Hon, W. K. Alexander spent Saturday and Sunday at home and left for Harrisburg early on Monday

An engle's nest was discovered in a felled tree near Osceola, which contained among other things a twenty-dollar greenback.

and was sworn and took his seat inthe U.S. Senate on the 5th.

"blossom" and bear "fruit."

The Local Option bill, repealing the act of 1872, has passed both Senate and House. Hon. W. K.

All the axes and buck-saws found lu the ruins or Pompeii are of light make, as if constructed for woman's little business.

day) will be the 10th anniversary of 417 pounds. Now, if our arithmetic more than act the hog, tramping bread the great flood. A great many peo-

about it though, whether we have lacking 1-7 of an ounce, of meat, for another freshet or not. daughters's lover rather forelbly, and less than (7 seven per cent. This is

battery. Thus far she has been unabundantly verified. With the above successful. Ream, at Penn Hall, on Tuesday, bred the best pig ever raised in Pennsamuel Long, Miles township on Wednesday, J. J. Ocker, Miles township on Thursday, Jacob Genhart ship on Thursday, Jacob Gephart,
Milheim, on Friday, Daniel Pealer,
Snydertown, and Wm Alter, Millheim, on Saturday.

Comes forward and shows better figures. Now let us her a squeal from
other scientific pork growers.—Bellefonte Republican.

last Friday. At an election for managers for the notice of J. P. Gephart, Esq, in

the Bellefonte Aaronsburg and our advertising columns. Youngmanstown Turnpike Company, held at Spring Mills on the 9th of March. Jacob Bitner, George Korman, Jacob Bower, Jr., D.O. Bower, his family on Tuesday last. R. V. Glover, were elected to serve during ensuing year.

Hon. Fred Kurtz, of the Centre

Hall Reporter, called at our office

Newly-elected Justices of the Peac should bear in mind that unless they We have no further particulars. notify the Prothonotary within thire ty days after the election of their ntention to act, their names will not be forwarded to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, and consequently no commission will be issued.

Aaronsburg boys had a good time serenading a newly married party at the residence of Mrs. Wise, in the above named place. They beat the drum and made music on the porch with sticks, but the old lady made she used the stove wood upon them.

charged him too much. We printed fifty date slips, pasted them on his posters and had them put up; we charged him one dollar and fifty cents, the last four weeks. Twenty-two which we consider very reasonable.

Prof. C. H. Stoes, Leader of Stoes' Never joke with setting hen. She Cornet Band, of Danville, has been is in 'er nest, and has no time for engaged by the Brush Valley Cornet Band and is now on his way to fulfil The warm South wind and the the engagement. Prof. Stoes has the sun are winding up the sleighing reputation of being a first-class Band Success to Band and Teacher.

At the meeting of the Building & cent. Promium. One hundred and Robert P. Tuten has retired from twenty dollars at three months, the Republican and that paper is now brought at the rate of 22 per cent. per annum, twenty-five dollars at Directors before April 12th.

Between 8 and 9 o'clock, on last Saturday evening, a pane of glass was broken in the show window of A. E. Bower's Jewelry Store, in Lew-Senator Wallace resigned his seat isburg, and a Lady's gold hunting in the State Senate on the 3d inst., case watch stolen. On the same evening a lot of clothing and jewelry were stolen from the store of Koch We would like to know who pur- & Strouse. The goods were found chased the "bud-chains." We are at the residence of Sebastian Searles. inxious to know whether they will who was arrested and lodged in jail, and Wm. Ritchie was arrested as an be a regular change among the accomplice. The watch was found inhabitants of Greenbrier. at Ritchie's boarding house.

Tom Rote and Sumner Musser had Alexander, we are proud to say, voted a nice little upset in the snow a few | Money makes the mare go. days ago, just opposite J. H. Musser's barn. Sumner falling his full length and making a perfect man in the snow. They had hardly got fixed slingers of the BERICHTER. when along came Phil Mersinger, We saw a couple of men at Lariuser Those old ancients knew their "on a swell," and over he went, big mer's sale, that had too much brain, and fat as he is. However, he was or it was rye. It was one or 'tother. Messrs. Samuel Sivels and J. F. not so fortunate as the first party, his Chambers have purchased the prop- line broke and his horse left him in erty occupied by the former, from the snow, sitting on his knees, a po-Mr. John Stoner. They intend to sition Phil is seldom found in. The

the friends. What a pity.

The road between Penns Creek
Mills and Mr, Ebert's, was blockaried
and stangthered on his farmin Howbear appointed some of its
bear friends. What a pity.

The road between berns located the other week. Supervisor
and township, the best pig in the
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A woman in Union county celetraining the search of the state of the s is correct, he furnished 1 tb., 3 6-7 ple in this vicinity can remember all ounces—or in other words—11 tbs, Shame on you, ragamuffins. each and every day of his existence; One of our citizens ejected his while he lost in killing and cleaing, as the lover declines to prosecute, a result so remarkable that its veracthe daughter is trying to bring suit ity might be questioned by some, but against her father for assault and the facts as above stated can be showing, we believe that Mr. Wood-Public sales next week-Michael ward is justified in claim ng to have

Another foot of snow last Sunday. All who have not paid up their. Railroad Stock, will be interested in

Rev. J. G. Shoemaker, has accepted a call from the Aaronsburg Charge, Reformed Church, and arrived with

At the Election of the Turnpike Company, on Tuesday, we learn that the Coburn wing was again victorious.

Mr. C. H. Hassenplug, Union County's popular and good looking Prothonotary, spent portions of Wednesday and Thursday in our

Rev. J. G. Shoemaker, the new Pastor of the Aaronsburg Reformed
Charge, will preach at St. Paul's
Church, next Sunday at 10 a. m. and
Church, next Sunday at 10 a. m. and Church, next Sunday at 10 a. m. and at Aaronsburg at 2 p m.

We were shown, a few days since, 20—Household Goods, &c., Daniel four wheel Castor, for Sewing Pealer, near Snydertown. some of them sing a lively air when a four wheel Castor, for Sewing Machines, the neatest and best in 25-D. Weidensaul, Executor of the the market Mr. Philip Mersinger, Mr. J. F. Shauer, the traveling has the Agency for it, and is now in Phrenologist who failed to "come to town. It can be attached to any time," last Monday evening, says we machine and every machine should

Rev. H. C. Galbraith has been holdalso gave him a local notice of four- ing a Protracted Meeting in the M. teen lines, in german and english, and E. Church, at Spring Mills, during persons have united with the Church and many more have been converted, principally heads of families. Owing to the serious illness of his wife, Rev.

Leckie has not been able to assist at the meetin .

MOTICE is hereby given by the undersignd that he is ordered by the President of the L., C. & S. C. E. R. to issue summons on all stock in his hands for collection which remains unpaid, and Executions on all judgments on his docket entered against subscribers for unpaid stock, within ten days.

J. P. GIFTHART,

March 12, 1872-22. Justice of the Peace. persons have united with the Church

reputation of being a first-class Band Rev. J. W. Leckie delivered his H. KISTER, Teacher, and under his instruction farewell discourse, in the M. E. Rev. J. W. Leckie delivered 'is we have no doubt our Brush Valley | Church, at this place, on last Sunday friends will make excellent progress. evening. He has been on the Circuit for three years, and at the coming session of Conference he will be Loon Association, last Monday assigned to a new field of labor. evening, one share of Permanent During his three years Bro. Leckie Loan was sold-it brought 24 per has labored faithfully and successfully in the master's Vinyard, and his labors have been crowned with abundant success. He leaves the Circuit in a very prosperous condition, thirty days brought at the rate of 39 many have been added to the Church per cent. per annum. The first series in the last three years, and we trust that wherever the Conference may will probably close at the next meeting, and those wishing to subscribe should call on one of the officers or church stand by him, and aid and encourage him with their prayers. encourage him with their prayers, and the Master will do the work.

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The maple sugar season will soon

Settled again—the bridges that were raised by the ice.

About the first of April there wil

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What has become of Jack Plane, Cosmos, Argus and all the other

It snowed bad enough on last Sunday to scare a body enough not

to say snow any more for this winter

and other victuals under foot.

MARRIED.

STOVER—WILSON.—On the 6th ult., by Rev. Sloa., J. C. Stover, of Penn township, and Miss Jennie Wilson, of Roland, Pa. ARMAGAST—OBERDORF.—In the M. E. Church, at Midilliaburg, on the evening of the 9th inst., by Rev M. P. Crosthwaite, W. A. Armagas, of Rellefonte, and Miss Jennie C. Oberdorf, of Midliaburg.

EHRHARD—HIETER.—At the residence of the bride's porents, on the 4th inst., by the same, F. P. Ehrhard, formerly, of Brush Vailey, and M iss Ella Hieter, both of Mif-dinburg.

Accept our best wishes for your future happiness, FRANK and ELLA, and may your pathway through life be strewn with as much joy and as little sorrow as can possibly fall Americans are a Nation of Dyspeptics. We live fast, disripate and fill early graves. We drink all kinds of alcoholic spirits, and swallow; without mastication, pork, grease, and every kind of iife-destroying, system-clogging indigestible food. Dr. Waiker's Vegetable Vinegar Bitters will remove the evil effects, and the recovered patient, with pure, vitalived electrical blood flowing through his veins, will have a clearer lead and a cooler judgment, which anded to experience, will cause him to abstain in the future.

Public Sale Register.

The following sales are advertised in to day's paper or by posters printed at this office:

MARCH.

16-Farm Stock, Utensils, &c., Mi-chael Ream, Sr., Penn Hall. 17.-Farm Stock, Household Goods, &c., Samuel Long, Miles Twp., 1 mile West of Rebersbuag.

8.-Farm Stock, utensils, &c., John Ocker, Miles Twp., 2 miles West

20—Personal Property, Wm. Alter, Millheim.

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