

Personal Notes.

Mrs. J. H. Ross is home on a visit. M. E. Lessor's house is nearly finished. A hawk comes every day at two o'clock on a visit to Louis Brendel's chickens. Ab. Malin is building a new barn on his farm. Jim. McCauley drives into town with a flourish. C. V. Gillis, wife and baby were in town last week. Ezra Dickinson and wife are making quite a visit. W. S. Service shipped a large pile of paper rags on Tuesday. Our old friend Charley Burns was in town first of the week. Jas. Maginnis is building a new fence with stone foundation and iron posts. Mrs. J. D. Fullerton has charge of the singing in the Episcopal Sunday-school. Capt. John Ernhot and Mr. John Murphy, of Wilcox, were in town yesterday. John Fannin, Jr., has quit Dan. Scribner, and gone to drive team in the woods. Now we will have a borough. Dr. Hartley is circulating a petition for that purpose. He bought a ring for \$25, but she went back on him all the same, and kept the ring. Mrs. Editor of the Advocate has taken her annual pilgrimage to the home of her youth. Lieut. C. H. Rhines seems very happy with his new baby. He'd rather it had been a boy. Tom. Moor's pump works all right now. The having out of a valve was the cause of failure before. A. E. Goff, Jeremiah Elliott, P. W. Hays, Dr. Strassley, and Philip Wilhelm in town this week. M. T. French and J. W. Taylor are busy putting up a fence across the front of the McNulty lot, now owned by Horace Little. It won't do for "Ridgway Wanderer" to be caught near Bowers' place after ten o'clock, unless he wants to sleep in the cellar the rest of the night. Otis Keltz and Libbie's Luther picked twenty-eight quarts of blackberries apiece on Tuesday, from eight o'clock until six, and walked about five miles. At a recent meeting of the officers of the M. E. Church, a resolution was passed that a festival would be given, during court week in September, for the benefit of Rev. H. V. Talbot. Isaac Coleman, aged about 84 years. Who lives near Brandy Camp, drove a horse and buggy to this village and back on Thursday last. Mr. Coleman is father-in-law of James Penfield, was one of the first settlers in this county, and also a soldier of the war of 1812.

Birth.

On Saturday, Aug. 10, '78, to Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Rhines, of this place, a daughter.

Notes.

A good time now to pull up weeds. The potato crop promises to be a right one this fall. Note heads very cheap at this office. Call and see the stock. Potatoes are selling here from eighty cents to a dollar a bushel. Teachers examination in Ridgway Saturday, 24th inst., 9 A. M. A number of our citizens attended the church dedication at Kane on Saturday last. Another batch of new subscribers received at this office. We still have room for more. The bank of Nevada has sold 1,200,000 ounces of fine silver to the Government. Visiting cards as low as 25 cents, post paid, at this office. Our new Spencerian script is the "boss." Company H talks of going to Lakeview, Chautauque lake, on Aug. 26th, to go into camp for ten days. A Victoria dispatch says the Chinese bill has passed, taxing Chinamen forty dollars each per annum. Preparations are being made to transport \$7,000,000 from San Francisco to New York as third-class mail matter. Blackberries are selling in this market as low as three cents. About five cents seems to be the prevailing price. The number of voters registered in Ridgway township is 352. See that your name is on the list at least two months before the election. The moon's partial eclipse was plainly discernible at this place on Monday evening. Some people thought the moon was obscured by a cloud. Lost.—On last Saturday evening, between J. H. Hagerty's and Judge Dickinson's a Garnet Pin. Any one leaving the same at the Postoffice will be liberally rewarded. Samples, a new, full and extensive line, at McCauley's. Call early and pick out your full suit. Suits furnished at low prices, and fit guaranteed. One hundred and fifty samples to select from. There is some talk of operating the coal mines near Wilmarth. A Boston company have the matter in hand, and have been prospecting for several days past. This company is composed of part of the old Shawmut company.

Pennsylvania & Erie Railway.

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This Company was formed by the consolidation of the Buffalo, Bradford and Pittsburgh R. R. with the Pittsburgh, Buffalo and Rochester R. R. and the Brandy Camp R. R., and the agreement of consolidation was filed July 30th, 1875.

The officers of the company, elected last spring, for the ensuing year, are as follows:

President—Col. H. W. Stebbins. Secretary—C. H. Dewing. Treasurer—A. McKinney. Construction Committee—Col. E. S. Bowen, Hon. C. R. Earley, \*Leverett Saltontall.

Directors—L. Saltontall, E. S. Bowen, E. M. Clymer, A. R. Macdonough, C. R. Earley, A. McKinney.

The Buffalo, Bradford and Pittsburgh R. R., chartered in 1850 was finished in 1866 from Carrollton on the Erie Railway to Gilesville in McKean county, Pennsylvania, a distance of 26 1/2 miles—gauge of road six feet; weight of rail from Carrollton to Bradford 45 lbs., from Bradford to Gilesville 62 lbs. The Company also graded a branch to the west of their main line some six or eight miles in length, but never laid the track upon it. The total cost of the road is reported as being \$2,866,000 which amount seems to include the cost of some equipment, the cost of certain lands, interest on bonds and \$1,000,000 capital stock. In January 1869 the road was leased to the Erie Railway Company for a term of 499 years at an annual rental of \$40,000, the lessees guaranteeing the interest on the bonded debt of \$583,000 bearing seven per cent. interest and maturing Jan. 1, 1894.

The Elk and McKean R. R. Co., afterwards known as the Pittsburgh, Buffalo and Rochester R. R. was chartered in 1871 when Jno. G. Hall, Esq., was our Representative, and has expended a large amount of money in making surveys of the different routes. The Brandy Camp R. R. Co. was chartered in 1872 through the instrumentality of our present Representative Dr. C. R. Earley, and is an important factor in the consolidated company.

The Buffalo, Bradford & Pittsburgh R. R. was built for the express purpose of reaching the bituminous coal fields at the nearest point. Daniel Kingsbury, well known as the owner of a large body of land in this county, also owned a great deal of land in McKean county; he was one of the directors of the road and assisted largely in its construction. But the hopes of the promoters of the enterprise were not realized owing to the meager and precarious supply of coal found in McKean county; and, as early as 1869 steps were taken toward extending the road into the fourth coal basin. With this object in view a line was run and the ground was thoroughly examined to the summit, near St. Mary's, but nothing further was done by this company until after this consolidation above referred to. The route ultimately decided upon, passing through Wilcox and Ridgway, leaving that part of the road already built, and running down Three-mile Run, crosses the Kinzua, and then follows the ridge in a southeasterly direction around the heads of Marvin Creek to the headwaters of the West Clarion. After entering Elk county the line passes through the following townships: In Jones township, Nos. 2373, 3143, 3140, 3117, (Wilcox), 3111, 3044, 3257. In Ridgway Township, 3269, 3285, (Wilmarth), 4850, 4851, 4852, 4890, 4859, 4863, 4858, (Ridgway), 4867, 4869, W. D. Kennedy, Wm. Kennedy, 4276, 4285, 4284. In Spring Creek Township, 5795, 5794, 2971, 2968. In Snyder Township, Jefferson county, 2963, 2918, 5894, 5735, 5885, 5926, 139, (Brookville), 31, 35, 329, 4397, 4398, 4399, 151, 70, 170, 1534. In Horton Township, Elk county, 4242, 4272, 4400, 364, 555, 206, 4396. In Fox Township, 4244, 4245, 4092, 4091, 4088, 4094, 4086. Also, two warrants in Clearfield county, besides some small unnumbered warrants in Jefferson and Elk counties. But the extent of country tributary to this road is not limited to the warrants through which it runs, and would be more nearly arrived at by taking the entire townships through or near which it passes. Elk county was organized April 18, 1843, from parts of Jefferson, Clearfield and McKean counties. The population in 1850 was 8,531, in 1860 it was 9,915, in 1870 it was 8,488. At the same rate of increase we should now number 10673; and in 1880 the population should be about 11,237. The total number of taxables in the county as ascertained from an examination of tax lists is 2,700. The total area of the county is as follows:

Assessed as unseated, 405,804 acres. " " seated, 112,563 " Total unseated & seated 518,367 "

The total number of taxables in the six townships which are most interested in the construction of the road, and which would contribute directly and most largely in its support, is 2332, or more than 86 per cent. of the whole county, and the area of these six townships is as follows:

Table with columns: TOWNSHIPS, Unse'd, Seated, Total. Rows: Benzinger, Fox, Horton, Jones, Ridgway, Spring Ck.

Or, more than 63 per cent. of the entire county. All the lands in these six townships, assessed as unseated, are heavily timbered, except a small amount of "barrens" and some land which has been cut over for bark, so that the amount of unseated timbered lands would fall

short of 248,712 acres; but a large portion of the land assessed as seated is covered with timber, so that we are safe at putting the total amount of timbered lands in these townships at 250,000 acres. The best hemlock lands will cut from 15 to 18 cords of bark per acre, while the hard wood lands will average from 5 to 10 cords. If we assume the average of both to be 10 cords per acre, we have a total production of 2,500,000 cords. Putting 20 cars in a train, it would require 10,000 trains to haul this bark to the tanneries. The annual consumption of bark at the three principal tanneries in Elk county is as follows:

Wilcox Tannery, Wilcox, 20,000 cords. Osterhout's " Ridgway, 12,000 " Grant & Horton " " 8,000 " or, in all, 40,000 cords. Each cord of bark will tan 10 sides, weighing on an average 20 lbs each. These three tanneries, therefore, have a capacity for manufacturing annually 4,000 tons of leather; and the above six townships have bark enough to keep them going at that rate of consumption for about 62 years. (The fact is thus inadvertently developed that it is necessary for these tanneries to raise families of boys instead of girls.)

It is the experience of parties engaged in the bark business, that for each cord of bark there is also obtained on an average 1200 feet of hemlock logs, suitable for sawing into bill stuff, boards, plank, &c. The amount, therefore, of hemlock logs in these six townships is 3,000,000,000 feet. To haul which would require 31,000 trains, of 20 cars each. The different mills along the line of this road, and their sawing capacity, are as follows:

Wilcox Co.'s Mill, 12,000,000 feet. Wilmarth " 5,000,000 " Whitestown " 5,000,000 " Eagle Valley " 2,000,000 " Hyde's " 1,000,000 " Dickinson Bros. " 3,000,000 " Laurel " 5,000,000 " Elk Creek " 2,000,000 " Daguscaionda " 5,000,000 " Kaul's " 5,000,000 " Mill Creek " 2,000,000 " Portland " 5,000,000 " Blue Rock " 3,000,000 " Galusha's " 2,000,000 " Alexander's " 3,000,000 " Lane's " 3,000,000 " DuBois " 14,000,000 " Keystone " 5,000,000 " Firm's " 500,000 " Mead's Run " 2,000,000 " Short & Horton's " 3,000,000 " Brandy Camp " 2,000,000 " Kersey " 500,000 "

Total capacity 90,000,000 "

Showing that these mills can be run for 32 years on the hemlock alone of these six townships, to say nothing of the immense quantity of pine, poplar, cypress, cherry, ash, maple and other valuable timber. It will also be observed that we have not included those portions of McKean, Jefferson and Clearfield counties which are contiguous to the road, in our computation, which should, perhaps, be doubled in order to show the entire amount of that sort of business along the line of the road.

Curiosity Box.

RIDGWAY, Aug. 13, '78. The bridge is receiving a coat of paint.

The printers, shoemakers, harness-makers and tailors are on a strike for want of beer.

P. T. Bunkum, our Water Commission, and clerk of the weather, has been superintending the rocky construction of the south side of the new Elk creek bridge, which, in our opinion, is about ten feet too wide.

We are informed that our worthy postmaster has been dubbed Deacon of the First M. E. Church of this place. We congratulate Bros. Gresham and Olmstead, and think the Deacon will fill the exalted position with pleasure to himself and satisfaction to the congregation, of which he forms a part.

H. M. P. & G. G. M. are the happiest men in town after the few hours of labor of each day is over. Their business cares, of course, must weigh heavily upon their brains during the hours of labor allotted to them to transact it. After that comes the recreation and tranquility of mind which men of mighty caliber require in order to recruit their lost energy. But the former of these two gentlemen was not quite as happy as he might have been, as when he was talking about the preaching in general of a certain Minister in one of our business places the other day. It just happened that the Minister, of whom he was talking, was just passing during the heated conversation, and heard the topic of discussion. Immediately a stampede of the parties was made to the rear of the store, when one of the individuals, called to mind the old saying, "that the Devil is always near when talking about him," but, on the preacher hearing it, he wished the gentleman who made the assertion to put it in a much milder term, and say, "you speak of angels, and you hear the rustling of wings."

RIDGWAY WANDERER.

On Friday last Raymond, son of J. M. Reed, of Clarion township, met with an accident that may prove fatal. In the act of jumping from a haymow he fell on a hay fork, which was standing with the tines up. The tines entered his stomach. One of them was crooked, and came out just below the breast bone; the others extending several inches into his stomach. His brother was standing near at the time, and had some difficulty in extracting the fork. At last accounts the young man was in a critical condition.—Clarion Republican.

The lady school teachers of Titusville are in demand. A dozen have been married in two years.

TWO DAYS AT KANE.

On the Summit of the Allegheny Mountains.

TWO THOUSAND FEET ABOVE THE LEVEL OF THE SEA—DESCRIPTION OF THE PLACE—GENERAL KANE AND THE THOMSON HOUSE—SWEDISH SETTLEMENTS.

[Cor. Williamsport Gazette & Bulletin.]

Kane, McKean county, Aug. 6.—Where is Kane? It is on the summit of the Allegheny mountains, in McKean county, 153 miles west of Williamsport, and 95 east of Erie. The point where it is located is the highest touched by the Philadelphia and Erie railroad in its passage over the Appalachian chain. It derives its name from General Thomas L. Kane, brother of the celebrated Arctic explorer, Dr. Elisha Kent Kane, who came here as early as 1855 to look after the immense landed interests of his father. At that time this entire section was a wilderness—a terra incognita, and known as the wild district. It was only frequented by hunters, on account of the abundance of game, but to the outside world it was scarcely known. When the Philadelphia and Erie railroad was completed the place soon became noted for the extreme purity and salubrity of the atmosphere. According to the early surveys of the locating engineers it was found to be 2,006 feet above the level of the sea, but later calculations place it at 1,621 feet. The ascent over the mountain is made by steep grades, requiring two locomotives for all heavy freight trains.

PECULIARITY OF THE SUMMIT. This region is locally termed the Big Level, a name which originated with the early hunters and explorers, as it is a broad spread of gently undulating country, measured by an extent from northeast to southwest of fifty or sixty miles, and an average breadth of from four to eight miles. Remarkable as it may seem it possesses a fertile soil, which is shown by the enormous size the timber has attained, and by the crops produced by the farms which have been literally carved out of the wilderness. On the western slope of this great mountain plateau all the waters fall into the Allegheny river, and are carried to the Gulf of Mexico, whilst on the eastern declivity they are received by the Susquehanna and borne to the Chesapeake Bay. Here the primeval forests may be seen in all their glory. The timber consists principally of hard wood, such as beech, cherry and a light sprinkling of chestnut, with abundance of hemlock, which grows to enormous size. The cypress tree flourishes here and reaches a great size. There is very little pine, but considerable white wood. The hemlock yields immense quantities of bark for tanning purposes, but as it is only bringing \$3.50 per cord at the present time, as little as possible is stripped from the trees. In collecting this bark there is necessarily a great destruction of timber, as the finest trees in the forest are felled, and when the bark is removed, the trunks are left to rot upon the ground. Saw mills at various points have been erected, but they fail to consume more than a titling of the logs that are produced.

MOUNTAIN CITY. When the Philadelphia and Erie railroad was first opened it was intended to erect large machine shops, and found a large city at this point, and for a time great expectations were entertained. Here the western division, which commenced at Erie, ends, and here the middle, or mountain division, which ends at Renovo, commences. The former is 95 miles in length, and the latter 100. Owing to the steep grades on both sides of the mountain, it is the most expensive of the three great divisions into which the road is divided. It was found necessary, however, to erect a round house at this point for the locomotives to be kept here, together with a machine shop for light repairs. In course of time a village grew up, which now numbers about 700 inhabitants. It has a post-office, school houses, three small hotels, a Catholic, Methodist, Lutheran and Presbyterian churches. The location is a beautiful one, and the town will undoubtedly attain a respectable size in a few years. Already the impetus given to trade by the development of the Bradford oil field, about twenty miles north, is beginning to be felt here. Within a few weeks an oil well has been put down at a point in the Kinzua valley, about eight miles north, which is now flowing at the rate of ten barrels per day. It is also intimated that other test wells will soon be sunk at a short distance from the village, and if they should prove successful the town will suddenly become a busy and thrifty place.

THE THOMSON HOUSE. The chief attraction at Kane is the large hotel erected several years ago by the McKean Land and Improvement Company, but now owned by General Kane, and called the Thomson House, in honor of J. Edgar Thomson, the late President of the Pennsylvania railroad company. It is a frame structure, four stories high, with Mansard roof, presenting a front of 164 feet by a depth of 122 feet. Standing as it does upon a gentle declivity, surrounded by a neatly sodded enclosure of about ten acres, with trees, evergreens and parterres of flowers, it presents an inviting and commanding appearance to the tourist and pleasure seeker. One peculiarity of the building is that it is constructed entirely of native woods. All the doors, window frames and heavy partitions are solid cherry, whilst the broad stairways are of ash and the floors are laid in cucumber wood. A broad piazza sweeps around two sides of the building, which is

inviting. The parlor is very large and handsomely furnished, whilst the dining room is of ample dimensions. As springs of pure, living water abound but a few hundred yards distant, a steam engine has been placed at one of them, and water is forced up to a reservoir in the building, which supplies the house. Every provision has been made for the comfort of the guests. The house is supplied with two fire escapes; there is a well-arranged bowling alley in the grounds, and the billiard room in the house. Mr. C. E. Kemp, a gentleman of large experience in the hotel business, is conducting the house—this being his second year. The hotel will accommodate about two hundred guests comfortably, but since then the fame of the place as a delightful summer resort has spread over the land. Mr. Kemp finds himself cramped for room. Several times this season the applications have exceeded the limits of the house, and at the present time it is comfortably filled. An addition to the building is already demanded. Its original cost was about \$80,000, and with an expenditure of \$20,000 more, it could be made one of the most charming of all our mountain resorts. The rarified atmosphere has a peculiarly invigorating effect upon those who breathe it, imparting elasticity to the body and mind, and promoting the recuperation of lost health.

SOME OF THE ATTRACTIONS. This wild region is not without its attractions aside from the primitive forest. Excellent roads have been constructed to Smethport, the county seat, and Ridgway, in the adjoining county of Elk. The drive to Smethport, twenty-five miles, is described as particularly fine, and so level that a team can trot nearly all the way. About four miles from the hotel is an abandoned oil well, which is quite a natural curiosity. It was sunk to a depth of 2,000 feet, when it was abandoned on account of not finding oil. When the casing was removed the water rushed in, and at intervals of about ten minutes it is ejected by the gas, and thrown to a height of one hundred feet in a solid stream, when it falls like the spray of a fountain. This phenomenon, which is accompanied by a roaring sound, continues for four or five minutes, when it subsides, and then after resting for ten minutes, resumes its spouting again. Near Wilcox, nine miles distant, is a gas well, which is quite a curiosity. There is also one at Sheffield, not far away, which is of sufficient capacity to light the whole town. But the principal attractions are trout fishing and hunting in season. All the streams are filled with trout, and parties come a long distance for the sport of angling for them. In the autumn many hunting parties repair here to search for deer, which abound in the woods. It is remarkable that no savage beasts are found in these wilds, and rattlesnakes and venomous insects are unknown. The only pest of the woods is a little gnat called a "pungy," but it will disappear in course of time.

THE SCANDINAVIANS. General Kane has taken particular pains to induce hasty Swedes to settle here and clear up farms. At present there is a large settlement of them, and it is a source of surprise to notice their success in clearing and cultivating the land. As observed before, the soil is good on this table land, and produces well. Potatoes grow finely, all kinds of vegetables thrive; oats, rye and grass grow well, but the climate is not adapted to the production of corn and wheat on account of the frosts, which appear both late and early at this altitude. The country seems particularly adapted to grazing purposes, as grass grows well, and the raising of stock and dairying may soon become profitable. General Kane has made it a point to admit no Swedes but those who can bring recommendations from their pastors as to sobriety and industry. The results are an excellent class of settlers. Wild land is worth from \$10 to \$15 per acre, and improved land is quoted at from \$25 to \$50. As an inducement to settlers, the payments are made easy. These Swedes are, as a general thing, religious, their denomination being Lutheran. In the settlement they have school houses, and a handsome frame church, where they worship, and another is talked of.

GENERAL KANE'S RESIDENCE. Half a mile from the hotel, on a knoll nearly 2,100 feet above the sea level, is the handsome cottage of General Kane, a glimpse of which can be caught through an opening in the timber by passengers from the car windows as the train sweeps across the curve in the road. It is furnished in luxurious style, and there, with his estimable lady and interesting family, he dispenses his princely hospitality to all visitors. For thirteen years or more they have spent the summer at this charming place. The great ideal conception of the general has been the founding of a magnificent park of eight hundred acres at this point, which shall be preserved as nearly as possible in its primitive condition, for the resort of pleasure seekers during the hot months of summer. The hotel stands in this park. At present the thermometer ranges at 60 degrees at six in the morning, 72 at noon, and rarely passes beyond 75 degrees at three o'clock in the afternoon, usually the hottest part of the day. From the roof of the hotel is an outlook from which a fine view of the great forests are obtained, and in the evening of a clear day, when the sun sinks to rest in a sea of gold, the scene is one of indescribable grandeur. There is little doubt but the fondest dreams of the general will be realized, and that this place will become, ere many years roll away, one of the most popular resorts in the State. The purity of the air alone is sufficient to establish its superiority over nearly every other place in the mountains.

HANDSOME CHURCH.

Standing within a few yards of the hotel is a neat little church, constructed of light pink sandstone, with white sandstone trimmings, which blend handsomely. It is in the Gothic style of architecture, with innumerable angles, richly stained glass windows, and a high vaulted ceiling inside. It is surmounted with a graceful little spire, at the basement of which is the bell. From a marble tablet near the altar, and built in the wall, it is learned that the building was erected by Mrs. Ann Gray Thomas, of Philadelphia, in memory of her father, Thomas Leiper, her mother, and other members of the family. Mrs. Thomas is an aunt of General Kane, and is spending the summer with his family. This beautiful memorial church cost about \$18,000, and will be dedicated on Saturday, Aug. 10th, when it will be presented to the Presbyterians of Kane by the generous builder.

ELEVATIONS ABOVE THE SEA.

That the reader may be better able to form an idea of the ascent and descent of the mountains crossed by the railroad, the following figures showing the elevations of certain well known points above the sea are given from the surveys of the engineers, beginning at Williamsport, and ending at Erie:

Table with columns: Feet, Williamsport, Lock Haven, Renovo, Emporium, West Creek Summit, St. Mary's, Langdon's Summit, Head of Two-Mile Run, Sheffield, Warren, Irvine, Youngville, Pittsfield, Corry, Logan's Summit, Lovell's, Concord, Union, Le Boeuf, Waterford, Jackson, Langdon's Summit, Belle Valley, Erie Depot, Surface of Lake Erie.

From this it is seen that Erie is only 67 feet higher than Williamsport, and the level of the lake is only 59 feet. Kane, however, the highest point of the mountain, rises 1,515 feet above us.

GUESTS AT THE THOMSON HOUSE. Among the numerous guests now spending a season at the hotel the following may be mentioned among the Philadelphians: Rev. Matthew Newkirk and family; D. Haddock and wife; Rev. W. W. Farr and family; E. S. Shantz and family; Miss Emma Kirk; Mrs. William Haines; Mrs. Dodson and family; Miss Rachel Wetherill; Miss Peters; Dr. Landin, managing editor of the Times, and family; Samuel Smedley; Mrs. Susan Boyer and daughter; Mrs. A. E. Ashburner, daughter and son; Mrs. F. C. Wilson; Mrs. W. H. Wilson; P. McHugh and family.

From Harrisburg: Rev. John Paxton and family; Hon. F. W. Hall and family; Hon. Francis Jordan and wife; Thomas L. Wallace and family; Dr. D. W. Gross and wife; D. C. Herr.

From Cleveland: Mrs. J. S. Newberry and family; L. F. Burgess and daughter; C. Gaylord.

From Cuba: Martin B. Deschappelles and family, Adolph Santa Maria, William Santa Maria, Mrs. E. B. Deschappelles, Miss Mary Laine. Senior Deschappelles is an extensive sugar planter on the island of Cuba, and this is the second season he has visited this place with his family. They usually remain until after the frost sets in.

W. K. Mendenhall and wife, of Washington City, are also here. Among the Williamsporters are Mrs. F. E. Embick and family, and Mrs. Smith.

JOHN OF LANCASTER. State Notes.

Alexander McClintock, an esteemed old citizen of Venango county, was found dead in an oats held in which he had been working.

Edward Jenkins, a well known coal man, was instantly killed at Martinsburg, Venango county, by the accidental discharge of a gun.

James Carlin, of Phoenixville, was arrested for attempting to murder his wife. He cut her throat very severely but she will live.

Mamie McCarty, of Williamsport, a little girl, attempted to get out of a boat by grasping a pier, but the craft being carried rapidly down the stream she was thrown into the water and drowned.

Thomas George, a coal miner, of Allegheny county, jumped out of a window and was almost instantly killed. He had been sick for some time past with typhoid fever and was out of his mind.

John Hawn, one of the Hawn brothers, of Juniata township, Huntingdon county, and the one who was severely beaten by the tramps who robbed their residence, a few weeks ago, died recently.

Paul Hoelt and two sons, residing on Scotch hill, near Shamokin, were arrested on the charge of stealing cattle in the Mahanoy valley, across the Schuylkill line. Helt and one of his sons named Henry served a term in penitentiary, have only been liberated about ten months, and are considered desperate characters in the coal region.

In the oil regions in July 205 wells were completed, which were producing on the last day of the month 2,884 barrels. There were twenty-six dry holes drilled in June; 272 wells were finished. On the 1st of August there were 238 rigs up and building, and 185 wells drilling. The daily production in July was 40,500 barrels; daily shipments from the region, 40,500 barrels; total stock about 5,000,000 barrels.

Rates of Advertising.

One column, one year, \$75.00. Two columns, one year, \$125.00. Three columns, one year, \$175.00. Transient advertisements per square of eight lines, one insertion \$1.00. Business cards, ten lines or less, per year \$7.50. Advertisements payable quarterly.

Business Cards.

Geo. A. Hathbun, Attorney-at-Law, Main Street, Ridgway, Elk Co., Pa.

Hall & McCauley, Attorneys-at-Law, Office in New Brick Building, Main Street, Ridgway, Elk Co., Pa.

J. O. W. Bailey, Attorney-at-Law, Ridgway, Elk County, Pa. Agent for the Traveler's Life and Accident Insurance Co. of Hartford, Connecticut.

Lugore & Hamblen, Attorneys-at-Law, Ridgway, Elk County Pa. Office across the hall from the DISCHOUT establishment. Claims for collection promptly attended to.

E. G. Fay, Lumber and Insurance Commission Broker, And General Collection Agent, No. 206 Walnut Place, (315 Walnut Street) Philadelphia, Pa.

G. G. Messenger, Druggist and Pharmacist, N. W. corner of Main and Mill streets, Ridgway, Pa., full assortment of carefully selected Foreign and Domestic Drugs. Prescriptions carefully dispensed at all hours, day or night.

T. S. Hartley, M. D., Physician and Surgeon, Office in Drug Store, corner Broad and Main Streets, Residence corner Broad Street, opposite the College. Office hours from 8 to 10 A. M. and from 7 to 9 P. M.

J. S. Bordwell, M. D., Eclectic Physician and Surgeon, Has removed his office from Centre Street to Main Street, Ridgway, Pa., in the second story of the new brick building of John G. Hall, west of the Hyde House. Office hours—1 to 2 P. M. 7 to 9 P. M.

Mrs. N. T. Cummings, A large assortment of new styles spring hats just received at Mrs. N. T. Cummings, also ties, collars, cuffs, hosiery, gloves, and a general assortment of Ladies' fancy goods. Remember the place in H. S. Thayer's Building, Main Street. Call and examine before purchasing elsewhere.

Hyde House, W. H. Schram, Proprietor, Ridgway, Elk Co., Pa. Thankful for the patronage heretofore so liberally bestowed upon him, the new proprietor, hopes, by paying strict attention to the comfort and convenience of guests, to merit a continuance of the same.

Military and Dressmaking, Mrs. J. B. Keltz, Ridgway, Elk Co., Pa., takes this method of announcing to the citizens of Elk county, that she has on hand an assortment of fashionable military goods which will be sold cheap. Also dressmaking in all its branches.

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