

Local Notes

-Mud. -Robins. -Blue jays. -Rafting in. -Sugar parties. -Congress on 18th. -Maple sugar weather. -St. Patrick's Day 17th. -Plant onions next month. -Trim your fruit trees soon. -Prime dried beef at Morgester's. -Save your linen duster for awhile. -Ye editors six years married on 17th. -Eggs are down to 20 cents a dozen. -Plenty of snow yet remains in the woods. -Last Sunday and Monday were pleasant days. -Two 3 pound cans tomatoes for 25 cents at Morgester's. -Writing paper and envelopes for sale at this office cheap. -Hyde's saw mill is running this week and has plenty of water. -The Western Union telegraph office now has a bran new sign. -Bradford now seeks to become the county seat of McKean county. -All the hens are laying at the top of their speed, and some of 'em in nests. -All the prophets prophesy that this fine weather will "be paid for" before March is out. -Rafting in and running lumber will give employment to many of our idle men in a few days. -Mrs. O'Herin, of St. Mary's who was so badly burned, we are informed has since died of her injuries. -Elk creek and the Clarion river are at a high stage. The ice has gone out and we expect tidings of great damage to property on the lower waters. -The blue jay and robin are taken in, in common with the rest of humanity, and are singing and hopping around, near the middle of March, as though the cold winds of this blustering month were things of the past. -St. Mary's oil company is determined to thoroughly test the territory in that vicinity. The shares are put at the moderate price of \$5 each, thus enabling persons of moderate means to become prospective millionaires. -Sunday all the men and boys were sitting on the platforms in front of the stores, chewing tobacco, telling stories and whittling. The platform in front of Service's hardware store looking as though a dozen carpenters had been at work for \$3.50 a day, and were bent on earning their wages. -House-cleaning time has come, the time when two meals a day is the rule, eaten on the elbow of a stove pipe, while the dust from the parlor carpet covers your bread and fills your nostrils. Of course Job had trouble, who said he hadn't, but did his wife, Oh suffering stranger, ever clean house? -The advent of spring uncovers and shows up to good advantage the unsightly piles of ashes and rubbish heaps that have accumulated during the winter. The snow is like charity while one covers a multitude of sins the other covers a multitude of abominations. The moral of this short story is that you should embrace the first opportunity to remove all the unsightly and unhealthy objects of which we speak. -Michael Kelly, a nephew of Mrs. Thos. McTigue, of this place, has been visiting at his aunt's house since about the time Thos. McTigue died. Last Monday he helped himself to \$200.00 belonging to the widow, and took mail west at 2:33. The loss was not discovered until some time in the evening, when Sheriff Oyster was informed of the robbery, and at once telegraphed a description of the thief to Warren, Erie, and Buffalo. Tuesday morning the Sheriff received a telegram from the Chief of Police at Erie, stating that Kelly had been arrested at that place at about eight o'clock, and took mail west Tuesday afternoon with a warrant for the culprit. -Walter Rickard, aged about 13 years, youngest son of Jas. Rickard, was seriously injured at the landing opposite Eagle Valley mill, on Saturday last. He and his father were hauling a stick of timber out from Jas. Gardner's big pine of which we speak in another place. The sled had upset once, by which mishap the father received several bruises. Again as the sled neared the landing it struck a skid, throwing young Rickard to the ground with the sled and heavy stick of timber on top of him. His feet were sticking out on one side and his head on the other, the snow in which he sunk saving his body from being crushed to a jelly. The stick was raised from the prostrate boy, but before he could be rescued from his perilous situation, the hold of the men slipped and again the heavy timber covered him. The next effort to rescue was successful, and the bruised boy was taken home. Dr. Bordwell was sent for and bound up the wounds. The boy's nose was broken, which seemed to be the only broken bone, and the only thing feared was from possible internal rupture. At last accounts he was recovering as rapidly as possible. Since the above was in type we are informed that the upper end of the stick rested on a ridge of ice, while the boy instead of landing in snow was thrown on the icy road. Those present say the space, between the ground and the timber, in which he lay, did not exceed six inches.

Personal Notes.

-Miss Jennie Gresh was home on a visit. -J. S. Powell has a fine sand-paper finish on his hair. -Henry McCready, of Kane, was in this village on Tuesday. -Postmaster Hagerty's baby, is now considered out of danger. -James McAfee will move into the Lutheran parsonage this week. -Doctor Hartley will set out a number of bird houses this spring. -Mrs. Chagley Slade is visiting at the residence of the Coleman sisters. -Philip Lesser's children, after an illness of several weeks, are rapidly recovering. -Mrs. W. S. Service has returned from a long visit to friends near Binghamton, N. Y. -Wm. Dalley, from Osterhout's tannery, is going to raffle off a watch, a dollar a chance is the sum asked. -Jas. Gardner cut down a pine tree last week that measured 6 1/2 feet in diameter and produced 750 to 800 cubic feet of timber. -J. D. Badger, formerly telegraph operator at this place, has been transferred to Dugueschonda, and Frank Bowker takes his place. -Mrs. Fuller, ye editor's mother-in-law, after a stay of several months, returned to her home at Edinboro, Erie county, last Tuesday afternoon. -Mrs. N. T. Cummings and G. T. Wheeler have returned from the eastern cities and bring with them a large stock of goods for the new store in the Service block. -James Maginnis' youngest child, a boy only a few months old, has been very sick for a few days past, so that its life was despaired of. It is now in a fair way to recover. -James Maginnis has purchased of Horace Little the piece of land at the lower end of South street known as the McNutty lot, and yesterday set out 16 shade-trees on the front of the property. -Grove Messenger still mourns because we accused him of being a Republican. Now, if the Republican party will forgive us this time we will never, no never, do so again. -Laura J. Blakely, formerly editor of the St. Mary's Gazette and well known to our citizens, who now lives at Louisville, Ky., passed through this place on Monday last on a visit to St. Mary's. -Miss Dora Irwin is now at home on a two-months' vacation. She speaks in high terms of the parents and children of the Dry Saw Mill school where she has just finished teaching a term. Miss Irwin will return at the end of the vacation to teach the summer school at the above named place.

MARRIED.

-REED-JONES-On Tuesday Feb. 25th 1879, at the M. E. Parsonage, by Rev. H. V. Talbot. Mr. Dan Reed to Miss Hattie N. Jones, both of Ridgway. -CARD-HARPS-On Tuesday March 11th 1879, at the M. E. Parsonage, by Rev. H. V. Talbot, Levi Card, of Roulette, Pa., to Miss Etta Harps of Ridgway, Pa. -HEWITT-MOREY-On Saturday, Feb. 22d, 1879, by Rev. J. W. Martin, at Brockwayville, Mr. H. P. Hewitt of Toby to Miss J. M. Morey, of Dugueschonda. -Fresh eggs 20 cents a dozen at Morgester's. -A new telephone line between the post office and the Western Union telegraph office. -Send \$1.50 to this office and get THE ADVOCATE one year and a chance in our drawing. -The meetings at the M. E. Church still continue with increasing interest. All are cordially invited to attend. -Oil well No. 3 on the Kinzua, is reported as producing forty barrels a day. Such was the report here yesterday. -James McAfee, Merchant Tailor, has a full line of spring and summer samples. Suits made as low as \$15. Call at once and take your pick. -Evidence in the Curtin-Yocum contested election case on the part of the contestant before Notary H. M. Powers, at Geo. A. Rathbun's office on Saturday next. -The Elk Democrat's report of the Tracy murder trial was a very complete and satisfactory one. We doubt if any other paper contained as graphic and well written an account of that remarkable trial. -Cattle are still pastured in our streets, and the sidewalks bear ample evidence of their daily walk. The sidewalk near the Exchange hotel, is about the worst in town. How long shall this nuisance be borne? -The Commissioners are now on a tour of observation or inspection of the court houses and jails of other counties. No doubt now exists of the erection of a court house and jail in this place during the coming summer. We have faith enough in the present board of Commissioners to believe that they will erect buildings with a view to their use for many years to come, and that the structures will be substantial and neat. -Mrs. O'Herin, the wife of Michael O'Herin, who reclines in the jail at Ridgway, and an account of whose brutality we gave a few weeks ago, is literally dying by inches from burns received at the hands of her husband. We are told that the flesh is falling from her bones, and the poor woman suffers untold agonies. All hope of her recovery is given up. She remains in an unconscious state most of the time. There is certainly no punishment too severe for such hellish work. -St. Mary's Gazette.

The Little Folks' Concert.

The concert given at the Opera House on Saturday and Monday evenings by the little folks, under the direction of their teacher, E. V. Holsche, were moderately well attended, and well worth the price of admission. When we consider that the class have been organized but little more than a week the success of the exhibition is all the more wonderful. While we are disinclined to praise one above another where all did well, yet we cannot refrain from naming a few as deserving more than ordinary notice. "Popping the Question," by Gus Woodward and Marie Schoning elicited, as it well deserved, the applause of the audience; Marnie's pleasing voice adding a charm to her really excellent singing. "The Prima Donna and her Cavalier," by Lola Hartley and Carol McAfee, was a neat little performance, the young cavalier acquitting himself nobly and the little Miss singing in sweetest strains. "Milkmaid and Dandy," by Clarice Bordwell and Willie Schram was excellently rendered, the dandy being hard to beat, while the singing and acting of the milkmaid was all that could be desired. "Prayer Granted," in which Mattie Healy sang the solo, was as nearly perfect as such short practice could make it. "Duet from Holsche's German Opera," "Baron Bider," by Prof. Holsche and Katie Gresh, was good in all respects, Miss Gresh's singing and gestures being very creditable. "Folks that Put on Airs," by Gus Woodward, would have done credit to a professional. "When Ye Gang Awa, Jamie, by Nellie Jackson and Willie Schram, is worthy of great praise, and the encores of the audience attested to the appreciation in which it was held; Miss Jackson is certainly gifted with as sweet and beautiful a voice as it is easy to conceive, and with proper training she will yet be a singer among thesingers, while Master Schram deserves great credit for the excellent manner in which he carried his part; to our way of thinking this little song was the sweetest, neatest and best rendered of all, and if no other piece had been given we would have been well satisfied that the price of admission was well expended. "Scene from the Brigand - Pardon, Forgive," in this Mrs. Fullerton did herself great credit, and showed that singing with her is a talent that could, with proper training, reach high grounds; it was excellently rendered, and stamps this lady as one of our best singers and Ridgway can boast of many ladies who are singers of no mean degree. "The Months and 29th of February," twelve girls and a boy, was a neat little song and chorus in which the acting and singing was very good. "Lady of Beauty," on Monday night, did not seem to amount to much at first, but the wind up was heart rending. Prof. Holsche in the "Mulligan Guards" (an instrumental piece) suited the audience and demonstrated that he is a master of the piano. In his "Bonnie Annie Laura" the audience were convulsed. Not wishing to be too extravagant in our meed of praise we will say that nothing in Ridgway, for many a day has given more general satisfaction on such short notice. In a few weeks the adult class will give an entertainment, which we are satisfied will be an abundant success.

-The commissioners having in hand the erection of the new Middle-district penitentiary, at Huntingdon, met at the Girard House yesterday to award the contract for building the reservoir and laying water pipe. They were in session from eleven o'clock in the morning till eight in the evening. There were forty-three bids altogether. They ranged from \$5,165 to \$20,000. The contractors bidding were from all parts of the state, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Harrisburg, Huntingdon, Pottsville, Reading, Lock Haven, Columbia, and Lancaster. From Philadelphia and Pittsburgh the principal number came. A Philadelphia firm, Samuel H. Collin & Co., got the contract, their bid being the lowest-\$5,165. This bid was rather a surprise to the commission, as they did not expect the work could be done for that price, and some are still of the opinion that the contractors cannot make anything out of the contract. The security required must be equal to the full amount of the bid. The reservoir must be large enough to contain 960,000 gallons of water. The amount of iron pipe to be laid is 3,300 feet, eight-inch size. All the members of the commission were present yesterday. Charles Thomson Jones presided. -Williamsport G. & B.

-The new Presbyterian Chapel, over Messenger's drug store, was formally opened on Sunday last. The day was all that could well be desired. Morning and evening the Chapel was filled to its utmost capacity. The number that can be comfortably seated in this new place of worship is about 250, and more can be accommodated by placing chairs in the aisles. The seats are easy and the room tastefully arranged. The carpenter work was done by Messrs. Jackson & Bowers, and the kalsomining and painting by W. S. McVey. By day the large windows on either side and at the end of the room let in a flood of light. By night two large chandeliers make it as light as day. The doors at the top of the stairs are hung with double acting hinges, so that in case of fire the Chapel can speedily be vacated without danger to the audience. The windows are adorned with neat curtains which help to give a home-like appearance to the room. The Presbyterians can certainly congratulate themselves on having an attractive and beautiful place of worship. -Our new gold-edged visiting cards are the noblest thing yet. Call and see our samples.

Proposed Railroad Extensions.

(From the Brookville Republican.) We clip the following from the Pittsburgh Commercial Gazette of last Thursday, from which it appears that an effort is being made to have the Foxburgh, St. Petersburg and Clarion Narrow Gauge Railroad extended through to the Bradford oil district. During the past few weeks we have heard many reports concerning the location of the road, some of our citizens who claimed to be posted in the matter asserting that Brookville was to be taken in on the route. It will appear from this extract that we are a little "off the belt," a line through Forest county being proposed: "A project is on foot to extend the narrow gauge railroad from Foxburgh to Parker, and thence to Hilliard Mills, to connect with the Shenango Valley road, and eventually connect with the Pittsburgh, New Castle & Lake Erie road which will give a continuous line of narrow gauge from this city to the northern oil fields. A controlling interest in the Emulation, Shipperville & Clarion road has been purchased by the Foxburgh, St. Petersburg & Clarion Rail Road Company, and the two roads will hereafter be run by the latter company. The line will soon be extended through Forest county to McKean. \$50,000 of the \$100,000 required having been subscribed by Mrs. MARY FOX, and the remainder will probably be taken by Philadelphia parties who are interested in oil and lumber lands lying between Clarion and McKean." They seem to have the railroad fever in other portions of our country, as would appear from the following taken from the Du Bois City Courier: "A continually recurring peril of railroad fever is a fixed principle of every town in the country, Du Bois included, and just now the town is suffering from its favorite malady. It is asserted and not without grounds, that a railroad will be built through this valley in the near future. The cause for accepting the theory is based upon the Erie road and a few less important companies. Some of the leading men of these companies have purchased large quantities of coal lands in Elk and Jefferson counties, and in order to get out the coal a road must be built to the coal beds at its source. The other route is by Falls creek or Du Bois, crossing the summit of the mountain near the line of Lane's board road, and down the Rattlesnake branch to Brookwayville, which is one of the objective points. Now a still more feasible plan, it is argued, will be to construct a continuous route from Ridgway, or some other point on the P. & E. road, by way of the Clarion to intersect the Low Grade at or above Du Bois City. From that an extension would in all probability be made to open the coal fields of Punxsutawney, which are among the best in the State"

-The division of Renovo into wards, makes but a few trifling changes in our former rules of government. Each ward is made a separate election district. The burgess, assistant burgess, justice of the peace, auditors, high constable and school directors will be elected by the concurrent votes of the two wards. Each ward will be entitled to three members of council, a constable and an assessor. Those in office remain until the expiration of the terms for which they have been elected. The law also provides that on the first Friday after each borough election held in boroughs divided, the judges of election of the various wards shall meet at the place of meeting of the town council, at 9 o'clock a. m., and canvass the votes cast for officers elected by the concurrent votes of the various wards, and declare the result of such election, and grant certificates to the persons elected. -Renovo Record.

-Lucy Ann Ordway, aged 17 years, died last Saturday, 1st inst., at the residence of J. C. Chandler, on North Creek, in Shippen township. Miss Ordway had been working at Mr. Chandler's about two weeks, and during most of the time had been feeling quite unwell. Thursday night deceased was taken ill with a pain in her head and sickness at the stomach. Her sickness continued until her death-although there was nothing alarming in her symptoms, and she was able to be about the house a portion of the time. Saturday morning she got up and ate her breakfast, and afterwards laid down upon the lounge and went to sleep. About 8 o'clock, while the family were at breakfast, deceased's little sister went into the room, and found Miss Ordway in a spasm; she called the family, and they found her apparently dying. She continued unconscious most of the time until 3 o'clock, Saturday afternoon, when she died. Dr. Heilmann was sent for but did not arrive until after her death. Before death, some red spots appeared on her face and arms, and remained until her burial, giving her such a fresh and life-like appearance that many of her friends and neighbors did not believe she was dead. Dr. Freeman, of Smithport, was sent for, and interment delayed until Tuesday afternoon. When Dr. Freeman arrived unmistakable evidence of death had developed, but the life-like appearance remained-the deceased being to all appearance in a sweet sleep-her face flushed, the color of ears and lips as fresh as in life. The funeral took place Tuesday afternoon. -Cameron Press.

KILLED BY A TREE.

Uriah Guss, a farmer, living on Tuscarora creek, two miles west of Port Royal, Juniata county, was killed on the 23d ult., under peculiar circumstances. A large oak, with great spreading branches, standing on the edge of the creek, on a bank fifteen feet high, had been cut down the day previous. His son was hauling home these branches for fire-wood, while he was trimming up the top of the tree. There was a large limb on the lower side and a smaller snag on the upper side on which it rested, keeping the top of the tree up in the air-ide trunk thirty feet from the stump being six or eight feet from the ground. This top no doubt seemed to him to rest securely. He cut a small limb that proved to be the last top of the lower large limb and the whole trunk turned around suddenly bringing the heavy limbs of the main trunk sweeping down towards the stream. He ran from this when observed, shaping his course in order to avoid a brush heap that had accumulated. Yet this was the fatal spot. At a distance of eighteen feet a heavy limb came down upon him, crushing him to the ice, for he was now on the creek. His ribs were crushed in the back broken, and were also his leg and arm. The whole body was crushed in his rear. The son found him on his return, after fifteen minutes-it being only three hundred yards from the house. The lad cut off the limb but life was gone. Though so crushed yet there was no outside flesh wound. Uriah Guss was a farmer, in good circumstances. He had been a carpenter by trade, exceedingly ingenious as a mechanic, had been an expert axman and had cut thousands of trees in his day. He was fifty-eight years old, and leaves a family of twelve children, half of whom are married. He was a brother of Prof. A. L. Guss, of this borough. -Huntingdon Globe.

-A movement is on foot at Harrisburg to secure an intelligent reform in the laws of Pennsylvania relating to the collection of debts. Since the repeal of the national bankrupt act, Pennsylvania, like the other states of the Union, has been compelled to rely on the local insolvent laws that happened to be in force. In the absence of a general bankrupt law the State laws at once take effect. In respect to its laws for the collection of debts, Pennsylvania is, perhaps, worse off than any of the other States. In this State to-day there is practically no method by which the creditor can collect his debts without great litigation if the debtor desires and endeavors to avoid payment. The insolvent laws now of the statute book are in all essential respects the same as were in existence 100 years ago. In other directions the laws have been reformed and improved as defects have been revealed in the light of experience, but it still continues to be impossible for a creditor to obtain any degree of justice in the Courts of Pennsylvania if his debtor is inclined to interpose obstructions. As it is now, no mode of procedure exists whereby a debtor can be compelled to disclose the true condition of his affairs, and it is impossible to prevent preferences on the part of the debtors in the disposal of their property. -Phila. Record.

-The Democrats of North Carolina went into office as the party of "retrenchment and reform." But the annual ordinary expenses of the last Republican administration were \$102,000; while those of the next succeeding Democratic administration were \$116,220 in one year, and \$104,835 in another. Whereat the real reformers of that party are very indignant; but the regulars listen to their complaints and smile. -Quite likely your subscription to THE ADVOCATE has expired. Then, why not send us \$1.50 for next year, and get a number in our drawing. No county paper makes as good an offer to subscribers as THE ADVOCATE. Specimen copies furnished free.

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