

Local Affairs.

We learn that Messrs. Wiley & Criswell are the sub-contractors to lay the rails and rail on the whole of the Danville, Hazleton and Wilkesboro Railroad.

AT W. A. Bennett's Drug Store you can get the very best quality of Speise of all kinds. Cream Tartar, Baking Soda, Herbs, Flavoring Extracts, &c.

CHANGE OF TIME.—The Erie mail train, which usually reaches here at 1.30 A. M., now arrives at 2 A. M., or about a half an hour later. The new arrangement went into effect on Monday last.

BREAKER BURNED.—On Wednesday night of last week the Coal Mountain Coal Co.'s Breaker, near Mt. Carmel, was burned to the ground. It is supposed to have been the work of incendiaries. There was but a small insurance on the property.

THANKSGIVING.—Thursday last was observed throughout the State as a day of thanksgiving and prayer. Business in Sunbury was almost entirely suspended, all the stores being closed. Of course the usual number of turkeys were slaughtered on the occasion.

SUPERIOR GOLD PENN.—Lightner, the Bookseller and Stationer, has received a lot of the celebrated Foley Gold Pens and Holders. They are generally used by Express Companies, Bankers, and prominent business men, in preference to all others. Lightner sells them very cheap. Call and see them.

REV. J. B. Reimensnyder, of the Lutheran church, at Lewistown, has received a call from St. Luke's church, in Fourth street, Philadelphia.

THE PEAK FAMILY.—The Morris gave an entertainment at the Masonic Hall, in this place, on Monday evening last. The house was crowded, and the music gave general satisfaction. This celebrated family consists of Mr. and Mrs. Peak, Miss Lizetta and Eddie Peak, besides several gentlemen of talent and reputation.

SALE OF REAL ESTATE.—Recently, Mr. John Markle, administrator of the estate of Thomas Robbin, deceased, late of this place, sold a house and lot on Market street, nearly opposite the Gazette office, belonging to the estate, to Mr. Shannon, for \$2,750. The property was formerly occupied by the deceased as a residence.

THE NEW YORK PAPERS.—N. F. Lightner, the enterprising Bookseller and Stationer, has made arrangements by which he can receive the New York daily papers at 6 1/2 P. M., every day. On and after Monday next he will be ready to deliver them to his subscribers at reasonable rates. The Philadelphia papers will be received as usual at 4 1/2 P. M.

THE MOUNTAIN says that on Tuesday morning of last week the river between the upper island and the eastern shore, at that place, was frozen over. This is the only instance of the kind at this season of the year in the memory of the "oldest inhabitant."

On Wednesday morning the ice was strong enough to bear the weight of a good sized log. Skating on the river below Thanksgiving is an annual event.

THE Good Templars' District Convention, which was held in Milton on Wednesday and Thursday, 13th and 14th inst., was well attended and proved a very pleasant occasion to those participating. Rev. Father Hunt lectured to large audiences in the M. E. Church on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, and Mr. Edward Rauch, of Reading, gave a short but stirring address on the latter evening.

ROBERTS.—The merchant tailor shop of Mr. J. O. Shock, on Fourth street, in this place, was entered on Wednesday night last, by means of skeleton keys, and about three hundred dollars worth of easings and other goods stolen. The skeleton key used was found near the building the next morning. One one cent was taken, which is the name of the owner, "Mr. John A. Roberts," attached in the lock. We learn that a liberal reward is offered for the detection of the thief.

FIRE.—A barn and wagon house, belonging to Jonathan Schneider, of Washington township, this place, were destroyed by fire on the evening of the 19th inst. The fire was caused by a little boy playing with matches in the barnyard, setting fire to a straw stack communicating with the barn and shed. The loss is about \$5,000, on which there is an insurance of \$2,000 in the Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company, of Danville, Pa.

CHURCH IMPROVEMENT.—The Methodist Church at Northumberland has lately undergone considerable repairs. The building, inside and outside, has been painted, and new carpets and matting laid. They have also purchased a new altar and organ and put down a new pavement around the property. This has been done at an expense of \$1,200. It speaks well for the liberality and prosperity of Methodism in that place.

OFFICE REMOVED.—Mr. Jacob Shipman, Fire, Life and Accident Insurance Agent, has removed his office to Wm. J. Welverton's law office, two doors east of Lyon A. Bro.'s store, Market street. All persons desiring to transact business with him, or obtain information relative to insurance, will find him at his new location from 8 to 10 A. M., 11 to 3 P. M., and 7 to 9 P. M. Those wanting insurance will find it to their advantage to take risks in the old and well established companies which he represents. Mr. Shipman is an attentive and reliable agent, and we can safely recommend him to the public.

ACCIDENT.—A sad accident occurred on Saturday night last, at Milton, by which a man named Wm. A. Mackay, who resides in this place, was seriously if not fatally injured. Mr. Mackay was conductor of a freight train, and while in the act of coupling cars at the Cattawissa junction, had his head caught between the bumpers and terribly crushed. A portion of his skull, immediately above the right ear, was taken from the bone. He is at present lying at the house of Mr. Elias Brosius, in this place, with but little hope of being restored to the past or for long. He is from Maryland, and has been employed on the Philadelphia and Erie Railroad for some time.

SAVING FUND.—At the Annual meeting of the Shamokin Saving Fund Association, on Monday night, 15th inst., the following persons were elected officers for the ensuing term: President—R. B. Doty. Vice President—W. R. Kutner. Treasurer—Wm. H. Doty. Directors—M. Ems, R. A. Ammerman, Owen M. Fowler, John Shippl, Wilmington Lake.

The Association has been very successful in its working during the first two years just closed. The net earnings reach the handsome sum of \$8,224.92, which, divided among the free shares, makes a dividend on each of \$16.38. This is certainly a good two years' interest on twenty-four dollars, the amount paid on each free share up to October 1st, 1887.

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SECURITY.—The editor of the Danville Intelligencer recently paid our town a visit, and thus in the last issue of his paper published a notice of the stopping for a few hours in Sunbury, a few days since, we embraced the occasion to take a stroll through the town and examine its most striking features. Sunbury is an ancient settlement. It was, we believe, laid out under the direction of the Penn family, under the Proprietary grant, as one of the "Manor towns." It is finely situated, just below the confluence of the North and West branches of the Susquehanna, and at the outlet of the Shamokin valley. So finely situated, the place should have increased rapidly in size and population. But it failed to keep pace with its sister towns, if we except the "ancient seat of Northumberland." In fact for many years the town seemed to have a chronic disposition to stand still, if not to retrograde. But since the opening of the Northern Central Railroad, and the opening of the coal fields in the Shamokin valley, it has received an impetus that is sure, in the future, to make Sunbury one of the most prosperous places in the interior of the State. At the present time it needs considerable shaping up to come under the name of a handsome place, or make it very attractive in appearance. It is spread over too much territory, giving it a straggling look; and the main street or commons, frequently, no doubt, dived by the residents "square," as it is said that it dived, in appearance, the houses built on either side of it. If this space was fenced in and laid out in grass plots and planted with shrubbery it would not only beautify the locality but do away that dwarfish appearance of the houses alluded to. Among other improvements we noticed a new Hall, built by the Masonic fraternity; and a splendid looking building erected at an outlet of a water place near the river, to be used both as a bank and a place of residence for the President of the institution. We did not have access to the interior of this building, but judging from the exterior, it must be elaborately finished. This building, for beauty of outline, architectural proportion, and chaste ornamentation, we think, cannot well be surpassed. But that which principally attracts the eye of the stranger is the new Court House. This massive structure faces Market Square, and is of imposing appearance when viewed from the front, or with the eye directed toward the north west angle. The county offices are located in the basement of the building, and alongside of them are roomy fire proof chambers, wherein are securely kept the Public Records. Above these is the Court room, of ample dimensions, with a lofty ceiling. The Judges Bench is surmounted with a crimson canopy and the upper part of the windows are draped with the same kind of material as that which hangs over the Judges' seat. The Bar has plenty of room for their accommodation, while the lobby and gallery are of sufficient capacity to seat any ordinary number of persons that may attend Court. About the time this Court House was being built, we frequently heard denunciation from the tax payers of that county, at the uselessness of building a new Court House. Now that it is built, but few can be found who would be willing to exchange it for the old one, even though it might possibly pay a few dollars in their pockets.

There are other features about Sunbury worthy of mention, particularly that called "Coke's Addition," where the Philadelphia & Erie R. Co. have built their shops. We had not the time to pay it a visit.

THE UNITED STATES MAIL.—The Post Master General advertises that proposals will be received at the Contract Office of the Post Office Department, until Wednesday, March 4th, 1888, for conveying the mails of the United States from July 1st, 1888, to June 30th, 1872. The following are routes in this county:

2026.—From Herndon, by Klingersmith, Rough and Ready, and Hepler, to Upper Mahanostog, 25 miles and back, once a week.

2046.—From Sunbury to Augusta, 5 miles and back, twice a week.

2041.—From Herndon, by Mahanoy, Rebeck's, Green River, Lion Mountain, Upper Mahanostog, 33 miles and back, once a week.

2042.—From Paxinos, by Bear Gap and Ellyburg, to Union Corners, 12 miles and back, three times a week.

2043.—From Milton to Linconsville, 6 miles and back, three times a week.

2044.—From Watsonville, by McDevensville, to Terbitville, 6 miles and back, six times a week.

2045.—From Herndon, by Sifer and Alvera, to Elberton, 8 miles and back, six times a week to Sifer, and twice a week the residue.

2046.—From Northumberland, by Windfall, to New Berlin, 11 miles and back, six times a week.

2047.—From Herndon to Trevorton, 15 miles and back, six times a week. Proposals will also be received for railroad service on this route six times a week and back, by a schedule satisfactory to the Department.

2048.—From Dalmatia, by Hickory Corners, to Pillow, 6 miles and back, once a week.

2049.—From Milton, by West Milton, to New Columbia, 21 miles and back, six times a week.

2050.—From Danville, by Rushdown and Kline's Grove, to Snydertown, 12 miles and back, once a week.

"SOME PUMPKIN."—A few days since we were shown a pumpkin, raised on the farm of Mr. Joseph Lower, in the lower end of this county, which, for size, we think, can bear anything of the kind ever raised in this or any of the adjoining counties. It measured 2 feet 10 inches in circumference, and weighed 150 pounds. It is of the variety known as the barrel pumpkin. During the present week this mammoth vegetable was on exhibition at Geringer's Grocery Store, and attracted considerable attention.

THE WASHINGTON LIBRARY COMPANY, of Philadelphia, is established in the confidence and affection of the people. The reason is obvious. The design is worthy, and redolent to the patriotic hearts who are laboring to benefit a too much neglected class. The funds go into responsible hands, and the public have no fears that they will be misdirected. The plan adopted satisfies the scruples of the most conscientious, and has the endorsement of eminent legal authority. It is a distinctive feature entirely removed from the usual extortionary schemes which have so often been the means of imposing on the public. It gives to purchasers of stock a full equivalent for their contribution, besides equal and impartial participation in a great distribution of presents, worth in the aggregate \$200,000. All the transactions are open and above board. It has no concealments, and the reputation of the managers is such that they cannot afford to be dishonest in this connection. Advertisements.

BUSINESS NOTICES. WATCHES, Jewelry, &c., suitable for Holiday Presents, advertised by J. K. Stauffer. Read Card.

THE FIRST SNOW.—We have had the first snow of the season, and it was welcomed with all the zest that now things give us, but like most other things it loses its attractions when we get too much of it. The only new thing that we know of at present that has not its attractiveness in J. O. Beck's Merchant Tailoring establishment on Fourth street, Sunbury. It has the continual freshness of novelty always about it.

A SERVANT, newly engaged, presented to his master, one evening, a pair of boots, the leg of one of which, divided among the free shares, makes a dividend on each of \$16.38. This is certainly a good two years' interest on twenty-four dollars, the amount paid on each free share up to October 1st, 1887.

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It is a great pleasure, when buying goods, to have a fine assortment to select from. Thacher's First National Bank, Shows and Trunk Store, in Packer's building, Market Square, presents this advantage, and, combined with reasonable prices, makes an inducement to purchasers unequalled here or elsewhere. The public are cordially invited to call and see the large stock received at his establishment, this week. Harry is a reliable and obliging person to deal with.

WINTER.—The weather has changed with a vengeance, during the past week. The nights are exceedingly chilly. We notice that a great many overcoats have been brought into requisition since the advent of the "cold snap." We would recommend every one to go to J. F. Schaefer's Tailoring Establishment, on Market Square, and procure an outfit for the cold season. He has clothing suitable for Winter wear of all kinds.

It were a circumstance in social life calculated to make a man "hide his diminished head," it is the discovery that some one has walked off with his hat, and left no other mark. There is no need, in Sunbury, of having a Hat or Cap too large or too small, for, at his fashionable establishment, has all sorts and sizes, suitable for every one, and the appropr kind to hide the defects of any head. He is also supplied with superior Umbrellas.

MARRIAGES. On the 21st inst., by Rev. Wm. A. Hays, Mr. Arthur Keizer and Miss PATRICK LANE, of Lower Augusta.

On the 21st inst., by Rev. Dr. Watson, Mr. William H. Hays and Miss JOSEPHINE A. LIGHTNER, of the late Rev. Frederick Kitchin, dec'd., all of Milton.

DEATHS. On Sunday evening last, GEORGE ADAMS, son of Samuel Adams, deceased, aged about 5 years.

SUNBURY MARKETS. Corrected Weekly for "The American."

Table with 3 columns: Commodity, Unit, Price. Includes Wheat Flour, extra family, per barrel; Rye Flour, do, do; Corn, new, do; Potatoes, do; Dried Peaches, per pound; Butter, per pound; Eggs, per dozen; Cheese, per pound; Lard, do; Hams, do; Shoulders, do; Beef, hind quarter, do; Mutton, do; Chickens, per pair.

Shamokin Coal Trade. SHAMOKIN, Nov. 25, 1887. Tons, Crd. 11,659 19 449,646 60 Per last report, 514,782 12 Decrease, 7,135 13

Special Notices. WHY SUFFER FROM Dyspepsia, when so potent, so safe, and so certain a remedy can be procured so easily. Cook's Dyspepsia Cure is a perfect specific for the disease. A single dose will demonstrate its fact. Let those who are troubled with Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Constipation, &c., make but one trial.

DEAFNESS, BLINDNESS AND CATARRH treated with the utmost success by J. ISAACS, M. D., Oculist and Aurist, (formerly of Leyden, Holland), No. 805 Arch Street, Philadelphia. Testimonials from the most reliable sources in city and country can be seen at his office. The Medical Faculty are invited to accompany any patient, as he has no secrets in his practice. ARTIFICIAL EYES inserted without pain. No charge for examination. Nov. 30-ly.

WISTAR'S BALSAM OF WILD CHERRY. For the cure of Coughs, Colds, Hoarseness, Asthma, Influenza, Croup, Whooping Cough, Bronchitis, Pre-disposition to Consumption, &c., &c.

TESTIMONY OF MR. PETER SHAW. WEST WILMINGTON, N. Y., Dec. 10, 1886. Messrs. S. W. FOWLE & SON, BOSTON, GENTLEMEN.—During the winter of 1886 I was very much out of health, afflicted with a severe Cough, Pain in Side and Chest, and a general depression of health to such an extent as greatly to alarm myself and friends as to the result. During this time I tried several highly recommended remedies, with little or no good result, and had concluded to try the effect of a Southern climate upon my health, but, before carrying this resolution into effect, I was induced by the urgent solicitation of your agent, Mr. Huntley, to give Dr. Wistar's Balsam of Wild Cherry a trial. I did so, and to my great joy found immediate and permanent relief by the use of only one bottle, and I am now in as good health as ever. I believe your Balsam one of the most restorative for Coughs, Colds, and other ailments, now in use, and conscientiously recommend it as such.

Prepared by SETH W. FOWLE & SON, 18 Tremont St., Boston, and for sale by Druggists generally. Nov. 19-ly.

HELMHOLD'S FLUID EXTRACT. HELMOLD'S EXTRACT BUCHU. In certain cases, of disease of the BLADDER, KIDNEYS, GRAVEL, GONORRHOEA, GENERAL WEAKNESS, FEMALE COMPLAINTS, GENERAL DEBILITY, and all diseases of the URINARY ORGANS, whether existing in MALE or FEMALE, from whatever cause originating and no matter of how long standing.

Diseases of these organs require the use of a diuretic. If no treatment is resorted to, Consumption or Incontinence may ensue. Our Fluid and Buchu are supported from these causes.

HEALTH AND HAPPINESS, and that of Posterity, depends upon prompt use of a reliable remedy. HELMOLD'S EXTRACT BUCHU, Established upwards of 15 years, procured from the best sources.

H. T. HELMOLD, DRUGGIST, 204 Broadway, New York, and 104 South 10th Street, Philadelphia, Pa. March 2, 1887-ly.

A Positive Cure for Sorrelis, in ALL ITS MENOPHORE FORMS, written by Dr. Anderson, of Parkersburg, West Va., and published by J. F. BISHOP, Proprietor, 36 DeWitt St., N. Y. Sold by all Druggists. Nov. 16-ly.

THE HEALING POOL, And House of Mercy. HOWARD ASSOCIATION REPORTS, for Young Men, on the crime of Solitude, and the Errors, Abuses and Diseases which destroy the usually vigorous and create impediments to Marriage, with sure means of relief. Sent in sealed letter envelopes, free of charge. Address DR. J. SKILLMAN BOWLINGTON, Howard Association, Philadelphia, Pa. June 8, 1887-ly.

Information guaranteed to produce a luxurious growth of hair upon a bald head or beardless face, also a recipe for the removal of Pimples, Blisters, Eruptions, &c., on the skin, leaving the same soft, clear, and beautiful, can be obtained without charge by addressing THOS. F. CHAPMAN, Chemist, 822 Broadway, New York.

HELMHOLD'S EXTRACT BUCHU and Improved ROSE Wash cures secret and delicate disorders in all their stages, at little expense, in less or no change in diet, size, or mode of living. It is pleasant in taste and odor, innocuous in its action, and free from all injurious properties.

Children's Carriages. WE would call the attention of those wanting a Child's Carriage, to our new and large assortment comprising new and beautiful styles. J. H. CONLEY & CO.

JOHN E. SMICK'S MERCHANT TAILORING ESTABLISHMENT, Fourth Street, below Eyster's Store, SUNBURY.

WINTER CLOTHING. of the most approved styles is made up to order at reasonable rates.

DR. ANDERS' IODINE WATER is a pure solution of Iodine, without a solvent, the most powerful Vitalizing Agent and Restorative known. Circulars free.

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ONE PRICE CLOTHING. JONES' OLD ESTABLISHED ONE PRICE CLOTHING HOUSE, 604 Market Street, One door above Sixth, Philadelphia.

For many years this Establishment has done business on the One Price System, and we believe we are the only Clothing House in the city that strictly adheres to this principle. We have a reputation which we are proud of, for good taste in selecting styles and substantial materials, and not less important, for strict adherence to our motto.

EXTRA WEEDS MADE. We employ the best talent, for Cutters, and our Goods are of both kinds—Fashionable and plain—so that all tastes can be suited. The prices are the very lowest, any one by a moment's viewing must see, or otherwise we could not meet the competition of our neighbors, for as no deductions are ever made, we must put our prices down to the advantages we promise.

The people may depend, this is the true plan upon which to do business, and many a dollar can be saved to Clothing buyers by keeping in mind JONES' ONE PRICE CLOTHING HOUSE, 604 Market Street, Philadelphia. Not on the Corner, but one door above Sixth. March 25, 1887-ly.

Ayer's Pills. Are you sick, feeble and complaining? Are you out of order—your system deranged and your health suffering? Are your symptoms often the precursors of some chronic disease? Is your stomach weak? Do you feel a sense of sickness creeping over you, and should be kept from your duties by the most distressing of the right remedy—Ayer's Pills.

Take Ayer's Pills, and derive all the lamore—purify the blood, and let the impurities move on unopposedly, in health. They stimulate the organs of the body into vigorous activity, purify the system from the impurities which make disease. A cold settles somewhere in the body, and deranges the natural operations of that part. This, if not relieved, will react upon itself and the surrounding organs, producing general suffering, and derangement of health. While in this condition, take Ayer's Pills, and see how directly they restore the natural action of the system, and let the impurities move on unopposedly, in health. What is true and so apparent in this trial and common complaint is also true in many of the deep-seated and dangerous diseases. The same purgative expels them. Caused by similar obstructions and derangements, they are surely, and many of them, cured by these Pills. Some who know the virtues of these Pills will neglect to employ them when suffering from the disorders they cure, such as Headache, Full Stomach, Dyspepsia, Bilious Complaints, Indigestion, Derangement of the Liver, Constipation, Heartburn, Rheumatism, Dropsy, Worms, and Suppression, when taken in large doses.

They are sugar coated, so that the most sensitive can take them easily, and they are surely the best purgative medicine yet discovered.

Ayer's Sore Cure. For the speedy and certain cure of Interment Pains, or Chills and Fever, Rheumatic Pains, or Bilious Headache, and Bilious Fever; or, for the whole class of diseases originating in the system, caused by the malarious influence of malarious countries.

This remedy has rarely failed, to cure the severest cases of Chills and Fever, and it has the great advantage of acting upon the system, and of relieving the complaint without injury to the patient. It contains no quinine or other deleterious substance, and it does not produce quinine or any injurious effect whatever. Suffering sufferers of the army and the west, try it and you will endorse these assertions.

Prepared by DR. J. C. AYER & CO., Lowell, Mass. Sold by all Druggists and Dealers in Medicines everywhere. Oct. 26-ly.

HELMHOLD'S CONCENTRATED EXTRACT BUCHU. In the Great Britain. Helmholt's Concentrated Extract Buchu is the best of its kind. It is the result of the most careful selection of the finest Buchu, and is the most effective that can be made. March 2, 1887-ly.

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