

Local Affairs.

SKATING.—During the past week we have had excellent skating on the river. The late snow has interfered with it to some extent.

POOR HOUSE.—A bill providing for the erection of a Poor House in this county, passed the House of Representatives on Tuesday last. Our Representative, Gen. Kane, read a bill in place repeating the act creating a police force at Shamokin.

TO SPORTSMEN.—The season having expired on the 1st inst., any person killing a partridge, rabbit, &c., subjects himself to a fine of \$5 for each animal. Our sportsmen should see that the requirements of the law are fully complied with and carried out.

IS OPERATIONS AGAIN.—The rolling mills of the Pennsylvania Iron Works Company, at Danville, are again in full operation. The puddlers and helpers have resumed work at the reduction of wages proposed by the proprietors. Both the old and new mills are now being worked.

COAL.—Messrs. Haas & Wolverson have entered into partnership for the retailing of coal in this place. They can be found at all times at the office lately occupied by Messrs. Seasholtz & Co., where all orders for the delivery of coal will receive prompt attention. See card in another column.

ICE.—The recent cold weather has produced an excellent crop of ice. The river at this place is covered with the most beautiful clear ice, about seven inches thick. Some of our citizens have already filled their ice houses. Mr. Harsh, who supplies our citizens with ice every morning, has also commenced filling his ice house, and will have a superior article for his customers next season.

OUR NEW COUNTY TREASURER.—Mr. John F. Fiedler, the newly elected County Treasurer, took possession of his office on Monday last week. He is a man of ability and obliging. We have reason to believe that Mr. Fiedler will also make a good officer.

DANGEROUS COUNTERFEIT.—There is now in circulation a counterfeit of the denomination of \$10 on the First National Bank of Philadelphia. It is admirably executed, and none but an expert can distinguish it from a genuine bill. A number of them have been taken by business men of Harrisburg. We advise our citizens to be careful in taking notes of the above issue on that bank. This is the only plan to insure safety.

THE BUILDING ASSOCIATION.—The charter for the "Sunbury Mutual Saving Fund and Building Association" having recently been granted by the Court, the first regular election of officers for the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and a Board of eleven Directors—to serve for the ensuing year, will be held in the store room of Ira T. Clement, Esq., on Market Square, this (Friday) evening, Jan. 17th. Every member of the Association is particularly requested to be present.

THE NEW HARRISBURG SUBURBY TO HAZLETON.—At a meeting of the stockholders of the Danville, Harrisburg & Wilkes-Barre Railroad Company, held at the office of Messrs. Hill & Wolverson, on Sunday, on Monday, 13th inst., the following persons were elected officers of said Company for the ensuing year: President—S. P. Kay; Directors—A. F. Havel, S. P. Wolverson, Danj Hendricks, Hugh W. McElroy, George Hill, William Hancock and M. J. Groves.

THE FRIENDS OF THE ROAD, which really runs from Sunbury to Wilkes-Barre, speak encouragingly in regard to its prospects. About three miles, between Sunbury and Danville, have been graded. S. P. Kay, Esq., the President, has been energetically and untiring in his efforts to accomplish this enterprise, and feels sanguine of its early completion. This route is thirteen miles longer New York than by the Catawissa road, and passes through sixteen miles of undeveloped Lehigh coal land, connecting with the Lehigh Valley and the Susquehanna and Lehigh railroads.

COURT.—The second week of Court commenced on Monday last. The Court was occupied from Monday until Thursday in the case of Charles P. Holden vs. the Black Diamond Coal and Iron Co. This was an argument for about one hundred and fifty acres of valuable coal land in Coal township, the title to which depended on a question of boundary. The Court charged in favor of the plaintiff and the jury found a verdict accordingly. The master will, no doubt, go up to the Supreme Court.

The following licenses were granted by the Court on the 9th inst. They embrace all that have been issued thus far: Christian Reff, Sunbury, for tavern. Adam Reff, Sunbury, for restaurant. John H. Foreman, Watsonown, for tavern. D. S. Reitz, Little Mahanoy, for tavern. Patrick Daily, Shamokin borough, for liquor store.

THE PENITENTIARY.—On Friday morning of last week Sheriff Beckley took the following prisoners to the Eastern Penitentiary, at Philadelphia, they having been convicted at the session of Court last week: Paul Heldt, the leader of the gang who committed the brutal outrages and robbery on Mr. John C. Hoffman and Equine Hale, in Shamokin township. Sentenced for 10 years and 10 months. Edward Rathman and Elias Hairy, also concerned in the above robberies. The former was sentenced for 5 years and 4 months, and the latter for 7 years and 4 months.

George Mourer, convicted of stealing chickens from Mr. Meckert, of Sunbury. Sentenced for 18 months. Wm. Brown and Donj. Crowley, both colored men, convicted of burglary at Northumberland. Sentenced for 18 months.

Mourer and Heldt made a desperate effort to escape from our jail on the night of the 10th inst. by digging through the wall. They were detected in the operation by Deputy Sheriff Hoffman, who secured them. Mourer is a hardened villain, and has already served a term in the Penitentiary. He frequently threatened the lives of the Sheriff and his deputy.

MASSIC.—At the annual meeting of the M. E. Church Chapter of Pennsylvania, held in the Masonic temple, Philadelphia, on the 21st ult., Comp. John J. Robbins, of Catawissa, was duly installed as strict Deputy Grand High Priest for this (5th) Masonic District, composed of the counties of Columbia, Northumberland, Union and Snyder.

A Masonic Lodge was instituted at Watsonown, county, on Thursday last. The W. W. Grand Master, Richard Vaux, delivered the address on the solemn. Delegates from several neighboring towns were in attendance. We wish our Masonic brethren success.

At a regular meeting of Northumberland Chapter No. 174, held in their Hall, in Sunbury, on Monday night of last week, the H. P. appointed following officers, to serve for the ensuing May year: Board, Captain of Hosts, per Elymacker, Principal Signifier, per Benker, Royal Arch Captain, Alexander Boyd, Master 31 Veil, Mr. Shipman, Master 24 Veil, W. M. Caldwell, Master 1st Veil, W. C. Cramer, Chaplain, J. G. Wilson, Tyler, J. G. Wagner, Master of Ceremonies, James Zentgraf, Secretary, and J. P. Gasser, Treasurer.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.—The Borough Court met on Tuesday evening, 7th inst., Chief Burgess presiding. The members present—Messrs. John Haas, Bourne, Bucher, Markle, Brice, Book, Clement, Hoover and Henry Haas. Before the reading of the journal, Mr. J. Gussler being present, was duly sworn and made statement as to his having paid taxes for the year 1896 in Snyder county, and asked to be exonerated from taxes for the same year, assessed against him in the Borough of Sunbury. On motion, Mr. Gussler was exonerated from payment of taxes for 1896. Minutes of last stated night of meeting read and approved. The chairman of committee on claims and accounts referred to before Council bills of John Shisler and J. C. Morgan, referred to said committee at last meeting, and reported the same to be correct. On motion, orders were granted for the same. A. N. Brice, chairman of committee on accounts and sidewalks, presented statement of amount of liens entered up against parties for laying sidewalks. On motion, the same was ordered to be charged in ledger against the parties. The following bills were presented and orders granted for the same: J. M. Bartholomew, \$24.00; J. B. Miller, 4.75; J. B. Miller, 19.00; Ira Hill, 48.00; J. B. Bartholomew, 24.00; J. B. Miller, 4.75; Levi Seasholtz & Bro., 317.25; Levi Seasholtz, 15.00; Henry Courtenay, 47.00; John B. Weiser, 41.87.

John Shisler presented bill for \$97.67. Referred to committee on claims and accounts. On motion of Mr. Haas, Resolved, That an order for \$30 be granted to A. N. Brice for services in supervising the laying of sidewalks, crossings, and attending to the entering up of liens, &c.

On motion, Resolved, That the Chief Burgess is hereby authorized to hand over for collection the balance due the Borough from audit reported by Auditing Committee of 1896, to the Borough Attorneys for immediate collection, allowing them 20 per cent. for collection. On motion, adjourned. JACOB SHIPMAN, Clerk.

HOW TO KILL THE PEACH BORER.—Put a small quantity of sperm oil on the bark of your tree, without disturbing the borer, and the only thing which the borer of your trees, rub them with an oiled swab and it will be destroyed. Oil is the most effective poison for all insects. It closes their spiracles, or breathing holes, on the side of the body. Essential oils, such as camphor and turpentine, kill or drive away insects for the same reason, and not because they are pungent. This advice is given by an entomologist, and has long been practiced successfully by him.

THE USE SESSION MOVEMENT.—We take the following from an exchange and insert it in our columns because we agree with it, and think that the subject should be more generally agitated. Our school children have not one session per day. Our children are absolutely over-taxed; they go to school and return at twelve, twice again at one, and home again at four. They have but very little time for recreation. They are obliged to study for the following day, and it requires most all their time to complete their task, whereas, if there was but one session, they would have abundant time for both study and physical exercise, which is so much needed.

THE GLOVER & BAKER SEWING MACHINES are being introduced into the most prominent families of this place. Judging from the number received by Miss Dallas, the agent at this place, she must be doing a good business in the sale of these excellent machines. They give general satisfaction wherever they have been tried, and besides being an ornament in any household, hard labor has become a pleasure by the rapidity, durability and beauty of their work. They make the strongest and most elastic stitch, are more easily understood, and are more easily kept in order than any other machine. Those who have not yet seen them can do so by calling on Miss Caroline Dallas, on Market street.

MORE ROBBERIES AT MILTON.—The Miltonian, of Friday last, says:—In addition to the account of the burglarious entrance of the houses of Messrs. H. Huth and T. B. Hamilton, reported last week, we have to record similar occurrences at the residences of Mr. John Middleton, Mr. Robert Macaulay and Mr. Thomas Arley. At neither of these places was anything of value taken. At Mr. Middleton's, it is thought, chloroform was used. The only robbery here was about two dollars in change. At Mr. Macaulay's the villain entered before all of the family had retired, and one of the family seeing the thief, interrupted them in their work, and Mr. Arley's wife made an outcry, and he fled at the cellar. Taking everything into consideration our citizens are pained at the rapidity of the thief-gang with small loss. We should say from the overhauling of records that a similar attempt in this vicinity would prove dangerous.

FATAL ACCIDENT AT MILTON.—The Miltonian of Friday last, says that on Monday afternoon, 6th inst., an accident occurred at the our factory at that place which resulted in the death of Alexander McNeill, a workman employed by Murray, Douglas & Co., aged about 21 years, and a native of Prince Edward's Island, one of the British North American Provinces. The particulars of the accident are as follows:—McNeill was at work on an out-swing which on the side track and from one end of which the truck had been taken out and blocks substituted to support it. A train backing up struck the opposite end of the car and threw it over on McNeill, crushing him beneath its ponderous weight. He was taken out as soon as possible and everything done for him that could be done, but after lingering along in great suffering for nearly twenty hours, he died. He was an unmarried man and had several relatives with him from his native country, who attended his funeral, which took place on Wednesday.

LEAP YEAR.—Many of our young lady readers, we suppose, are not aware of the privileges they enjoy during this leap year. Young ladies, those especially who have been carrying on the "hand-kerchief flirtation" for some time, may take advantage of this, the only chance they will have for four years to come, (some of you may be old maids by that time), and if the young gentlemen will not ask you to go to evening parties, skating or picnics, you may ask them, on some of our "leap" days, to fork over the "curency." We will not take the responsibility of advising you to go further than asking them to picnics, &c.; in this you will have to use your own discretion, but there are, no doubt, many beautiful young men who would be glad of the chance of avoiding that painful duty, "peppin the question." Girls, you may put the next twelve months to good use; don't waste time.

PENNSYLVANIA STATE TEMPERANCE CONVENTION.—A State Temperance Convention will be held at Harrisburg, commencing on Tuesday, the 15th of February next, at which it is expected that all the counties, including Northumberland, will have representatives to take part in its deliberations.—Each person attending the Convention, male and female, will be asked to have themselves represented by a ticket to Harrisburg at full rates, at any station on the Pennsylvania, Philadelphia & Erie, or Northern Central Railroads, will receive at the Convention a free return ticket.

All churches, colleges and academies, all temperance societies, divisions of sons of temperance, lodges of good templars, and other friendly societies, are requested to have themselves represented by such a number of delegates as they may choose.

The Pennsylvania State Temperance Union will hold its annual session in Harrisburg during the week of the Convention, for the election of officers and managers. Interesting resolutions and plans of action will be presented for discussion, and eloquent speakers will be present to enliven the occasion. All persons at the Convention, male and female, will have an opportunity to become members of the State Union, and all its auxiliaries are requested to send delegates to this annual meeting as well as to the Convention.

BUSINESS NOTICES. Job Printing.—We have a large stock of new styles, Posters, Handbills, Circulars, Cards, Letter Heads, Bill Heads, Labels, &c., can be printed in the latest and best styles, and on short notice. Orders by mail promptly attended to.

BLANKS.—We have printed a large number of blank petitions and bonds for taverns and restaurant licenses, for the purpose of supplying those in the county who intend applying for license at the January session of Court. We keep a full assortment of all kinds of legal blanks on hand, neatly printed, which we sell very cheap.

BLANK LEASES.—We have on hand a large number of blank leases, neatly printed, which we sell at ten cents per copy. As the season for leasing property is at hand, and as a large number of them will be required, we are able to supply the demand. We have them printed with and without the exemption clause.

THE RULES OF COURT.—We have a small number of copies of the new Rules, regulating the practice of the courts in this (eighth) Judicial District, composed of Northumberland, Monroe and Lycoming counties, and also the Rules of Equity Practice adopted by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, which will sell at \$2 per copy. If any of the legal profession have not yet obtained them, they can be supplied, on application at the AMERICAN OFFICE, or addressing us by letter.

DOWN THEY GO.—Prices are down 40 per cent. at J. O. Beck's Merchant Tailoring and Clothing establishment, on Fourth street. He has just opened a splendid assortment of goods, which he will make up to order, in the best manner, and at the lowest prices.

NEWS.—Look out for the new Winter styles of Clothing, Cashmere, &c., at the Continental Clothing House, Market Square, Sunbury. Stylishness is determined not to be outdone, in point of cheapness, beauty and durability of his goods, by any one in the county.

DO YOU WANT TO KNOW?—Know what? Why, where you can find the cheapest, the best, and the most judiciously selected stock of Boots, Shoes, Trunks, Valises, &c., to be found outside of the city? If you do, call at Thacher's First National Store, in Pleasant's building, Market Square, and you will find the very articles you want. Thacher still keeps ahead of all competitors, and his late additions to his stock is attracting crowds of buyers to his store. Don't wait, but go on now, while you can have a large stock to select from.

GRAND PICTURES.—If you wish to see a grand array of richly tinted and life-like pictures, go to Myer's Picture Gallery, on Market Square, in one, correct likenesses and artistic finish, are certainly very superior specimens of art. Myer's popular Gallery is in Simpson's building, Market Square.

ANOTHER GENERAL IN THE FIELD.—During the past few days we have been visited by a general thaw, whose warm and genial countenance has fairly melted the biggest chunks of ice in the streets, and the next thing to see will be a general rush—if not of water down the streets, certainly of customers to Myer's Excellent Best and Shoe Store, corner of Third and Market Streets, to make their selections from the new and elegant stock just received.

THE PLACE TO GET CLOTHING.—A good article of clothing, at a fair and liberal price, can always be obtained at F. S. Shaffer's Tailoring establishment, on Market Square. Shaffer always keeps on hand a splendid assortment of Cloths, Cashmere, Velvets, &c., which he makes up into elegantly fitting garments at a very low figure.

CHEERFUL FACTS.—Not the least among the cheering news in the report of the Secretary of the Treasury, showing such a healthy state of the finances, which must place our financial reputation abroad on a par with our physical fame. Not less cheerful is to see brick trade at Foster's fashionable Hat and Cap Emporium, in Market Square. He has the finest stock of goods ever brought to this section of country.

DEATHS.—In Philadelphia, on the 7th inst., ZACHARIAH BORNIS, formerly of this place, aged about 60 years. Near Turbittville, on the 5th inst., LAWRENCE YELK, aged about 43 years.

Corrected Weekly for the "American." Wheat Flour, extra family, per barrel, \$12.00; do, do, do, per barrel, 10.00; Rye Flour, per bushel, 1.00; Wheat, prime red, new, per bushel, 1.20; Oats, do, do, 1.30; Corn, do, do, 1.10; Potatoes, per bushel, 1.50; Dried Peaches, pared, per pound, 4.00; do, unpared, do, 2.00; Dried Apples, do, 1.50; Butter, per pound, 3.00; Eggs, per dozen, 25; Cheese, do, 20; Ham, do, 25; Shoulders, do, 20; Beef, hind quarter, do, 14; do, front, do, 13; Mutton, do, 18; Chickens, per pair, 60.

Shamokin Coal Trade. SHAMOKIN, January 15, 1898. Sent for week ending Jan. 11, 2,788 1/2; Per last Report, 2,788 1/2; To same time last year, 4,561 63; Increase, 4,277 68.

Special Notices. THE ATLANTIC CABLE was considered a mammoth enterprise, but never has or will it be the commendation that has attended the success of Cui's Dyspepsia Cure. It is getting a world-wide fame, simply from the fact that it cures. One bottle does the work effectually; a few more will not injure the most delicate constitution.

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 had at his office. The Medical Faculty are invited to accompany any patients, as he has no secrets in his practice. ARTIFICIAL EYES inserted with perfect success. No charge for examination. May 18-'97 ly.

To Consumptives. The Rev. EDWARD A. WILSON will send (free of charge) to all who desire it, the prescription with the directions for making and using the simple remedy by which he was cured of a lung affection and that dread disease Consumption. His only object is to benefit the afflicted, and he knows every sufferer will try this prescription, as it will cost them nothing, and may prove blessing. Please address, REV. EDWARD A. WILSON, 42 Cedar Street, Kings Co., N. Y. May 18-'97 ly.

Errors of Youth. A gentleman who suffered from Nervous Debility, Premature Decay, and all the effects of youthful indiscretion, will, for the sake of suffering humanity, send free to all who need it, the receipt and directions for making a simple remedy by which he was cured. Sufferers wishing to profit by the advertiser's experience, can do so by addressing, THOS. F. CHAPMAN, Chemist, 82 Broadway, New York. May 18-'97 ly.

Information. Information, guaranteed to produce a luxuriant growth of hair upon a bald head or hairless tonsure, also a recipe for the removal of Pimples, Blisters, Eruptions, etc., on the skin, leaving the same soft, clear, and beautiful, can be obtained without charge by addressing THOS. F. CHAPMAN, Chemist, 82 Broadway, New York. May 18-'97 ly.

Machine Stitching. ORDERS or work left at the store of M. B. Priestley, in Northumberland, will be promptly attended to. All work warranted. Nov. 24-'97

THE HEALING POOL. And House of Mercy. HOWARD ASSOCIATION REPORTS, for Young Men, on the venereal diseases, and the Errors, Abuses and Diseases which destroy the manly powers, and create impediments to Marriage, with sure means of relief. Sent in sealed letter, free of charge. Address DR. J. SKILLIN BOUTWELL, Howard Association, Philadelphia, Pa. June 8, 1897.—ly.

The following Remedies are all old and well established, and thousands have been benefited by their use. They are for sale by druggists generally: The Ferruvian Syrup, a protected Solution of the Protocid of Iron, supplies the blood with its Life Element, Iron, giving strength, vigor, and new life to the whole system.—For Dyspepsia, Debility, Female Weakness, &c., it is a specific. A 32 page pamphlet, containing a complete treatise on "Iron as a Medicine," with certificates and recommendations, &c., will be sent free. J. P. DINSMORE, Proprietor, No. 36 Day St., New York.

Wistar's Balsam of Wild Cherry has been used for nearly half a century for Croup, Coughs, Croup, and every affection of the Throat, Lungs and Chest. It cures a cough by loosening and cleansing the lungs and allaying irritation. It relieves the most distressing Croup, and dries up the cough and leaving the cause behind. SETH W. FOWLER & SON, Proprietors, No. 18 Tremont St., Boston.

Dr. H. Anders' Iodine Water, a pure solution of Iodine dissolved in water without the addition of any kind of iodine to each fluid ounce of water. Iodine is admitted, by all medical men, to be the best known remedy for Scrophulous Ulcers, Strains, Swellings, Erysipelas, &c., and thousands testify to the wonderful virtues of this preparation in such cases.—Circular free. J. P. DINSMORE, Proprietor, No. 36 Day St., New York.

Grace's Celebrated Salve works like magic on Old Sores, Burns, Scalds, Cuts, Bruises, Sprains, Chapped Hands, Itching, Blisters, &c. It is prompt in action, soothes the pain, takes out soreness, and reduces the most angry looking swellings and inflammations, thus affording relief and a complete cure. Only 25 cents a box; sent by mail for 35 cents. SETH W. FOWLER & SON, Proprietors, No. 18 Tremont St., Boston. Jan. 11-'98

COLOGATE & CO'S GERMAN SOAP. MANUFACTURED FROM PURE OILS AND MATERIALS, and may be considered the STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE. For sale by all Grocers. May 18, 1897.—ly.

ONE PRICE CLOTHING. JONES' OLD ESTABLISHED ONE PRICE CLOTHING HOUSE, 604 MARKET STREET, PHILADELPHIA. One door above Sixth, Philadelphia.

For many years this Establishment has done business on the "Price System" and we believe to be the only Clothing House in the city that strictly adheres to this principle. We have earned a reputation for selling goods at the lowest possible prices, and our customers are ever increasing. We have a large stock of goods, and our prices are always the lowest. We are now offering a special sale of goods, and our prices are even lower. We must put our prices down to the advantage of our customers. The people may depend, this is the true plan upon which to do business, and many a dollar can be saved to Clothing buyers in this kind of a sale. JONES' ONE PRICE CLOTHING HOUSE, 604 Market Street, Philadelphia. Not on the corner, but one door above Sixth. March 25, 1897.—ly.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. Teachers' County Institute. The annual meeting of the County Institute will convene at the Court House, in the Borough of Sunbury, on MONDAY, January 20th, 1898, and continue in session during the week.

According to the Act of Assembly, approved April 9th, 1887, under which the Institute is held, the roll of members must be called at least twice each day; a committee of five teachers on Permanent Certificates must be chosen by ballot; teachers may attend the Institute and be paid by the District of their own county, and those who do not attend themselves from the Institute of their own county without a good reason, may leave their seat of professional abode and not be considered as having attended a lower grade at the next certification.—See Penna. School Journal, May 1887, page 272.

The Teachers' Institute is now required by LAW, and the attendance or non-attendance of every teacher in the county will be noted down by the Secretary in a book kept for that purpose. It is earnestly hoped and expected that every School District in the county will allow their teachers the time to attend the Institute and pay them the same as if they were in school. If any School Boards will not pay their teachers for the time spent at the Institute, they ought at the very least permit them to close school and attend, each teacher making up the time lost.

School Officers, Directors, Lawyers, Ministers, Editors, and everybody interested in the cause of education and the advancement of the Common School System are cordially invited to attend and participate in the exercises.

Hon. J. P. Wickersham, State Superintendent, Hon. C. R. Coburn, Deputy State Superintendent, Prof. F. A. Allen, Prof. Elias Schuchter, of the Sunbury Classical Institute, S. S. J. Day, Esq., formerly County Superintendent of Westmoreland county; C. W. Deans, Esq., Principal of the School for Soldiers' Orphans; J. J. Reimoser, Esq., formerly County Superintendent of Northumberland county; Henry Hoop, Esq., Superintendent of Lebanon county, and other prominent friends of education throughout the State are expected to be present as Institute Lecturers. G. W. HALPT, County Superintendent. Saturday, Dec. 14, 1897.

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