

Local Affairs. SEWING MACHINES.—Miss Caroline Darius is the agent for the sale of the best Sewing Machines in existence, viz: "The Improved Singer," "Grover & Baker," "Howe," and "Domestic," which are constantly on hand and sold at reasonable prices.

THE GOLDEN LIGHT STORE and Heater, for sale by J. B. Reed, Third Street, opposite the Central Hotel, Sunbury, Pa.

DEDICATION.—The new church of the denomination of the United Brethren in Christ, located between Snyderstown and Reed's Station, will be dedicated to the service of God on Sunday, December 1st, 1872.

WANTED.—All those who know themselves indebted to this office, will confer a favor by paying up their accounts. We are much in need of money.

THE DEMOREST PATTERNS FOR Ladies Dresses will be found at the store of Clement and Designer.

CONCRETE.—We were made to say in our issue of last week, that the striking of the Court House clock could be heard over ten miles instead of two miles, as it had been written.

THE LYCOMING FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, lost \$1400 by the Boston fire.

WM. CORNER of Watsonstown, G. W. Armstrong, H. J. Reeder of McEwensville, and Philip Clark of Sunbury, captured two deer in the mountains up the West Branch last week. The largest weighed 163 pounds.

A BAKING HOUSE will be opened in Watsonstown by Messrs. Piper, Halden, Lantz & Zaltz, in a few days.

THE YOUNG folks are itching to try their skates on patches of ice formed here and there.

A large quantity of corn still remains in the fields unshelled—no operation having been delayed by smoky spouts of wet weather.

THE EDITOR of the Democrat says that he disposed of the one dozen bottles of wine to Thad. Shannon. Mr. Shannon is a working Republican, and says that he was not deceived as much in the quality of the wine as he was in the number of bottles. Democratic like, there were but six bottles instead of a dozen.

THE EPIDEMIC of horse influenza, is now prevailing throughout the Union. All the towns in this section have been visited with this singular distemper, in some places with greater severity than others. In this place it has prevailed for a week past, in a mild form, and to a limited extent. It yields readily to the usual remedies, and if attended to in time soon proves fatal.

THE COLD snap of the past week has given us an sudden introduction to the rigors of the coming winter. Last winter the river was frozen over on the 29th of November. The season is at hand and all should be prepared for it in time.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE of the Northumberland County Agricultural Society, will meet at the Court House in Sunbury, on Tuesday next, for the purpose of settling up matters in relation to the last fair. All parties interested will please attend. By order of the President, JOSEPH BIRD.

SUDDEN DEATH.—Miss Mary Simpson, of this place, died suddenly on Monday night last of heart disease, at the residence of Chas. J. Bruner, Esq. About 12 o'clock she complained of being unwell and at 1 o'clock she was a corpse. She was a sister of Jesse M. Simpson, at one time Treasurer of this county.

LEWIS M. YONER, Agent of Metropolitan Life Insurance Company of N. Y. Insures all persons at their own risk. Call and get a circular at the office, near the Court House.

THE HORSE EPIDEMIC made its appearance in this place on Saturday last. It broke out in the stables of the Mineral R. R. & Mining Co., at Cameron Colliery, in which there are some 60 horses and mules, and spread rapidly until all were affected. In consequence, work at the colliery was suspended on Monday. On Wednesday morning several cases were reported at the Luke Rider stables, and we hear of a number around the country; also, at Locust Gap, Trevorton and throughout the country. Thus far the disease has not been attended with fatal results.—Shanokin Herald.

A FREE LECTURE on Education and Manners, Self-culture and the power of Music on Manhood, will be given in the Lutheran Church, this (Friday) evening, by Mr. J. Decker, graduate from the University of Göttingen, Germany. Mr. Decker is a disabled soldier, who has worked with Greeley, Southfield, and Colfax many years ago. He is a worthy man and his lectures are of fine production.

THE TRIAL of Dr. B. F. Kershner on the charge of committing a rape, which consumed a large portion of the time of the court week before last, resulted in a verdict of guilty, and the Doctor was given in custody of the Sheriff. A motion for a new trial was made by the attorney of the defendant which is still pending.

THE EDITOR of the Watsonian Record asks us whether we know the price of chickens. We confess we do not, as they are a scarce article in market since the editor of the Record is paying frequent visits to Sunbury. We would advise such of our citizens as raise chickens, to place their hen-roosts at a higher altitude, or kennel their dogs in the hen yard.

ARREST OF A SUPPOSED MURDERER.—About three years ago a man was killed by a McGrawdy, in the city of Scranton, who escaped immediately after the occurrence, and has not been heard of since. A reward of \$2000 was offered for his apprehension at the time. On Monday last Dr. Updegraff, formerly a resident of Scranton, stepped into a barber shop in this place where he found a man answering the description of McGrawdy. Dr. Updegraff informed the police of the fact, stating at the same time that if the man had a scar on the back part of the neck it was McGrawdy. Upon examination the scar was found. McGrawdy was arrested and taken to Scranton to answer the arrest.

EPIDEMIC.—On Thursday last, Henry Brown, owner of the City Hotel, was drawn away from Market street by a Mr. Drunk, and came down with a rupture on Monday. He was taken to the hospital, and died on Wednesday. It was ascertained that he had been suffering from a rupture for some time, and that he had neglected it.

THE DISEASE AMONG CATTLE.—The great epidemic which prevails among horses throughout the country, is, we learn by our exchanges, extending to other animals and to fowls. In some sections the feathered tribe have been severely attacked, and also that cattle and hogs are suffering with the disease. We are informed that several hogs have been attacked within a few days past in this place. Should the disease among cattle spread as it has among hogs, it will undoubtedly cause great suffering among all classes, particularly where meat is the staff of life.

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L. O. O. F.—SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.—The Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows of Pennsylvania held their semi-annual session on Tuesday last, at their hall on Sixth street, Philadelphia. Grand Master William Sedman, of Philadelphia, presided, and the attendance of representatives was unusually full. The reports of the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master, Jacob M. Campbell, of Johnstown, were read, showing an enlarged interest in the proceedings of the order throughout Pennsylvania, and that sixteen new lodges had been instituted during the last six months.

On motion of Representative West, of No. 188, the hours for the sessions of the Grand Lodge were fixed from 9 to 12 a. m., and 2 to 6 p. m.

Appeal cases were considered until noon, when the Grand Lodge adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.—The Grand Lodge re-assembled at two p. m. Grand Secretary Nicholson stated that, immediately after the Boston fire, he addressed to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts a letter asking if the members of the order had suffered materially, and offering aid. To this he had received an answer from Chas. Cole, Grand Secretary, expressing thanks and saying that though a large number of members of the order were thrown out of employment, but few dwelling houses were burned, and they would probably not need the aid of the brotherhood in other cities. The correspondence was ordered to be entered on the journal.

Past Grand Master Wm. H. Barnes, of New York, was introduced to the Grand Lodge. Past Grand Representative Simpson read the report of the Grand Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States, showing the institution of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire in Prussia, and the progress of the order in Australia, Peru and the British Isles.

Representative Bertram, of 190, offered the following Resolutions: That a committee of five be appointed to ascertain the feasibility of providing homes for needy orphans and widows, unable to support themselves, in such institutions as already exist in this State, or, if necessary, to carry out this prominent feature of our order, and report at the next annual session of this Grand Lodge.

Representative Greenwood, of 199, moved to postpone the subject indefinitely, which was agreed to.

The death of E. C. Harvey, of Wilkesbarre, was announced, and the subject referred to Representative Levergood, of 67, past Grand Master Stokes, and Representative West, of 188. The committee reported resolutions of respect to his memory and condolence with his family.

WEDNESDAY SESSIONS. The Grand Lodge re-assembled on Wednesday morning, at 9 o'clock, Grand Master, Sedman, presiding. It was ordered that instructions in the work be given at eleven o'clock. An appeal was presented from Leighton Lodge, No. 244, and on the point being raised that the appeal was not in order, the Grand Lodge sustained the point. The appeal was then referred to a special committee. The committee appointed to investigate and try the charges against D. D. G. M. Baltz reported finding him guilty, and, on motion, he was unanimously expelled from the Grand Lodge, and the Grand Secretary was directed to notify his lodge. The hour of 11 having arrived, the Grand Lodge was instructed by Grand Secretary Nicholson in relation to changes in the work of the order. At 12 o'clock they adjourned till 2 o'clock.

At two o'clock the session was resumed, Grand Master Sedman presiding. After the transaction of other business, nominations for grand officers being in order, the following were made: Grand Master—Jacob M. Campbell. Deputy Grand Master—Isaac A. Sheppard. Grand Warden—John Levergood, of No. 67. S. B. Boyer, of No. 620; H. P. Kinmer, of No. 599; W. M. Black, of No. 671; John H. Uhle, of No. 491; D. B. Rice, of No. 112; G. Miller, of No. 117. These, Grandmaster of No. 91; John A. Myler, of No. 182.

Grand Treasurer—James B. Nicholson. Grand Representative—J. Alexander Simpson, of No. 110; W. H. Trinkle, of No. 32; Alfred Slack, of No. 41; Samuel P. Gwinler, of No. 586.

S. N. Foster, of No. 193, was elected trustee. At four o'clock the Grand Lodge adjourned.

The annual session of the Grand Lodge will be held at Wilkes-barre on the third Tuesday of May, 1873.

THE NEW SHERIFF.—The new Sheriff, S. H. Rothel, took possession of his office week before last, and the old Sheriff, J. M. Heller, retired. Mr. Rothel assumes the duties of his office with that business-like manner for which he has long been known. His gentlemanly deportment, in connection with a thorough knowledge of business, will no doubt make him a popular officer. His friends who have stood by him at the recent election will have no cause to regret that they labored hard to secure him the office. Since he has taken possession of the office, many have heard Democrats speak of him in the highest terms. The office will undergo a general revamping, and business will be done in a more systematic manner.

THE CITY HOTEL.—This very excellent establishment erected in 1871 by Mr. Ed. T. Drumheller, we are happy to state, is now almost always crowded with transient and permanent custom. When Mr. Drumheller has finished the beautiful structure now known as the "City Hotel" it was the opinion of many that he had over-estimated the demand of our flourishing place in regard to his business, but it seems that enterprising gentleman had a more correct idea of the matter than those who differed with him in opinion. While all our public houses have their usual and an increasing custom, his large establishment, although in operation not quite one year, is well filled. It cannot be otherwise, located as it is, but one square from the depot, and nearly in the centre of the business portion of the place. The conveniences of the house are attractive. The large and well-warmed rooms and halls compare with the best hotels outside of Philadelphia, and none other in this section can excel it in external appearance. In addition to all this his well-supplied tables must guarantee success in an eminent degree to Mr. Drumheller.

IMPROVEMENTS.—We notice a fine, three story brick building going up on East market street, erected by Thomas K. Snyder, the basement story of which contains a large store room.

Mr. Robert Campbell is building a large three story brick building adjoining the City Hotel. The lower story of which is to be occupied as a store room.

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COURT PROCEEDINGS.—The Court of Common Pleas commenced at this place on Monday morning last, Judge Rockefeller presiding. The first case called was that of Mary E. Barr vs. George Burns. This case was tried on Monday and Tuesday, the jury returning a verdict in favor of plaintiff for the sum of one thousand dollars and costs of suit on Wednesday morning. The plaintiff's claim was grounded on a breach of promise of marriage on the part of the defendant. The points in the case, as sworn to by plaintiff and defendant, respectively, were very conflicting, and in consequence thereof, as well as of the novelty of the character of the case, the interest manifested in the trial and its results, was quite considerable. It seems that some time about the first of July, 1869, George Burns, the defendant, became acquainted with the plaintiff, Mary E. Barr, a girl well advanced in years, and, after taking a number of walks from that time to the latter part of August together by "moonlight alone," a proposition of marriage was made and accepted by the plaintiff, and the nuptials were to have been duly celebrated on the first day of the following September. A few days previous to this time, however, some difficulty arose between them, the nature of which was that another woman bearing the name of Anna Quinn, claimed a pre-emptive right to the hand, or at least to the property of the defendant. As the evidence seems to establish, about three days before the appointed wedding day, Ann Quinn caused a summons to issue against the defendant out of the court of Montour county, and had the same served on him. 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