Sunbury American.

SUNBURY, JANUARY 21, 1876.

Railroad Time Table.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE OF TRAINS AT SUNBURY.

N. C. R. W.—South.		P. & E. R. R. West.	
Erie Mail,	12.40 a m	Erie Mail,	6.22 a m
Fast Line,	9.00 a m	Niagara Ex.,	12.35 p m
Phila. Ex.,	9.45 a m	Elmira Mail	4.05 p m
Day Ex.,	1.10 p m	Fast Line,	7.00 p m

SHAMOKIN DIVISION, N. C. R. W.

LEAVE		ARRIVE	
Express,	10.40 a m	Mail,	9.15 a m
Mail,	4.25 p m	Express,	3.55 p m

An accommodation train leaves Shamokin at 7.10 a m, arriving at Mt. Carmel at 7.40 a m. Returing, leave Mt. Carmel at 6.00 p m, arriving at Shamokin 6.30 p m.

D. H & W. R. R. Trains leave at 6.55 a. m. and arrive at 3.50 p. m.

LACKAWANNA & BLOOMSBURG R. R.

AT NORTHUMBERLAND.

Leave north—6:45 a. m. 12:55 p. m. 4:30 p. m.
Arrive from north—12:45 p. m., and 6:10, p. m.

Accidental Insurance Tickets can be had of J. Shipman, Ticket Agent, at the Depot.

Summer Arrangement for the Post Office at Sunbury, Pa.

Office Open from 6.50 a. m., to 8 p. m., except on Sundays.

TIME OF ARRIVAL AND CLOSING OF THE MAILS.

Arrives as follows:
From the East at 5.15 a. m., 4.10 p. m.,
" South, 5.15 a. m., 4.10 p. m.
" West, 5.15 a. m., 11.15 a. m., 1.35 p. m. and 4.10 p. m.,
" North, 1.50 a. m., 11.15 a. m., 4.10 p.m. Shamokin and Mt. Carmel, 9.25 a. m. Shamokin proper, 4.00 p. m.

Mails close as follows:
For the East, 5.45 a. m., 10.50 a. m., 4.50 p. m. 8.00 p. m.
" South, 10.50 a. m., 4.50 p. m., 8 p. m.
" West, 10.50 a. m., 3.50 p. m., 8.00 p. m.
" North, 3.50 p. m., 8 p. m., Shamokin proper 11.15 a. m. Shamokin and offices on that route; 4.20 p. m.

Money orders will not be issued after 6 p. m., on Saturdays.

J. J. SMITH, P. M.

Local Affairs.

WE regret to learn that Rev. DeMoyer is ill and unable to preach. His place was filled on Sunday last by Mr. George Follmer and Rev. J. F. Kirlin.

THE D. H. & W. Railroad will soon be extended to Drifttown where it will connect with the Sandy Run branch of the Central Railroad of New Jersey.

JOHN HART one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, from New Jersey, emigrated to this county many years ago. He remains repose in the Warrior Run graveyard, a fact known to but few of the present generation.

THE ice crop of this winter is thus far not very promising. The severe winter predicted by the weather wise prophets has proved a failure. We would advise our friends who want ice, to take it whenever it can be had. Ice three inches thick is sufficient for all purposes, and six inch ice, in many respects, preferable to heavy ice.

MAJ. W. C. KAPP has been re-appointed notary public at Nort humberland by Gov. Hartranft.

AN adjourned court will be held in this county beginning on the 28th and continue two weeks. The regular March term will begin on the second Monday of that month.

NATIONAL REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.—The National Republican Committee met at Washington, last Thursday, and determined to hold the Republican National convention at Cincinnati, on the 14th of June next. Philadelphia and Chicago had considerable support.

WE notice in some of our exchanges that an effort is being made to do away with the oath of office and substitute another less stringent than the one under the new Constitution. We believe it would have a good effect and save many of the officers elected from committing perjury. The oath of office as it now reads cannot be misunderstood, and when we see men taking the oath who cannot see their way clear, as has been done by officers elected in this borough, as well as in the county, we must conclude they commit deliberate perjury.

WE lately received a specimen of penmanship from Prof. J. F. Davis, of the Williamsport Commercial College that can scarce be equalled. It is of an original design and executed in such a beautiful manner that every one who examines it admires the easy style in which it is drawn. Some of our best penmen in the country have been taught the art by Prof. Davis who ranks among the highest professors of penmanship in this country. The commercial college over which he presides is widely known, and we are glad to find is encouraged by a large attendance of scholars from all parts of the State.

TUESDAY last was remarkable for mud, moisture and a heavy fog.

SEVERAL of our citizens made an attempt to fill their ice houses on Monday last but did not complete the job. We advise them to take it whenever they can, if it should only be three inches thick.

A MASQUERADE ball will be held in Haupt's Hall this (Friday) evening. Prof. A. M. Reese, who has been very successful in teaching dancing this winter is at the head of it, which insures it a grand success.

SOME thieves broke in the cellar of Rev. Mr. Gearhard on Wednesday night, and carried away bread, butter, canned fruit, sausage, &c. They evidently were hard up when they resorted to robbing a minister. Had it been an editor's premises the thieves would have discovered a different state of affairs. There would have been no bread, butter, canned fruit or sausage. Editors are not so extravagant in their living. A "shooting stick" is about their extent of property, and thieves don't relish that kind, as it stops digestion frequently, as it did Hughes' at the Cameron township robbery.

THE Clothing Hall of Simon & Oppenheimer continues to be the attraction at the corner of Third and Market streets. Their splendid assortment of clothing and their low prices will draw crowds to their establishment. Everybody can afford to be dressed genteely by patronizing them and get first-class suits for the same price that others ask for their poores:. They are now selling off their stock to make room for their spring assortment. No old stock will be carried over the season, and all in need of clothing had better examine their stock before it is disposed of.

SHEET MUSIC.—A large assortment for sale at the periodical stand in the postoffice.

THOSE of our readers who visit the city for the purpose of purchasing articles of dress, especially ladies' fashionable cloaks, &c., would do well to examine the stock of Ely, Hansberger & Ely, staple and fancy dry goods, No. 1126 Chestnut St., Philadelphia.

MEETING OF THE GRAND LODGE OF I. O. OF O. F. AT SUNBURY.—A special meeting of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. of O. F. of Pennsylvania, will be held at Sunbury on Thursday afternoon, February 3d, at 2 o'clock, for the purpose of admitting Past Grands to membership in the Grand Lodge. At 7 o'clock in the evening a visitation meeting will be held to exemplify the work of the order, when members not Past Grands will be admitted. The lodges in this vicinity should send full delegations to these meetings, as they will not perhaps have another meeting of the Grand Lodge as convenient for many years to come. 3t

WE notice that nearly all the lawyers in Sunbury will start for Philadelphia on to-morrow, (Saturday) to attend the session of the Supreme Court to be held there next week. Peace will reign in Sunbury for all of next week.

MAD DOGS.—There is considerable excitement prevailing in the lower end of this county in regard to mad dogs. A dog belonging to a Mr. Deibler, of Dauphin county, passed through the lower townships week before last, and on his route bit a large number of dogs and cattle, and farmers are apprehensive that more damage is done than they are aware of. Dogs and cattle that were known to have been bitten have nearly all been killed.

NARROW ESCAPE.—A little girl aged about 12 years named Clara Ness, made a narrow escape from burning to death on Saturday last. While a party were seating on the basin she with a number of others were standing near the bon fire when her clothing took fire, and she was soon enveloped in flames, Messrs Val. Mackert, Geo. Harrison and Samuel Pyers being in the vicinity went to her assistance and smothered the flames by throwing their coats over her. The girl's clothing was almost entirely destroyed, but fortunately her received but slight personal injury.

THE FORCIBLE ENTRY AND DETAINER CASE.—In the forcible entry and detainer suit tried last week in which John E. Rathbun, Patrick O'Garra, Thomas O'Garra, Patrick Waters and James Summons, defendants, the jury rendered a verdict of guilty in manner and form as indicted. The defendants were arrested at the instance of R. M. Cummings, attorney for the heirs of Jeremiah Tower, of Pittsburg. The land in question is situated in Mt. Carmel township, this county, and its estimated value is over five hundred thousand dollars. The Tower's claim their title under letters patent from the State. The Northumberland coal company, of which J. E. Rathbun is the representative, claim their title through a tax sale in 1840. Both parties were determined on obtaining and retaining possession. Mr. Cummings brought the above action for being forcibly ejected. Some forty witnesses were examined on the defence, but the jury brought in the verdict of guilty. Messrs. Maynard, Bently and Dietrich, of Williamsport, were employed on behalf of the Commonwealth, and Judge Linn, of Bellefonte, and S. W. Ryon, of Pottsville, and George W. Ziegler, of this place, for the defence. Considerable surprise was manifested when the jury rendered their verdict, as the general opinion was that the defendants would be acquitted. Immediately upon the rendering of the verdict a motion was made for a new trial upon reasons filed. The motion will be heard at an adjourned court to be held in February next.

OUR friend S. N. Gayman, of Purdytown, adjacent to this borough is engaged in inclosing his fish pond by a substantial stone wall, so that fish will be unable to escape. Several new ponds have been dug within the enclosure for the propogating of the different species of fish. The pounds cover about an acre of ground, through which flows a stream of fresh spring water, which passes out through fine selves. Two of the pounds abound with black bass of various sizes. Several trout are kept in the spring over which a building is erected. A large number of trout eggs are now being hatched out which are intended to be placed in one of the new pounds. Mr. Gayman has made fish culture a study, and understands fully propogating them. It is a fine sight to see his collection of fish, and his ponds are visited frequently by strangers and others.

BULL FROGS in the dead of winter is a rarity, but Mr. S. N. Gayman has four large sized frogs in one of his fish ponds, which he takes delight in showing to his friends. A few days ago when the weather was pretty warm these frogs came out from underneath a board shelter, and commenced to croak as happily as if it were in spring time. Mr. Gayman had intended to slaughter them for his Christmas dinner, but wisely concluded to keep them over winter, and in the spring raise a family of frogs to give his friends a Christmas dinner on frogs during the Centennial year.

THE inauguration of Gov. J. F. Hartranft, on Tuesday last, was attended by a large number of editors from every part of the State. Among them we noticed Bro. Beckley, of the Bloomsburg *Republican*, who wore a clerical appearance. Bro. J. F. Maginnis, of the Williamsport *Gazette & Bulletin*, was the most sedate man on the ground. Bro. Hart, of the Philadelphia *Inquirer*, looked young and handsome. Bro. Morton, of the *Miltonian*, looked solemn and was taken for a clergyman. Bro. Kinsloe, of the Lock Haven *Republican*, was decidedly the handsomest man on the ground. Bro. J. J. Auten, of the Watsontown *Record* with his cotton umbrella, was variously taken as a Centenarian editor. He took his whiskey straight, and declared that if he and our worthy County Treasurer had'nt knocked thunder out of the Erie Convention, by hammering on sheet iron, that the present inauguration would not have been near so grand.

A FINE DINING ROOM.—The enterprising landlord, E. T. Drumheller, of the City Hotel had his dining rooms repainted, and the ceilings handsomely painted and oiled. The designs and various colors gives it a fresh and neat appearance such as is seldom noticed in any hotels in the country. Nearly the whole inside of the building will soon receive the painter's brush, and frescoed and painted the same as the dining rooms, of a light shade. Although the City Hotel is considered one of the handsomest hotels in the State, the proprietor believes that he can yet make further improvements, and is succeeding admirably. Any one who will examine the house and see in what a magnificent manner it is kept, will agree with us that a more comfortably and convenient hotel is scarcely to be found in either the city or country. We are glad to find too that travelers who know the house, are so pleased that if within fifty miles of this place, will travel the distance for the purpose of enjoying the hospitalities of the house, and for a good night's rest and a square meal.

THE Court House clock, or the town clock as it is sometimes improperly called, seems to be in want of a responsible head. The clock has been for months past, some fifteen minutes faster than true time, or ten minutes faster than rail road time, which is Philadelphia time, and about five minutes faster than true time here. This is all wrong and is liable to mislead people, particularly strangers, who naturaly suppose that the standard of time, in this place, is uniform, as it certainly should be. The clock is an excellent time keeper, but it requires some one to attend to it. The commissioners should seeto this. As they have charge of the public buildings, they are the custodians of the clock. It is a part and parcel of the Court House, designed to be so by the architect and laid down in the plan of the building, which would not be finished without it. There is no more reason in surrendering the care and keeping of the clock to the borough authorities than in surrendering the gas lights or any other of the appurtenances of the Court House to the care of the borough. The clock, it is true, was a gift to the county or Court House, through the borough, but the title in the county is just as valid as if it had been purchased and paid for by the Commissioners, a fact that would soon be established if any one should attempt its removal. The Commissioners should take charge and make it the duty of the Janitor to attend to it and see that it is kept in order.

OBITUARY.—Andrew C. Huston, who was editor 69 years ago, and a printer 73 years ago, died on the 10th inst., at Northumberland. He was born in Germantown, March 27, 1787; learned the printer's art with Zachariah Pulson, in Philadelphia, and moved to Northumberland, with his father's family, in 1807. There they purchased the Republican Argus, the paper published by the celebrated John Binns, and conducted it jointly. The elder Huston died in 1809, leaving the son sole editor and proprietor. Some years later, in the office of Andrew Kennedy, at Northumberland, he gave Simon Cameron his first lesson in type setting.

The deceased was a batchelor, and during the greater part of his life lived with his brother-in-law, John Taggart, Esq. He was a gentleman of very extensive information, possessed an extraordinary memory, and was a most assiduous reader. During the closing years of his life his sightwas very much impaired. Previous to that he averaged from 10 to 15 hours a day in his extensive library.

Mr. Huston was an American of long descent, having descended, on his mother's side, from the Finns and Sweeds who settled on the Delaware some two hundred years ago. His father, Matthew Huston, early in the present century, represented the county of Philadelphia in the State Legislature, for several sessions, and was afterwards Clerk of the House of Representatives. Both he and his brother John were officers in the Revolution. The deceased had no brother, and but one sister, who was the wife of Mr. John Taggart, and died several years ago at the age of 75 years. The family is long lived. Of his cousins, (children of John Huston,) three died not long ago, at Chestnut Hill, near Philadelphia, at the following ages:—John 88, Mary 87, and Alexander 83; Joseph still lives, aged 87.

In politics, he was a Jeffersonian Democrat, Whig and Republican, claiming for these parties direct and legitimate succession. He was so wedded to his convictions that he could never be induced to vote the smallest portion of a modern Democratic ticket. He has voted at 68 general and 17 Presidenttial election, *never missing one*, either Presidential, State, municipal or special. He never sought or hold an office.—*Gazette.*

STORE ROBBED.—The store of A. L. Holshoe at Herndon this county was broken into on Sunday night a week, and goods and money to to amount of $150 were stolen. Some of the goods have been traced to Schuylkill county and will be recovered. The thieves are supposed to be three tramps who loitered about the place during the day.

Heavy Robbery in Mahanoy Valley.

A Plucky Mahanoy Farmer Kills one of the Robbers—The Dead Man Identified as being from Shamokin

On Wednesday night Coroner Taylor was called out of bed between one and two o'clock and was informed that a man had been killed in Mahanoy Valley, Cameron township, and that the presence of the Coroner was required to hold an inquest on the body. The Coroner at once proceeded across the mountain and arrived at the place where the dead man was awaiting him, at about two oselock. Having summoned a jury the Coroner returned to Shamokin after hearing a portion of the evidence, the jury being notified to convene again at ten o'clock Thursday morning.

In Cameron township, Mahanoy Valley, about two miles west of the "Brick Tavern," or Pennsylvania Hotel, lives a farmer named Nathan Henninger. He is a man about 37 years of age and has a wife and five children. Henninger lives on what is known as the Billman farm, the property having belonged to David Billman, who died about two years ago. Mrs. Billman, Henningers's mother-in-law, an old lady of 85 years, lives with him, as also do two sons of Mrs. Billman by her first husband whose name was Maurer. These two sons, George and Philip Maurer, are both pretty well up in years, George being 65 and Philip 60 years of age. Almost a year ago Nathan Henninger purchased the Billman property, having arranged to buy out heirs. The farm consists of 300 acres and was appraised at about $9,000. Henninger owns another farm, adjoining this one, of about 160 acres.

THE ROBBERY.

On Wednesday two relatives, Jacob Billman of Roaring Creek and Solomon Billman of Washington township, arrived at Henninger's on a visit. About half past five o'clock the family and visitors sat down to supper. Their dining room was in a small frame building about forty feet away from the main building or mansion. The dwelling or main building is built of stone and is a large roomy house, but the family have been using the small frame building for a kitchen and dining room, although it is a little distance from the dwelling.

About six o'clock or a little after, supper was finished and Mrs. Henninger got up from the table and remarked that she would go out to the barn to feed a calf. She had just stepped out of the door when a man stopped her and ordered her back, saying that if she didn't stay in he would shoot her. Her husband, Nathan Henninger, then came out but a large man with a black moustache ordered him to halt and return, at the same time time pointing a gun at the farmer. Henninger and his wife both stepped back into the building and then only began to appreciate what the trouble was. Looking out of the window they saw several men enter the stone dwelling, while a number of others were doing guard duty outside. At that moment several shots were fired into the door of the building in which Henninger, his visitors, and family were staying. About seven shots in all were fired, nearly all of which passed through the door and out through the window on the other side, but doing no injury to the inmates.

HENNINGER SHOOTS BACK.

After the firing outside had commenced Henninger started up stairs where he had a rifle and a double barreled shot gun, and quickly loading these in the dark, he began to take measures to defend his castle. Two balls were put in each barrel of the shot gun and one ball in the rifle. Taking aim through the window at several of the villians who were off about twenty-yards he had the satisfaction of seeing one man drop. Then the robbers opened fire in earnest, shooting promiscuously into the windows and door but luckily hitting none of the twelve persons who were huddled together in the small space inside.

Henninger again took aim, this time at one of the robbers who was stationed on the wood pile, and this shot also took effect, leaving spots of blood all over the wood, but the robber was not so badly hurt but what he could get away. Once more a volley was returned, shattering a looking glass, picture frame and window panes, but again miraculously missing the inmates.

THE FARMER'S THIRD SHOT.

By this time the several robbers who were ransacking the stone mansion had joined their companions outside and a consultation was held over the fallen comrade who was lying on the ground. Henninger saw this and taking aim at the squad he fired his third and last shot, also with effect he thinks as they left suddenly carrying away one of their wounded.

AFTER THE BATTLE.

As soon as the robbers had started away an examination was made of the dwelling and it was found that two chests were broken open and $2,075 in gold, silver and bank notes taken. About six hundred and seventy-five dollars of this was in bank notes, the balance in coin. The premises outside were then examined and very soon one of the robbers was found on the ground dead. There were traces of blood across the hill to the east of the house showing that one or two more had been wounded and helped away.

THE DEAD MAN FROM SHOMOKIN.

After the Coroner arrived he summoned the following jury: C. B. Boyer, C. K. Weikel, J. H. Conrad, W. F. Ditty, A. M. Startzel and James May, Junior. As the jury was about to view the body one of them recognized the dead man as being from Shamokin. His name is Philip Hughes and he lived in Withington's Row on Franklin street. Hughes has a wife and two children, and has been employed at Cameron Colliery. On Wednesday afternoon about four o'clock he left his house in company with two men named Martin Farrell and Thos. Galvin, and nothing further was heard from them until Hughes was killed that night. On the body of Hughes was found a white handkerchief, a small round tin box, a clay pipe, muslin tobacco pouch with tobacco and a powder flask. Galvin boarded with Hughes and Farrell with boarded with Michael Healey, Hughes' next door neighbor. Mrs. Hughes states that a strange man was at her house to see her husband during Wednesday but she does not know who it was.

AN ARREST.

The house in which Hughes lived is a double one, the one side being occupied by Michael Healey. On Thursday Healey was arrested as probably knowing something about the robbery but he brought witnesses to prove that he was home that night and he was therefore discharged. There were six men in the party who committed the robbery, and of these several are well known. At the time we write the villians have not been captured but enough evidence was produced to show that their flight was in the direction of Pottsville.

The robbers left two guns and a cap, which are in the hands of the Coroner.

A VISIT TO MAHANOY.

Securing a conveyance we made a trip to the scene of the robbery on Thursday and after driving about six miles we reached Henninger's farm. We arrived there about noon and found the Coroner's jury about closing their investigation. Quite a crowd had collected from the surrounding neighborhood and each farmer was armed with a rifle or shot gun. The crowd looked terribly warlike. Hughes' body was lying on a bench in a wash house that had been recently built. He was stripped to the waist and in the breast was a hole made by the fatal bullet. Another ball had entered his left shoulder, he having been struck by both balls out of the one barrel of the shot gun. His eyes were only half closed and his mouth was partly open. His body and clothing was terribly bloody and his whole appearance was ghastly and sickening. No one had appeared yet to claim the body, but on our way back we met an undertaker with a rough box going to bring the remains to Shamokin. Where he will be buried we do not know at this writing, the Catholic Clergy having forbidden his body to be interred in any of the Catholic cemeteries.

THE PROBABILITIES.

From what we heard and saw on the premises we feel satisfied that this daring robbery was planned by some one who was perfectly familiar with the house and with the family. They only entered the rooms where the two chests were that contained the money and did not disturb a chest or trunk in another room that contained no money. A large old-fashioned clock was opened and searched, where some money had been kept at one time but nothing was in that. Henniger lost nothing, the money belonged to George Maurer, $800, Philip Maurer, $250, and Mrs. Billman, $325.

THE VERDICT.

The jury returned a verdict that Hughes had been killed by Nathan Henniger in self defence and fully exonerating Henniger from all blame, or, in other words it was justifiable homicide. Henninger was quite a lion among the crowd who had assembled and the Mahanoy farmers all seemed proud of their plucky neighbor. Henninger came to Shamokin with us and before he returned home he supplied himself with a good revolver at one of our hardware store.

ANOTHER ARREST—FARRELL FOUND IN POTTSVILLE.

Thursday noon Councilman J. A. Weaver went to Pottsville on private business and while walking down Centre street he saw Martin Farrell, one of the parties supposed to be concerned in the above robbery, walking along on the other side of the street. Mr. Weaver was at the time in company with Lieut. W. H. Moyer of the Coal and Iron Police and calling Lieut. Moyer's attention to Farrell the officer at once arrested him. Farrell was taken before a Justice and was committed to prison until evening when he was brought to Shamokin.

FARRELL'S LITTLE STORY.

When Farrell was taken before Squire Helm he made the following statement of his movements on Wednesday night. He admitted having been with Hughes up to four o'clock Wednesday afternoon but left him at that hour on Shamokin Street. He (Farrell) and Galvin then started to walk up the Northern Central track, having concluded "go to Philadelphia." They went to Centralia on foot, arriving there at two o'clock in the morning; continued walking to Girardville and arrived there at six; left Galvin in Pottsville but didn't know just where. Farrell hesitated very much in answering questions and seemed to feel very uncomfortable. Two woodchoppers who had seen the gang on the mountain were present and partly identified Farrell as one of the party. There was other evidence pointing to this man as being one of the gang who committted the robbery and Justice Helm demanded $5,000 bail for his appearance at Court, and as he could not furnish the security he was sent to Sunbury on Friday morning. On Friday morning as Farrell was putting on his boots several spots of what seemed to be blood were found, and he was given a pair of shoes to put on and the boots retained to be used as evidence. Part of his clothing also looked as if it had been washed indicating that he had assisted in carrying away one of the wounded men.

WHAT THE WOODCHOPPERS SAY.

Two woodchoppers who were employed on the mountain between this place and Mahanoy, quit work about five o'clock on Wednesday evening and started to come home. They had come but a little way along the summit of the mountain when they saw a party of six men alongside of the public road. Two were standing up and four were lying down. Those who were reclining on the ground tried to hide their faces and refused to look up at the woodchoppers. The two workmen passed on but thought the movements of these men very strange and commented on the matter to others when they got back to Shamokin.

HUGHES' ANTECEDENTS.

The report that Philip Hughes, the dead robber, is a Welshman, is incorrect. He is an Irishman. It is reported that Hughes is not his correct name, he having found it necessary to change his name some time ago on account of former acts of his. He bears the marks of a bullet wound in one of his arms and is known to have been implicated in unlawful transactions since he came to this place.

HENNINGER UNDER BAIL.

In giving the verdict of the Coroner's Jury we omitted to state that Coroner Taylor thought it advisable to hold Henninger, the farmer, in the sum of $500 in his own recognizance for his appearance at Court if he should be required. Henninger, who is a German and talks English imperfectly, did not understand this proceeding, and so the reporter of the TIMES was called upon to act as interpreter and explained why this was done. Henninger expressed himself as perfectly satisfied with the verdict and said to us that he would be glad to appear at Court and have a jury decide on his action. The whole Mahanoy Valley would have gone his security if it had been necessary.

A MAHANOYER'S OPINION.

While we were standing by the side of Hughes' body, examining the wounds, a German farmer came up and nudging us remarked, "Des vor ein verdommt gooder trick!" The smile on his countenance showed how heartily he approved of Henninger's conduct in shooting the robber.

UNCLAIMED PROPERTY.

Coroner Taylor has the two guns and cap in his possession, which were left by the robbers, and he wishes that the owners would "come forward, prove property and take them away." No assurance is however given that "no questions will be asked."

THE LATEST.

Traces of one of the wounded robbers it is rumored, have been found in the direction of Mt. Carmel and officers have been sent to investigate, but at the hour we go to press we are without further particulars. Whether there is perpetrators of the robbery, but on inquiry from reanything in the reports or not we cannot tell. Owing to the great excitement occasioned by this affair we have carefully guarded against giving anything except what was reliable. By request we omit any mention of the movements of a part of the police force who are working up the robbery, but a reasonable hope is entertained that several more captures will follow soon.—*Shamokin Times Jan. 16.*

Since the above has been put in type there have been a number of rumors of arrests of the sidents from that section of the county we learn that they are without foundation. A man named Gilbert Reitz, a neighbor of Mr. Henninger, is suspected as being one of the accomplices, and has left for parts unknown. Reitz was seen near Sunbury on Tuesday in company with his father, and we are informed that officers are in close pursuit of him.

A NOTICE in the *Daily* over the signature of *Theophilous*, charges Moody and Sankey with suppressing important portions of the word of God in their quotations from scripture. The meeting of the revivalists are attended regularly by learned men and eminent men of different churches, who have failed to make this discovery. Theophilus should show wherein the suppression or discrepancy exists.

A YOUNG THIEF CAPTURED.—On Christmas morning a young man by the name of Daniel Byers, about 16 years old, living with Mr. Peter R. Menges, in Lewis twp., in the absence of the family, broke into Mr. Menges' room and stole forty odd dollars in gold, silver and greenbacks. He then went to the barn and saddled a horse and came to Watsontown and boarded the 12:20 train south. The horse was left standing at the depot until evening when operator Daugherty and young Mr. Johnson brought it to Cooner's hotel, where the poor beast was stabbled and further developments awaited. The next morning Mr. Menges came to town and got the first clew to the whereabouts of the young scamp. Supposing that he had gone in the direction of Reading where he has an aunt residing, Mr. Menges started in pursuit. His suspicions proved correct. On arriving at Reading he obtained the assistance of a policeman who soon found young Beyers a guest at the Uble House. He was brought to Turbotville by Mr. Menges and taken before Justice Wagner, who committed him to jail, and on Tuesday last Judge Rockefeller told him he might go down to Philadelphia for eighteen months.—*Record.*

THE AMERICAN STOCK JOURNAL.—Perhaps the cheapest farm periodical is the AMERICAN STOCK JOURNAL. It is a 32 page monthly, devoted especialy to Stock and Poultry Breeding, Dairying, Wool Growing, Bee Keeping, Farming, Veterinary Science, and other kindred subjects, in fact it contains a fund of valuable information that the farmer and stock-breeder should not be without. All who subscribe now will receive the back numbers for October, November, and December as a centennial premium. Subscription *only one Dollar* a year. Sample numbers, club rates, premium lists, etc., sent free on application. Address Potts Brothers, Parkesburg, Chester County, Pa.

THE Harrisburg *Telegraph* is daily in receipt of communications giving advice to prevent hydrophobia in animals. The local of that paper publishes one of them which papers are requested to copy, and comments on it as follows:

Harrisburg Dec 20, 1875.
Give your dogs cats and other helpliss inferier, anamels water in frosen wether and avoid hirdraphobe. papers pleas copy D.

The author of that communication is a philanthropist. In the ebullition of our thankfulness we shake hands with him in an imaginary hearty grasp. We own a dog, and if he lives through the winter we shall ascribe his preservation to nothing else than our following the above advice. Undoubtedly "D." belongs to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, which is a power in the land—in fact, it is the "Chief among ten thousand societies—and the one altogether lovely."

"When the Spring time comes, Gentle Annie," and the "frosen wether" has taken its departure, then will the guileless maiden with the lap dog call "D." a real nice man for having saved Fido; the nobby young man, who is followed about by a shadow attached to a small red blanket, will offer to "set 'em up" out of gratitude; the beefy butcher boy, whose bull dog has been carefully nartured through the winter by following the advice of "D." will rise up and call him a "bully boy with a tin ear, and show me de man what wants to pull down his vest;" the "other helpliss inferier anamels" will rise up and call him blessed because of his humanity and forethought in staving off that dread disease "hidraphobe."

MAN SHOT IN THE WEST WARD.—Several weeks ago a young man named Burns from Burnside Colliery entered the house of a man named Smith who lives near Weaver's breaker in the West Ward. Burns asked for something which was refused him, whereupon he took out a knife and ripped open a lounge and then left. Thursday evening of last week Burns appeared again at the same house and having been recognized he stepped outside and fired into the house, the ball taking effect in the thigh of Smith. Burns then fled and has not been apprehended yet. Drs. Krickbaum and Heilenbach extracted the ball. Burns fired right in among the family and it is a wonder that he did not strike Mrs. Smith or some of the children. —*Shamokin Times.*

COBLE'S INSURANCE AGENCY.—We are glad to find that many of the farmers in this and adjoining counties avail themselves of the opportunity to get their property insured in the Ætna Fire Insurance Company of Hartford, Conn., of which Geo. Coble, Esq., of Herndon, is the agent. The Ætna is a reliable company, and no farmer should neglect to insure so that in case of fire he will receive the greater portion of his loss back again. The small sum paid for a policy and assessments, frequently is the means of saving a poor, hard-working man from total ruin by fire, which is liable to occur at any time. Call on Geo. Coble, Esq., Herndon, North'd county, if you wish to secure a safe insurance policy.

OFFICERS ELECTED AND DIVIDEND DECLARED.—At a meeting of the Stockholders of the Shamokin Banking Company, held on Monday last, the following persons were elected Directors to serve the ensuing year, viz. Conrad Graeber, A. A. Heim, Wm. H. Marshal, S. John, David Llewellyn, Geo. W. Ryon, John Kemble, John Larkin, Jacob Huntzinger, Chas. F. Rahn, and Levi Huber.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors held the same day, the following officers were elected to serve the ensuing year. President, Conrad Graeber; Vice President, A. A. Heim; Solliciter, Geo. W. Ryon. Ivanhoe S. Huber was continued as Cashier, and D. W. Heim as Teller.

The Board on the same day declared a Dividend of five per cent. payable after the 4th inst., clear of all taxes.—*Shamokin Herald.*

W. S. ROADS of this place has a plant known by botanists as "The bridal wreath," that has been growing in his garden during the winter months to the present time. It has first green leaves about one quarter of an inch in length. The plant is of a sensative nature, and the fact of its growing during the winter can only be accounted for by the months of December and January being so mildly spring like as to be curiosity worth seeing, and Mr. Roads takes pleasure in showing it to those who may see fit to call.

THE residence of Geo. Weiser Esq. of Hollowing run, was entered last Sunday, while Mr. Weiser and his family were at Church, and about three hundred dollars stolen, among the money stolen was about fifty dollars belonging to one of his da ughters. There is no clue to the rascal who committed the larceny, but the general opinion is that the money has not been taken out of the valley, where Mr. Weiser resides.

LEWY HUMMEL is one of the institutions of Shamokin where the celebrated Milwaukee beer is dealt out to thirsty customers. Lewy keeps a good saloon, keeps an orderly house and observes the laws. His place is open from 8 a. m. to 10 p. m., and all who wish to quench thirst must observe his rules. The Milwaukee beer is noted as the very best in the country, and Lewy is known everywhere as a first-class restaurant keeper. It is one of the places in Shamokin where no rowdyism is allowed.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE AT LEWISBURG.—About 3 o'clock on Friday morning last, a fire broke out in the Academy of Music, at Lewisburg, and in one hour destroyed the whole building. The *Chronicle* says:

Prof. Huslander, the Principal, is the heaviest loser. His property destroyed consisted of six pianos, five organs, violin, violoncello, about $500 worth of music, his account books, and a number of articles of lesser value, in all amounting to perhaps $4,500, on which he holds an insurance of $3,500. He had recently placed in the Academy a piano valued on $700 and a magnificent organ of still greater value, all of which are now a worthless mass. Miss Damon saved her violin, but suffered a loss in music and other articles amounting to several hundred dollars. Prof. Sperra saved a cornet and violin, but lost a fine guitar and a large quantity of music, much of which was of unusual value. Two young men, Messrs. Kirkland and Marsh, who roomed in the Academy, narrowly escaped with their lives by jumping through the window.

The Firemen were on the spot with all the promptness possible, and succeeded in preventing to fire from spreading. The Academy burned like tinder, sending storms of sparks upon the neighboring buildings, igniting the dry roofs almost constantly. When discovered, all prospect of saving the Academy building was hopeless.

KEEP YOUR FEET DRY.—It is a very difficult matter to get boots or shoes that will not allow water to go through and cause cold feet and create sickness. Nearly all the ills the human family is heir to is caused by damp feet. This difficulty is now avoided by procuring boots and shoes from the Excelsior store on Market street that are water proof. J. B. Smith & Bro. have at last succeeded to get boots and shoes made of material that is not surpassed for beauty, wear and to keep your feet dry. Call an examine their stock.

WE noticed several large boxes opened at Marx & Bro's. store, next door to the post office, this week which contained a large assortment of fancy goods. There is no end to their stock, and everything of the best quality in the line of notions and fancy goods is found in their establishment, and sold at prices below city retail prices. They have the finest goods that has ever been seen outside the cities, and no one need go to Philadelphia for goods when the same can be had at home for a less price.

WILLIS H. LAWRENCE, of Milton, distributed twenty bushels of potatoes to the poor on New Year's day. The allowance was half a bushel to each family.

MAJ. W. C. KAPP, of Northumberland, attended the inauguration on Tuesday, and was appointed one of the aids for the fourth division of the military procession.

"HONESTIES" is the best of policies, but Shipman thinks a Fire, Life and Accident insurance policy in his companies equally as good.

IF you want Centennial calendars, blotters and first-class fire, life and accident insurance go to Shipman, he can supply you.

[COMMUNICATED.]

"A Correction."

We notice an article in some of the county journals of last week under the above named title. The correction related to a certain part of the proceedings of the Northumberland County Teacher's Institute, as reported by the secretary. The correction is made by the presiding officer of said Institute. Can some of your readers inform us as to what power a presiding officer *has* or may *assume* in correcting a secretary's report after it is in print? M.

[FOR THE AMERICAN.]

Editor American:

Accounts of proceedings of the Teachers' Institute are usually interesting, but the thing done is more important than any person's private opinion of the character of it. Such testimonies as,

"The essay was well and forcible written, and was well received." "His remarks were full of good sense, and very practical," "so thorough, so clear, so comprehensive, so erudite," make work for the printer and leave the reader's curiosity unsatisfied, since the facts to justify the claim or attention are not presented.

It is not easy to see why S. Shipman, getting the watch at the spelling contest, was of sufficient importance to afford occasion for a public religious thanksgiving, unless his competitors were so hard a set that the victory of any one of them would have been a thing very much to be deprecated; in which case, however, they have probably shown great modesty. Among the proceedings lately reported is this resolution:

"Resolved, That we Teachers of Northumberland county, feel very thankful to an Allwise Being that the present to the best speller fell upon so worthy a person as our Ex-Sup't, Saul Shipman."

One of the old Latin critics tells his brother poets not to bring a God in unless the case is serious. The young teacher who drew the resolution must be excused, if piety got the start of logical shrewdness, or he may not have meant to get much of a God in after all: for he uses the indefinite article, as if he thought there might be several, and the one he was after perhaps not the most important one. C.

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Anti-Monopoly.

The Anti-Monopoly Convenion, in session at Harrisburg, Pa., March 2, 3 and 4 last, appointed, just prior to adjourning, an executive committee of eleven members, with power to re-convene the said convention at such time and place as in their judgment should seem proper.

By virtue of that authority, the undersigned, a majority of said Executive Committee, hereby officially announce that the said Convention will reconvene in the city of Harrisburg, on Tuesday, February 1, 1876, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, sharp.

All Trade or Labor Unions, Granges or other Associations of workingmen, having for their object the protection of their members and the community against the money, transporting, land and other monopolies with which the people are accursed, are entitled to send two delegates, the names of whom should be sent, as soon as possible after appointment, to the Secretary of the Committee.

Associations in sympathy with the purposes of the convention, who are unable, by reason of lack of funds, to send delegates direct from their own membership, are requested to appoint proxies, and forward such suggestions relative to the Convention as they may feel impelled to make, to the Chairman, Secretary, or any member of the committee.

Associations represented, either by delegate or letter, will be required to contribute their proportionate share of the necessary expenses, which will, however, but trifling.

The conviction of the Clearfield miners, and other aspects of the Conspiracy laws of the Commonwealth—the landlord and tenant act—the store order or "truck" system—the question of laws to protect practical co-operations—the "Weight Bill!"—the Bituminous Ventilation Bill—the report of the Legislative Committee, appointed at the last session to enquire into alleged violations of the charters of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad and Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Companies, a matter which involves the whole question of the relative rights of individuals and corporations—all these questions, and others equally interesting to the Anti-monopolist, will probably come before the approaching session of our Legislature for discussion and action. In view of this fact, it seems to us important, since party conventions will not take cognizance of our wants as Anti-Monopolists, that we should come together, under the very noses, so to speak, of