Sunbury American.

SUNBURY, FEBRUARY 4, 1876.

Local Affairs.

THE vendue season is approaching. The best sale bills are printed at the AMERICAN Steam Printing Office in Sunbury.

REV. MR. HEWITT, rector of St. Matthew's Episcopal church, this place, was the recipient of a handsome donation from his congregation last week.

DAVID GOSS and Henry Helt were arrested last week at Williamstown, Dauphin county, charged with stealing chickens at Shamokin, and committed to jail, at this place, on Saturday last.

THE laying humor of the hens during this winter has caused the price of eggs to come down to 20 cents per dozen. If only the cows would feel in the same humor and produce more butter so as to bring down the price, there would be some chance for poor people to live awhile longer.

THERE are now twenty-four prisoners in our county jail, and still they come.

OUR County Commissioners returned home on Friday evening last from a tour to inspect prisons in other parts of the State. They visited Pottsville, Allentown, Reading, Easton and Philadelphia, and found the prisons nearly all erected upon the same plan, and the general complaint is that they are too small. They were advised everywhere to build large, which advice they will no doubt follow, and it will meet the views of the public generally.

A REVOLUTIONARY relict, in the shape of a certificate of membership of the Society of Cincinnati, which belonged to Wm. Gray, an officer of the revolutionary army, signed by George Washington and Gen. Knox, the first President and Secretary of the society, is in possession of Capt. Charles J. Bruner, of this place, a descendent of Mr. Gray. It is a venerable and interesting document.

THE imprisoned Commissioners of Schuylkill county have been recommended by the Board of Pardons to executive clemency, and they will probably be released soon.

CAPT. J. HUNSICKER, of Dewart, will take charge of the Burr House, Northumberland, about the 1st of March.

THE following are the newly elected officers of the Milton National Bank: Directors, Wm. C. Lawson, M. Chamberlain, W. P. Hull, Thos. Swenk, John Roush, W. S. Montgomery, I. B. Davis, Ferd. Piper, Henry Raup. President, W. Lawson; Cashier, R. M. Frick.

THE stockholders of the First National Bank of Northumberland elected the following named gentlemen as directors on Tuesday last: J. W. Cake, A. H. Stone, W. T. Forsyth, S. A. Burkenbine, D. G. Driesbach, John Martin, S. R. Yearrick.

THREE attempts were made to burn the residence of Mr. Solomon Weaver, on North Fourth street, this place, on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights, by placing chips and shavings under the front porch and igniting them. Mr. Weaver is at a loss to know who the fiends are or what object they can have in thus attempting to ruin him.

HORSE AND WAGON FOR SALE.—A young horse, suitable for a family horse, and a good spring wagon, with top cover, will be sold reasonable. Apply at this office or to James Vandyke, Sunbury, Pa.

THE late cold snap caused another great rush for the Clothing Hall of Simon & Oppenheimer, corner of Third and Market streets, for Ulster and fine overcoats. They keep the best made-up goods in the country, and they have no trouble to sell after parties take a look at them.

Go and see the handsome goods at Marx & Bro. next door to the post office. There is no end to their beautiful stock of notions and ladies' wear. There is every variety and all of the latest styles.

SHOMOKIN Tribe, No. 69, I. O. of R. M., will hold a Centennial festival in Haupt's Hall, commencing on the evening of the 14th inst.

THE cold weather within forty-eight hours caused the river to again close with ice. Those who have not yet filled their ice houses are in great glee about it.

AT the annual meeting of the Sunbury Mutual Saving Fund and Building Association, held on Friday, the 21st of January, 1876, the following officers were elected: Vice-President, Ira T. Clement; Secretary, J. Weiser Bucher; Treasurer, P. H. Moore; Solicitor, A. N. Brice. Directors, Val. Dietz, W. H. Miller, J. W. Bucher, A. N. Brice and Em'l Wilvert. At a meeting of the board of directors on Monday evening last, Em'l Wilvert was re-elected President for the ensuing term.

Two hogs killed by H. J. Waltz of the Empire House on Monday last, weighed 787 pounds. One weighed 382½ and the other 404½ pounds. Two guess boxes were up, one containing $25.15 was won by J. W. Stevenson, and the other containing $10.90 was won by Henry Zortman and Geo. Geiser.

DIED OF CROUP.—George Gurtner, an interesting son, aged about 3 years, of John G. Gurtner, the efficient express agent, at this place, died on Sunday night of croup.

DECISIONS BY THE SUPREME COURT.—The following decisions were delivered in the Supreme Court, in Philadelphia on Monday last, in cases appealed from the lower court of this county:

Per Curiam.—J. A. Cake, for himself, and the Commonwealth vs. E. R. Jacoby, despatcher of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.—Error to Common pleas of Northumberland county. Judgment affirmed.

Per Curium.—Commonwealth vs. Henry Peiffer.—Error to Court of Oyer and Terminer of Northumberland county. Taxation and order confirmed.

Per Curiam.—S. O. Reed, assignee, etc., vs. Ira T. Clement.—Error to Common Pleas of Northumberland county. Judgment affirmed.

THE REPUBLICAN NOMINATIONS FOR BOROUGH OFFICERS.—On Wednesday evening the Republiward meetings were held to nominate candidates for borough officers. In the East Ward they assembled in the N. E. School House, and in the West Ward at the No. 1 Engine House.

EAST WARD.

The meeting was called to order, at 7:30 o'clock, by C. J. Bruner, Esq., P. H. Moore was elected President and N. S. Engle, Secretary. The President appointed Wm. Bowen and Jacob Shipman tellers.

The following nominations were then made:

Justice of the Peace—Jas. Beard.

Constable—A. P. Walters.

[illegible]assessor—P. H. Moore.

[illegible]ssistant Assessors—Sol. Weaver and T. G. [illegible]er.

[illegible]stant Burgesses—John Bowen and J. [illegible]rkle.

[illegible]limen—Jas. Kershner, J. C. Irwin, N. [illegible] and Geo. B. Cadwallader.

[illegible]rector—H. Y. Fryling.

[illegible]missioners—Sam'l G. Savidge and [illegible].

[illegible]or—A. Hoover and J. B. [illegible].

[illegible]cob Cable.

[illegible] M. Rossiter.

[illegible] was called to [illegible]ction of A. N. [illegible]ber Painter, [illegible]ing the ob[illegible]s. Geo. D. [illegible] follows: [illegible]d W. C. [illegible] Grant, [illegible]h. [illegible] Joseph [illegible] Alex.

ARREST OF AND PARTIAL CONFESSION OF GILBERT REITZ—THREE MORE ARRESTS MADE ON HIS EVIDENCE.—On Friday last was an exciting day at Shamokin and Sunbury on account of the arrest of the robbers connected with the Cameron township robbery. We copy the following from the Shamokin *Times* of Saturday morning last:

Gilbert Reitz Gives Himself Up—Two Others Arrested--Reitz Identifies Them.

Gilbert Reitz, the man who is supposed to know all about the Mahanoy robbery and who fled so suddenly, is at last in durance vile. It will be remembered that his father took him to Zerfing's Mill, near Sunbury, after which it was not known where he went. It seems he wandered up into New York State and finally arrived at a place called Canasteo, in Steuben county, on the Erie Railroad. He had no peace of mind in his wanderings and therefore decided to surrender himself to the authorities. He found a policeman of the Erie Railroad, named E. C. Simpson and to him Reitz gave himself up on Tuesday. Simpson telegraphed the fact to Shamokin and Capt. Thomas Alderson of the Coal and Iron Police went after Reitz and brought him to Shamokin yesterday at noon. Through information that was given by Reitz two other arrests were made before Gilbert arrived in Shamokin. The two men are Philip Delaney and Michael Healy. The latter was arrested the day after the robbery but was liberated at the hearing as there seemed to be no conclusive evidence against him. He lives in part of the same house in which Hughes lived.

Delaney and Healy were arrested yesterday morning and were held until Reitz arrived in the 11.40 train. When Reitz was taken before Justice Heim he at once identified Healy and Delaney as two of the men who were implicated in the robbery. He stated that in conversation with Delaney after the robbery the latter had threatened him with death if he told on them.

During the examination Reitz was exceedingly nervous but he seemed to be glad that he had surrendered himself and was in the hands of the officers.

When 'Squire Heim announced that he would hold each of the three men in $5,000 bail, Reitz replied that he wanted to go to jail and "wouldn't offer to give bail if it wasn't more than five cents." He said he didn't want to be out. Healy wanted to ask Gilbert a question but he said he had nothing more to tell just now unless the officers required him to do so; he would tell all he knew at the proper time.

The prisoners were given their dinner in the 'Squire's office and were taken to Sunbury at three o'clock. When Reitz had finished his dinner he had an affecting interview with his brother-in-law. Both men shed tears freely. Reitz remarked in our hearing that the way the affair turned out "was all for the best he presumed" and then he brightened up again and attempted to be as cheerful as possible.

An immense crowd had gathered around the 'Squire's office during the hearing but a good force of officers were on duty to preserve order.

All the facts connected with the robbery are in very good shape and when the trial of these men takes place there will be no doubt some astonishing revelations.

LATER—ANOTHER ARREST.

George Levans, a boarder at Healy's, was arrested yesterday about two o'clock and was identified by Henninger, the farmer, as the man who was at Henninger's house the day before the robbery and pretended that he wanted to buy hay. Levens was also seen crossing the mountain on the evening of the robbery and had a gun with him. 'Squire Heim demanded the same bail from Levens as from the others and as he could not furnish the security he was sent to Sunbury with Reitz and the others.

The man Kelly who was arrested in Carbon county on Thursday on suspicion of being one of the Mahanoy robbers, was released, there being no evidence to hold him.

FURTHER PARTICULARS.

The Sunbury *Daily* of Saturday last contains the following further particulars:

THE FOUR CRIMINALS.

Friday afternoon Constables Alderson and Rehrer, of Shamokin, brought Gilbert Reitz, Michael Haley, Philip Delaney and George Levens, four of the Cameron township burglars, to Sunbury, where they were locked up in jail.

A few days ago Reitz, who is supposed to be the ringleader of the gang, applied for work in Canisteo, Steuben county, N. Y., but was refused, whereupon he remarked that he might as well go to the penitentiary and gave himself up to the authorities, telling them who and what he was. They immediately telegraphed to Shamokin and Constable Alderson was sent after Reitz. On their way down Gilbert told the officer who three of the other parties were, and Alderson telegraphed home to keep a lookout for them. Friday morning Constable Rehrer arrested Healy, Delaney and Levans, and when Alderson arrived at Shamokin with his prisoner, on the noon train from Sunbury, the other three were in 'squire Heim's office ready to receive him. After a hearing, in default of $5,000 bail each, they were committed.

EXCITEMENT AT SHAMOKIN.

Around the 'squire's office and depot in Shamokin, hundreds of persons had congregated, and it was with difficulty that the officers could get through with the prisoners. At the depot here they were met by several hundred persons who escorted them to the jail, all anxious to see the parties. The officers say they had no trouble whatever with the men. Reitz was the only one of the four that was not hand-cuffed.

While coming down in the cars, after passing Snydertown, the brakeman announced that the next station was Sunbury, at which Reitz remarked, "and the next is Philadelphia." Perhaps that will be the next station of any importance for him.

None of the money has been recovered. Reitz either does not know or will not tell where it is concealed.

Thus far five of the gang of seven are in jail, the sixth was killed and the seventh wounded. The officers know who he is but they have been unable to get hold of him.

REITZ'S CONFESSION.

Reitz says that he left Zerfing's mill about six p. m. on the day that he came with his father as far as that place; that he came to this place and took the seven o'clock train for Williamsport, where he staid all night, next morning walking to Montoursville, where he took the cars for Hughesville; staid all night again at Hughesville, and the day following walked to Laporte, Sullivan county. From there he went to Dushore, in the same county. Here his funds became exhausted and he borrowed twelve dollars from an acquaintance named John Uits. From there he took the cars for Towanda, and from thence to Niagara Falls, and passed over into Canada, going to a place called Hamilton. He says he had no rest, and returned to the American side, and on Wednesday arrived at Canisteo. He says he was not at the robbery at Henninger's, but that he knew "something of the kind was to be done somewhere in the valley;" that he had nothing further to do with the robbery than informing Healy and Delaney some particulars as to the circumstances of the Billimans and Henninger, and this he did only after being questioned. He said these two men told him they would make a raid on the house and if he would go along they would share the spoils with him, but that he refused with dignity. This, in brief, is his story, let it be worth what it may.

FEAR AT THE JAIL.

He expressed great fear, at the jail, lest the sheriff would put him in the same cell with the four others, as he stood in mortal dread of them. In this he was accommodated and put in a separate apartment. Coroner Taylor was as anxious that this should be done as the prisoner, as the latter is the main witness that the prosecution will rely upon to convict the others, and it is desirable to preserve him from bodily harm until court, therefore, the suspicion indulged in and the precaution taken is justifiable. But if this programme is carried out, Reitz may escape punishment, as whatever testimony he may give against the other men cannot be used in a prosecution against him, although it may criminate him.

Reitz is very restless and his mind appears to wander, and he expressed a fear that he would become insane. He is apparently deeply penitent, whether he tells the whole truth of course cannot now be known. One thing is certain, in giving himself up he showed that he is not a very hardened criminal. He is not a ragged, hearty man, but looks thin, jaded and care-worn.

A PRISONER IN HIGH GLEE.

When the four arrived at the jail, Farrell, the one who had been arrested at Pottsville, was in high glee, and danced and shouted around because he had "plenty of company," but, of course, being careful all the while not to say anything that would criminate him or the newcomers. No recognition passed between them, and Delaney and Healy even said they did not know him, but the latter was at the jail last Sunday to see Farrell, and when he was refused handed some tobacco to Mr. Strine to give him, showing that he is not telling the truth now. All the prisoners connected with this affair are hobbled except Reitz.

Coroner Taylor has displayed commendable activity in bringing these men to justice. He went as far as Williamsport to meet Alderson and Reitz on their way to Sunbury.

THE FERRY QUESTION.—We observe that a petition is in circulation, numerously signed by many of our best citizens, for the repeal of the special act of 1870 incorporating the present steam ferry at this place, which took from the borough the right and title to the ferry which it had held for nearly a century, and vested the same in our enterprising townsman, Mr. Ira T. Clement. The ferry had been previously bringing into the borough treasury a rent of about $350 per annum, and the transfer was, of course, brought about quietly and without the knowledge of the people by an act put through the Legislature, by a paid professional borer. The great wrong was in divesting the borough of its property, which should be kept under its own control for the benefit of the town, and in surrendering it absolutely into the hands of a single individual, who has the power to use it to suit himself without regard to the wishes of the borough. The people had no objection whatever to Mr. Clement operating the ferry even at a small or nominal rent, as the lessee of the borough, provided the ferry was managed for the interests of the town and the encouragement of trade, but they could not see how that could be done by giving up their rights and their property into the hands of any one individual, who would naturally manage it to suit his own interests. The idea therefore that the petitioners were actuated by hostility to Mr. Clement, as has been asserted, by ignorant and prejudiced persons, is absurd. Let Mr. Clement agree to restore the rights of the borough as they existed before this act was passed, and we will agree that he shall run the ferry under a lease from the borough. That Mr. Clement has been an enterprising and energetic citizen, is not denied, and although this enterprise has resulted to his benefit and advantage, it does not, and should not detract from his merits. But all this does not warrant him in putting the borough and its rights and interests into his own pocket.

SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF I. O. OF O. F.—A special session of the Grand Lodge of I. O. of O. F. of Pennsylvania, convened in lodge room of No. 620, at 2 o'clock on Thursday, February 3, 1876. Most Worthy Grand Master, John Levergood, presiding, who was assisted by R. W. D. G. M. Geo. F. Borie, R. W. G. W., S. B. Boyer; R. W. G. Secretay, Jas. B. Nicholson; P. G., John A. Taylor, acting as R. W. G, Treasurer; P. G., Rev. Jacob Wampole, as W. G. Chaplain; W. Grand Conductor, C. D. Brewer; D. D. G. M., A. N. Brice, as W. G. Marshal; P. G., Em'l Wilvert, as Grand Guardian, and P. G., John Klase, as W. G. Herald. After the lodge was duly opened certificates of ninety seven Past Grands were examined, who were admitted into the Grand Lodge. The secret work of the order was then exemplified by R. W. D. G. M., Geo. F. Borie. The Grand Lodge then adjourned to the lodge room of No. 203, where a number of members of the Rebekah Degree Lodge had assembled, and the work of that degree was exemplified. In the evening a visitation meeting was held in No. 620 room, when the work was again exemplified by Grand Sire, James B. Nicholson. The visit of the Grand Lodge officers to this part of the country, no doubt, had a good effect among the members of that fraternity.

WHEN visiting the State Capitol at Harrisburg an entire stranger to the manner of low business is transacted, it is a great relief to find that the officers and clerks are always accomodating, courteous and polite in the various departments of our State government. Among the many gentlemanly clerks in the departments is Mr. Geo. E. Hoffmar, in the Treasury office, who is daily gaining friends throughout the State, by his amiable and accomodating disposition and courteous treatment to all who may have business transactions in that office. Mr. Hoffman is an efficient clerk, and a young man of exemplary character, a staunch Republican whose future prospects are most encouraging, correct in his business transactions, and acquainted in all the departments, he is making hosts of friends by readily giving any information desired to any one applying to him, to expedite their business.

FIVE DAYS A BRIDE—SAD REALITY IN LIFE.—It is a very unusual occurrence that the announcement of the wedding and the death of the *bride* appears in the same issue of a newspaper, yet such an incident is recorded in the *Miltonian*, (weekly,) published at Milton, Pa., January 21st, 1876, in relation to the marriage and death of the bride, Miss Anna M. Rhawn, of that place, a young lady of most estimable and lovely character, whose early demise is mourned by numerous relatives and friends in her own town as well as in this place. We copy the reference made by that paper to the sad event:

WEDDED AND DIED.—It is seldom we are called upon to record so sad a circumstance as the death of Mrs. Anna M. Strine. On Thursday of last week, January 13, 1876, at 6 o'clock A. M., Mr. Thomas Strine and Miss Anna M. Rhawn were married, having intended to start on their wedding tour on the 7 o'clock train. But as the bride was not well, being barely able to stand up while the marriage ceremony was performed, the tour was abandoned. She continued to grow worse until Monday night last, when the doctors informed the family that she would live but a few hours at farthest, and that she might die before morning. The news was broken to her by one of her relatives. She received the dread announcement calmly, and said it it was the Lord's will she was ready to die. She sent for all her friends and bade them farewell, speaking to each one in a feeling manner, sang a favorite hymn, and at 7 o'clock A. M. on Tuesday morning passed from this life to a better one. The blow is a heavy one to the afflicted parents and friends and especially so to the husband, whose wedded life was of such short duration and so completely over-shadowed by sickness and death. The entire community mourns, and the greatest sympathy is felt for those who are so deeply bereaved. The power that strengthened the dying bride and gave peace to her last hours on earth can alone assuage the grief and comfort the hearts of the mourning relatives.

WE copy the following items from the Shamokin *Herald* January 27th:

ATTEMPTED MURDER.—On Saturday evening last, at dusk, as William Dilliplain was picking coal from the dirt bank at Daniel Webster colliery, he heard a bullet whiz past his head closely followed by another. Hastily turning about he discovered a man in the bush at the foot of the hill, who just then fired another shot, the ball cutting Dilliplain's hat rim and grazing his forehead, drawing blood. This convinced him that it was time to adjourn and he hastened to his home, corner of Franklin and Spurzheim streets, where he lives with his aged and widowed mother. He is about 23 years of age and is known as a quiet, inoffensive citizen. It is supposed the party who did the shooting mistook him for some one else.

ATTEMPTED HIGHWAY ROBBERY.—On the evening of last pay-day, the 15th inst., Charles Shanawolf, a German living with his family corner of Third and Chestnut streets, West Shamokin, was returning home with $57 in his pocket which he had been paid that afternoon, and while going up Market street, near the corner of Market and Chestnut, three men waylaid and attempted to rob him. One of them struck him a blow that almost knocked him down; but he succeeded in escaping. He knew the parties, however, and on Friday last Patrick Lawless, of Scotch Hill, was arrested, taken before 'Squire Smink, and in default of bail was taken to jail to await trial. The other two villains, Henry Helt and George Kittenhouse, escaped, and have not been heard of since. All three are young men aged between 20 and 25 years. Helt lives just across the street from Shanawolf's.

SHAMOKIN items copied from the *Times*, of Jan. 29th:

IMPROVEMENTS.—Mr. W. H. Musselman is putting up two store rooms on Liberty street, near the new depot and it is reported that a new hotel will be erected on one of Mr. M.'s lots on Independence street, near Kurtz's book and music store. The completion of the new depot will stir up business in that locality.

SCHOOL HOUSE DESTROYED BY FIRE.—At twelve o'clock Thursday night the frame school house in West Shamokin was discovered to be on fire and was in a very short time burned to the ground. The building was just outside the borough limits and belonged to Coal township. The fire is supposed to have been accidental, the building having no doubt caught from a stove that was placed too near the wall.

FIRE AT TREVORTON.—On Thursday morning about ten o'clock a fire broke out in a house owned and occupied by V. W. Fisher and Z. B. Fisher in Trevorton, and the building was entirely destroyed. A very large portion of the household goods shared the same fate as the building, only a few of the goods being saved. The fire is supposed to have originated from a defective flue. Loss estimated at $1200. No insurance.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.—At a meeting of the board of directors of the Northumberland County National Bank held on Thursday of last week, the following officers were unanimously re-elected: President, F. W. Pollock; Cashier, F. S. Haas; Teller, Sam. W. Haas.

VALUABLE TO EVERY HOME.—We shall do our readers a favor by calling their special attention to the value, the usefulness, and we may say the direct *profit*, of supplying themselves the present year, with one of the *cheapest*, as well as the most valuable Journals issued in this country. It costs hardly half a cent a day, a sum easily saved, while its practical hints and suggestions will be most likely to bring back that amount many times over. The 500 to 600 beautiful, instructive Engravings, are alone worth many times the cost of the paper. We refer to the *American Agriculturist*, so called because started 35 years ago as a Rural Journal, but now enlarged and improved to suit the wants of every family in country, village, and city. It is packed full of good things, useful, reliable, and instructive. Each number contains 44 large (double octavo), pages, beautifully printed. It has much for instructing and pleasing housekeepers and children, and farmers, mechanics merchants—indeed all classes. Its house plans and improvements, with engravings and particulars as to cost, and the common-sense directions, are worth more than many costly architectural works. Its constant, persistent, fearless exposure of humbugs and swindling schemes, is of great value to the whole country and to every individual. In short, it is full of good things for everybody, and we advise everybody to take it this year. It will be specially valuable in this Centennial year. Its circulation, which is a hundred fold greater than the majority of other journals, enables the publishes to supply the *American Agriculturist* at the very low rate of $1.60 a year, post-paid, or four copies for $5.40. Take our advice and send for it to the publishers, viz.: Messrs. ORANGE JUDD COMPANY, 245 Broadway, New York City.

THE brick wall on the Fryling premises near the Court House on Market street, which has been in a dangerous condition since the building burned down, was blown down by the heavy gale of wind on Tuesday night. It fortunatly occurred during the night when nobody was on the street. Had it occurred in day time serious damage might have been the result.

Letter from Kansas.

TOPEKA, Kansas, January 28, 1876.

Friend Wilvert:

I arrived in this city Dec. 4th, and have been looking around some. This is a big country and in need of improvements. Topeka is the Capitol of Kansas, built on high ground, on the banks of the Knaw river, and is one of the railroad centres of Kansas. It is the junction of the Kansas Pacific and Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe R. R. Both roads are doing a good traffic in passengers, grain, coal and cattle. Here are their principal shops for repairing engines and cars. There are ten thousand inhabitants in this city, well supplied with churches, schools and hotels.

The city is lighted with gas, has a paid fire department consisting of one Silsby steamers two chemical engines, one hook and ladder truck, all drawn by horses. Through the courtesy of the chief engineer, Mr. Wilmarth, I was permited to see the horses exercised. At the sound of the gong they are all loosened and each went to go to the apparatus alone. They stand in harness at all times and come out very promptly.

The city is lively at present as the Legislature is in session, and they have plenty to do. That which seems most to claim their attention is resumption of specie payment, herd and dog law. The Grangers have a good mouth for mutton so has the dog, and the dog usually gets the first pick. Kansas is a good country for dogs, and a dog that can't catch a sheep is of no account. Sheep are doing well here. Before the dogs had possession of the country the wolves occupied the land, but they and the sheep did not do so well together. A man, with the aid of his dog, run the wolf out. Now the Grangers want the Legislature to go for the dog, and if they do some one may go for them.

General Sheridan passed over the Santa Fe Railroad to-day.

The Omaha tribe of Indians had left their reservation to go on a hunt, but the Buck's had war paint on, to Uncle Sam took them back, telling them it was a poor time to hunt; the trouble was that there was some Sioux Indians buffalo hunting up on the Medicine, and if the Omahas had got up there they would of had good hunting.

This is a very mild winter, fine weather, game is plenty, and choice buffalo and antelope steak sell at 10 cents per pound in city market.

Yours, respectfully, G.

Grand Jurors for March Term, 1876.

Billman, Henry P., Delaware.
Clifford, John, Shamokin bor.
Curtis John, Shamokin bor.
Coomer, John B., Watsontown.
Crawford, Elijah, Turbut.
Cares, Conrad F., Milton.
Dunkelberger, John, Lower Augusta.
Eckert, Crawford, North'd.
Fasold, Henry, Lower Augusta.
Koons, Samuel, Sunbury.
Kreamer, Jacob, Coal.
Kemmerer, Samuel A., Turbut.
McKean, James J., Delaware.
Nevins, Samuel F., Sunbury.
Paul, Caster H., North'd.
Rigney, Patrick, Coal.
Reed, Farnsworth, Point.
Rouke, Simon, Mt. Carmel twp.
Shade, Jacob, Jr., Lewis.
Swenk, Thomas, Milton.
Salter, Michael, Shamokin twp.
Smith, Benjamin, Chillisquaque.
Weaver, Peter, Sunbury.
Yordy, Isaac, Zerbe.

List of Petit Jurors for March Term, 1876.

Allbright, Joseph, Watsontown.
Bastian, Peter, Turbut.
Bly, John, Watsontown.
Baddorf, Levi, Little Mahanoy.
Brigle, Peter, Sunbury.
Biggs, Henry, Sunbury.
Carven, William, Lower Augusta.
Cooner, Samuel, Delaware.
Creuser, Jacob, Point.
Clark, John, Sunbury.
Davis, Morgan, Mt. Carmel twp.
Forrister, Philip, Upper Augusta.
Hoke, Elias, Jordan.
Haupt, Lewis D., Sunbury.
Helt, Joseph, Coal.
Huether, Michael, Turbut.
Heller, Franklin, Turbutville.
Kline, William, Snydertown.
Leisenring, Franklin, Shamokin twp.
Latsha, Henry, Mt Carmel bor.
Laird, Russel P., Riverside.
Morhead, William D., Milton.
Oberdorf, Peter J., Upper Augusta.
Peters, Henry, Sunbury.
Ragan, John, Shamokin.
Raker, Cornelious, Shamokin.
Renninger, James, Northumberland.
Riddle, William, Turbut.
Rockefelier, Godfrey, Rush.
Raup, Henry, Turbutville.
Reed, Daniel F., Little Mahanoy.
Reitz, Isaac, Lower Mahanoy.
Raup, John, Mt. Carmel bor.
Raupt, Jacob, Sr., Lewis.
Shuman, Jerome M., Shamokin.
Savidge, Benjamin, Turbutville.
Seiler, Emanuel, Shamokin.
Snyder, James W., Turbutville.
Schreffler, Uriah, Washington.
Smith, Levi, Milton.
Scheffler, Joseph, Point.
Shindel, Philip M., Upper Augusta.
Starr, Andrew, Lower Augusta.
Sterner, Jacob, Delaware.
Schreffler, John, Washington.
Sober, Samuel, Shamokin twp.
Witmer, Isaac H., Lower Mahanoy.
Werntz, Henry, Mt. Carmel bor.

SHAMOKIN items copied from the *Times*, of Jan. 29th:

IMPROVEMENTS.—Mr. W. H. Musselman is putting up two store rooms on Liberty street, near the new depot and it is reported that a new hotel will be erected on one of Mr. M.'s lots on Independence street, near Kurtz's book and music store. The completion of the new depot will stir up business in that locality.

SCHOOL HOUSE DESTROYED BY FIRE.—At twelve o'clock Thursday night the frame school house in West Shamokin was discovered to be on fire and was in a very short time burned to the ground. The building was just outside the borough limits and belonged to Coal township. The fire is supposed to have been accidental, the building having no doubt caught from a stove that was placed too near the wall.

FIRE AT TREVORTON.—On Thursday morning about ten o'clock a fire broke out in a house owned and occupied by V. W. Fisher and Z. B. Fisher in Trevorton, and the building was entirely destroyed. A very large portion of the household goods shared the same fate as the building, only a few of the goods being saved. The fire is supposed to have originated from a defective flue. Loss estimated at $1200. No insurance.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.—At a meeting of the board of directors of the Northumberland County National Bank held on Thursday of last week, the following officers were unanimously re-elected: President, F. W. Pollock; Cashier, F. S. Haas; Teller, Sam. W. Haas.

VALUABLE TO EVERY HOME.—We shall do our readers a favor by calling their special attention to the value, the usefulness, and we may say the direct *profit*, of supplying themselves the present year, with one of the *cheapest*, as well as the most valuable Journals issued in this country. It costs hardly half a cent a day, a sum easily saved, while its practical hints and suggestions will be most likely to bring back that amount many times over. The 500 to 600 beautiful, instructive Engravings, are alone worth many times the cost of the paper. We refer to the *American Agriculturist*, so called because started 35 years ago as a Rural Journal, but now enlarged and improved to suit the wants of every family in country, village, and city. It is packed full of good things, useful, reliable, and instructive. Each number contains 44 large (double octavo), pages, beautifully printed. It has much for instructing and pleasing housekeepers and children, and farmers, mechanics merchants—indeed all classes. Its house plans and improvements, with engravings and particulars as to cost, and the common-sense directions, are worth more than many costly architectural works. Its constant, persistent, fearless exposure of humbugs and swindling schemes, is of great value to the whole country and to every individual. In short, it is full of good things for everybody, and we advise everybody to take it this year. It will be specially valuable in this Centennial year. Its circulation, which is a hundred fold greater than the majority of other journals, enables the publishes to supply the *American Agriculturist* at the very low rate of $1.60 a year, post-paid, or four copies for $5.40. Take our advice and send for it to the publishers, viz.: Messrs. ORANGE JUDD COMPANY, 245 Broadway, New York City.

THE brick wall on the Fryling premises near the Court House on Market street, which has been in a dangerous condition since the building burned down, was blown down by the heavy gale of wind on Tuesday night. It fortunatly occurred during the night when nobody was on the street. Had it occurred in day time serious damage might have been the result.

Letter from Kansas.

TOPEKA, Kansas, January 28, 1876.

Friend Wilvert:

I arrived in this city Dec. 4th, and have been looking around some. This is a big country and in need of improvements. Topeka is the Capitol of Kansas, built on high ground, on the banks of the Knaw river, and is one of the railroad centres of Kansas. It is the junction of the Kansas Pacific and Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe R. R. Both roads are doing a good traffic in passengers, grain, coal and cattle. Here are their principal shops for repairing engines and cars. There are ten thousand inhabitants in this city, well supplied with churches, schools and hotels.

The city is lighted with gas, has a paid fire department consisting of one Silsby steamers two chemical engines, one hook and ladder truck, all drawn by horses. Through the courtesy of the chief engineer, Mr. Wilmarth, I was permited to see the horses exercised. At the sound of the gong they are all loosened and each went to go to the apparatus alone. They stand in harness at all times and come out very promptly.

The city is lively at present as the Legislature is in session, and they have plenty to do. That which seems most to claim their attention is resumption of specie payment, herd and dog law. The Grangers have a good mouth for mutton so has the dog, and the dog usually gets the first pick. Kansas is a good country for dogs, and a dog that can't catch a sheep is of no account. Sheep are doing well here. Before the dogs had possession of the country the wolves occupied the land, but they and the sheep did not do so well together. A man, with the aid of his dog, run the wolf out. Now the Grangers want the Legislature to go for the dog, and if they do some one may go for them.

General Sheridan passed over the Santa Fe Railroad to-day.

The Omaha tribe of Indians had left their reservation to go on a hunt, but the Buck's had war paint on, to Uncle Sam took them back, telling them it was a poor time to hunt; the trouble was that there was some Sioux Indians buffalo hunting up on the Medicine, and if the Omahas had got up there they would of had good hunting.

This is a very mild winter, fine weather, game is plenty, and choice buffalo and antelope steak sell at 10 cents per pound in city market.

Yours, respectfully, G.

Grand Jurors for Narch Term, 1876.

Billman, Henry P., Delaware.
Clifford, John, Shamokin bor.
Curtis John, Shamokin bor.
Coomer, John B., Watsontown.
Crawford, Elijah, Turbut.
Cares, Conrad F., Milton.
Dunkelberger, John, Lower Augusta.
Eckert, Crawford, North'd.
Fasold, Henry, Lower Augusta.
Koons, Samuel, Sunbury.
Kreamer, Jacob, Coal.
Kemmerer, Samuel A., Turbut.
McKean, James J., Delaware.
Nevins, Samuel F., Sunbury.
Paul, Caster H., North'd.
Rigney, Patrick, Coal.
Reed, Farnsworth, Point.
Rouke, Simon, Mt. Carmel twp.
Shade, Jacob, Jr., Lewis.
Swenk, Thomas, Milton.
Salter, Michael, Shamokin twp.
Smith, Benjamin, Chillisquaque.
Weaver, Peter, Sunbury.
Yordy, Isaac, Zerbe.

List of Petit Jurors for March Term, 1876.

Allbright, Joseph, Watsontown.
Bastian, Peter, Turbut.
Bly, John, Watsontown.
Baddorf, Levi, Little Mahanoy.
Brigle, Peter, Sunbury.
Biggs, Henry, Sunbury.
Carven, William, Lower Augusta.
Cooner, Samuel, Delaware.
Creuser, Jacob, Point.
Clark, John, Sunbury.
Davis, Morgan, Mt. Carmel twp.
Forrister, Philip, Upper Augusta.
Hoke, Elias, Jordan.
Haupt, Lewis D., Sunbury.
Helt, Joseph, Coal.
Huether, Michael, Turbut.
Heller, Franklin, Turbutville.
Kline, William, Snydertown.
Leisenring, Franklin, Shamokin twp.
Latsha, Henry, Mt Carmel bor.
Laird, Russel P., Riverside.
Morhead, William D., Milton.
Oberdorf, Peter J., Upper Augusta.
Peters, Henry, Sunbury.
Ragan, John, Shamokin.
Raker, Cornelious, Shamokin.
Renninger, James, Northumberland.
Riddle, William, Turbut.
Rockefelier, Godfrey, Rush.
Raup, Henry, Turbutville.
Reed, Daniel F., Little Mahanoy.
Reitz, Isaac, Lower Mahanoy.
Raup, John, Mt. Carmel bor.
Raupt, Jacob, Sr., Lewis.
Shuman, Jerome M., Shamokin.
Savidge, Benjamin, Turbutville.
Seiler, Emanuel, Shamokin.
Snyder, James W., Turbutville.
Schreffler, Uriah, Washington.
Smith, Levi, Milton.
Scheffler, Joseph, Point.
Shindel, Philip M., Upper Augusta.
Starr, Andrew, Lower Augusta.
Sterner, Jacob, Delaware.
Schreffler, John, Washington.
Sober, Samuel, Shamokin twp.
Witmer, Isaac H., Lower Mahanoy.
Werntz, Henry, Mt. Carmel bor.

COAL STATEMENT FOR 1875.

Amount of Coal Shipped from the several Collieries of Northumberland County during the year 1875; the Coal Trade of the Shamokin Region from its commencement in 1839 to the present time, including a period of 26 years, and various other tables and facts of general interest to those concerned in the coal trade. Compiled by J. J. JOHN.

No.	COLLIERIES.	OPERATORS.	TONNAGE 1875.	YEAR.	TOTAL.
1	Cameron	Mineral R. R. & Mining Co.	270,199 10	1839	11,930
2	Big Mountain	Patterson, Llewellyn & Co.	198,135 01	1840	15,505
3	Buck Ridge	May, Audenried & Co.	110,237 08	1841	21,463
4	Burnside	Isaac May & Co.	108,520 18	1842	10,000
5	Luke Fidler	Mineral R. R. & Mining Co.	103,800 19	1843	10,000
6	Bear Valley	A. A. Heim & Goodwill	91,977 07	1844	13,087
7	Henry Clay	J. Langdon & Co.	85,945 12	1845	10,000
8	Trevorton	P. & R. C. & I. Co.	76,419 14	1846	12,572
9	Hickory Swamp	Mineral R. R. & Mining Co.	70,519 14	1847	14,904
10	Enterprise	Enterprise Coal Co.	52,665 06	1848	19,356
11	Monitor	G. W. Johns	48,855 13	1849	19,650
12	Ben Franklin	Douty & Baumgardner	46,905 09	1850	19,921
13	Shartville	Wm. Montellius	44,694 00	1851	24,899
14	Excelsior	Excelsior Mining Co.	43,463 05	1852	25,846
15	Reliance	Reliance Coal Co.	38,920 05	1853	15,000
16	Geo. Fales	A. A. Heim & Goodwill	32,576 17	1854	63,500
17	Locust Spring	P. & R. C. & I. Co.	31,750 00	1855	116,117
18	Lancaster	Smith & Kelser	24,953 18	1856	210,518
19	Alaska Shaft	P. & R. C. & I. Co.	21,393 00	1857	266,517
20	Morton	Thos. Morton	20,803 14	1858