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CHANGE.—The Erie Express on the P. & E. Road does not run through to Erie on Sunday mornings as heretofore. Passengers will make a note of this.

NOTICE.
 Hereafter the Post Office will be closed every evening at 8 o'clock. On Sunday it will be kept open from 8 to 10 o'clock A. M. Mail Closed at 6 P. M.
 L. LUTHER, P. M.

The Commissioners of Elk county will receive plans and proposals for building a Prothonotary's office, at their office in Ridgway, on Monday the 7th day of May, 1866. Size—about 20X30 feet—to be built of stone or brick, and fire proof.
 By order,
 J. K. P. HALL, Com'r's. Clk.

It is reported that the *Elk Advocate*, has changed hands, but not having seen anything of the kind, for about four weeks, we know nothing to the reverse. Come Jack, don't cut your old acquaintances until you establish new ones.

Please to overlook our neglect this time George, and don't pay us back in the same coin. For we don't know that there is a more welcome visitor, to our sanctum, among a great many exchanges, than the *Republican*.

FENIAN BROTHERHOOD.

Pursuant to previous notice a meeting of Fenians was convened in Windfelders' Hall in St. Mary's, on the 13th inst.

The meeting was organized by electing Patrick Tawney as chairman. On motion, Dr. E. Donnelly, of Pittsburg, was called upon to state the object of the meeting, which he did in a very able manner. When through, he introduced Mr. Wm. McWilliams, who he said was recently from Ireland.

Mr. McWilliams' speech was a splendid effort, and we do not know when we have heard so young a man speak so well. His style of oratory is, apparently, exclusively his own; and then he has "the rich Irish brogue" that so entrances that it reminds one of the days of Emmet and '98.

After Mr. McWilliams' speech, money to the amount of \$125, and twelve volunteers were raised. A circle to be called the St. Mary's Circle was then formed, by electing Maj. J. C. Burke, formerly of the 11th P. R. as Head Centre, and Maj. Chas. H. Volk, formerly of the 84th P. V. as Treasurer, after which the meeting adjourned to meet on the Tuesday evening following.

OBITUARY.

On the 27th of January last, at his residence in Jay township, ANJAH B. WEED, aged 76 years and 14 days.

Mr. Weed was born in Balston, Saratoga county, N. Y., and with his wife, who survives him came to this county in 1819, when it was little else than a wilderness. In the days of their vigor, they settled in the dense and animated forest, amid privations and alone; but by perseverance, industry, and frugality they soon were gratified to see the sylvan valley yielding for them a golden harvest. By and by they were enabled to erect the first tannery, gristmill and sawmill, though rude structures, they were boons for the later settlers.

Mr. Weed was an exemplary man; affectionate and vigilant as a husband and father, charitable when it was a virtue honest and upright. May eternal happiness be his everlasting reward.
 W. W. S.

OUR COMMON SCHOOLS.

Mr. Editor:—As it may be of some interest to your readers to examine the statistics relative to the schools of Elk county, I have transcribed them for publication in your paper.

Whole number of schools.....	37
Number yet required.....	2
Average number months taught.....	5.76
Number of male teachers.....	7
Number of female teachers.....	85
Av. salary of males per month.....	\$25.06
Av. do females.....	23.36
No. of male pupils.....	622
No. of female pupils.....	590
Number learning grammar.....	473
Av. number attending school.....	804
Av. cost pr month of teaching each pupil.....	\$0.91
Amt. tax levied for school purposes.....	\$4,670
do building do.....	\$732 45
Total amount levied.....	\$5,402 45
Average number of mills levied for school purposes.....	6
Amt. rec'd per State appropriation.....	\$523 26
do col. school tax, un-seated lands, &c.....	\$6,020 50
Cost of instruction.....	5,628 50
Cost of fuel and contingencies.....	742 22
Cost of school houses, purchasing, building, and reating.....	1,714 48
Balance on hand.....	1,733 18
Permanent debt.....	600 00
Temporary debt.....	117 18

JAS. BLAKELY,
 County Superintendent.
 BENZINGER, April 4, 1866.

COAL FORMATIONS.
 Number Two.

In my last I left off at the two lowest coal beds, A and B. The next mineral overlying these that is deemed of importance is a bed of limestone. Its thickness in the part of the bed I am alluding to is not far from six feet. It rests in many places on a thin seam of coal, and contains many fossil shells, which when burned make an excellent lime, and but little inferior, if at all, in strength, to that of the lower formations east of the Alleghenies. Altho' not so fair for whitewash or plastering, I think it superior to the limestone used in Jefferson, Harrison and Belmont counties, in Ohio, where I examined the beds, as also the mortar in walls, and believe it equal at least to any in the coal measures west of the Alleghenies. It would undoubtedly be very valuable on land. In using it some years ago, I threw the lumps that would not pass through the sifter into a pile in the meadow, and in a couple of years the grass got root all over the pile, and grows as rank every year as if out of a manure pile. This limestone runs through the townships of Benzing, Fox, and extends nearly the entire length of the coal basin, which in Fox must average, perhaps, seven miles, and lays above the water level all along Little Toby Creek down into Clearfield county.

On the shale overlying the limestone is a vast body of iron ore of the "kidney" variety. This ore can readily be found where small streams of water cut through the shales, and will be found in them for a considerable distance. But as iron ore has never been sought for, and there being no operations carried on in it, I can only venture an opinion from its locality as it lays in the streams, I judge that there are two beds of it in the shales, the lower bed being of fine texture and very pure, and the upper of a coarser texture and more impure.

The next coal above is what is termed the C coal. This is one of the most valuable beds in the basin, not only from its uniform good quality, but laying low in the series, it occupies a vast extent of territory. I have mined this bed several winters, and saw it opened in the neighborhood of Centreville, and many other places along Toby Creek.—It varies in thickness in different localities, but I think its average, taking the basin together, would not fall under three feet.

The next coal in the ascending order is the fourth, or D bed. This bed is scarcely inferior in importance to the last named, though higher in the series. It is generally thicker, in some places being six feet, and in others four and five. I mined this bed two winters on a thirty acre lot, which is now owned by the Daguseahonda company. The coal there is three feet thick, and of excellent quality. The lower half of the bed was much liked by blacksmiths, and I sold a good many loads which were hauled to Warren for that purpose. There is a black slate of near one foot in thickness lays in the same localities under this coal, and in others over it;—and about a fourth of a mile from my place where I mine the same bed for my own use, this slate is compactly located two feet above the lower part of the bed, leaving one foot of good coal above. It has not entirely disappeared from the same place in the bed; and leaves the locality considerably slaty. I mine three feet and eight inches, and notwithstanding the slaty part mixed with the rest, it burns well, neither snaps, flies, nor makes cinders, and makes as hot a fire as I would wish to sit by. A couple of years ago I measured the space mined for keeping a fire in my grate, and also in a stove in a neighbor's house, through the winter, computing the bed to occupy 106 acres of the place, and found that this one bed would last us 67,000 winters. There is a thick bed of fire clay laying under this coal, which the state geologist pronounced of good quality. I should judge the thickness of the coal in this bed would average three feet, and of good quality. JESSE KYLER.

To the School Directors of Elk County: Gentlemen: In pursuance of the forty third section of the act of May, 8th 1854, (and subsequent acts,) you are hereby notified to meet in convention, at the court house, in Ridgway on the first Tuesday in May, A.D. 1866, being the first day of the month, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, and select, *via voce* by a majority of the whole number of directors present, one person of literary and scientific acquirements, and of skill and experience in the art of teaching, for county superintendent, for the three succeeding years, determine the amount of compensation for the same; and certify the result to the State Superintendent, at Harrisburg, as required by the thirty ninth and fortieth sections of said act.
 JAMES BLAKELY,
 County Superintendent of Elk County.
 Benzinger April 3d, 1866.
 *Changed by act of the Legislature at the present session from Monday to Tuesday.

THE MARKETS.
 RIDGWAY, April 12, 1866.

FLOUR, per bbl.....	\$11 50 @ 12 50
PORK.....	31 50
WHEAT, per bushel.....	2 50
RYE.....	1 00
CORN.....	1 00
OATS.....	65
BUCKWHEAT.....	1 25
DRIED APPLES.....	3 50
BEANS.....	80
BUTTER per pound.....	50
LARD.....	25
CHEESE.....	30
MACKEREL.....	12
WHITE FISH.....	12
EGGS per dozen.....	30

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 St. Mary's, March 10th, 66.

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