PENNSYLVANIA.

THE WYOMING VALLEY.

The beautiful scenery that charms the traveller as he approaches Wilkesbarre, and the remantic incidents connected with its history, have made that region famous throughout the world. Poets in every land, and historians of all nations, have described its loveliness and narrated the sorrows of

its people. Impressed with a desire to experience in person the pleasure of a visit to the Valley of Wyoming, I started, in company with a friend, who enjoyed equally with myself the novelty of the trip, on the morning of the 1st of May, by the most direct route to Wilkesbarre, the Nortu Pennsylvania Railroad, to Bethlehem, thence on the Lenigh Valley Railroad trains to Mauch Chunk and White Haven. From the latter point the cars of the Lehigh and Susquehanns Company, belonging to the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company, conducted us over the Five Mile Mountain to Wilkesbarre The total distance accomplished was one hundred and forty miles and the time occupied seven hours. From Philadelphia to Bethlehem the route is through an undulating country, abounding with well-cultivated farms, rich in soil and products. There are many beautiful villas visible as we are whirled along, especially in the vicinity of Chelten Hills, Jenkintown, and Penn Lynn. Beyond Abington there is little of interest to note (save the long tunnel near Sellerswille), ustil the Saucon Valley unexpectedly reveals its beauties to the eye. The Moravian town of Bethlehem need not be described for with our citizens it is a favorite resort during the summer heats. It is, perhaps, not generally known that the eloquent George Whitfield laid out the town of Nazareth, about eight miles beyond this point, intending to establish a Methodist settlement, but afterwards dispesed of it to Count Zinzendorf.

CHANGE OF SCENE. Between Bethlehem and Mauch Chunk the scene changes. Instead of hundred-acre farms, iron-torges and manufactories on the largest scale are continually met with. At Allentown and Catasaugua some of these establishments are located. Among them may be named the Hochendauqua and Crane Iron Works. There is every evidence of industrial activity in the Lehigh coal region. Mauch Chunk is situated in a narrow pass, where the Lehigh flows between

two almost palisadai heights. Mount Pisgah, an object of much attraction, is surmounted by means of an inclined plane, appa-Yently on an angle of 60 degrees. On an eminence near the town may be seen the spendid mansion of a most enterprising and oublic-spirited gentleman, Judge Asa Packer. He is the father of the railway system in this region, having projected nearly all the outlets from the coal district. His interests are very large in the roads connecting Easton with Whitehaven, and he is building a new road from the latter point to Wilkesbarre, in opposition to the Lehigh and Su-quehanna Company. It is said that he proposes extending his lines to the New York border, and thus connect with Lakes Erie and Ontario, by tapping the great trunks at Elmira. The new road, ranning almost parallel with the Lebigh and Susquehanna, has not been laid without many ob-

stacles. THE RAILROAD CONTROVERSY. When the Valley Company commenced their road beyond White Haven, great opposition was made by the Lehigh Navigation Company, who, as before stated, own the Lehigh and Susquebanna road, and a contest took place between the employe5 at the White Haven bridge, which resulted in one

or two cafs being thrown into the river. The Lehigh Vailey Company applied for an injunction to prevent the Navigation Company from intertering with their extension from the northern end of the bridge, across the Lehigh at White Haven, to Wilkesbarre. That distinguished jurist, Chief Justice Woodward, in an able, clear, and elabo, rate opinion, has decided that the intention of the Legislature was to grant the new company a Wyoming Coal Field, an right of way to the the building of a road from the Susquehanna to the Lenigh, although it had been vaguely expressed in the supplement of 1860, extending the privileges of an act passed in 1857, for a road to the Beaver Meadow region. He says that compensation, however, must be agreed upon for the use of the land on which the railroad is built, as prescribed in the charter. The plaintiffs must also raise their bridge so that the crossing shall be at least nine teet above the level of the defendants' track. The clause in the act, interpreted by counsel that plaintiffs' road shall not approach nearer than within ten feet of the Navigation Company's rails. is construed by the Judge that the caual works only are meant. The Lehigh Valley Company, in asking for an injunction, invisted that the Navigation Company had no right to construct a road from White Haven to Mauch Chunk, but the Chief Justice de-

case, that they have the right. Formerly the only road from Mauch Chunk to White Haven was that of the Lehigh Valley Company, and there was but a single route from White Haven to Wilkesbarre, which was owned by the Navigation Company. By this decision both corporations are permitted to build roads nearly parallel with each other, from Mauch Chunk to Wilkesbarre,

cides, upon the same principles applied to the first

AN INTERESTING RIDE. The ride from the summit of the Five Mile Mountain, towards Wilkesbarre, is rendered deeply interesting by the lovely prospect in the valley bemeath. The town and its surroundings form a beautiful picture-essentially miniature from the height at which it is viewed. The Ailegheny mountains loom up in the far distance, and add their grandeur to the scene. We reached the depot, about one mile from town, and were conveyed in coaches to the Wyoming Valley Hotel, on River street, which was opened on that cay by Mr Frank Ward, the

lessee, formerly connected with the La Pierre, in Philadelphia.

This house has lately been built by some of the eading citizens of the borough. It so happened that the new railroad around the mountain, just com. pleted by the Lehigh and Susquehanna Company was also opened on the 1st of May, and an excursion party from Wilkesbarre met the train at White Haven, and returned to the town with us. Many pleasant moments were spent in the society of these excursionists, who were nearly all interested in mining, rail-Pad, or canal operations. Among these may be mentioned Colone: Bowman, the talented author of "The Life of General Sherman," Robert F. Taylor, Prest dent of the Wyoming Canal, which extends some sixty-four wiles down the Susquehanna to Northumberland; alse several gentlemen, formerly residents of the La Pierr, who were desirous of showing their respect for Mr ward by a visit to his new hotel. Among the group was an officer of the navy, who had lately resigned *is commission. Postessed of wealth and high social tosition, a connoisseur in art. of much culture and tase, a traveller who has sojourned in every clime, his styld descriptions of all that he had seen and heard were deeply interesting.

THE NEW HOULL The new house will be one of the most delightful resorts in the United States and tar purity of air and beauty of scenery, this locality is unrivalled. The noted is built of brick, faced with Pictou stone and furnished in a style equal to any of the princ pai hotels in the large cities. The markets of New York, Philadelphia, and all that a rich country can produce, furnish the table, and the cooxing is unrivalled.

The programme of the day consisted of an exest-

iently prepared donner, a grand ball in the evening, with a supper aimost unequalled in the annals of the cuisine. The ball was the event of the day. The large dining-room of the house is ovally shaped, and the neually plans appearance of such a hall is

greatly relieved by two rows of pillars, light in appearance, but substantial in form, which uphoid a a beautifully freecoed ceiling. At more o'clock the music commenced, and the dancers, composed of the elite of the town, appeared upon the floor. The lookers on were numerous, and inspired by the sceie, many occasionally joined in he pastime. The quadrilles and waitzes were admirably performed.

Where so many beautiful and graceful women were present, it would be invidious to hame one without mentioning all. As to the gentlemen, we have less hesitation, and musi allude to the buoyant and youthful manners of two of the most prominent on the floor. Adjutant-General Thomas and Hon-Hendrick B. Wright. Although not very young men, they danced from dew-eve till nearly dawn of day, for after supper, at 1 o'clock, the dancing recommenced, and did nots cease until 3 A. M. The night passed pleasantly, and will long linger on the memories of those who participated in its festivities.

THE VALLEY. There are several points from which extensive views can be obtained. Prospect Rock and Rose Hill are the most frequented. The whose length of the Valley is twenty miles, and its breadth more

From Cemetery Hill also is afforded a most beautiful landscape. Here our attention was attracted to the grave of a soldier who had been killed in eattle during the Rebellion; his widow took the bounty and pension money, and with it erected a large monument to his memory. She gave her all to perpetuate his tame. A broken pillar marked the resting place of a young man, rich and talented, who died under most distressing circumstances. On a visit to a distant cny he entered a bar-room in a state of inunder most distressing circumstances. On a visit to a distant city he entered a bar-room in a state of intoxication, quaffed a glass of the maddening poison, and turned to leave the place; on reaching the doorstep he fell and fractured his skull. It was Sunday night—few passed by after the hour of his mjury, and in the morning the unfortunate man was found lying insensible upon the pavement. He was unknown, and, therefore, taken to the Station House, where he died, without a sign of recognition. He possessed wealth unbounded, but it availed him not; no one took nity on the inebrate stranger in time to says took pity on the mebriate stranger in time to save

Harvey's Lake, on an elevation of 1000 feet above the river, is the arrest body or fresh water in the state. It is located about tweive miles beyond Wilkesbarre, and much frequented during the summer season. The lake abounds with fish of a superior

THE WYOMING MASSACRE. The Wyoming massacre occurred about five miles above wilkesbarre, on the opposite side of the river, upon the 3d of July, 1778. A force consisting of three hundred British troops and five hundred Indians, commanded by Colonel John Butler, appeared in the vicinity of Forty Fort, which was occupied by Colonel Zebulon Butler (said to be a member of the same family as his opponent), with a single commany. same family as his opponent), with a single company of American repulars, and about two hundred and fifty militia. The patriotic Co onel had been expect-ing reinforcements from the Continental army, but, obliged to yield the hope, after a council with his officers, marched out of the fort, and attacked the invaders. At first there seemed a probability of success, even avainst such fearful odds, for to the Bricess, even available the movement was unexpected and unprepared for; but, unfortunately, a command that the left wing should fall back, given upon the enemy doubling the lines on his right, was mistaken for a general order to retreat, and the discipline of the gallant little army was at once dectroved. The Indians had stead they accunced, concealed by the underbrush, and taking advantage of the confusion,

rushed forward, and murdered their prisoners as they surrendered. Had the American maintained position for a few minutes longer, the effect of a steady fire would have defeated the British and forced their dusky associates to retire. Then Campbell could not have written his beautiful and touching poem. The names of Outalissa and Albert, Waldgrave and Gertrude would have been unknown, and history presents a brighter record of the wheatters of the Gertrade would have been unknown, and history present a brighter lecord of the inhabitants of the "great plains" Colonel Zebulon Butler and the few that escaped took refuge in the fort. They held out until the next day, when a surrender was made under a convention with the British. Its stipulations were unheeded by the Indians, whom John Butler could not resirain, and the cruelties then enacted forced the unhappy people of Wilkesbarre and its vicinity to flee towards the Delaware, a distance of sixty miles. Almost bereft of clothing, and without food, they wandered through the wood the present the control of the state of and without food, they wandered through the wood and by the river bank. Numbers berished by the roadside and on the forest path, from exhaustion and starvation.

Brant, the Indian Chief, was not present at the battle of July 3, as represented by Campbell and other writers. On the contrary, he was at his head-quarters in the Mohawk valley.

The late of Eljah Shoemaker forms one of the most revolting incidents of the massacre. With reat difficulty he reached the river, and, anable to swim, was wading through it, when a Tory named Windecker, standing on the shore, said to him, "Come out; I will protect you." Confiding in the truth of one who had often shared his hospitality, Sheemaker came towards the land, when the brutal wretch reaching one hand apparently to help him, with the other dashed out his brains with a hatchet. Shoemaker's dead body fell back into the stream. Nearly a year elapsed before the survivors dared to seek again their once happy homes in the valley.

seek again their once happy homes in the valley. In the meantime, General Sullivan, with a large lorce, by direction of Washington, had revenged their wrongs in defeating the British near Einira and laying waste the settlements of the Six Nations, the Indian tribes who had been engaged in the tearth to butchery. terrib.e butchery. WILKESBARRE.

Wilkestarre is named in nonor of two British states nen who warmly defended the course of the American Coonies, It has a population of seven thousand. The court-house is a large and handsome edifice, erected in 1856, built in the Romanesque style, and situated on an open square in the centre of the borough. The Supreme Court will hold its sessions in Wilkesbarre during the month of June next Justices McKean, Tlighman, month of June next Justices McKean, Tilghman, and Gibson presided in the old court-house in former caps, Judge Conyngham is now President Judge of the District Court. The town can boast of many substantial residences. Judge Woodward's new mension is the most elegant. Mr. Hollenback, Judge Conyngham, and Mr. Parrish have also very fine dwestings. Wilkesbarre is celebrated for its academies of learning. Some of our most prominent Philade phians have been educated there, among others the late Bishop Bowman. Judge Joel Jones, Gwid F Johnson, and John S. Hart. Our citizens, Judge Garrick Mailery and Dr. S. D. Gress, also graduated there.

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An election took place on the day we arrived at Wilkesbarre, which excited very general interest. The Burgess of the town had rendered himself extreme v unpopular by his somewhat arbitrary acu and narrow views upon town improvements. The and narrow views upon town improvements. The Council not co-operating with him, caused a dead lock in all municipal affairs. The residents determined to make a change, and nominated a ticket composed of members of both political parties, and carried the cay by a handsome vote. The newly elected Burress is L. P. Stark, who advocates an improved and practical order of things. He will be sustained by a Council composed of the first residents of the town, among whom is Chares Farrish, the leading spirit in every enterprise. Possessing a sound judgment and every enterprise. Possessing a sound judgment and thoughtful mind, he has, by his own industry and business tact, smassed a handsome fortune. This gentleman is a young man, not more than thirty-five gentleman is a young man, not more than thirty-five years oid, of pleasing and gentlemanly appearance, and warmly appreciated by his fellow-townsmen. Some years since it was found necessary to erect water works, and a difference of opinion existed in the choice of a stream from whence to obtain pure and wholesome water. Many preferred the susquehanna, which means the broad shallow river, but Mr Parrish advocated Laurel run, and, after some of position from a few leading citizens, gained his point. This stream rises in the Wilkesbarre mountain, and is celebrated for its purity.

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The prosperity and happiness which the people of the Wyoming valley now enjoy are the fruits of their foreighthers' sufferings and struggles in many a painful hour. Some of its pioneers were slaughtered by the Indians in the darkness of the night. Nearly all of its original settlers were from Connecticut, and until the year 1788 they and their descendants re-sisted, to a great degree, the jurisdiction of Pennsyl-vania. Many of the grants given by the Squarts were vague, and it was almost impossible to limit their boundaries. Connecticut claimed both Luzerne and Northampton counties as her territors, and not until many years after the Revolutionary war had closed were these difficulties finally settled.

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