

ALTOONA TRIBUNE

LOCAL ITEMS

**THE SHOOTING OF HARDESTY**—On Tuesday night last, at 11 o'clock, a man named Hardesty was shot in the back of the head at the residence of his wife, Mrs. Hardesty, in the East Altona. It is believed that the man who shot Hardesty was one of the men who had been recently discharged from the military service. Hardesty was a man of about 35 years of age, and was a native of Kentucky. He had been living with his wife in the East Altona for some time. The shooting occurred at about 11 o'clock on Tuesday night. Hardesty was shot in the back of the head by a single shot from a revolver. He fell to the ground and died almost immediately. The police are at present investigating the case, and it is believed that the man who shot Hardesty will be caught in due season.

**W. M. ALLISON**—As I wish to leave town as soon as possible, but cannot, until all the books and accounts of the late firm of McCrum & Allison, which have been transferred to me, are settled up, I hope all parties knowing themselves indebted on said books, (and the number is by no means small) will make it convenient to settle up immediately. I can always be found at the Tribune Office.

**NECESSARY IMPROVEMENTS**—The present lean state of the finances of this place, we presume, prevents the furtherance of many improvements which are greatly needed, and indeed, which are almost indispensable. We indulge the hope, however, that the treasury will be sufficiently replenished, or that some means will be adopted whereby these important ends may soon be attained, so that our town, in point of beauty, cleanliness and conveniences may rank with, if it cannot excel, others of no greater pretensions. In the first place, we need a Town Hall. It has been talked of from time to time, but seems now to be entirely forgotten. It is certainly a disgrace that a town the size of Altoona, should not have a public hall for public purposes. The interests of the town and its citizens alike demand it, and we hope that means may be adopted as early as possible to consummate this much desired object. If it can not be built by the town, we think it would prove a lucrative investment for some of the more enterprising private citizens.

**MISS BRIGGS**—On Tuesday night last, the American House, in this place, kept by Wm. Mann, was entered through one of the windows in the basement kitchen, and the pocket-book of Mrs. B., containing some seventy dollars and a number of papers, abstracted from the pocket of his pants, which he had placed beneath his pillow on retiring. After securing his booty, the burglar departed by the front door of the house, at which point he inspected the contents of the pocket-book, selecting and carrying off all the money in it, with the exception of a counterfeit \$2.50 gold piece, and then dropped the book and papers, which were found the next morning. On the same night, the house of Mr. C. J. Mann was entered through a window of his bedroom, in the second story of the house, and his pocket-book, containing about \$10 in money and a few papers, taken out of a pocket of his pants, which were hanging on a chair at the head of his bed. The pocket-books had been carried across the room toward the window at which the burglar entered.

**DISAPPOINTMENT**—The sounder who entered the room of Mr. Chas. J. Mann, and carried off his pocket-book, on Tuesday night last, disappeared, and the owner of the new cent which is about to be issued, a sample of the coin had been sent to Mr. Mann, by a friend in Philadelphia, and he had intended giving it to us for inspection on Wednesday morning, but unfortunately when he came to look for it, it had disappeared, and with it his pocket-book, as stated in another article. The design of the coin is very pretty. We hope this unforeseen circumstance which has prevented our examination and approval of the article, will not detract from the merit of issuing a good supply of the new coin, to supplant the place of the ugly, old, black concerns lately sent out.

**FOUND**—A few days since a friend handed to us a note, drawn by Geo. D. Spencer (or Spucher) & Bro., in favor of Susanna Steyer, for seventy-two dollars, dated Lancaster, May 11th, 1856, and payable on the first day of April, 1857, bearing six per cent. interest, which he found at the depot in this place. The note is evidently genuine. The person to whom it belongs can have the note by calling at this office, and producing satisfactory evidence that she is the legal owner. The note is not endorsed.

**DEPARTED**—On Friday evening last, Messrs. James and George Keener, bid good-bye to their relations and friends in this place, and started for the "Green Isle." We were sorry to bid adieu to two such gentlemanly and obliging men and good citizens, but consoled ourselves with the assurance that they intend to return again in the course of six or nine months. We wish them a safe journey and a happy meeting with their friends in the old country.

**NEGLECTED COUGHS AND COLDS**—These insidious and troublesome complaints are almost seen to pave the way for more formidable lung disease, which, if treated in time, could be easily cured by a few spoonfuls of that now popular and useful medicine, called "Pectoral Syrup," prepared by Dr. Geo. H. Keyser, Wholesale Druggist, of 140 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. You can buy it at G. W. Kessler's.

**On Thursday last, Charles Pierson** was arrested on oath of C. B. Szink, and brought up before Esquire Good, on a charge of breaking open a chest in Geo. Buck's house, and stealing therefrom over one hundred dollars. Pierson denied the charge and said that he could prove that the money he had in his possession did not belong to Buck. His case was continued for a further hearing, which will be had this week.

**THE WEATHER** is still unsettled, and for the season, rather cool. Rain falls or is threatened almost every hour, and the wind has a little too much affection for the North-east to be agreeable. Quite a number of severe thunder showers, some of them accompanied with hail, have passed over this place. There is no appearance yet of a clear up.

**CLOSE OF THE UNION PRAYER MEETINGS**—We are sorry to announce that these meetings were brought to a close on Friday evening last. That much good has been done by them we think will be manifested hereafter. It can not be possible that so much interest was manifested by many during their continuance, should fail in accomplishing the desired result.

**LETTER NO. 7.**  
The large number of Young Men in our place is just cause of rejoicing in the eyes of the wise and prudent of your own number compared with the whole population. This fact grows out of the peculiar character of the place. It is emphatically a Railroad town. Being the point from which the P. R. & E. Company work their road, and the location of their principal machine shops, the demand for labor is great, and the attraction for young men seeking employment as apprentices, mechanics, engineers, car-builders, clerks, &c., is very considerable; and hence the proportion of this class and age is larger than is natural, or than is found in older and ordinary towns. And wherever the just equilibrium of society is disturbed by the unnatural proportion of any particular class, there will almost necessarily exist some hindrance to the healthy progress of things, growing out of that fact.

**CITIZENSHIP**—We have arrived at the following results in the examination of the applications for citizenship filed in this office on Thursday last.

**MONEY STOLEN**—On Thursday night last, one of the boldest robberies we have yet heard of in this place, was perpetrated in East Altona. On the night in question, the house of Mr. Jacob Spink, was entered, in a manner unknown to any of the family, and over one hundred dollars abstracted from Mr. S.'s pocket-book, which was in his pants pocket, in his bedroom. By whom, or at what time in the night the money was taken, there is no suspicion.

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**NEW GOODS**—We have just received a large assortment of goods, including silks, satins, and various other articles, at very low prices. Call on us for particulars.

**HEAVY GOODS**—We have just received a large assortment of heavy goods, including iron, steel, and various other articles, at very low prices. Call on us for particulars.

**FANCY DRESS**—We have just received a large assortment of fancy dress goods, including silks, satins, and various other articles, at very low prices. Call on us for particulars.

**DRUGS AND MEDICINES**—We have just received a large assortment of drugs and medicines, including various kinds of pills, powders, and other articles, at very low prices. Call on us for particulars.

**RESTAURANT AND LAGER**—We have just received a large assortment of restaurant and lager goods, including various kinds of food, drink, and other articles, at very low prices. Call on us for particulars.

**ALTOONA MARKETS**—A list of market prices for various commodities, including flour, sugar, and other goods, as of the 15th inst.

**FORTUNE FOR SWAN & CO'S LOTTERIES**—Advertisement for a lottery with a large prize of \$70,000. Includes details of the lottery, prizes, and where to buy tickets.

**LEMONS**—We have just received a large quantity of fresh lemons, at very low prices. Call on us for particulars.

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