

# Altoona Tribune.

## LOCAL ITEMS.

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**THURSDAY EVENING, FEB. 13TH, 1862,**

at 7 o'clock, for the purpose of placing in nomination candidates for the various offices to be filled on the ensuing Borough Election, to be held on Friday, Feb. 21st.

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**ALMOST FORGOTTEN**—that Sunday week was an indicator of the weather, in other words "groundhog day." If his hogship came forth from his lair on that day to get a sniff of fresh air, shake himself and hunt up a few "yards," he evidently observed the shadow of his magnificent proportions, as the sun shone out brightly. According to the old tradition, he thereupon turned tail to the world and sought refuge in his burrow again; there to remain for six weeks, being that many weeks of winter weather yet to come. When we were a little boy we frequently heard the "folk songs" repeat a rhyme something like the following:

"If Candlemas Day be fair and clear,  
The half of the winter's to come year."

We have never been sufficiently observant of the weather to find out whether his hogship was a prophet or the rhyme was true.

**FIRE IN JUNIATA TOWNSHIP.**—On last Sabbath, while Mr. John M. Beagle and his family were at Church, in Newry, their dwelling, in some unknown way, caught fire, and when returned, the flames had obtained such ascendancy that all their efforts to extinguish them proved unavailing. All the household goods, and the grain which had been placed upon the garret, were entirely consumed, leaving the family entirely destitute of anything but the clothing they had on!

Thus again has been verified the saying that "trouble never come singly." It is only a few weeks since this family buried two beautiful and interesting children. Truly the hand of misfortune has been laid heavily upon our worthy friends. May the good Lord grant them brave hearts and sympathizing friends.—*Hollidaysburg Register.*

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**PENNS' RAIL ROAD'S CANAL.**—There has been great anxiety manifested by the people residing near the Pennsylvania Railroad's canal, between Huntington and Hollidaysburg, to know what course the company would take in regard to it; whether they would repair or abandon it. Recently, incessant inquiries have been made as to what would be done, and, to put the matter at rest, Thos. E. Wierman, Esq., Engineer and Superintendent, answered all these inquiries by addressing a letter to Hon. L. W. Hall, who has been taking much interest in bringing the subject to the attention of the company. He says that the Railroad company are now procuring materials for a thorough repair of the canal from Huntington Dam to Hollidaysburg. It is intended to deliver the materials along the line next spring, and as soon as this is done the water will be drawn off in order to complete the repairs, if possible, before winter. No boating of any consequence can be done on that portion of the canal next season. All new structures will be built in view of an enlarged canal. Any new locks that may be built, will have chambers seventeen feet wide, and the new aqueduct will be correspondingly enlarged. The shallow places in the canal will be bottomed out, which will materially improve the navigation.

**EXAGGERATION.**—The old adages that "a story never loses anything by being twice told," and that "we must go from home to learn news about home," have been verified in the reports which have gone out from this place, within the past week, in reference to the ravages of the small pox among us. One day last week it became known to the newsmongers that there was a case of small pox in town, and by evening we had one magnified to six cases, located in as many different places. And, worse than all, the news came up the road the next day that the disease was raging here, and three deaths had resulted from it. Now, the truth is, there is just one case in the town, and it was contracted in Pittsburgh. We do not apprehend a spread of the disease. Our people are awaiting themselves of the preventive—vaccination—and as yet feel no alarm. We refer to the matter only to contradict the outrageous stories above referred to, and ease the minds of those at a distance who have friends here.

**COMPLIMENTARY.**—We copy the following complimentary notice of one of our former citizens, from a recent number of the *Erie City Dispatch*:—"The new regime of the Philadelphia and Erie Railroad, since its occupation by the Pennsylvania Central, has been fully entered into, and, through the untiring energies of John C. Boggs, Esq., Assistant Auditor, everything has been put in fine working order, and all goes "as happy as a marriage bell." So far Mr. Boggs is the only representative of the Penn's Central, in this city, but the interests of the new administration will not, and not suffer in his hands. Possessed of fine business traits everything is expeditiously dispatched."

**LECTURE.**—The Rt. Rev. M. Dominic, Bishop of Pittsburgh, will lecture on Sunday evening next, 16th instant, in St. John's Church, in this place. The proceeds of the lecture will be applied to a beneficial purpose connected with the congregation. Bishop D. has lectured in this place before, and it is unnecessary that we should offer any recommendation on his behalf. The lecture will be worth the price of admittance. To commence at 7 o'clock.

**See advertisement of Samuel Milliken, in another column, offering at public sale, at his residence in Bell's Mills, on the 4th of March, next, a large lot of horses, cows, sheep, hogs and other property.**

**A FEW WORDS TO CASH BUYERS.**—The "Panis Store" being the only one in this section of the State that sells exclusively for cash, and at cash prices, the proprietor wishes to impress a few facts upon the minds of cash buyers:

1st. That he has but one reinfo on his goods, and that only five per cent, advance on cost.

2d. That by doing a strictly cash business he can and does sell cheaper than any house which does a credit, because his parties buying at a credit store, even though they pay cash for their purchases, pay credit prices, for the reason that the proprietors of credit stores are afraid to sell to cash customers at lower figures than they do to their credit customers, lest their credit men should find it out and withdraw their patronage.

3d. That by selling for cash only he gets no bad accounts, his bills and losses no money.

4th. Consequently he is not compelled to tax paying customers to make up his losses on non-paying ones.

5d. For proof of these assertions he refers to the following figures:

All styles of Prints sold elsewhere at 16 cents per yard, he sells at 12cts. per yard.

Domestic Ginghams only 12cts. per yd.—sold elsewhere at 16cts.

Extra Heavy Brown Sheetings, 1 yard wide, 14cts.

All kinds of Dry Goods sold at old prices.

Extra Style Mohair, such as Lowering's and other well known brands, only 60cts. per gallon—sold elsewhere at 75cts. per gallon. Sugar-house Molasses 35cts. per gallon—sold elsewhere at 50cts. per gallon.

Fine Black Tea only 50cts. per lb.—sold elsewhere at \$1.00 per lb.

Wedgewood's fine Iron-stone Sets—16 pieces—only \$3.87—sold elsewhere at \$5.00 and \$5.50. Common Tea Sets only 20cts.—sold elsewhere at 25 and 30 cts.

Fine Calf-skin Shoes only \$1.00 per pair; however sold at \$1.50. Black Lasting Gaiters—warranted to last \$1.20 per pair; however sold at \$1.75. Men's Kid Boots only \$2.50—sold elsewhere at \$4.00 and \$4.50.

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**CANDIDATES' CARDS.**

**JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.**

In consequence of the resignation of

Esquire McClellan, the citizens of Altoona will be called upon to elect a Justice of the Peace, at the ensuing Spring Election. I therefore respectfully offer myself to my fellow citizens as a candidate for that office; and, if elected, I pledge myself to discharge the duties thereof with integrity and fidelity.

JOSPEH P. TRAUT.

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**HIGH CONSTABLE.**

I hereby respectfully offer myself for

the suffrages of my fellow citizens for the office of HIGH CONSTABLE of the Borough of Altoona, and if elected I will, as heretofore, perform all the duties of the same "without fear, favor, or affection."

JOSEPH K. ELK.

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**MARRIED.**

On the 11th inst., at the residence of the late father, Mr. J. H. DAVIS, of Newry, Mr. JOSEPH W. MCGOWAN, of Hollidaysburg, Westmoreland County, Pa., to Miss MARIA J. MCCORMICK.

There "Mollie" has gone and done, it stepped right out of single blessedness into matrimonial felicity, leaving those who no doubt thought themselves her suitor, to their own attractions, to bewail the fate which she is loved and prized for those good qualities of her head and heart which are more precious than gold.

She is a widow, and has had less than a week to mourn her loss.

CHARLES E. COOPER.

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**DIED.**

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