The Beaver Argus.

Beaver, December 30th, 1868.

State of the Thermometer for the week ending the 19th of December, 1868.

	7 A. M.	2 P. M.	9 P. M.
Dec. 20.	40 deg.	53 deg.	44 deg.
" 21.	30 deg.	36 deg.	32 deg.
" 22.	20 deg.	31 deg.	34 deg.
" 23.	14 deg.	22 deg.	16 deg.
" 24.	19 deg.	27 deg.	16 deg.
" 25.	15 deg.	25 deg.	20 deg.
" 26.	15 deg.	32 deg.	33 deg.

R. T. TAYLOR.

The attention of the public is directed to the following new advertisements which appear for the first time in to-day's ARGUS:

Notice in Bankruptcy—Thos. Rowley, Beaver Academy—J. W. Martin.
Notice—Dr. Lighthill.
Dry Goods—Jas. A. Fortune.
Local Notices—Jas. A. Fortune.

The Beaver Argus, improved and enlarged, is now one of the handsomest as well as most influential of the Republican journals published in Pennsylvania.—[Harrisburgh State Guard.

See Jas. A. Fortunes advertisement in another column.

Job Work.—Having recently made large additions to our printing material, we are prepared to do job work with neatness and dispatch. Bill-heads, cards, posters, &c., printed as cheaply as at city offices. Give us a call.

Grand clearance sale of Dry Goods for two weeks, at Jas. A. Fortune's, Diamond, Rochester.

Blanks for Sale.—We keep nearly all the different kinds of blanks for sale at this office. Summons, subpoenas, commitments, warrants, judgment notes, deeds, &c., constable's sale blanks, always on hand and at reasonable rates.

Don't forget the grand clearance sale of Dry Goods, Fancy Goods, Furs, &c., for two weeks, Jas. A. Fortune, Diamond Rochester.

The Boston TRANSCRIPT says: Mr. Johnson's salary is $25,000 a year. We think it would not be a bad idea to pay it in a Treasurer's bond for that amount, on interest, due in seventeen years, with the provision that the interest as it accrues be deducted from the principal, instead of being paid to Mr. Johnson.

Country Flannels at less than Manufacturers Prices, call and see, James A. Fortune, Diamond, Rochester.

Brought to Jail.—An inebriated individual, named, we believe, Vincent, hailing from the neighborhood of Hookstown, was arrested on last Thursday in Rochester for drunkenness, and brought to jail. He was kept until he was sobered up, when he was allowed to go home.

Furs at Jas. A. Fortune's, Diamond, Rochester, at less than cost.

The Alliance Monitor came to us last week in new type, and enlarged to a forty column paper. The MONITOR is well filled with local and general news, and we rejoice to see is well patronized by the community in which it is published. M. M. Brown is now the editor. May success attend his efforts in the newspaper business.

Some benevolent persons in Philadelphia are trying to establish a Young Men's Home, where young men coming from the country for employment in the city can be provided with cheap board and lodging, baths, books, and amusement, and be thus guarded from many of the temptations with which they might otherwise be assailed.

A Christmas Tree.—The teachers and friends of the Presbyterian Sabbath School in this place, arranged a Christmas tree for the benefit of the children in their church, on Christmas eve. It presented a beautiful appearance, and the little folks were highly delighted with the feast of good things then and there enjoyed.

A Sabbath School Entertainment.—On Christmas eve, the scholars belonging to the M. E. Sabbath School of this place, gave a public entertainment, which consisted of singing, recitations, dialogues, &c. The children nearly all acquitted themselves well, and the spectators were no little amused, as was evident from the applause they bestowed upon most of the performers.

Holiday Presents.—Now is the time to make presents to your friends, and we know of no other present that would be more appropriate than one of Weed's Sewing Machines. Where is there a father or a brother that will not procure one for his wife or sister. Call on J. Boggs, in New Brighton, and secure one.

N. B.—Every purchaser before New Year is entitled to a prize. 2

City Mortality.—The number of deaths in the city for the week ending December 20, was twenty-one, of which nine were adults and twelve children.—The causes of death were—Adults: Unknown, one; delirium tremens, one; old age, one; disease of lungs, four; poisoning, one; disease of brain, one. Children: Scarlatina, five; infanticide, one; convulsions, two; septicemia, hydrocephalus, intermittent fever and enlargement of the heart, one each. Males, twelve; females, nine.—[Com.

A man by the name of John Bowman, aged about 27, and said to be employed at the Lawrence Furnace, spent a portion of last Saturday afternoon in New Castle, during which time he indulged too freely in the use of 'fire-water.' He started home about dusk in a one horse wagon, and got bewildered and wandered about until he was either thrown or fell out of the wagon, a short distance beyond Pumpkintown, where he was found on Sunday morning between 11 and 12 o'clock, almost frozen to death. He was taken to the residence of Robert Irwin and kindly treated, where he died on Sunday evening.—[New Castle Gazette.

Important Change in the Revenue Districts of Pennsylvania.—From and after Saturday last, December 19th, the Assistant Assessors, heretofore employed in the different distilleries in operation, ceased to act, —all distilleries henceforth to be taxed to their full capacity when in operation. The effect of this change will of course be to save a large amount of money in salaries for Assistant Assessors, and to reduce the manufacture of whiskey, as many distilleries will not operate under this regulation, and therefore the price of distilled liquors will be increased because of their consequent scarcity.—[Pitts. Com., Dec. 24.

Unfortunate Occurrence.—On Saturday night Dec. 12, while Miss Sophia McKnight, of the vicinity of Hickory, was engaged in filling a lighted lamp from a fluid can, the oil ignited and exploding burnt her so badly that after brief but terrible suffering, she died from the effect of the burning.—Before the flames could be extinguished her clothing was nearly burnt off the upper part of her body. She was a young lady of most excellent character, very highly respected, and leaves a widowed mother and large connection of relatives to mourn her untimely death. This is another warning among the many that the press chronicles weekly of the danger of filling a lamp with oil, while it is lighted.—[Wash. Reporter.

General Grant has now office-seeking petitions for food, and his supply doesn't begin to wear thin.

A few nights ago a fire occurred at Island Run, which entirely destroyed the house of Mr. Ormes, together with all its contents.

The Sheriff of Stark county has, by order of the Court, brought several dilatory jurymen to time of late.

In putting his papers in order after the recent fire in Meadville, James H. Lewis, Esq., discovered a letter from John Hancock, of Independence fame, to the late Samuel Lord, Esq., of Mead township.

The P. F. W. & C. R. R. intends to remove their works from New Brighton to Union Station, where they intend erecting a new Round House and Turn Table, to be completed by the first of January next.

Shell Oysters.—J. B. Clark, near McKinley's corner, keeps shell oysters, of a very superior quality, for sale. We tried some of them on Christmas eve, and found them fresh and plump. Reader, go and do likewise.

Sabbath School Treat at the U. P. Church.—The parents and friends of the U. P. Sabbath School in this place, treated the scholars to a feast of good things on Christmas day. The occasion was an interesting and pleasing one to all concerned.

The grave of John Harris, the founder of Harrisburgh, is at the foot of the tree to which he was once tied by Indians and a fire kindled about him to burn him alive. A simple iron fence surrounds the grave, but no stone or other mark is there to designate whose remains lie beneath.—[Exchange.

Foot Races.—Richardson and Young, the latter of this city, ran two exciting foot races in Cleveland, where Richardson belongs, on Christmas. The first was a sixty yards, for $200 a side, and won by Young; and in the following contest, Richardson was the victor.—[Com.

The pastor and friends of the children connected with the Sabbath School of the Presbyterian Church of Bridgewater, will serve refreshments to the children on New Year's evening, at 5:30 P. M.

The meeting will be presided over by the officers and teachers of the school.

In addition to this, other ceremonies may be expected, in which it is hoped the friends and patrons of the school will be interested.

JAMES M. SHIELDS, Pastor.

The Wages of a Negro Girl.—A gentleman of this place who was running on one of the rivers in the South during the war, casually picked up from a wharf boat the annexed note, given for the yearly wages of a negro girl, at Versailles, Ky., in the year 1857. It reads as follows:

"On or before the 25th day of December next, we or either of us promise to pay to Elizabeth Taylor, or order, the sum of Fifteen Dollars, for the hire of a negro girl, Emily, for the present year, and to give to said girl two chemises, two summer dresses, and one winter dress and underdress, two pair of shoes, and one pair of stockings, and one blanket, all of good quality; and pay all doctor bills. W. Newman.

Versailles, Jan. 8, 1857.

Blankets at less than cost, at James A. Fortune's Diamond, Rochester.

Brought to Jail.—On Christmas night, a little after bed-time a constable whose name we did not learn, brought five persons to the county jail and had them confined there. They are all strangers in this part of the country, and represent themselves as having left New York a week or two ago to go South. In their travels they appear to have crossed the Ohio river somewhere between this point and Economy, and were making their way toward the West Virginia line. So far all went well with them, but once in Moon township they began to reach for other people's goods, and by the time they got into the vicinity of Hookstown they had appropriated some one's silver watch, another's boots, and sundry other articles to tedious to mention. They were finally, therefore, brought to a halt, taken into custody, and landed in jail as we have stated above. They are all young men, ranging from the ages of sixteen to twenty-two years. Their singular operations can only be accounted for on the supposition that if they really started from New York to go south as they represent, they did so with the intention of stealing their way through.

A Thieving Scoundrel.—Last Sunday evening, about nine o'clock, a man, claiming to be a soldier, and to have lost an arm in the service, rang the door bell at the residence of Mr. V. Milhous, West Main street. Being invited in, he stated his case, and desired something to eat. Whilst the table was being prepared, Mr. M. questioned him as to the army in which he served and where and how he was wounded, and as to how much of his arm was amputated. Noticing that he did not want to say much about his lost limb, Mr. M. questioned him still closer concerning it, and made a move toward him, as though he intended to examine it.

The imposter said his brother was standing at the door and it being cold he would just step out, and invite him in.—Suiting his action to his words, he immediately and hastily passed into the hall, and in his course picked up an overcoat belonging to Mr. Milhous, and went out. He never returned—he is, probably, looking after his brother yet.

The man was, to all appearance, about twenty-three years of age, and five feet, six or seven inches tall. Dark hair, slim whiskers and very low forehead. He probably never saw a battle field, and both his arms are sound. It will be well for our readers to keep an eye open for him. He will, doubtless, try the same game again elsewhere.—[Salem (O.) Republican.

Happiness of the Home Circle.—At this season of the year, when affection and love prompt the bestowal of some suitable token to the members of the family and to friends, the question arises, how we can delight our loved ones, and at the same time do them a real and lasting good. The answer is simple. Call upon some reliable Music Dealer, a man in whose judgment and integrity you can place implicit confidence, and procure from him a fine Piano or a good Organ, above all others the article best calculated to contribute to the delight and happiness of the entire family circle, and which is a 'thing of beauty and a joy forever.' Such a man is emphatically Mr. Henry Kleber, of the firm of H. Kleber & Bro. 122 Wood st., Pittsburgh, a man who from his infancy has been connected with music, who is one of the very best judges of musical instruments in the country, and whose charges are as low, and who sells more Pianos and Organs to parties who left the choice of the same entirely with him, than any man in the business. If we add that he and his firm are the sole agents for the world renowned STEINWAY PIANOS who beat all competitors at the late Paris Exposition, and also the exquisite BURDETT ORGAN with its wonderful imitation of the human voice, a brand of instruments which are regarded as the greatest success of modern times, we need assure no sensible person that it is at Kleber's warerooms where the very best instruments are to be had. [dec26t.

How to Enter the New Year.—The late Rev. Wm. Croswell, D. D., has indicated with simple force and beauty the duties which should unite with and be no insignificant portion of the healthy social enjoyments so characteristic of the New Year's birth. He fitly and faithfully says:

Go, warm the cold; go, clothe the bare;
Go, feed the starved ones at thy door,
And let the crumbs be thy share,
From out thy basket and thy store.

Go, wipe from misery's eye the tear,
Take by the hand affliction's son,
And happy shall be all the year
That is thus happily begun.

Go, give the sick and weary rest,
Gladden the cells where prisoners lie;
Pour balm and oil in wounded breast,
And soothe the soul about to die.

Do thus, and thou shalt go to rest
With music round thy midnight bed,
And, blessing, shall be trebly blessed
For each such soul thus comforted.

Thy sun shall make a golden set
This New Year's day, and be by far
The happiest day that ever yet
Was lettered in thy calendar!

Complimentary.—We are much indebted to nearly all the newspapers with which we exchange for complimentary notices since the enlargement of the ARGUS. Among those we may mention the Harrisburg STATE GUARD, the Harrisburg TELEGRAPH, the Steubenville GAZETTE, the Oil City REPUBLICAN, the Venango CITIZEN, the Lawrence JOURNAL, the Alliance MONITOR, the Buckeye STATE, &c., &c.

Entertainment.—A grand entertainment will be given in Power's Hall, Rochester, on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, Dec. 30th and 31st. It will consist of choice music, vocal and instrumental, dialogues, comic songs, declamations, &c., &c. There will also be a fair held in connection with it. Several valuable articles, among them a silver pitcher, sewing machine, &c., to be drawn, or voted for. Admission twenty-five cents.

The Feats of a "Walkist."—Mr. Napoleon Young, a native of our neighboring county, (Columbiana, Ohio,) has been on his muscle for some time past. He gave the New Lisbon BUCKEYE STATE last week the following account of his operations during the "campaign." That paper says: "The celebrated "Olympic Pedestrian," Napoleon Young, has kindly presented us with a brief statement of his principal feats during the past year. His first public performance was at New Lisbon, on the 30th of May, 1868, walking one mile along Walnut Street, in 7 minutes and 15 seconds, the street being wet and slippery. His next walk was in Pittsburgh, Pa., making 100 miles in 22 hours and 12 minutes, including 2 hours of rest. At Mount Gilead, Ohio, at the time of the County Fair he walked against the fastest running horse in Morrow county, going once around a half mile track while the horse ran three times around it, beating the horse twelve seconds, then walked a half mile in 3 minutes and 17 seconds, and ran another half mile in 2 minutes and 10 seconds, doing all without resting. He walked again at New Lisbon at the time of the Fair, making his mile in 6 minutes and 12 seconds. At Mount Vernon, Ohio, he walked 10 miles in 83 minutes, on a very wet and slippery track, and the next day, on the same ground, he walked once around a half mile track in ten seconds less time than a race horse occupied in running around it three times. At the Orrville Fair, Wayne county, Ohio, he walked against a fast pacing horse on a half mile track, beating him by 30 seconds, and then without any rest, walked 7½ miles in 61 minutes and 5 seconds, facing a strong north wind. At Mansfield, Ohio, he walked 7½ miles in 56 minutes and 5 seconds, around a quarter of a mile track. He walked eight times around Olentangy Park, Columbus, Ohio, in 70 minutes, the distance around the track being 1 mile and 40 feet. At the rink in the same city he accomplished 5 miles in 42 minutes and 30 seconds, with the inconvenience of turning at right angles. These statements can all be verified by application to parties residing at the places where the feats were performed and who were witnesses of the same. Mr. Young now challenges all other pedestrians of the 66ist Olympiad to publish a record of their walks, giving time and distance, and the place where they were performed.

Duty of Road Supervisors—WHAT CONSTITUTES A GOOD ROAD.—The following recent decision in a judicial district of this State, where a supervisor was indicted for neglecting to keep the public road in good order, will commend itself to the common sense of the community everywhere. The judge's charge of what is to be considered a legal road, and what are the duties of supervisors has not been so well delivered before, or understood. An understanding of what the law is has long been wanting; and if the roads are not hereafter kept "in good repair and free from obstructions," the fault will be with the citizens. The judge speaks of the duties of supervisors, as follows:

"It is the business of the supervisors of the public highways to keep the roads in their respective townships in good order for use—to have all new roads properly constructed and old ones carefully repaired. They are not vested with authority to judge how much space the travel in a particular place requires, nor how poor or indifferent a road will answer its purpose. To the full extent that the ground has been appropriated to the public use, by the law, it must be opened, the entire space constructed into a good and convenient highway, and be thereafter continually kept in such condition. To remove the fences and throw the ground open—or, in addition, to plow a ditch on either side, is not to construct a road within the meaning of the law.—The ground must be made reasonably smooth, freed from obstructions, and put in such shape that the water will drain off to the side, leaving the roadway dry and solid.

"Where the width is fixed at 35 feet (as is usual,) or at any other limit, it is because the court, aided by the report of a jury, has determined that this space is necessary. And whether this determination be wise or not the supervisors cannot consider. Their duty is simply to obey the order of the Court and the Act of Assembly to open the road to the entire extent, and keep it thereafter free from obstructions and in good repair. If it is not needed to accommodate travel, care should be taken that the court is properly informed and the road not established; or if it has already been established, that it be vacated. But so long as it remains upon the records as a public highway it must be kept in good order for use. If any part of it be obstructed by fences, stumps, rocks (that may be removed), holes, or the like, such obstruction constitutes a nuisance and renders the supervisors liable to indictment. And in case of injury to any one, in person or property, from this cause, the full damages are chargeable to delinquency of the authorities of the township. And townships should understand that they, too, are responsible in their corporate capacity, for such loss. The Supervisors are their agents, and their safety in this respect requires that they should elect suitable men to the office, and see that they perform their duty. The subject is one of deep interest to the public. No intelligent person can fail to appreciate the advantages of good roads, nor to see that what is saved by multiplying the means necessary to have them, is poor economy. In addition to the wear and tear of teams and vehicles, to say nothing of the inconvenience, delay, vexation and danger of traveling on bad ones.

[For the ARGUS.]

THE DYING YEAR.

Like the dying sound of the passing breath,
Declared the harbinger of the approach
Death,
Sink thy dying year in the grave of the past,
With the solemn mention—Its sand is at last.
The breath of the year with December is gone;
It has numbered its days and its Sabbaths have flown.
And if for departed friends grief tears are shed,
Why should they not flow for the year that has fled.
How parent-like tender to man thou hast been.
'Mid prosperity's smile or adversity keen;
Thy departure has left as a stain on our race,
Our earth bound attachments, our sin and disgrace.
How many thy children the grave has entombed,
Since on thy fair cheek smiles of beauty first bloomed;
The aged have died—and they sleep—not like thee,
For they dream of waking, so holy so free.
Or of death they may dream—death more fatal than thine,
When the judgment trump calls—"Wake rise from thy shrine."
Then, oh year! thy abuse on the heaven lettered page,
Condemned, shall remain through eternity's age.
Consummate conclusion! each year that recedes
With our joys and our sorrows, our thoughts, words and deeds,
Onward, still onward, with what ere we will be,
Refers to that scene, tried Almighty by Thee.

NELLIE.

BEAVER, PA. Dec. 28.

Resolutions.—At a meeting of Post No. 99 of the Grand Army of the Republic held at their encampment, on Thursday, Dec. 26th, 1868.

On motion of Comrade Chas. A. Griffin, a Committee was appointed to draft resolutions expressive of the sense of the Post relative to the death of Comrade Wm. Hall; the commandant announced Chas. A. Griffin, John Harlon, S. M. Dinsmore and M. S. Quay to be the committee.

At an adjourned meeting held on the 28th day of December the committee reported the following resolutions which were unanimously adopted.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God to remove from our midst William Hall, late Sergeant of Co. F 101 P. V., a comrade of this Post, who died on the 24th inst. of disease superinduced by exposure in the service of his country.

Resolved, That we deeply deplore the loss of the first of our number upon whom the hand of death has been laid; though incapacitated by his infirmity from active participation in the duties of the Post almost from his earliest connection with it, we ever recognized in him the worthy comrade and true American soldier, and his death is one more monument to the murderous wickedness of the late rebellion.

Resolved, That in testimony of our regard for his memory the comrades of the Post will wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

Resolved, That we tender to his afflicted relatives the assurance of the sincere sympathy of his surviving comrades with them in their bereavement.

Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be furnished by the Commandant of the Post to the family of the deceased and to the county newspapers.

CHARLES A. GRIFFIN,
JOHN HARTON,
S. M. DINSMORE,
M. S. QUAY, } Committee.

The committee which was appointed at the temperance meeting held in the Beaver Court House lately, for the purpose of procuring a suitable person to lecture in the same place, on Friday, Jan. 8th, having forwarded a request to the Rev. Col. J. R. Clark, of Allegheny City, received the following reply:

ALLEGHENY CITY., PA, Dec. 24, '68.

MESSRS. BOARDMAN AND JOHNSON:
Gentleman:

Your invitation to be present and address a temperance meeting in Beaver, on the evening of Jan. 8th is before me. That evening is in the week of the world's prayer meeting, and it will be impossible for me to leave home and I know of no one here who could be secured for you on that evening or I would be glad to send him. If Friday evening January 15th would suit as well I would come and do what I could in behalf of the good cause.

Yours, truly,
JOHN B. CLARK.

For the reason stated in the above, the same difficulty exists in regard to other prominent speakers.

The committee therefore deem it proper to postpone the lecture for one week from the time first mentioned, to Jan. 15th, 1869, at which time Col. Clark promises to be with us.

DR. W. H. BOARDMAN,
WM. JOHNSTON, } Com.

Mistakes.—Many patrons of country newspapers commit very grevious mistakes, some of which we desire to correct.

It is a mistake to suppose he gets his white paper for nothing.

It is a mistake to suppose that the subscription price of paper is a clear gain to the publisher.

It is a mistake to suppose that it is printed without cost.

It is a mistake to suppose that he can live bodily, by faith.

It is a mistake to suppose that it is easy to please everybody.

It is a mistake to suppose that money due for the paper would be as good to us in a year as it would be now.

It is a mistake to suppose that we would not be thankful for what is due to us, and for new subscribers.

A new Philadelphia (O.) paper speaks as follows of one of our seminaries:—

BEAVER FEMALE SEMINARY.—We once more call attention to the claims of this really sterling institution. It stands in the front rank of our Educational Institutes. Prof. R. T. Taylor, the present Principal, has had charge of the school nearly ten years, and under his management it has reached its present high standard. The building has been thoroughly repaired outside and inside, and is now one of the most attractive and comfortable school buildings in the West. In addition to a thorough course of study the Institute affords unsurpassed musical advantages. The Winter term opens January 5th, 1869. Send to Prof. R. T. Taylor, Beaver, Pa., for a Catalogue.

Our Academy.—The Beaver Academy's advertisement will cheer the hearts of many of our readers. Its numerous alumni of both sexes will, we hope, rally around their alma mater. From the farm, the shop, the store, the pulpit, the legislature, the court, the school room, the editors chair, and the sickbed, where they bless our country, let each raise a prayer to God for its success. Dr. Martin, who has had great experience in presiding over educational institutions, assures us that the great want is not cash but character. The funds are adequate to aid a good educator in establishing a first-class school; though not to provide a sinecure for one indolent or incapable. Let then its friends encourage youths of both sexes with grace and brain to receive a good education, to come.

CORRESPONDENCE.

NEW BRIGHTON, PA., Dec. 26, 1868.

EDITOR ARGUS:—The past week was one of the gayest of the gay, and, while every one seemed to be full of merriment, we are glad to say, for the good name of our town, that we did not see, during the entire week, a single individual whose good humor was generated by the use of spirituous potations. The festivities of the week commenced on Christmas eve, by a little dancing party at Odd Fellows hall.

On Monday the ladies of the M. E. Congregation gave a concert consisting of tableaux, pantomimes and vocal music, all of which was given in good style.

We could take exceptions only to what seemed to us needlessly long and tedious intervals between the different tableaux; and the tolerance of a vast deal of very annoying and illtimed applause by boys and young men.

The music given on the occasion by the quartette from Allegheny city was most excellent, and gave unbounded satisfaction to all present.

On Tuesday night Rev. Wm. Evans gave a select reading in the Protestant Methodist Church for the benefit of the Sunday School of that Congregation, which was quite liberally patronized.—Mr. Evans is a tolerably good elocutionist; but there is too much monotony in his reading to render it particularly effective; and in some of his selections he fails to comprehend fully the ideas of the author.

Thursday and Friday nights both the Episcopal Methodists and the Baptists held festivals for the benefit of their respective churches. The result in each case was a liberal receipt of greenbacks.

The ball given on Thursday night by the G. A. R. was a success, and added several dollars to the treasury of Post 108, for the relief of our needy comrades, and the widows and orphans of those who died that our nation might live.

On Friday night of this week—New Year's night—the members of Post 108 will give an entertainment consisting of a public installation of officers and the presentation of a flag by the Grant Veterans to the Post.

The flag will be presented on behalf of the Veterans by Mr. Collins of the Pittsburgh EVENING CHRONICLE; and will be received on behalf of the Post by Capt. Eberhart.

To these exercises will be added the reading of Sheridan's Ride, Our Nation's Dead, and other appropriate pieces; together with vocal and instrumental music.

Judging from the preparations which are being made, this affair will prove as gratifying to the public here as it is novel. The fact that all who are to take part in the exercises are men who have given evidence of their patriotism and self-sacrificing devotion to principle on their country's battle-fields, will give it peculiar charm, and an attractiveness which few of our citizens will be able to resist. Hence we anticipate a crowded house and a large receipt of "stamps."

On Thursday night rather a singular occurrence took place on Broadway.—Rev. Mr. Seymour of the Episcopal Church was walking quietly along the street accompanied only by a little dog, which little dog, you suddenly attacked by one of his own species whereupon Mr. S. kicked the attacking dog in order to end the quarrel. He, however, scarcely completed the kick, when he was foiled to the pavement by what he supposed to be the clenched hand of one of the genus homo; but what's his name or where's his home, he was unable to discover, and perhaps never will know. His disappearance was quite as sudden and miraculous as his appearance.

ENDYMION.

MR. EDITOR.—Believing it would be of interest to some of your many readers and profitable to all to hear of the proceedings of Beaver Institute, I take a small space in your columns. Having occasion to attend the meeting of Tuesday night, Dec. 22, I found quite an audience in possession of the school room, composed as Beaver audiences generally are, of men women and children, the half of whom seemed to be possessed with but one idea, that of making as much noise as possible. However at the call of the chairman silence reigned. The first exercise, a class drill in Geography by Mrs. Marquis, the accomplished teacher of No. 2, was listened to with attention, and the class showed great proficiency, next an essay entitled "The Brains and Nervous System," was read by Dr. W. H. Boardman, which was a good production, but we think rather too long to be entertaining. A class drill in grammar conducted by Prof. Lakin, the able Principal of the school, followed. The class gave evidence that they had been guided by a master workman. A periodical, "The Literary Casket," a spicy little semi-monthly, was then read by the editress, Miss Foulk. This is the last issue for '68, and was one of its best. Debate followed on the question "Which is the greater preventive of crime, the moral or civil law." It was discussed ably and eloquently by Rev. Dr. Martin in the affirmative and Rev. John R. Dravo in the negative. Both gentlemen displayed great ability as debaters, and it added greatly to the interest of the evening. We were well satisfied with the result of our visit, and shall repeat it as often as privileged to do so. The next meeting will be on Thursday evening Jan. 14th, at 6½ o'clock. All are invited to attend.

BURKE.

Christmas at the Home for Soldiers' Orphans, Phillipsburgh.—It was the privilege of the writer of this article, with many others, to dine on the 25th inst. with the Rev. Wm. G. Taylor and family in this benevolent institution of our great and growing State.

It is not my design to speak of the dinner, which was all that could be desired to refresh the inner man, and was shared by orphans', guests and family alike.—This is the uniform law of the Institution. There is but one fare for all. The Home, as it ever is when I have been permitted to visit it, was clean and neat. The orphans' are well clad, and their hale hearty appearance is ample evidence that they receive abundance of wholesome food. It is now nearly three years since this school was organized and there has not been a single death in it yet. This fact, considering that the number of children in the school is between one and two hundred, certainly shows that the Insitution is conducted with ability.—The good health, the neatness and order which are everywhere perceptible and the progress of the pupils in their studies all show that in placing Mr. Taylor at the head of this school the State authorities have put the right man in the right place.

A GUEST.

Dec. 25th, 1868.

Sad Accident.—On Sunday evening, Dec. 13, Leonard Hunnell, a boy twelve years was kicked on the head by a horse, inflicting a serious injury near the right temple. The boy is a son of Wm. Hunnel, but living with his uncle in Center tp., was in the stable attending to his feeding, and in passing behind the horse he received the blow, and was found a short time after entirely insensible, the blood and brains oozing from his head. Dr. R. L. Woodruff was called in and after careful examination pronounced it a critical case, and the chances of recovery doubtful.—[Waynesburg Republican.

Dr. Musser, of New Brighton, Pa., delivered a lecture on last Tuesday evening on the "Origin of the Negro." Not being present we are unable to state the Doctor's theory as to how, when or where this mysterious race sprung into existence.—[East Liverpool Record.

WASHINGTON.

General Amnesty.—The President Pardons Everybody that Participated in the Rebellion.

By the President of the United States of America, a Proclamation:

WHEREAS, The President of the United States heretofore set forth several proclamations, offered amnesty and pardon to persons who had been or were concerned in the late Rebellion against the lawful authority of the Government of the United States, which proclamations were severally issued on the 8th day of December, 1863, on the 26th day of March, 1864, on the 29th day of May, 1865, on the 7th day of September, 1867, and on the 4th day of July in the present year; and

WHEREAS, The authority of the Federal Government having been re-established in all the States and Territories within the jurisdiction of the United States, it is believed that such prudential reservations and exceptions as, at the dates of said several proclamations were deemed necessary and proper, may now be wisely and justly relinquished, and that an universal amnesty and pardon for participation in said Rebellion extended to all who have borne any part therein, will tend to secure permanent peace, order and prosperity throughout the land, and to renew and fully restore confidence and fraternal feeling among the whole people, and their respect for and attachment to the National Government, designed by its patriotic founders for the general good.

Now, therefore, be it known, that I, Andrew Johnson, President of the United States, by virtue of the power and authority in me vested by the Constitution and in the name of the sovereign people of the United States, do hereby proclaim and declare, unconditionally and without reservation, to all and to every person, who directly or indirectly participated in the late insurrection or rebellion a full pardon and amnesty for the offence of treason against the United States or of adhering to their enimies during the late civil war, with restoration of all rights, privileges and immunities under the constitution and the laws which have been made in pursuance thereof.

In testimony whereof I have signed these presents with my hand and have caused the seal of the United States to be hereunto affixed.

Done at the city of Washington, the twenty-fifth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, and of the independence of the United States of America the ninety-third.

ANDREW JOHNSON.

By the President.

F. W. SEWARD,
Acting Sec'y. of State.

Wants to Go to the Penitentiary.—On last Saturday evening a man named Ferguson, hailing from, we do not know where, knocked at Constable Griffin's door, in this place, and demanded the presence of that officer at Justice Imbric's. Reaching there he informed the officers that he was a thief—had stolen Mr. Thos. Schley's tools some months ago—and requested such action to be taken at once as would result in his being sent to the Penitentiary. He was committed to jail as a vagrant for eight days. In the meantime we presume Mr. Schley will make information against Ferguson for theft, and in all probability that "conscience-smitten individual" will in due course of time pull up at the Western Penitentiary. Ferguson is an old offender—a tough customer—and no stranger to the walls of our county jail.

A Treat.—Samuel McMananty, Esq., of Economy township, has our thanks for a basket of large, finely flavored apples. They were of the Pippin species, and we and ours enjoyed them hugely. Mr. McMananty is one of the thrifty farmers of this county, a good citizen, and withal, one of the staunchest Republicans in Western Pennsylvania. Long may he live to enjoy the fruits of his industry.

Post No. 99, G. A. R.—There will be a meeting of the members of the Post on Wednesday evening Dec. 30th, 1868, at 6½ o'clock P. M. A full attendance is requested as business of importance is to be transacted.

C. A. DECARME, S. V. C.
H. R. MOORE, Adjutant, Pro. Tem.

The Rev. Dr. A. O. Patterson, a well known Presbyterian Minister of nearly fifty years standing, died at Oxford, Butler Co., Ohio, on Monday morning. The Rev. Mr. Patterson for many years was the pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Beaver.

S. S. Anniversary.—The Sabbath School Anniversary of the M. E. Church, held at Rev. R. T. Taylor's Seminary on Christmas day and evening, was well attended, and the handsome sum of one hundred and eighty dollars was realized from the refreshments and sale of goods.

Appointed.—At a meeting of the Directors of the Poor of Beaver county, held a few days ago, Wm. Shrodes, Esq., the present efficient steward, was reappointed for the coming year. Mr. Shrodes and his lady are both well qualified for the positions they so ably fill.

Warning from the "Regulators."

LOUISVILLE, Ky., December 22.—A circular, purporting to emenate from the "Scymour Vigilance Committee," states that the Committee have been informed that certain parties in and about Seymour have been making threats against the Regulators and if these threats are carried into execution, the parties in question may expect to be summarily dealt civilly towards the Regulators, they will permit the warned parties to live at their houses, and will protect them. The parties warned are as follows: Wilk Reno, the father Clinton Reno, Trick Reno, a younger brother, Jas. Greer, Stephen Greer, Lee Johnson, Chris. Price, Harvey Needham, Mede Fislar, Martin Lowe, Roland Lee, Wm. Spanks, Jesse Thompson, Wm. Hare, Wm. Biggins, Jas. Fisler and Pollard Able. Sevceteen in all.

IN the United States District Court, at Memphis, Judge Trigg presiding, in the case of Mrs. Catharine Bailey vs St. Louis Mutual Life Insurance Company, where action was brought to recover five thousand dollars on her husband's life, which the defendents declined paying on the ground that the deceased had failed to pay the premium for three quarters, and that his son, at the instance of his friends and physicians, called at the office and paid the premiums whilst his father was on his death-bed, representing that he was in his usual health, and that therefore the contract was null and void, the Court ruled that the Company could not hold to the contract if Mr. Bailey lived, and repudiate it if he died, and the jury found for the plaintiff.

A Cheyenne dispatch says seventy-seven head of horses and mules have been run off by the Indians from the neighborhood of Laporte since Wednesday. The Indians are believed to be from the north and belong to Red Cloud's band.

THE Salt Lake *Telegram* says the Central Pacific Railroad reached four hundred and seventy-one miles west of Sacramento yesterday.

Otto Christman, a German restaurant keeper, of Omaha, committed suicide on Saturday. Cause unknown.

The New War Cloud.

The situation in Eastern Europe, says the *Tribune*, is becoming more warlike and threatening. It is confirmed that the ultimatum of Turkey has been decisively rejected at Athens, and both Turkey and Greece are preparing for a great war. The Sultan is resolved to enforce his demands that Turkish vessels may overhaul the Greek to see whether they carry supplies for the insurgents of Crete; the Greeks long for hastening the crisis on the Eastern question. The Turks have despatched four frigates to the Archipelago; the Greeks are mobalizing the whole militia, talk of offering a command to Garibaldi, and threaten an immediate invasion of Epirus, one of the Southern provinces of Turkey.—War has not yet been formaly declared, but hostilities have already commenced. An encounter has taken place between the Greek vessel Eroais and a Turkish man-of-war, and has resulted in the flight of the former. The Turkish Admiral had followed her to the port of Syria, where she sought refuge, and according to our reports, which, however, need verification, had sunk her.

The Great Powers look with considerable alarm at the development which the difficulties between Turkey and Greece are assuming. They all know that when any conflict in the East comes to endanger the integrity of the Turkish Empire, it is likely at once to expand into a European war, and a war of such dimentions last present not desired by any of the Great Powers. They are, therefore, as the *Moniteur* says, anxious to shorten the duration of the war which seems to be imminent, and to narrow its limits. But while the Great Powers are cautious and reserved, little Greece is full of enthusiasm, and eagerly rushing into war, which, if not suppressed in the beginning must be of momentous consequences.

Died.

Suddenly, of apoplexy, on Thursday morning, the 17th inst., at his residence in Fulaki tp., Beaver county, John Ray, in the 60th year of his age.

The subject of this notice was in Pittsburgh just one week before his death, settling some busines, returning on the 19th inst. He caught a slight cold while away, but with that exception was in usual good health up till Wednesday morning, at 2 o'clock, when he had a stroke while in bed, from which he soon recovered. Was up and about all day. Wednesday, retired in the evening seemingly pretty well. Got up in the evening at half past six, put on his clothes, came forward to the fire, complained of a dizziness in his head and instantly dropped down dead.

On the 24th of December, at 8 o'clock P. M., Mr. Wm. Hall, of Beaver, Pa., in the 36th year of his age.

The deceased was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and was buried on last Saturday, under the auspices of Post 99 of that organization.

New Advertisements.

BEAVER ACADEMY.—The Beaver Academy has been re-opened.

REV. JOHN WYNNE MARTIN, D. D.

Ex-President of Lincoln University, known as a successful educator of the deaf and the blind. The next term will commence, D. V.,

MONDAY, JANUARY 4TH, 1869.

at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Students of both sexes, may here learn, thoroughly, the Common School Course, under strict discipline; should adequate classes apply, instruction will be given in most parts of the University course. Composition, elocution, rhetoric and astronomy, the Hebrew, Greek and Latin Languages; logic with philosophy, natural, mental and moral, will be diligently taught by the Principal.

We purpose to use Willson's Spellers and Readers; Mitchell's Geographies with Pelton's outline Maps, Greenleaf's Mathematical Series and Bullion's Grammars. For additional particulars please address

J. W. MARTIN,
Box 114, Beaver, Beaver County, Pa.

U. S. MARSHALL'S OFFICE,
W. D. of Pennsylvania.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 24th, 1868.

This is to Give Notice: That on the 18th day of December, A. D. 1868 a warrant in Bankruptcy was issued against the estate of Samuel Cameron of Brighton tp., in the county of Beaver and State of Pennsylvania, who has been adjudged a bankrupt on his own petition; that the payment of any Debts and delivery of any property belonging to such bankrupt to him or for his use and the transfer of any property by him are forbidden by law; that a meeting of the Creditors of the said bankrupt to prove their debts and to choose one or more assignees of his estate, will be held at a Court of Bankruptcy, to be holden at the Haven House in New Brigh