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State of the Thermometer for the week ending the 30th of Oct., 1869.

	7 A. M.	2 P. M.	9 P. M.
Oct. 24	35 deg.	45 deg.	34 deg.
" 25	30 deg.	45 deg.	29 deg.
" 26	26 deg.	46 deg.	34 deg.
" 27	26 deg.	44 deg.	37 deg.
" 28	39 deg.	50 deg.	43 deg.
" 29	42 deg.	45 deg.	42 deg.
" 30	34 deg.	39 deg.	36 deg.

R. T. TAYLOR.

Subscriptions to the Beaver Argus.—The following named persons have paid the sums set opposite to their names on subscription to the Beaver Argus, since the date of our last publication:

Jas. Todd, Georgetown,	$2 00
Wm. Smith, New Sheffield,	4 00
Sam'l. Gillespie, Brighton tp.,	4 50
J. F. Mitchell, New Brighton,	5 50
J. G. Hillman, Georgetown,	66
J. W. Smith, Homewood,	2 00
Jas. M. Graham, Beaver,	2 00
Harvey J. McCreery, Beaver,	2 00

The attention of the public is directed to the *following New Advertisements* which appear for the first time in the Argus to-day:

Dentistry—T. J. Chandler & Son.
Bounty Account—North Sewickley tp.
New Goods—Speyerer & Sons.
Special Notices—Hugo Andriessen.
Special Notices—Speyerer & Sons.
Special Notices—Will Smith & Co.
Special Notices—J. H. Bence.

☞ Blank Subpœnas for sale at the Argus office.

Sacking velvets very cheap at Bence's.

From Quarto to Folio.—The Pittsburgh *Gazette* and the Pittsburgh *Dispatch* have both abandoned the quarto form of publication and resumed the folio. Sensible.

The best assortment of Notions, Trimmings & Millinery goods, and all new, is to be found at Will Smith & Co's., Diamond, Rochester.

Select Readings.—Mrs. Randall, an eastern lady and very highly spoken of, will give an entertainment at Concert Hall, in New Brighton, on next Friday evening.

☞ Blank Notes for sale at the Argus office.

Ladies purchasing alpaca's should examine Bence's stock before purchasing elsewhere.

Oyster vs. Oyster.—The case of oyster vs. Oyster occupied the attention of the Columbiana county, (O.) court all last week. We will bet our last stamp that one or the other and perhaps both of these bivalves will have their shells badly cracked before their case is settled. It can't be otherwise, Messrs. Oyster.

Furs! Furs!! a splendid assortment at Bence's, Beaver. ‡

Furs! Furs!! A good set of Siberian squirrel furs from $6 to $10, at Bence's, Beaver. ‡

Handkerchief Lost.—A ladies lace handkerchief was lost on last Sabbath between the Presbyterian church and the residence of Thos. McCreery, esq. The finder will be rewarded by leaving it at this office.

☞ Blank Mortgages for sale at the Argus office.

Ladies and Gents underwear, cheap at Bence's, Beaver.

Assault and Battery.—Constable Griffin, on last Monday, arrested Joseph Stone of Vanport, for assault and battery on oath of Thomas Burke. The accused gave bail for his appearance at next term of Court.

"Will Smith & Co., Rochester, sell cheaper than any store in Beaver county," has become the byeword of all who deal with them. Call and see.

Changed Hands.—The last *Local* contains the valedictory of Thomp. Burton, esq., its editor and proprietor for the past six months. The paper now passes into the hands of W. H. Schwartz, of Altoona, who is said to have had considerable experience in the newspaper business. What business Mr. Burton intends following in the future has not yet transpired. He is a genial, good hearted man, and notwithstanding the recent "unpleasantnis" we feel sorry at his laying down the quill in Beaver.—Success, financially, to both the old and the new editors.

Double shawls, new styles for 1869 at Bence's, Beaver. ‡

BLANKETS.—Only $4.50 per pair, for good white blankets, at Bence's. ‡

☞ Blank Commitments for sale, at the Argus office.

Pilfering.—It is understood that the pilferers of this vicinity are beginning to demonstrate again. Along about this season of the year the "bummers" who have not been working during the summer, begin to look around for something to eat and wear through the winter.—Kitchens, smoke houses, hen roosts and dry good stores would supply them with what they want. Nocturnal visits to these will therefore be frequent and bold. It would be well then for "everybody and the rest of mankind" to get their shooting irons burnished up and loaded, so that when one of these depredators makes his nightly visits he may be received in a suitable and cordial manner.

For a stylish, cheap winter bonnet, ladies should leave their orders at Bence's, Beaver.

An immense stock of goods just opened at Bence's favorite establishment in Beaver. All in want of anything in our line give him a call.

Suicide.—On Friday morning last, Mr. Hunter Martin, a well-to-do farmer residing about three miles west of Salem, committed suicide by hanging himself in the barn soon after breakfast. No cause is assigned for the act. Financially he was in good condition and prosperous, and all his domestic relations pleasant and agreeable. He was dead when discovered, and his body cut down by his wife. The general impression is that temporal derangement of mind was the cause. Mr. M. was a member of the Presbyterian church, and esteemed a worthly and upright man.—*Salem Rep.*

BEAVER DRUG STORE, Beaver, Pa. A fresh supply of choice groceries, New Crop Teas, &c., just received and for sale at the very lowest cash prices.

Teas, New Crop, Gunpowder $1.80 per pound. Young Hyson, very choice, $1.50 to 1.80 per lb. Imperial, Oolong and Japan teas. Coffees, Rio, extra quality, 25 to 28 cents per lb. Arbuckle & Gormly's roasted 28 cts.

A fine assortment of Hats, Bonnets and French Flowers at Will Smith & Co's., Rochester.

Ladies underwear, at less than Pittsburgh prices, at Will Smith & Co's., Rochester.

Sharp Practice.—On last Wednesday evening at about 7 p. m., a young man who had a gray shawl thrown over his shoulders, stepped into Mr. Hanauer's furnishing and trimming store of this place and inquired for some shirts. Mr. H. showed him his samples and the fellow selected one worth about $2.50.—After he had made the selection and before he paid for it, he asked to be shown some collars. Mr. H. had occasion to go to a distant part of the store for these, and while away the scamp picked up the shirt, broke for the door and escaped out into the darkness before Mr. H. could arrest his locomotion. His course was in the direction of Bridgewater, and from his nimbleness of foot it is calculated he reached that village in about two minutes after he left Beaver. He has not been seen or heard from since. He is supposed to have been a "strapped printer" who was in town on that day.

Since the above was in type, we learn of other exploits by this same fellow. During that same night he visited the dwellings of S. B. Wilson, Wm. S. Barclay and M. S. Quay. From the latter an overcoat was taken. On Saturday night Prof. R. T. Taylor's residence was entered and a large shawl taken from it; a pocket book containing some script, belonging to the Professor's little daughter was also stolen at the same time. Suspicion having rested upon a stranger stopping at the Union Hotel, as the author of these deprodations, Constable Griffin made a raid upon him on last Sabbath evening, and finding the above enumerated articles in his possession, including Mr. Hanauer's shirt, he was taken into custody and is now in jail. He gives his name as Maxwell, and seems to be a stranger in this part of the country. He represents himself as a printer, but evidently made up his mind that *pilfering* promised better pay, hence his embarking in that business.

The property found in his possession has all been identified and returned to the owners, with the exception of a magnifying glass for which no owner has yet appeared.

Lard! extra Cincinnati, fresh, 25 cts. Rice, Barley, Oatmeal, Cracked Wheat, Sago, Farina, Corn Starch, Maizena always kept on hand at Hugo Andriessen's Beaver Drug Store.

Black kid gloves ninety cents a pair at Bence's, Beaver.

Wm. Fleming & Co's. Great Representative Hat, Cap and Ladies Fur House, No. 139 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Penn'a. Send for price list of Ladies' Furs. [oct27;3m.

The Alaska Times.—Mr. John L. Beighley, of the United States army, now stationed at Sitka, Alaska Territory, has forwarded us a copy of the Alaska *Times* of September 18th, 1869. This is the only newspaper published in that Territory, and it claims to represent a larger area of land than any newspaper published. Of Alaska our opinion is not very flattering. There is thus far only one attraction for us, and that is the *fish* which do there abound. The copy of the *Times* before us has this to say on the fish question:

"On the subject of fish we never witnessed such a sight as we did last Tuesday morning. The tide washed them in by millions, and they were so thick that it would take but a moment to fill a bushel basket. The tides have been washing the small fish ashore in immense quantities, and for two bits you can purchase enough to last a family six months. Alaska is the country for those who love fish to live in.

For reliable fashions in hats and bonnets ladies should go to J. H. Bence's establishment. Extra inducements this week. 3t.

French whalebone corsets at 75 cts, at Bence's.

Andrew Watterson, esq., of Brighton tp., will please accept our thanks for a basket of fine Russet apples.

Don't fail to go to Will Smith & Co's., Rochester, for bargains in everything.

Superior French whalebone corsets only 90 cents at J. H. Bence's, Beaver.

Postponed.—The hearing of the argument in the case of Washington and Jefferson College, before the Supreme Court, at Pittsburgh, which was appointed for Tuesday of last week, has been postponed to the 8th of November.

SHAWLS! SHAWLS!—A large assortment just come in at Bence's, Beaver. ‡

Chinchilla cloths for ladies sacks at Bence's, Beaver. ‡

List of Letters remaining in Beaver post office, Nov. 1st, 1869:

Mr Enoch Atkinson, Geo. W. Foulk, esq.
Mr. Jas. Butler, Miss Sarah E Jelly,
Mrs. E. H. Barker, Miss A. L. Jolly,
Mrs. Mary Bunn, M. W. Reitz,
Mrs. Anna Cable, J. D. Roper, esq.
Mr. John Dunlap,

M. A. McGAFFICK, P. M.

Hats and Bonnets done over in the latest style and with taste, at Will Smith & Co's., Rochester.

Flannels! very cheap at Bence's. ‡

The Erie *Republican* says wisely:—Some of our sister towns in this vicinity are bragging about the debt they owe. Erie can beat them all in that line, as it beats them in all else—but then we have something to show for it. We have a magnificent water works—the most extensive system of sewerage of any city of its size in the Union—lots of fine Nicholson pavement—and the Philadelphia and Erie road, which is pouring wealth and population into the city in one continuous stream. In fact, our debt tho' large, is represented by substantial and valuable improvements.

That's it. If a town pays nothing it has nothing. Every investment in city improvements *pays*, pays big.

Arabs! Arabs!! Arabs!!! Arab shawls at Bence's.

☞ Blank Summon's for sale at the Argus office.

Wanted—A Cooper Shop.—We have noticed not less than a half dozen of persons within the past week going from store to store in search of casks and barrels in which to make kraut, salt meat, &c. Nearly all of them were unsuccessful in obtaining what they were seeking for. Nor could they even find any person in Beaver or vicinity who could make a wooden hoop and put it on such leaky vessels as were in their possession. Now why have we not a cooper shop in Beaver? Can any one tell us? It would certainly pay the proprietor, besides being a great accommodation to the town and neighborhood. We have a little army of young men in Beaver who have no visible means of support, and we modestly suggest that some of one of these could do no better than to serve an apprenticeship to the coopering business, open a shop in Beaver, and thus begin a useful and prosperous life. Who will be the plucky and lucky young man.

☞ Many people are prejudiced against the use of spirits in any form, but we can assure such that the Constitution Bitters are not objectionable on that account, for while they contain only pure whisky enough to keep them from changing, the combination of roots, barks and herbs are the real articles of merit that produces such wonderful effects. The thousands who are using them can testify to the above facts.

No one ever regretted buying a bottle of Seward's Cough Cure.

New arrivals from New York city, twice a week at Bence's popular millinery establishment, Beaver.

Temperance.—The Grand Worthy Chief Templar of Pennsylvania, Mr. Chase of Philadelphia, delivered a lecture in the Court House in Beaver on last Thursday evening on the subject of temperance. The lecture was only a passable one, being neither very good, nor yet very poor. The audience, too, was small, many of the old wheel horses of total abstinence being absent on the occasion referred to. Their indifference at this time on this important measure does not arise from a disposition to "go back" on their previous temperance professions, nor yet from a lack of interest in the genuine temperance cause; but the naked truth is, they are heartily disgusted with the modern temperance organizations of Beaver and the surrounding towns. That these organizations are wretchedly demoralized is too true, as is patent from the fact that it has passed into a by word in this vicinity that "a man cannot be a templar in good standing unless he gets drunk two or three times a month." When 'good templars' are allowed to *preach* temperance and publicly *practice* drunkenness—when they can blow their whiskey tainted breath into the faces of decent sober men—when their debaucheries oblige others to help them out of public gatherings, and are all the while permitted to retain their connection with a total abstinence society, it is not to be wondered at that the ardor of *honorable* temperance men and women chills, and that they show an indifference to temperance movements of the present day that illy accords with their past pledges or present feelings on that subject. Like a great many others we know of, we have no faith in temperance organizations that can tolerate such membership, and we believe that none of them will accomplish any good or have the confidence of any considerable number of persons, until they evict from their Halls the miserable "bummers" who are so destitute of honor and decency as to profess to be temperance men, when in truth they are as beastly drunkards as can be found in the community. *Purge*, therefore, your organizations, and when this is done, larger assemblies will greet your distinguished speakers.

☞ Blanks of nearly all the different kinds for sale at the Argus office.

☞ Blank Constable's Sales for sale at the Argus office.

Black alpaca suits are still at a premium at Bence's, Beaver.

Singular Noises in the Earth in Washington Co.—Some time in June last, a boy, son of constable Smith, on the farm of West Fry, at Finleyville, engaged in hoeing potatoes, heard a strange rumbling noise in the ground, and being frightened thereby ran home and refused to work in that place alone. It was laid to the boy's nervousness, and no attention paid to it. A few days since, however, Mr. Fry, in company with John Fry, being in the neighborhood, heard what they supposed to be a terrific storm coming up over the hill. Investigation however proved that there was nothing of the sort, and still further search discovered that the noise was actually under ground. The place was in the bottom near the Peter's Creek bridge on the south east side, at the foot of a heavy hill. Nothing has grown there, not even a spear of grass, this year, although in previous seasons it has been as productive as other parts of the field. Potatoes were planted there this year but they never even sprouted. This peculiarity attaches to about 25 feet square of the surface. Prompted to further discovery, on last Monday a hole was dug in this spot about four feet deep, when holes were struck about the size of a rye straw; small crevices which emitted strong streams of gas gushing out with a sort of hissing sound, and burning with a clear, steady blaze when lighted with a match. Some water soked into a hole, and the stream of gas caused it to bubble up and boil, whilst the gas accumulating on the surface of the water would burn with a bluish light like the flames of alcohol. Other holes were made with like result at the depth of four feet. The news of this remarkable gas works is bringing scores of visitors to see the burning spring every day.—*Monongahela Republican.*

Waterproof and ladies cloths at Bence's. 3t.

Good Fresh Lime always on hand at the Mulvanon Lime Kilns, Vanport. [aug11;tf.

The Local Paper.—The following tribute to the local paper, from the Chicago *Republican* contains so much truth that we transfer it to our columns, and commend it to the careful consideration of our business men and those interested in our town. "What tells us so readily the standard of a town or city as the appearance of its paper? And its youth or age can as well be determined by the observing as by a personal notice. The enterprise of its citizens is depicted by its advertisements, their liberality by the looks of the paper. Some papers show a good, solid, healthy foundation, plethoric purses, and a well-to-do appearance; others show a striving to contend with the grasping thousands about them, trying hard to wrench out an existence from the close fisted community around them. An occasional meteoric disply in its columns of editorials show what it can do if it had the means, but it cannot continue in the expensive work until support comes, which ought to be readily granted. A newspaper is like a church; it wants fostering in the commencement, and for a few years, then as a general thing it can walk alone and reflect credit upon its location. Take your home paper, it gives you more news of immediate interest than New York or other papers; it talks for you when other localities belie you'; it stands up for your rights; you always have a champion in your home paper, and those who stand up for you should certainly be sustained. Your interests are kindred and equal, and you must rise or fall together.—Therefore it is to your interest to support your home paper, not grudgingly, but in a liberal spirit; as a pleasure, not as a disagreeable duty, but an investment that will amply pay the expenditure."

A good business education is of inestimable value to every one, and the best place to secure such an education is undoubtedly the Iron City College. Circulars of this popular Business College can be obtained by addressing the Principals, Smith & Cowley, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dixmont.—Our reporter paid a hurried visit to Dixmont Insane Asylum on Friday last. The large wing erected during the past year, is rapidly approaching coinpletion. The Beaver county inmates were hopefully improving. The entire interior of the hospital is a model of order, cleanliness, taste and beauty.—Dr. Reed is kind and parental toward those committed to his charge, and courteous to visitors. We shall take occasion for more extended reference to this institution hereafter.

Warranted, is it? Yes! 'Whittlesey's Dyspepsia Cure' is warranted in all cases of sick headache, indigestion, &c.

Breakfast capes and shawls, twilights and hoods, new styles at Bence's.

Leg Broken.—A few days ago a man named Haxlep, while in the saw and planing mill of Miller, Dobson & Trax, in Rochester, had his right leg broken below the knee, in consequence of a board being thrown violently against it. The sufferer was taken across the river to the residence of Mr. John Ferguson, where his wounded limb was cared for by Dr. Levis of Bridgewater. He is improving and in fair way for recovery.

Dedicatory.—Sometime during last spring the Presbyterian congregation of Beaver concluded on remodeling and improving their church building. Contracts were soon after made and the work begun. With commendable energy the improvement was carried forward and a finish given to it a week or ten days ago. The building itself presents at the present time a very attractive appearance. The gavels now front north and south instead of east and west as in the old building. The side galleries have been taken down and the whole interior plastered, papered and painted anew. New chandaliers, new carpeting, and new pulpit furniture has been added, all of which serve to make the Presbyterian church of Beaver second in its appointments to but few church buildings in this part of the State. The ladies connected with the congregation are deserving of much praise for their energy, perseverance and taste in their contributions of labor, means and material to the improvements. While these improvements were in progress the society, together with their brethren of the M. E. Church, worshipped in the Court House, where a spirit of amity between the two congregations prevailed throughout. The remodeled building, nearly completed, it was announced a couple of weeks ago that it would be re-dedicated to the service of God on last Sabbath, Oct 31st, 1869. Accordingly at 11 a. m. of that day the Rev. Dr. Hodge, of the Western Theological Seminary of Pittsburgh, delivered an excellent address to a very large audience from the following text:

And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.

And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.—*Rev.* xxi, 22, 23.

At 3 p. m. the Rev. J. C. Wilson, of the U. P. Church of Beaver, delivered an able and interesting discourse to an attentive and well filled house. His text was in these words:

One *thing* have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.—*Psalms* xxvii. 4.

At 7 p. m. Rev. Jas. Hollingshead of the Beaver M. E. Church preached from the following scriptural passages:

For ye are not come unto the mount that might be touched, and that burned with fire, nor unto blackness, and darkness and tempest.

And the sound of a trumpet, and the voice of words: wi ich voice they that heard intreated that the word should not be spoken to them any more:

(For they could not endure that which was commanded. And if so much as a beast touch the mountain, it shall be stoned, or thrust through with a dart.

And so terrible was the sight, *that* Moses said, I exceedingly fear and quake:)

But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels.

To the general assembly and church of the first born, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect.

And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than *that of* Abel.—*Heb.* xii. 18 to 24.

His sermon was full of sound reasoning and Bible history and made a deep impression on the minds of his hearers. Thus ended the dedicatory services of the Presbyterian church in Beaver on last Sabbath, and we but give expression to public opinion when we say that the services throughout were impressive, able and highly satisfactory to all who witnessed them.

☞ The Normal School is well provided with facilities for preparing teachers. It has a superior set of apparatus, Text books in the common branches are furnished free.

Ladies read this! J. H. Bence, of Beaver, has just received direct from the importer, *real* French velvet flowers, which he is enabled to sell cheaper than the imitation. These flowers are different from the one's sold in this part of the country, as well as prettier and cheaper. 3t.

Something new in the Watch Line.—Mr. P. Jeunet, a jeweler of Beaver, is just now engaged in completing a watch which bids fair to make a sensation among watch makers. Mr. J's. improvement on the old style of watches, to an outsider, consists in this: But one tick is heard for every second of time, and neither jerking or shaking it will cause it to vary in the least. The tick referred to has a musical ring which is not unpleasant when held to the ear. The works in the watch appear quite simple and not so apt to get out of order as our ordinary time pieces. Mr. Jeunet's father, who is a jeweler of long standing, in Meadville, invented a watch something like the one his son is now constructing in Beaver, and took out a patent for it in 1859. The watches since made by the Senior Jeunet have proved excellent time keepers and are in great demand wherever known. The junior Jeunet has made some improvement on his father's watch and will have a patent of his own in a short time. We can hardly doubt but that it will prove a success, and make as we have already observed, a sensation among watch makers.

Good black alpaca for 25 cts. per yrd. at Bence's.

Flannels cheap at Bence's.

Wanted.—One thousand bushels of good, dry Buckwheat, at Edgar's mill in Fallston. JOHN EDGAR.

Local copy oct27:1mo.

The Ship Canal.—The Pittsburgh and Erie Ship Canal, says the Pittsburgh *Gazette*, is no nearer existence now than before. The great possibility still remains unexplored, the sources of a new river of wealth for Western Pennsylvania remain sealed, awaiting the Livingstone who is to discover them and the Moses whose divining rod shall bid them gush forth. Will Pittsburgh suffer this opportunity for turning a fertilizing stream upon the business of the town to remain unused until the enterprising energies of cities and people further West may have rendered it too late?

We hope not. And we hope that none of the friends of this great public improvement will allow their present opportunities to pass. Senator Lowry made a noble beginning for the fulfilment of his pledges in bringing the project prominently before the Legislature and the country at the last session of that body, and it will be very unlike him if his courage fails him at the threshold of the undertaking. Prompt and energetic action is now required, and we hope that the public spirited and enterprising people of Western Pennsylvania will not prove unequal to a work which promises such great and speedy advantages.

☞ Blank warrants for sale at the Argus office.

Save your money by dealing at Bence's cheap store in Beaver.

The Butler *Citizen* announces the death of George Matthews, of Connoquessing tp., Butler county, at the extraordinary age of one hundred and two years. He was born in the State of Maryland on the 1st of October, 1767, and removed to Butler county about the year 1811. His descendants are numerous and scattered all over the western part of the country. He voted for Washington and all the early Presidents. He was an ardent lover of his country and always took a lively interest in political offices. It was his boast that he never missed an election and always took his own county papers, and, what is remarkable, he could fine print until within a year or so of his death. On the day he was one hundred years old he walked some distance from his home, seeming to rejoice in his strength at that age.

150 kegs of Wheeling nails, for sale, wholesale and retail at Speyerer & Sons, Rochester.

Wanted.—One thousand bushels of good dry Buckwheat at Edgar's mill in Fallston. JOHN EDGAR.

Local copy. oct27:1mo

☞ Blank Deeds for sale at the Argus office.

WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENCE.

Congressional Library—Progressive Age —Spiritualism—Conference for Free Discussion—Philosophical Lyceum—Agricultural Department—Land Office—Patents.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 28, 1869.

It is now colder here than it has been at this season for many years past. The days are sunny but cold, with scarcely north east wind, and although driving away the frost of the previous night, skims over with ice the water in vessels out of doors.

The weather is creating much activity in some kinds of trade. The coal and stove dealers feel it sensitively after a season of six month's quiet, and from the number of coal carts to be seen on the streets filled with coal—which is an enormous price—one is led to the conclusion that there is no little money in the coal trade, and feel like exclaiming it is truly an "ill wind (if it is cold) that blows no one good."

Notwithstanding there are a goodly number of people here from the different parts of the country, especially from the Southern States since the results of the Senatorial contests in the States of Virginia and Tennessee were known, there has been nothing excitingly interesting occuring with us to warrant much comment.

The course being pursued by the President in the Gould-Butterfield cases is receiving the commendation of every one here, except a few who are still smarting under the rebuke they received for their cunning and malicious endeavor to drag the President into the snares of Wall street gamblers.

CONGRESSIONAL LIBRARY.

Mr. Spofford, the Congressional Librarian, is a gentleman well acquainted with books, and his lecture before the Social Science Association in New York on Tuesday evening last is indeed worthy of consideration. His suggestion for lighting the Library of Congress and throwing it open to the public during the evening is a splendid idea. The clerks and employes of the Government whose time is taken up in their offices during the day, would be pleased to improve the benefits of this Library in the evening. It is important that we should have a National Library at Washington, well sustained by adequate appropriations from Congress, and second to none in the world.

Our Congressional Library now contains 185,000 volumes, and increasing every day by the addition of books from all parts of our own country and it might be said from the world, to the fullest extent the small amount of money appropriated by Congress for the purchase of books will obtain. By an act of Congress of 1855 a copy of every book published thereafter was required to be forwarded to this Library by the publisher, consequently no money is required to purchase books published in the United States. But every new book has to be bound according to the rules of the Library which incurs no inconsiderable expense to the Government. The appropriations for the purchase of books for the Library of Congress is only $10,000 yearly, while that for the British Museum is $48,500.

The present Library accomodations are limited, and will be exhausted in a year or two at farthest. It is expected that there will be an effort made next session to induce Congress to appropriate for the erection of a new building expressly for it.

A catalogue of the books in the Library, arranged by subjects, will be completed at the close of the present year, which will enable the reader to ascertain the number of works, the title of each, and the names of the authors, on any subject. Too much credit cannot be given to Mr. Spofford and his assistants for the arduous labors attending the completion of such a valuable (and to the student almost indispensable) book in connection with the Congressional Library.

IN THIS PROGRESSIVE AGE

we meet at the National Capital all classes of people from all parts of the country, representing all kinds of political and religious opinions, and it is not strange that Washington has a greater number of political, religious, secret, beneficial, temperance, literary and other associations in proportion to its population than any other city in the Union.

THE SPIRITUALISTIC SOCIETIES

have opened in advance, offering to the public free seats, free talk and opinion, and inviting people to test the merits of spiritualism by allowing their lecturer to call up the spirits of their departed friends. Miss Spetigue, to the amusement of every one present at these meetings, has on several occasions in testing the presence and identity of departed spirits professed to call up the spirits of some well known to the community, and would tell a great many things about them when alive; how they looked, acted, and what they did.

THE CONFERENCE FOR FREE DISCUSSION

Meets weekly to discuss on moral and religious subjects, and are attracting to its hall the ablest minds, and their subjects embrace in their scope the most important interests of humanity. The debate on the "cause and cure of moral evil," which has been continued for several weeks, has elicited the general views of the people, and throws much light on the subject. I am sure these meetings are doing a great good here, and would in your town or in any other where free thought and free speech is tolerated.

THE PHILOSOPHICAL LYCEUM,

So called, the leader of which is Dr. Wm. Boyd, is making rather slow progress; for the reason perhaps, that this Boyd, a member of our Common Council, is an Infidel, and has on several occasions taken particular pains in order to bring himself into notoriety, disclaimed the divinity of Jesus, and compared men of note of the present day as compeers of Jesus Christ. An affidavit was prepared on Monday for the purpose of issuing a warrant, charging this Boyd with utterance of blasphemous language at the Philosophical Lyceum on Sunday, 17th inst. The law which governs this case is under the old Maryland statutes of 1723, and on examination of the same is found to prescribe for such an offence the following penalty: for the first offence, boring through the tongue and a fine of twenty pounds sterling; for the second, marking the letter 'B' in the forehead; and for the third, death without the benefit of the clergy.

AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT.

This Department has lately received a fresh collection of grain, cereals, fruits and vegetables, the most of which it would seem, are from the far west. Washington Territory is represented by several exceeding fine apples and pears; Nebraska, by over forty samples of the same fruit, large, fine, and delicious; Kansas, a fine collection of grains, fruits and vegetables; and Ohio, by nearly fifty varieties of corn in the ear.

GENERAL LAND OFFICE

Is in receipt of returns from the following District Land Offices, showing a disposal during the past month of 112,776 acres of the public lands; Denver, Colorado Territory, 12,146 acres; Iona, Michigan, 8,814 acres; St. Cloud, Minnesota, 4,981 acres; Marquette, Michigan, 4,708 acres; Clarksville, Arkansas, (one hundred and five farms) 19,056 acres; in the State of California, San Francisco, 19,046 acres; Stockton, 9,795 acres; Marysville, 9,555 acres; Visalia, 3,755 acres; The greater portion of these lands were sold for cash, and the remainder taken by actual settlers under the homestead law, and located with Military Land Warrants.

MINING PATENTS.

A patent under the Mining Act of July 26th, 1866, has just been issued at the General Land Office to Numa Dupera, for his claim, embracing 1200 linear feet along the course of the Evening Star Lode, in Trinity Mining District, Nevada.

Patents have been engrossed, and will shortly be ready for transmission for the following named claims in Montana Territory, viz: National Mining and Exploring Company's Claim, for 213 feet on the Union Lode, No. 2 in Owyhee Park Mining District; Ferdinand Mannell and Company's Claim, for 1300 feet along Minnesota Lode, Jefferson county; Only Chance Mining Company's Claim for 1200 feet on the Only Chance Lode in Deer Lodge county.

PATENTS.

Of the number of patents issued from the U. S. Patent Office for the week ending Tuesday 26th inst., 29 were granted to citizens of your State. CHIEF.

Pure cider vinegar, 4½ cts. per gal. Pure French wine vinegar 75 cts at the Beaver Drug Store.

Richardson's Beyond the Mississippi.

"Behind the squaw's light birch canoe,
The steamer rocks and raves,
And city lots are staked for sale
About old Indian graves.

I hear the tread of pioneers,
Of nations yet to be—
The first low wash of waves where soon
Shall roll a human sea.

The rudiments of Empire here
Are plastic yet and warm;
The chaos of a mighty world
Is rounding into form. *Whittier.*

"BEYOND THE MISSISSIPPI. By Albert D. Richardson, author of "Fields, Dungeon and Escape." The most thrilling book of the period. A thrilling record of Border life, humor and adventure. From the Great River to the Great Ocean. Life and adventure on the prairies, mountains and Pacific coast, with more than two hundred illustrations of the prairies, deserts, mountains, rivers, mines, cities, Indians, trappers, pioneers, and great natural curiosities of the new States and Territories. 1857—1869.

The author's long and varied experience in the little known and interesting regions of the Far West furnishes the material for this work. The new States and Territories beyond the Mississippi contain incomparably the *grandest scenery in the world* and the richest resources of the American Continent. Probably no other man has spent so much time or journeyed so extensively among them as Mr. Richardson—certainly no one so competent to *describe what he has seen.*

It gives an account of pioneer life, its wild excitement, its enterprise, its terrible affrays and exercises of Lynch law, the sudden growth of cities and States on the desert and in the mountains—existence and experience among the gold diggings, hundreds of miles beyond civilization—Mormonism and polygamy in Utah—quartz mining, which now yields us two hundred millions of dollars *per annum* in specie, and fifteen years hence will produce Five Hundred Millions. It describes the Rocky Mountains and the Sierra Nevadas; pictured rocks, lakes among the clouds, &c. All the themes are treated by Mr. Richardson's graphic pen, and depicted by the most spirited and faithful illustrations which American art can produce.

Sold by subscription only, and not to be had at bookstores.

CHAS. SOMERS, Ag't.

140 bbls. of Canton City and New Creek flour, just received and for sale at Speyerer & Sons, Rochester—wholesale and retail.

List of Letters remaining in the P. O. at Rochester, Pa., Nov. 1, 1869:

Brown, Mrs. Hannah	Newman, J. H.
Beale, Miss Annie	Pickett, J.
Bickerstaff, Mrs Jas.	Powell, Miss Isa
Caufman, Ben. 3	Reeder, Miss E.
Cook, Geo. W.	Reed, Miss Lizzie
Greer, Edward	Sullivan, John G.
Gross, Miss Mollie	Sullivan, W.
Giff, Daniel,	Sullivan, E. B.
Graham, Robert,	Sayl, Miss Mary
Holdship, Miss Agnes	Sample, Robert
Hawkins, Mrs.	Smith, John W.
Lynch, Miss Norah	Strump, John
Miller, George N.	Tew, Henry
McDonald, Henry,	Winey, Henry
Miller, David W.	Wright, Miss Lizzie
Noonan, Mrs. Mary	White, Nelson
Nelson, Miss Maggie	

T. M. TAYLOR, P. M.

EDITOR ARGUS—I misled you as to the time within which justices elect might give notice of acceptance. It is THIRTY instead of twenty days. Please correct.

JOHN CATCHEY, Pro.

UPPER SANDUSKY, O., Oct. 29, 1869.

Editor Argus—The chilly blasts of winter are again here, and we have had some cold weather and snow. Yesterday, however it assumed a smoky appearance, and opinions were rife that Indian summer had come.

Our county fair which ended on the 16th inst. was financially a success. The stock department was well represented, but the floral department was not so well filled as formerly.

An accident happened by the bursting of a boiler in the machine shop of Stull & Bro. of this place on Wednesday last. A portion of the boiler struck Col. Cyrus Sears, cutting a fearful gash in his forehead.

A meteor exploded some ten miles west of this place on last Wednesday night, making a loud report, and shattering the window glass in houses for miles around. WYANDOTT.

Beaver Seminary & Institute.—The present week is the opening of the last half of the present session of this Institution and is a favorable time to enter. If you would secure the advancement of your son or daughter place them in this school.

A good education and preparation for business or for teaching may be obtained here as well and at as reasonable rates as at any school of our knowledge. Many of the best teachers of this county were educated and give the best proof of Prof. Taylor's skill and faithfulness as an Instructor. Male pupils are now admitted and male teachers are admitted to the Normal Class.

A sure cure for Rheumatism, Neuralgia and all pains. (Fink's Magic Oil.) *Sent to any address on receipt of $1.00.* H. G. G. Fink, 12½ Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa. oct20;1mo.

Markets.

PITTSBURGH MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE PITTS. GAZETTE, MONDAY, Nov. 1, 1869.

SALT—Allegheny River brands are quoted by the car load, at $1,85.

APPLES—In better supply but steady with a continued fair demand, at $1,50@3,50 per bbl for common to choice.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—Sales at 5 cents.

BUTTER—Is in good supply and dull with a drooping tendency; we continue to quote good to prime roll at 30@33 and choice at 35c.

CHEESE—Market firm and prices well maintained. Sales of Western Reserve at 16@17; Factory at 17@17½; Ohio Goshen 18@18½; and N. Y. Goshen 19 cts.

CHESTNUTS—Cannot be quoted above $5,50 per bush.

DRIED FRUIT—Apples are quoted at 8@10 cts per pound, and Peaches at 10 cts for bright quarters and 12@14 cts for bright halves.

EGGS—Have still further advanced, and we now quote at 30 cts.

FLOUR—The receipts of western flour continue light, though the supply is fully equal to the demand, as the mills here appear to have the "lion's share" of the retail trade, and take the retail trade away and there is nothing left. The mills, we understand, are supplying the trade with standard winter wheat flour at about $6,50, and medium grades at $6@6,25; good western flour cannot be sold for any less—that is, and afford a margin to the dealer. Spring wheat flours, to use a common phrase, are about "played out" in this market.

GRAIN—Wheat is weak and drooping, with considerable offering from the West; we are cognizant of one of our mills having bought 5,000 bushels prime red at $1,23, and it may be fairly quoted at $1,20@1,33. Choice white will bring $1,30. Oats in rather better demand but unchanged—47@48 on wharf and track, and 50 in store. Rye is dull and nominally unchanged at $@1,05, cash. Prime ear corn is wanted for feeding and will bring $1, but shelled, notwithstanding the stock in this market is light, is dull and tending downward. Barley is quiet and unsettled, $1,20@1,30, as to quality.

To Consumptives.

THE advertiser having been restored to health in a few weeks, by a very simple remedy, after having suffered several years with a severe lung affection, and that dread disease, Consumption, is anxious to make known to his fellow sufferers the means of cure.

To all who desire it, he will send a copy of the prescription used (free of charge), with the directions for preparing and using the same, which they will find a SURE CURE FOR CONSUMPTION, ASTHMA, BRONCHITIS, etc. The object of the