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TIME TABLE.

Cleveland & Pittsburgh R. R.—Trains leaving East leave Beaver Station as follows: Morning Accom'n 8.22; Mail, 2.47 p. m.; Evening Express, 9.27.

Trains going West leave Beaver Station as follows: Mail, 7.46 a. m.; Accommodation and Express, (through to Beliefe), 6.15 p. m.

Ft. Ft. W. & C. R. R.—Trains going East leave Rochester Station (at end of bridge) as follows: Beaver Falls Accom. 6.03 a. m.; Enon accom. 7.10 a. m.; New Castle accom. 8.30 a. m.; B. Falls accom. 12.10 p. m.

Trains going West leave Rochester Station, (at end of bridge) as follows: B. F. accom. 10 a. m.; Enon accom. 5.12 p. m.; Erie night express 5.45 p. m.; B. F. accom. 7.30 p. m.

Trains going East leave Rochester (Upper) Depot as follows: B. F. accom. 6.05 a. m.; Enon accom. 7.15 a. m.; New Castle accom. 8.40 a. m; Chicago exp. 10.52 a. m; Beaver Falls accom. 12.15 p. m.; Chicago Mail 2.05 p. m; Erie exp. 4 10 p. m; Chicago exp. 6.02 p. m; Erie mail 9.55 p. m.

Trains going West, leave Rochester (Upper) Depot as follows: Chicago mail 8.15 a. m.; Erie exp. 9.35 a. m; Beaver Falls accom. 9.55 a. m.; Chicago exp. 11.30 a. m.; Chicago exp. 3.55 p. m; New Castle accom. 4.30 p. m.; Erie exp. 5.43 p. m; Beaver Falls accom. 7.30.

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

Special notice—S. N. Park.
Special Notice—M. Schiff.
Special Notice—Johnson's Anodyne Liniment.
Special Notice—Sheridan's Condition Powders.
New Advertisement—A. C. Hurst.
New Advertisement—M. Schiff.
To the Public—Henry Phillis & Jas Feazer.

Whenever you hear a man running down a newspaper, you may rest assured and be right ninety-five times in a hundred, that it is because the editor would not allow himself to be made a tool of, in the interest of that particular individual, or his associates.

WATCH REPAIRING.—A year's watch is out of order and it is good it is *John Stevenson's Sons & Co.*, Pittsburgh. It will be repaired and returned free of all previous charges. All work warranted. jel'.ly

Small-pox.—The Pittsburgh papers report cases of small-pox as on the decrease in that city. It seems to us a most appropriate time for a suggestion to our own authorities to take some measures for having our streets, alleyways, &c., renovated. This extremely warm weather is very favorable for the spread of disease. A little lime for disinfecting purposes would perhaps not be amiss.

CLOCKS, CLOCKS.—American Clocks a big stock, newest styles, lowest prices. *John Stevenson's Sons & Co.*, 93 Market street, Pittsburgh. jel'.ly

Death of one of the Officers of the Economy Society.—On Tuesday last week, Mr. Jacob Bauer, one of the leading members of the Economist community, died at that place. He was one of the trustees or directors of the society, and was held in high esteem not only by the members of the community, but by all with whom he became acquainted. He was over seventy years of age. Thus one after another, those thrifty inoffensive, and upright citizens are passing away.

SILVER-PLATED WARE.—We sell none but triple plate. Send for drawing and prices. Silver Cups, C. O. D. if desired. *John Stevenson's Sons & Co.*, 93 Market street, Pittsburgh. jel'.ly

Substantial Present.—During the absence of the editor and family last week, the Messrs. Davidson, of Sharon Flouring Mill, left a sack of their superfine family flour at his dwelling. We found it—on our return—as usual, of the best quality and very opportune. Thanks, gentlemen, for your courtesy rendered in so substantial a manner. These little attentions are gratifying, and go far to smooth the roughness of an editor's path. We advise the public to purchase their flour of the Messrs. Davidson.

CARPETS! CARPETS!!—I am now closing out my stock of carpets, notwithstanding the advance in wool, at cost prices. B. Mulheim, Bridgewater, Pa. Augt30w.

Terrific Storm.—A terrific wind storm visited Frosty Run, Greene county, last Wednesday afternoon, blowing down corn and fences, overturning hay ricks and twisting off trees as if they were reeds. Considerable hail with thunder and lightning contributed to make the storm more alarming. No one is hurt.

FOR SALE.—A scholarship in the Iron City College, Pittsburgh, Pa., can be had at very moderate terms on application at the ARGUS office. Any young man desirous of obtaining a knowledge of book keeping, &c., will find it to his advantage to purchase the scholarship here referred to. [Aug2-tf.

Severe Storm.—A telegraphic dispatch, on Friday last, from Crestline, Ohio, reports a destructive storm there, on the afternoon of that day, of wind, rain, and hail. Trees and houses were blown down. The engine house of the Cincinnati and Indianapolis Railroad was completely demolished by the storm.

WATCHES, WATCHES.—The most complete line in the city of Pittsburgh, and all the necessary attachments to be had of *John Stevenson's Sons & Co.*, 93 Market St. Pittsburgh. jel'.ly

When girls are taught at the mother's knee, at the home fireside, in school and in society, that it is as disgraceful for them to be loafers as it is for their brothers, we shall have girls demanding and getting that thoroughness of mental and technical training which is needed in order to success in pursuit of any employment, and not before. We shall have a standard then for scholarship, and women will look upon education as something better than mental ruffles and furbelows, or as a mere means of enabling them to support themselves in genteel independence until they can marry, and we shall hear no more of lack of employment for women.

We invite our friends to call and examine our stock before purchasing elsewhere. Orders carefully and promptly filled. *John Stevenson's Sons & Co.*, 93 Market street, Pittsburgh. jel'.ly

A romantic pair were blessed with a number of daughters. The eldest was called *Carotine*, the second *Madeline*, the third *Eveline*, the fourth *Angeline*: when lo! the fifth made its appearance, and no name could be found with the desired termination. At length mamma, who had been reading the fashions at Saratoga, pounced upon a name very popular there, and forthwith the baby was baptized CrinoLINE.

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Committee Meeting.—The Republican County Committee will meet at the Court House in Beaver on Saturday, September 2d, at 2 o'clock p. m. A full attendance is requested.

S. J. CROSS, *Ch'n.*

The following gentlemen compose the committee:

BIG BEAVER. David Knowles.	MARION. S. McDaniel.
BEAVER. M. S. Quay	McCURDY'S BURG. H. W. Nelson.
D. McKinney, jr.	MOON. G. W. Shrodes.
BOROUGH TOWNSHIP. Elijah Barnes.	NEW BRIGHTON. Nor. ward, G. K. Barker.
BRIDGEWATER. James Darragh.	Mid. ward, J. R. Buckley
BRIGHTON. T. Smith Stokes.	do Jas. Wilson.
BADEN. L. S. Berry.	Sou. ward, B. R. Corbus.
BEAVER FALLS. James Patterson.	do J. F. Miner.
J. A. Kline.	NEW SEWICKLEY. Wm. Teets.
John Gray.	NORTH SEWICKLEY. David Graham.
CHIPPEWA. A. J. Webb	NEW GALILEE. R. J. Brittain.
DARLINGTON. George Young.	OHIO. W. F. Dawson.
John Smart.	John Slentz.
ECONOMY TP. Daniel Neeley.	PATTERSON. S. A. Dickey.
FALLSTON. S. S. McFerran.	PULASKI TP. Robert Rough.
FRANKLIN. J. R. Wilson.	PULASKI. L. S. Power.
FREEDOM BOROUGH. W. W. Kerr.	RACCOON. J. H. Critchly.
GREENE. M. Lawrence.	D. Harvey.
S. Nelson.	ROCHESTER BOROUGH. S. J. Cross.
GLASGOW. Smith Curtis.	W. S. Shallenberger.
INDEPENDENCE. Arthur Shields.	ROCHESTER TP. A. L. Bunn.
JOHN S. WILSON.	SOUTH BEAVER. George W. Barclay.
INDUSTRY. Thomas Todd.	S. Lawrence.
	ST. CLAIR. J. Paul.

WALTHAM WATCHES. Being Agents for the sale of these Watches in the City of Pittsburgh, we are confident of our ability to please in styles and prices. *John Stevenson's Sons & Co.*, 93 Market street, Pittsburgh. jel'.ly

ORANGE BLOSSOMS, FRESH AND FADED. By T. S. ARTHUR. Philadelphia: J. M. Stoddard & Co.

For more than a quarter of a century *Mr. Arthur* has maintained a prominent and leading position among authors. His books have had a wide circulation both in America and Europe. His writings possess peculiarities that endear them to all good people. They are full of beautiful truths, and are designed to awaken and keep alive the tenderest affections of our nature, to strengthen virtue, to increase domestic joy, and to sweeten home life by the abiding presence of mutual trust and love.

In this new volume he gives us a series of life pictures drawn with that skill and power which is peculiarly his own; never weak, always deeply in earnest and frequently intense in his dramatic effects, he has brought to the subject here discussed his subtlest discrimination and highest effort. Men and women bound by the conjugal tie are brought before the reader and he looks down into their lives and sees the pulses of feeling—sees in some cases the "little foxes" at work "spoiling the tender vines," and in other cases the peace and rest and joy of married hearts.

At this time, when so many talented writers are putting forth false and pernicious views of marriage, thereby doing untold social injury, "*Orange Blossoms*," comes as a true and healthy book, and its wide circulation cannot fail to do a large amount of good.

As a suitable gift to the newly married, or those contemplating marriage, this work cannot be too highly recommended.

The volume is handsomely printed and elegantly bound, and contains a fine steel portrait of the author besides many illustrations from original designs by Schnessele and Bensell. It is sold only by *agents*. To active men and women it offers a rare chance for a lucrative business, and we would advise all wanting employment to apply to the publishers for an agency.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that on and after May 8th, and until the 1st of September, the County Commissioners will meet at their office in the borough of Beaver, only on Saturdays of each week. [jm8-tf] JOHN M GOUL, *Clerk.*

Women as Jurors—A Husband Rendered Desperate.—An outraged husband at Cheyenne, Wyoming Territory, where female suffrage and the political and social appurtenances pertaining thereto are recognized, denounces the female jury business through the Cheyenne *Leader*, and in justification offers a pertinent scrap from his domestic history. His wife was summoned, accompanied by a poor infant in important cases. When night came, the case not being concluded, the husband applied to the court to have his wife sent home, as there were several small children there requiring her attention—the smallest, in fact, being in a starving condition, owing to the fact that it had not been habituated to the use of the bottle. But the husband's request was denied The Judge said the jury could not be separated. The husband then requested permission to send the infant to the mother. This was also refused, on the ground that the law does not permit a thirteenth person in the jury room, and there is no statute to show that an infant in arms is not a "person" within the intent and meaning of the law.

The desperate husband then attempted to induce the officer in charge of the jurors to his house for the night; but the effort was a failure, and the husband was informed that quarters had been provided his wife at the hotel, and that if he wished to speak to her for a moment he would have to take the place of the cook. The husband went home. How he got through the night is not told; but when he learned the next day that the trial was likely to last a week, he straightway proceeded to employ the best housekeeper and cook in the country. At last accounts his wife was still on the jury.

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Pennsylvania's Acres.—The records in the Surveyor General's office at Harrisburg show that the State of Pennsylvania contains 11,515,065 acres of cultivated land, 5,746,604 acres of woodland, and 297,573 acres of unimproved land.

Struck by Lightning.—On Wednesday of week before last, a valuable horse standing under a locust tree in the pasture field of James Bell, of Brighton township, this county, was struck by lightning on that day and killed.

Prohibition County Convention.—The friends of temperance and all persons who favor the prohibition of the rum traffic by law, and who indorse the proceedings of the Harrisburg Convention of August 9, 1871, are requested to meet in Convention at the Court House in Beaver on Monday evening, September 4, 1871, at 7½ o'clock, to nominate persons to be supported at the coming election for county officers, and such other business as may be presented.

Let every township be represented.

A. BESTWICK, *Ch'n Co. Com'ttee.*

In speaking of this movement last week the New Brighton *Press* says:

Some of the "prohibitory" men assert that the "temperance ticket" will receive sixty votes in New Brighton. Another rumor says it will get fifty votes in Beaver Falls; and we are told that the more sanguine of the "new departure" advocates are so bold as to declare their belief that New Brighton will give them one hundred ballots.

Camp Meetings are evidently again growing in favor among the people. For a number of years past they were at a low ebb, and many supposed they would soon be numbered with the things of the past. But recently they have taken an "upward turn," and nearly every person now seems to think that a week or two's worship in the deep grove is not only conducive to a higher state of morality, but an excellent means of restoring health. That people generally look upon them with more favor now than before the war may be seen in the fact that twenty of these meetings will be held this year within the limits of the Pittsburgh Conference, while we doubt if over one-half of this number were held during any previous year on the same territory.

Burglary.—The dwelling house of Mr. W. W. Williamson of West Middlesex, Mercer county, was entered by thieves on Sabbath night, the 20th inst., and a valuable silver watch, and a pocket book containing sixty-five dollars in gold and currency, were taken from Mr. A. W. Porter. A pocket book and a pair of boots were also taken from Mr. W. W. Morrison. Both of these gentlemen are boarding with Mr. Williamson, and were in their rooms at the time the theft was committed. On the same night, Mr. J. C. Livingston had $250 and his watch stolen from his bed room. The house of W. W. Fisher was also entered, but Mr. R. hearing the noise of a falling curtain which they displaced in getting in at the window, awoke, and the thieves fled. No clue, as yet, has been obtained as to who are the perpetrators.

The First Annual Fair of the Central Agricultural Society of Mercer county will be held at Mercer on Sept. 6th, 7th and 8th 1871. They have a large and commodious Fair Ground, well supplied with water, a well graded track for the exhibition of horses, and their list of premiums is comprehensive and liberal. The first day will be devoted to entries; the 2d, to the exhibition of articles and stock other than horses. Sweepstakes and trotting on the 3d day. A list of premiums may be obtained by addressing Secretary S. H. Miller, Mercer, Pa. We return acknowledgements for a complimentary ticket.

There is a story told of a self-willed deacon, who was always on the wrong side and ludicrously stubborn. When the temperance reform was in full feather, and the question was discussed in the church of which he was an officer, he, as a matter of course, opposed it. He would not sign the pledge; he would not consent to its presentation in the Sunday school; he objected vehemently to the distribution of tracts. One day, in the presence of a full house, one of the members of the church made the case of the deacon a subject of prayer. He said: "O Lord! if thy servant, our brother, continues his opposition to us, wilt Thou, in thy tender mercies, remove him from the church militant below to the church triumphant above?" "I won't go!" thundered the indignant and obstinate deacon.

Rattlesnakes.—The Bedford *Inquirer* says, on last Saturday Messrs. Isaac Wentz and Isaac Corl of Pavia, Union township, this county, very unexpectedly embarked in the snake trade and for a short time drove a first-class wholesale business. They were engaged at work on Mr. Wentz's premises and disturbing the slumbers of a huge rattlesnake received the usual warning. Upon looking around they found the reptile ready for battle. It took but a moment to dispatch him, but our friends learned that this one was only the advanced guard of a regular army. A short distance in front of them five snake heads protruded from a hollow log. As they approached the snake fort the defendants drew in, but kept up a terrible rattling. The next thing in order was to split the log. This accomplished, revealed to our heroes a crawling, yellowish brown colored, variegated mass of snakes—and now the fun began. One by one their snakeships fell beneath the well directed clubs, until the number slain amounted to thirty-nine, and with the one previously killed forty. Of the thirty-nine in the log, six were old ones and thirty-three young ones, varying in length from fifteen to twenty inches. The truth of this story, snaky as it appears, is vouched for by very reliable parties. There were snakes enough in that one log for a Democratic mass meeting.

Accident.—On Saturday evening of week before last, Jonathan Kale, living about three and a half miles north-east of Washington, Pa., on the farm of Wm. Quail, in North Strabane township, met with a mishap that it is thought may prove fatal. At about six o'clock p. m., Kale started from town for home on horseback, somewhat intoxicated, after getting as far as a mile and a half from town, he fell to the ground and his foot becoming fastened in the stirrup the horse took fright and ran with the man dangling in the stirrup for about two hundred yards when the girth broke and released him. Mr. Munce, who happened to witness the occurrence, hurried to his relief, and procuring assistance had him carried to his own residence where everything was done for his comfort until the arrival of Dr. Dougherty who had been sent for. An examination showed that a number of his ribs had been crushed in, some of which, perhaps, penetrated the lungs, his head and face were terribly mangled, and he was otherwise badly injured.

A writer on health, truthfully says: Habitual overwork is simple slow suicide. A man may stand it for a few years, but eventually it will overpower him. The man who does a fair amount of physical or mental labor daily, who eats his meals regularly, masticates his food properly, devotes a reasonable number of hours in the twenty-four to refreshing sleep, and when he leaves his place of business, leaves business cares behind him, is the one whose chances of extended life are best, and who, in the long run, will achieve the most.

Accident.—A serious accident occurred in Mercer, Pa., on Tuesday, by which Mr. Robert Maxwell, of Coolspring, came near losing his life. He was driving a young team, and as he started down Pitt street hill his neck-yoke came off the tongue, letting the wagon against the horses. They started to run, throwing Mr. Maxwell against the stone steps in front of Mr. Pierce's residence, inflicting a severe cut across the head, and in other ways bruising and injuring him. There were two other men in the wagon with him, but they jumped, and escaped without serious injury.

A serious affray occurred in Kelly's saloon, Sharon, Mercer county, on Saturday evening, in which the proprietor was cut with a knife by a man named O'Brien. The wound inflicted was across the side of the face and neck; was about three inches long and an inch deep. The perpetrator with another fellow who attempted his release, were lodged in jail on Sabbath morning.

Festival.—The Fair & Festival held at the Grand Jury room of the Court House, on Thursday evening last, by the scholars of Class No. 9, Presbyterian Sunday School, was well attended, and proved an eminent success. The amount cleared was $36 over and above all expenses.

The citizens of Franklin, Venango county, Pennsylvania, without distinction of party, having invited President Grant to visit the oil region, he has replied by accepting their invitation, and proposes the 15th of September as the probable day of his arrival. It is the intention of the President to break up his establishment at Long Branch for the summer about that time; then to go via the oil region to Washington, Pa.; thence to Cincinnati, Ohio, to pay his father a visit, before returning to the capital.

The Sharon, Mercer county, Driving Park association advertise a fall meeting, on the 21st, 22d and 23d of next month. They offer premiums amounting to $2,000, which it is expected will bring some good horses. They have a new ground and a half mile track.

The Mercer *Dispatch* of last week says: "We hear of a chap in a neighboring township, who enclosed a dollar to a New York swindler for directions how to write without pen or ink. He received in reply, printed in good sized type, this:—'*Use a lead Pencil.*'"

Almost a Fatal Accident.—During the early part of last week Mr. Oliver Weigle of Raccoon township, while engaged in attending a threshing machine, had his clothing caught in some part of the machinery and was badly bruised and sprained before the machine could be stopped. We believe, however, no bones were broken, and at last accounts he was able to be about again.

AN Irishman called at a drug store to get a bottle of *Johnson's Anodyne Liniment* for the Rheumatism; the druggist asked him in what part of the body it troubled him most. "Be me soul," said he, "I have it in every houl and corner av me."

Fatal Casualty.—A fatal accident happened to a son of Mr. Alexander Devore near Munntown, Washington county, on Monday the 24th inst. A threshing machine was in operation on Mr. Devore's farm at the time, and the son, a lad of perhaps twelve years of age—being about to start for some water for the hands, passed close to the shaft connecting the horse power with the thresher, when he was caught and whirled around at a fearful rate, receiving such injuries before the thresher could be stopped, as resulted in his death in the course of an hour or so after the sad occurrence.

FOR loss of cud, horn ail, red water in cows, loss of appetite, rot, or murrain in sheep; thick wind, broken wind, and roaring, and for all obstructions of the kidneys in horses use *Sheridan's Cavalry Condition Powders.*

Reduction of Price.—Fred Daubenmeyer having taken into consideration the late reductions in the price of beef cattle, and the scarcity of money, has concluded to make a deduction of 2 cents per pound on meat at his butcher-shop, or from wagon, on delivery for cash down. We trust the other butchers of this vicinity will follow Fred's example. If they do not, it is easy to see who will command the custom.

It may not interest anybody in this immediate vicinity to know that the New York police are preparing a full list of the names of all persons who have at any time sent money to New York to buy counterfeit money. The names will be published and sent all over the country. If there is, however, any one here who has sent money there, who wants his name published beforehand as a mean swindler of his neighbors, he can leave his name at this office and we will try to accommodate him.

Fire in East Williamsport.—A disastrous fire broke out in East Williamsport, Washington county, on Saturday 18th inst, by which eight frame dwellings, occupied by eleven families—coal miners and employees of Culbertson & Co., paper manufactures—with the greater part of their contents were consumed. The fire originated from a spark from the paper mill alighting on a straw pile which was standing close to it and thence communicating to the dwellings. As soon as the fire was discovered the citizens hurried to the scene and by concentrating all their energies on the mill saved it, but, sad to relate, while this was being done, eleven families were rendered homeless, with the loss of nearly all their worldly effects. The East Williamsport coal railway also took fire but was torn down in order to arrest the spread of the flames. We did not learn whether there was any insurance or not.

NEW FURNITURE AT LOW PRICES.—The undersigned would beg leave to inform the citizens of New Brighton and vicinity that he has opened and is now receiving in his new store room in *The Press* building, No. 239 Broadway, a large stock of Furniture, consisting in part of cane and wood seat chairs of a great many different styles, marble and wood top tables and stands, dressing and common bureaus, bedsteads, &c., also upholstered goods such as sofas, tates, lounges and chairs, mattresses of African palm, hair, cotton, moss and hair, hair for beds, &c., &c.

He has connected with the above, Undertaking in all its various branches. Coffins and caskets of all the latest styles trimmed on short notice and in the best of style, and to be had at all hours; also gloves hose and crape for pall bearers, &c. All of which he now offers to the public at very low prices, and solicits a share of public patronage. Aug30-2w.] S. N. PARK.

The Erie Annual Conference holds its next session at Meadville, commencing on the 30th inst. Bishop Simpson will preside. Lay delegates will be admitted for the first time. At a meeting of the official members of the M. E. Church, of Franklin, August 12th, Hon. J. S. McCalmont was elected delegate, and a resolution asking Rev. John Peate be returned to that station for the next Conference year, passed unanimously. This action of the Board receives the hearty second, not only of the membership of the church, but of the entire community, and it is earnestly hoped that the "powers that be" will see proper to grant a wish so emphatically expressed, and return Rev. Peate to that station.

A savant has discovered with a microscope that when we pour milk into a cup of tea, the albumen of the milk and the tannin of the tea instantly unite and form leather, or minute flakes of the very same compound which is produced in the texture of the tanned hides, and which makes it leather as distinguished from the original skin. He consequently estimates that, in the course of a year, a tea-drinker of average capacity imbibes enough leather to make a pair of shoes.

Sad Accident.—At 12 o'clock on Saturday last, while three sons of Henry Cole, Wayne township, this county, were out in the field hauling stone with a team of horses, an unfortunate accident befell two of them, one losing his life thereby. The facts of the case are these: All three of the young men were having a playful tussle, as they frequently had, when they fell on their knees in close proximity to the horses' heels, suddenly frightening one of the animals, causing it to kick with great force, with both feet newly shod. Two of the young men received kicks in the head; one of them, Peter, having his skull badly crushed, causing his death on Monday last, he having remained insensible from the moment of receiving the injury. George, the other injured brother, though severely cut and bruised about the head, escaped with whole bones, and will recover. The third and younger brother was not hurt. The horse that gave the fatal kick was an old, quiet, steady farm horse, and heretofore allowed any kind of privileges to be taken about its heels.—*Waynesburg Republican* of August 23d.

About the Killing of Some Sheep.—On last Friday a sheep killing case was arbitrated in this place. The facts, as near as we can arrive at them, are these: Sometime during last winter, two dogs owned respectively by Messrs. Joseph and Samuel Lawrence, of South Beaver township, made a raid on Mr. Samuel Taylor's sheep fold in the same township, killing and wounding twenty-nine of his flock. There seems to have been no difficulty in fastening the slaughter upon the dogs referred to, and Mr. Taylor agreed to compromise with their owners if they would pay him $17.50 each. Joseph Lawrence paid his part of the damage, but Samuel declined "coming down" with the other $17.50, hence a suit was brought against him before a Justice of the Peace for the amount claimed by Taylor, and the claim was sustained by the decision of the magistrate. Lawrence appealed and the case was tried before a jury finally, and from what we have seen of this Knitting Machine we think it can be easily done.

The Argus is unusually crowded with advertisements this week; but this will doubtless be excused when it occurs so unfrequently, and is so beneficial to the prosperity of the journal. The Court advertisements go out this week, and the Premium List next; after which we shall be able to compensate for the paucity of reading matter during the past two weeks.

Timely Hints.—The following hints to school directors, which we find in an exchange, are good, and we hope they will be acted upon by the several school directors of Beaver county: "Now is the time to re-paint and re-furnish the school houses; quite a number of the houses in this county will admit of this improvement. Let it be attended to at once, that there may be no embarrassment when the time for opening the schools arrives. Fix up your blackboards; have those old broken benches taken out and new ones put in; plug up the knot holes and replace the broken window panes with new ones; have the stove blackened up nicely, polish the pipe too, and pull that old rusty joint out and put in a good one or else you will be smoked to death again next winter; fix the front door step; don't contract with that man to furnish the wood next winter, who last winter hauled that pile of water-soaked red oak to the school-house; get a new broom at once and get a poker for the stove and a shovel and bucket and have the damper fixed. Have the paper washed off the ceiling, and cover the pencil marks, ink splotches and grease spots with a good coat of white wash. Last winter you patched the roof with old board and straw—better put a new roof on right away. Do you intend to get those outline maps and A B C charts? You promised the scholars you would get them in time for the next session for sure. Live up to that promise. You know you can't teach your little boy to bridle a horse if you never show him a bridle—Geography ditto. We could suggest a hundred other little things to be attended to, but these will suffice to call your attention to the importance of fixing up and preparing for your winter school term. It very frequently happens that all these little necessaries are put off until the first week of school and then not more than half done. This is injurious to the school, discouraging to the teacher and pupil at the start. If you want your schools to prosper, you must make your school rooms pleasant and attractive. A word to the wise is sufficient.

MR. EDITOR: In self-justification for the inquiry which appeared in your paper two weeks since in reference to the "views" of some of the members of the "Beaver County Ministerial Association" on moderate drinking, I beg the privilege of quoting from the report of the Secretary of that association. This report reads as follows: "A variety of views to be entertained by the members of the Association—some believing it to be the duty of the church to advocate total abstinence—others that the church should recommend moderate drinking, either as a duty or privilege or both."

The Secretary is careful to purge himself of any complicity with these views by adding the following as his own sentiment: "Won't the Devil laugh when he learns that there are ministerial advocates of moderate drinking?" He very properly continues to express this horror at the idea that "*the church should recommend moderate drinking, either as a duty or privilege or both.*"

When the Association had held a second meeting and the report of its proceedings had been made public, and no one seemed to take notice of these, I suppose "*private opinions of its members,*" it occurred to me that attention should be called to those monstrous "opinions."

Does any one feel that his "*private opinions*" will not endure the gaze of public opinion? if so, he must be the wounded bird.

Not having any "bile" to work off through the public press, I cannot be provoked into a newspaper controversy, and therefore close my communications on this subject with this article.

Yours, &c.,
A. T. TAYLOR.

Beaver, August 25, 1871.

TO THE PUBLIC.

MR. EDITOR:—On Tuesday, August 22d, 1871, two men, one a heavy set man aged about 26 years, and the other some taller and more slender, about 45 years of age, came into New Sewickley and Pulaski townships, Beaver county, and represented themselves as agents for "Short's Double Improved Cutter Bar" for Mowing Machines. They desired to establish local agencies, and earnestly solicited us to act in that capacity. We finally consented to do so, and attached our signatures to papers which we have since been led to believe may be so cut as to make said papers read like common promissory notes. Now, therefore this is to notify all persons that if such notes exist they are frauds, and have been obtained without our knowledge or consent, and their payment will be resisted by all lawful means.

We have been informed by reliable persons that two men answering to the description of the parties above referred to, operated in the vicinity of Youngstown a short time ago; and that in every instance where a farmer's signature was signed to what he supposed to be a simple article of agreement, finally turned out a promissory note. This was done by cutting off one end of the paper, and in this way making it read entirely different from what it did when the name was attached.

HENRY PHILLIS,
JAMES FEAZLE.

J. W. SPENCER

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Persons visiting Pittsburgh are respectfully invited to examine our stock, as the prices will be the VERY LOWEST.
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RELIGIOUS.

The ministers of Sharon, Mercer county, have resolved to street preaching, in order to reach the "worldings" who will not attend church. Rev. B. K. Ormond inaugurated the system, in front of the Shenango House, on Saturday afternoon, last.

Providential Care.—Who is it that waters fields of corn upon the Sabbath morning as the Saturday night? Who is it that makes the grass to grow in Sabbath sunshine as well as amid Saturday's rains? Who is it that hears the cry of the raven on Sunday morning and feeds it? Who is it that keeps up the pulsations of the heart, from which if God were to withdraw his finger for a moment, each heart would be instantly still and life would depart? In our hospital wards and sick rooms, in the broken limb where the bone is gradually united, in the severed muscle, where a mediatorial substance is put forth that rejoins it; in the health that returns to the withered frame—in all these our Father worketh hitherto, on Saturday and Sunday, and on all days.—*Cumming.*

The Phillipsburg Camp Meeting.

MR. EDITOR:—As you enjoyed the privilege of being at the recent camp meeting on Raccoon, in common with others of us from Beaver, I wish merely to advert to the happy love-feast and sacramental on Monday morning.

From the religious experiences given on that occasion by the old and young, by male and female of various sections of the country, and from the spiritual satisfaction felt under the earnest preaching of the occasion, it must have been evident to all candid observers that *happy moments* are not unfrequently to be enjoyed by the spiritual Christian, when favored with views of the desirableness of heaven. The celebrated John Howe, once had such a view of heaven, and such a desire to depart, that he said to his wife, "Though I think I love you as well as it is fit for one creature to love another, yet if it were put to my choice, whether to die this moment, or live through this night, and living this night would secure the continuance of life seven years longer, I would choose to die this moment." It's a simple way to heaven, very; said a poor, unlettered man, "if people would but take it." There are only three steps; out of self—into Christ—into glory. Doctor Payson wrote: "Once I had a dream of being transported to heaven, and