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Another Valuable Farm Sold.—[illegible] Stevenson & Wittish, real estate agents of Beaver Falls, disposed of the farm of W. R. Nair esq., in Big Beaver township, last week. The farm was sold for $9,000, and being a good one, was sold to the same named.

[illegible] Boys Astracan Caps to be had at the Cheap Store, Rochester, Pa. Dec. 11; 2w

Temperance Sermon.—In [illegible] we extract from the Beaver County [illegible] Temperance Society courteously extended to the Temperance Society will be held in the First Presbyterian church [illegible] next Sabbath evening. The Pastor will officiate [illegible] and invited to attend.

[illegible] and see the Holiday Goods at the Cheap Store of Will Smith, Rochester. Dec. 11; 2w

Fatal Casualty.—We were pained [illegible] last Monday morning to hear of the sudden death of Mr. Reed Wray of Brighton township this county. On the Sabbath evening preceding, he was riding one of his horses to water, and the animal becoming playful, threw Mr. Wray off, which resulted in injuries causing his death at 6 a. m. the next morning.

Mr. Wray was upward of 50 years of age and was one of our best and most [illegible] citizens. His sudden death has cast a gloom over the whole community. The sad event has again [illegible]

[illegible] S. K. Nair's Hot Air Furnaces [illegible] the Cheap Store of Will Smith, Rochester. Dec. 11; 2w

[illegible] Caswell's made on the premises from fresh, selected livers, is [illegible] Cod Liver Oil. Caswell's Cod Liver Oil is pure and sweet. Patients who have taken it prefer it to all other emulsions have decided it to be superior to all the other oils in the market. nov 20 12t

[illegible] chapped hands, face, rough skin, chilblains, ringworm, salt-rheum, and all cutaneous affections cured, and the skin made soft and smooth, by using the Juniper Tar Soap, made by Caswell, Massey & Co., New York. Be certain that the Juniper Tar Soap, as there are many worthless imitations made with which to deceive the public. nov 20-3m

Notice to Agents and Others.—[illegible] we will make no contracts for advertisements for the insertion of cuts in our publications in the Argus. Advertisements will, as usual, be set up and properly displayed with our type, but electrotypes, &c., will be [illegible] in the future. We make this announcement so that our agents and others may govern themselves accordingly. 4f

Free of Charge.—Call at Hugo Andresen's Beaver Drug Store, Beaver, and get a sample bottle of Dr. A. Boerhaave's German Syrup, free of charge. It has only been introduced in this country from Germany, and for any person suffering with a severe cough, heavy feeling settled on the breast, consumption or any disease of the throat and lungs it is so equal in the world. Our regular bottles 75 cents. In all cases money is to be promptly returned if perfect satisfaction is not given. Two doses will relieve any case. Try it. nov20;1y

[illegible] New Style Corded Dress Goods, Poplins, Alpacas, Jap silks, plaids in great variety. Beautiful styles just received at the cheap store of W. A. Smith, Rochester, Pa. Dec. 11; 2w

List of letters [illegible] Dec. 1st, 1872. Remaining in Beaver Post Office:

Mrs D Akemann, Samuel Adams esq., care J B Anderson esq., Miss Minnie Adams, Mrs Barbara Dawson, J Duncan, son, Catharine Gaggy, Messrs Jonas Allewine & Co., Charles Laughlan, Charles May, Nancy Moore, Mrs E Zoe with Ann Moore, McLoughy, Potter esq, S Porter 2, Wm Rattler, Mr C A Richbaugh, James C Shoffer, Miss Lizzie Sill, Pray, David Wachtiff, Wigton.

M. A. McCALLISTER, P. M.

Millinery Goods in abundance, cheaper than ever before, at Wilson's, Rochester. Dec. 11; 2w

The Slowest Railroad Ever Heard of.—A correspondent of the Pittsburgh Commercial writes from Newcastle, Lawrence county, Pa., as follows: [illegible] cars from Ohio, which are thirty-six miles long, [illegible] cars, [illegible] Ward's Corner, [illegible] well, [illegible] Ward's Corner, [illegible] the station, [illegible] the station, [illegible] around the axles will freeze [illegible] from the locomotive. A very [illegible] wind of like the warble of a bobolink, blowing through a knothole in a board fence. It is capable of [illegible] a grassh opper a thrill of alarm, and is scare a cook worth a cent. The engineer, and fireman always [illegible] of the train to look for broken [illegible] and the cows always run ahead to keep out of dust. Tired an [illegible] nt. Two trains were passing, [illegible] a match out of the window [illegible] the head of it rub against a passenger. It went so slow I couldn't [illegible] it at night. If you ever take a trip [illegible] to Syracuse over that road, [illegible] to take lots of clothing, a whole [illegible] a barrel of corned beef along. [illegible]

[illegible] good buggies, wagons, carriages, [illegible] wagons, sulkeys, buck-boards, [illegible] to Ingraham Boyd's, near the [illegible] in Rochester. All orders promptly [illegible] sept 4; 1y

Almost Minus a Court House.—[illegible] good people of Beaver county came very near losing their Court House on last Wednesday. At about noon on that day the alarm of fire was heard in the direction of the Court House, and on getting nearer that locality it was discovered that the Court House roof was burning. A number of men soon made their way to the top of the building, and the citizens meanwhile were active in gathering up buckets, carrying water, and handing it up to those who had got to the fire. It was finally put out, but not until the roof was considerably damaged. Had the fire occurred at night or while a heavy wind was prevailing, the building would most certainly have been destroyed. The fire originated from a defective flue.

Furs! Furs! Furs! Furs! selling at "panic prices," at the cheap store of Will Smith, Rochester. Dec. 11; 2w

Important To Ladies.—Those who wish to furnish their parlors with fancy coal and wood cases, or their chambers with fancy setts, or to obtain any of all kinds of fancy house furnishing goods, in order to look nice through the Holidays, can do so by calling at the Beaver Falls Co-operative Store, Reeves brick block. Mr. Bateman will take pleasure in showing the goods; while there, please examine the Jubilee, a soft coal base burner magazine, self feeding piston stove. Dec. 18; 2w

Concert.—There will be an Exhibition and Concert in Vanport M E Church on Thursday and Friday evenings, Dec 26th and 27th. Admission 25 cents; proceeds for benefit of Sabbath School.

The largest stock and finest assortment of Ladies' and Children's Furs in all the best and latest styles is being displayed at J M McCreery & Co's.

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Tax Collectors' Receipts, &c., for Sale.—We have just printed and have for sale, a lot of blank tax receipts, such as are given by borough and township collectors. We have also on hand, deeds, mortgages, executions, warrants, subpoenas, summons, bonds, &c., &c., all of which will be sold at the usual rates. tf

$75,000 in Cash for $1.—We call the attention of our readers to the advertisement in another column of the Nebraska State Orphan Asylum. Here is a chance to win a fortune in public legal drawing, and at the same time help a noble and worthy institution. nov6y-8w

A Farm for a Store.—A first-class Dry Goods and Grocery Store in a good location, near to the best markets in this county—now doing a good business—can be had for a good farm. Store and building valued at from $15,000 to $20,000. The best reasons given for wanting to exchange. Apply to, or address Stevenson & Wittish, Beaver Falls, Pa. [jel2; 1f

Furs! Furs!—Cheapest in the county at Hibbards, Rochester. Dec. 11; 2w

There is a Type Ring in this country to which every type founder in the United States belongs. In consequence of the enormous and thieving tariff, these gentleman of the Ring are enabled to put such prices on their wares as suits them, and just now it suits them to charge printers and publishers 50 per cent. profit on nearly every pound of type sold! How long will the newspapers stand this sort of bleeding? Every paper in the country ought to protest against such robbery, until Congress would be forced to reduce the unjust tariff on foreign type and thus compel the home sharks to be just. *Zanesville Signal.*

The above article expresses our sentiments exactly. We can't see the propriety of making the many thousand printers of this country, pay tribute to a half dozen or so of type founders.

—Holiday presents and toys at J M McCreery's.

Robert M Agnew, esq., son of Judge Agnew, of the Supreme Courts was admitted to the practice of law on Friday evening, after a creditable examination in open court. *Gettysburg Compiler.*

Mr Agnew being a native of Beaver, we extend our hearty congratulations upon his admission to the bar under such favorable circumstances. He is a young gentleman of excellent character and marked ability, and will no doubt soon take a high rank in his profession.

—Fine display of Fancy and Staple Dress Goods during the holidays at J M McCreery's & Co's.

Rights of Postmasters.—Letters sent through the post office are not to be opened by postmasters or their employees on any account, even although the communications sent are in violation of law. This is the opinion of the attorney general of the United States and until reversed by a competent court is law to the department. Although it may give some facilities to swindlers, venders of obscene literature, etc., the decision is a proper one. Any other would leave the door open to abuses of what should be carefully guarded as a sacred trust—the sanctity of private correspondence while passing through the mails. Once give an evil inclined or prying officer a discretion as to opening letters believed to be unlawful communications, and he will soon lapse into the habit of suspecting letters he may have some other motive for looking into. Absolute sanctity for all letters is the only safeguard. As to the swindlers and venders of obscene literature who sometimes take advantage of post office facilities to aid them in their nefarious work, there are other methods of dealing with them, in the regular course of postal proceedings and by due course of law. All good postmasters and postal employees will be glad to hear of this decision, and on all others the restraint will be salutary.

Shawls selling cheaper than ever, look at the prices, good shawls for one dollar and fifty cents $1 50, fine shawls $3.50. Come to the cheap store, Rochester, Pa. Dec 11; 2w

—Toys, Toys, Toys, Toys at J M McCreery & Co's.

Concert.—The concert given in the M. E. Church in Beaver on last Thursday evening, for Prof. Beuter's benefit was a grand success. The large audience room was well filled on the occasion, and the audience was highly delighted with the entertainment. The performers were Miss Jennie Winans, Miss Clara Ickes, Miss L. French, Miss L. Hurlburt, Miss E. Loomis, Miss M. Holmes, Miss M. French, Miss Ch. Carter, Miss Ad. Morton, and Prof. Beuter, Messrs. Critchlow and Couch. A heavy rainstorm in the way of encouraging was all the thought out the entertainment.

Dry Goods.—Dress goods, millinery goods and notions, way down. Muslin as cheap as 25 cts a yard, muslin one yard and a half inch wide for ten cts., at Hibbards, Rochester. Dec. 11 2w

[illegible] The law passed at each Hibbards, Rochester, sells goods, says his friends, cheaper than any other house can their money, give him a trial. Dec 11; 2w

Diptheria.—We regret to say that we have several cases of diptheria in Beaver at the present time. The family of William Orr, esq., have been severely afflicted with the malady for the past ten days or two weeks, but are now all getting better again. There have been no fatal cases thus far in our town, and it is to be hoped that we will have none to chronicle in the near future.

Persons about visiting Pittsburgh should not fail to visit the extensive Photographic Rooms of B. L. H. Dabbs, 46 and 48 Sixth Street, Reception and Show room on the ground floor.

Mr. Dabbs' reputation as an Artist and Photographer is second to none in the world, and his pictures have always given entire satisfaction; one of the most important parts in a good picture, is the position, and in that, Mr. D. greatly excels, and has the happy facility of making every one good-looking, and yet, making a perfect likeness. Do not fail to call on him, if only to see the great improvements in photography.

County Institute.—The county institute convened in the Court House on Monday forenoon. During that day the attendance was not large. On the succeeding day, however, quite a number of teachers put in an appearance. The session promises to be one full of interest to the public and teachers.

GOIN' HOME TO-DAY.

BY WILL M. CARLTON.

My business on the jury's done—the quibblin' all
is through;
I've watched the lawyers, right and left, and give
my verdict true;
I stuck so long onto my chair I thought I would
grow in;
And if I do not know myself they'll get me there
agin.
But now the court's adjourned for good, and I
have got my pay;
I'm loose at last, and thank the Lord, I'm going
home to day

I've somehow felt uneasy, like, since first day I
come down;
It is an awkward game to play the gentleman in
town;
And this 'ere Sunday suit of mine, on Sunday,
tightly sets;
But when I wear the stuff a week, it somehow
galls and frets.
I'd rather wear my homespun rig of pepper salt
and gray—
I'll have it on in half a jiff when I get home to-day.

I have no doubt my wife looked out, as well as
anyone—
As well as any woman could—to see that things
was done;
For though Melinda, when I'm there, won't set
her foot out doors;
She's very careful, when I'm gone, to tend to all
the chores;
But no bing prospers half so well, when I go off
to stay,
And I will put things to shape when I get home
to day

The mornin' that I come away we had a little bout;
I cooly took my hat and left before the show was
out:
For what I said was naught whereat she ought to
take offense,
And she was always quick at words, and ready to
commence.
But then, she's first one to give up when she had
her say,
And she will meet me with a kiss when I go home
to-day.

My little boy—I'll give 'em leave to match him if
they can;
It's run to see him strut about, and try to be a
man!
The gamest, cheeriest little chap you'd ever want
to see!
And then they laugh, because I think the child resembles me.
The little rogue! he goes for me like robbers for
their prey;
He'll turn my pockets inside out, when I get home
to-day.

My little girl—I can't contrive how it should happen thus—
That God should pick that sweet boquet and fling
it down to us!
My wife, she says that han'some face will come
my make a stir;
And then I laugh, because she thinks the child
looks like her!
She'll meet me half way down the hill, and kiss
me anyway.
And light my heart up with her smiles, when I go
home to-day!

If there's a heaven upon the earth, a fellow knows
when
He's been away from home a week and then gets
back again.
If there's a heaven above the earth, there often I'll
be bound
Some homesick fellow meets his folks and hugs
'em all around.
But let my creed be right or wrong, or be it as it
may,
My heaven is just ahead of me—I'm goin' home
to-day.

Splendid suits for $10, at R. Steinfeld's.

If you want to enjoy yourself go to the Exhibition and Concert at Vanport. Admission 25 cents.

Dolls, toys, and fancy goods for the Holidays, a fine assortment at the cheap store of W. A. Smith, Rochester. Dec. 11; 2w

Arresting Teachers for Flogging Children.—While our county institute is in session in Beaver, it may not be out of place for us to inform the teachers present, that the mania for arresting school teachers for inflicting corporeal punishment is raging terribly in some sections of our State. Franklin, Petroleum Centre, and other towns north of those places have been doing a heavy business in that line latterly. Oil City, not desiring to be left behind in work of that character, got up a case of its own last week. Miss Egbert, a school teacher of that place, gave the son of J J Vandegrift, a mill onaire, a first-class whipping, whereupon the man of means had her arrested, tried, but to his utter disgust, she was acquitted. What he will now do about it has not transpired

Always selling at the very lowest prices at the cheap store, Rochester. Dec. 11; 2w

Look out for the new brick building, mansard roof, Lock St., Broadway New Brighton

Don't Forget the Exhibition and Concert in the M E Church at Vanport, on Thursday and Friday evenings, Dec. 26th and 27th

"Strapped" Printers have been visiting Beaver this week in platoons, companies, and battalions. We confidently expect a regiment of them next week. They all represented themselves as being "out of sorts." If the books on leaving town were any indication, we judge they went as they came—"out of sorts" still. Beaver is not a good place for "strapped" printers to come to. They can do much better in the south, and the farther they go in that direction the better it will be for them. When this fact is once generally known we presume they will give us a wide berth.

Holiday Goods.—Cheap at Hibbard's, Rochester, Pa. Dec. 11; 2w

The nicest stock of gents furnishing goods, are got at R. Steinfeld.

If you are a married man bring your wife and family to the Exhibition and Concert at Vanport.

Personal.—James H. Stokes, a native of Beaver, but for several years past doing business as a merchant in Sharpsville, Mercer county, paid our town a flying visit on last Saturday. We are glad to learn that he is in good health and prospering financially.

Capt. James Ransom of Phillipsburgh, this county, went to texas in the fall to run the steamer Nora on the Trinity river, but after being at Galveston a couple of weeks, the boat took fire and was totally destroyed. Capt. R. has therefore returned to his home in this county, looking well after making the trip.

Fact.—Not necessary for Hibbard to advertise in the county papers, his prices and customers advertise for him. Dec. 11; 2w

Narrow Escape from Fire.—Power's livery stable in Rochester came very near being destroyed by fire one day last week. The flame originated in a small business room on the first floor of the building, during the temporary absence of the proprietor, but fortunately some passers-by saw the condition of things inside, through the window, and at once bursted the door open and extinguished the fire. A few minutes more and the whole building would have been in flames.

About Ladies and Babies.—Somebody says the young ladies of a neighboring town tie up their taper fingers, and when the young gentleman callers in the evening inquire the cause blushingly reply: "I burnt them while broiling the beafsteak this morning."

Tompkins never used to have any mind of his own, but since he has been married his wife has given him so many pieces of hers that he now has a very respectable mental endowment.

Fashionable society is beginning to brush up and prepare for the campaign. Elderly, unmarried daughters are brought forward, polished and tinted for the front row, while the younger sisters are kept more in the back ground. The young men look grave, and are more ready for flirtations than real business.

When babies are taken to church they ought to be checked and hung—at the door. We know we incur the displeasure of doting mothers by making this suggestion, but truth is mighty and will prevail.

A little nonsense now and then, is relished, &c., but don't kindle your fires with coal-oil.—That is a kind of "nonsense" we never indulge in ourselves, nor can we under any circumstances, advise others to do so.

Large Clip of Wool.—During the latter part of last week Mr. James Buchanan, of Mt. Pleasant township, delivered at the warehouse of Jacob Morgan, esq., of this place, the largest single clip of wool that has, perhaps, ever changed hands in this county. The clip numbered over 1,500 fleeces, and realized to Mr. B. the handsome sum of $3,500. The wool is of superior quality, light and fine, and speaks well for the selection of stock and the care and attention bestowed upon a flock of such dimensions.—Who can beat it?—*Wash. Reporter.*

For the Beaver Argus.

The Bible's Influence.—The Bible is an inspired book, the book of all books. Its genuineness has been acknowledged by many of the greatest and wisest men that have ever lived to bless the world. It contains a revelation of God's will to man, and is completely adapted to the wants of the whole human family. It is the Book for man, adapted to him, giving him a history and knowledge of his creation, and of the dealings of God with him through more than four thousand years anterior to the birth of Christ, and a full and complete introduction of the new covenant. The world needs this book more than any other, it is of more value perhaps than all other books combined. It has brought life and immortality to light. It reveals to the world that all men are involved alike in sin; that a heart is a sink of sin and resembles a cage of unclean birds; that man unless saved from sin must be forever lost; that salvation alone can be had through the Lord Jesus Christ. The Bible offers salvation. A word of more importance than this never fell upon the ears of immortal beings. Of all the subjects that engage the attention of man lost in sin, this is the most vast, comprehensive and interesting, upon it depends his immortal bliss or eternal destruction. The Bible teaches man to believe, and tells him how to become a christian after he has believed, and how to serve God after having taken upon himself the name of christian, to work out his salvation and gain a home in heaven. It is the only book that God has given to man and it is the only book that will ever be required. The more it is read and studied the more interesting it becomes. It speaks forth that which will take place many years in the future; the rising and falling of nations and kingdoms; the second coming of Christ, and the conflagration of the world; the many repeated warnings for the transgressor of its laws, to forsake his evil ways and to flee to Christ his only hope, and the many precious promises to the righteous. The skeptic rejects the Bible on account of its exposing his true character, and quickening his conscience, while the christian rejoices to peruse its sacred pages, because of the happiness it affords him in this life, and the assurance it gives him of a better life to come. Other books, useful and interesting are like their authors, destined to be forgotten. The history and influence of great and wise men are liable to be destroyed in time; but the Bible and its influence will never be destroyed. Other books tell us of what has happened in the past; but cannot go beyond the present. Human wisdom fails to penetrate the veil which hangs between us and the future. The Bible will endure through all eternity, it's power is unequaled in impressing thoughts upon the mind, such as will be lasting as time and durable as eternity. Other books are likely to treat with partiality, the rich and poor, the learned or illiterate, the prowd or the humble, the king or the subject. The Bible deals justly and righteously with all men, with kings and lords, the same as with servants, it's justice is pure and it is perfect in it's administration, such as all good men seek and such as brightens the countenance and gladdens the hearts of the poor, the innocent and the good. Great men in all ages of the world who have become acquainted with the Bible, acknowledge it's superiority as the best of classics the world has ever produced, and the ablest works of man are far inferior to it. It's influence has conquered many enemies opposed to right, and truth and justice, and has caused the right to prevail over might and error and oppression. It's influence should not be stayed; but extended through all the nations of the world, because it establishes peace and happiness for all. But millions of human beings are suffering for the want of it's wise and wholesome laws, and happy influence to govern them. For superstition and idolatry bear absolute sway where the influence of the Bible is not felt. It's influence is destined to govern the nations of the earth, for the prophets say that the glory of God and his Christ shall cover the earth, as the waters do the great deep and that this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached to all nations for a witness. Then will oppression cease reigning, and men shall learn war no more.

Wm. Eckles.

Industry, Dec. 6th, 1872.

Saved.—A gentleman saved the amount of $1.40, by buying the small bill of $7.78 of Hibbard, Rochester, go and do likewise. Dec. 11; 2w

Young Man bring your sweetheart to the Exhibition and Concert at Vanport. Admittance 25 cents; proceeds for benefit of Sabbath School.

County Government.—*A Subject for the Constitutional Convention.*—We have often called the attention of our readers to the unjust and disproportionate valuations and taxation of property in the various townships of our county, as well as the lack of proper discrimination in the erection of county bridges. These same difficulties have been experienced in other counties. It is certainly a proper subject for the consideration of our Constitutional Convention. The Bucks county *Intelligencer* says on this subject:

"Among the subjects to be considered and dealt with by the Constitutional Convention now assembled, is that of the local government of counties and other smaller political divisions. This is to be placed in the hands of one of the business committees to be formed by the Convention. While we cannot anticipate how far the convention may be disposed to alter existing forms, there are some considerations which seem to make a radical change in the system of county government more desirable than otherwise. While the details of the subject may be properly left to the Legislature, there are certainly principles of "popular sovereignty" in locals affairs that may well be inserted in the fundamental law.

"Under our present method in Pennsylvania the business affairs of each county, whether large or small, are placed at the disposal of a board of three commissioners, one of whom is elected every year, and is supposed to represent a certain district or section of his county. Upon this board of three men, chosen by the county at large, rests all the responsibility of assessing property, laying taxes, erecting bridges and public buildings, and the general management of the county finances. When the commissioners have been selected with a view to their fitness and honesty, these duties are often well performed; but, on the other hand, it is too frequently the case that the commissioners do not possess these essential qualities. Then the public interests are mismanaged, the money of the people wasted and general dissatisfaction ensues. Selected from the mass of citizens at large, the commissioners have very little representative character, and are not immediately responsible to a constituent body of voters. When a man has been elected to the office, whether he be fit or unfit, he is secure for three years from any interference, and unless governed by a personal sense of right as at liberty to do very much as he pleases. The local government of counties by a board of three commissioners is therefore in no sense a democratic system, and as we know by sad experience, has developed many serious defects.

"In the neighboring States of New-Jersey and New-York a different system prevails. In New-Jersey a representative known as a "Chosen Freeholder" is elected every year by each township or borough. The Chosen Freeholders are almost invariably selected from among men of property, who have a direct interest in taxation and public expenditures. The members from townships hold monthly meetings at the county seat, the sessions being presided over by a member elected by his colleagues to the position of director. A clerk is appointed, who keeps an open office at the county town and attends to the current business—as is the case here. The Board of Freeholders thus forms a local Legislature, exercising all the powers that are in Pennsylvania vested in the County Commissioners, with additional jurisdiction over the highways, which are here subject to the courts. The advantages resulting from this system are very great. Each subdivision or township has a voice in the transaction of business, and can present its own particular wants or wishes. Whatever business is done—the laying of taxes, the opening of roads, or the erection of public buildings—is more or less subject to popular approval. If a representative proves unfaithful or unsatisfactory, he is directly responsible to his constituents, and can soon be replaced by another. In New-York the same system of county government exists, the representatives being known as Supervisors. The same is the case in several Western States. The efficiency and value of the plan are proved by the fact that where it exists there is no desire for a change. In Wisconsin, a few years ago, the Pennsylvania System of three Commissioners was tried, but after a short experience the former arrangement of township representation was restored by general consent.

"This matter deserves at least a candid examination by the Convention, or its proper committee. We believe that the more carefully it is considered the more desirable the introduction of the representative system will appear. It is a subject that particularly affects the rural counties of our State, the local interests of cities being already provided for by municipal councils, whose members are elected by wards or precincts. The country members of the Convention, therefore, may very properly be called upon to consider whether this would not be a beneficial reform. As to the popular sentiment on the subject, we are perfectly confident that if it were consulted the reply would be overwhelmingly in favor of direct representation in the local or county government."

Steinfeld is selling his stock off before the Holidays, you had better come and get some.

The State Temperance Convention, held at Pittsburgh last week, was well attended, and a good deal of earnestness was manifested throughout the proceedings. A committee was appointed with the Hon. James Black (candidate for the Presidency on the Temperance Ticket), at its head, to memorialize the Constitutional Convention on the subject of Temperance. We notice that quite a number of the citizens of this county were members of the Convention and took a prominent part in its deliberations—among whom we may mention Hon. B R. Bradford, A. Bestwick, esq., and E. H. Alexander, esq.

Who ever wants clothing at the present, better come to Steinfelds for he is selling out before the Holidays.

Christmas Gifts—The Holliday Season is the time when gifts are exchanged between lovers and friends, husbands and wives, sisters and brothers, and is emphatically the Children's hour, when the vast variety of toys and juvenile books find such an eager welcome. These, in great profusion, together with a splendid collection of Chromos, Photograph Albums, Vases, Toilet, Sets, and a great variety of other beautiful and curious articles, make the store of Townsend & Son, Beaver Falls, just now, a chief centre of attraction.

New Notary Public.—Gov. Geary has commissioned, W. L. Bodison, esq., of New Brighton, as a Notary Public.

To Salt Pork.—A gentleman of this place, who has tried it, sends us the following recipe to salt pork. He informs us that if the directions are closely followed, the meat will not only be found in a perfect state of preservation, but that it will give it a more pleasant taste than any method he has ever tried:

"Take eight (8) gallons of water, eleven (11) lbs salt, one (1) lb sugar or one (1) pint of Orleans molasses, one and one-half (1½) oz. saltpetre; place a wash-tub beside meat barrel; put the water into the tub; put in the salt and sugar; and, having dissolved the saltpetre in warm water, put it also in.; let it stand three or four hours, and pour the liquid over the meat, taking care that the sediment remains in the tub. You want *just* enough of this brine to nicely cover the meat, which should remain in it from 8 to 12 weeks, owing to size of pieces."

Wanted—1000 bushels of Buckwheat at the Stone Mills, New Brighton. dec18 2w Wade Wilson.

Parents.—Do you know where your boys are these nights? It is not the time now to be inquiring about the whereabouts of your neighbor's children, unless you know where your own are after night-fall. If you do not know, we are certain many a fond mother would be surprised to learn the company some of their children are keeping these December evenings. Home is the place at night for boys and girls in their teens and under, with the influences that are now working luring them on to disgrace, if not to utter destruction. We appeal to parents who read the Star and Sentinel, for their children's sake and their own sakes, to look well where their offspring are at night. As sure as there is a heaven above, if parents remain indifferent to the nightly course of the rising generation of their own families, they need look for nothing ultimately but mortification and heart breaking agony over their lost and ruined ones, who are now permitted to leave and return to the family fireside at their own choosing.—[Gettysburg Star & Sentinel.

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A Subscriber asks the New York Journal of Commerce the question: "Is a note written in pencil, and signed in pencil, legal? The Journal answers, in the affirmative. Story on Promissory notes, (one of our highest authorities,) in his first paragraph touching the requisites of the form of obligation, declares that a promissory note must be in writing either in ink or pencil; that is to say, the signature of the promisor must be so; the body of the note may be printed." This is conclusive; but the courts in a great many cases, and without a dissenting judgment, have confirmed this rule. A note promising to pay a certain amount of money is merely an evidence of indebtedness, and a note without the signature is good, if there is evidence that the promisor intended to execute it, that is to say, with the additional evidence mentioned. The note is prima-facie evidence of indebtedness

The Troubles of Liquor Dealers.—The Grand Jury, at the late term of Court in Jefferson county, Ohio, after concluding their labors, made the following report and request to the Court, which contain some very suggestive facts:

"The Jurors of the Grand Jury, of the November term, A. D., 1872, would respectfully report that they found an unusual amount of business that had to be passed upon, and a large number of witnesses had to be examined; that more than three-fourths of the cases, were for violation of the liquor laws of Ohio; that a large number of the crimes committed result from the use of intoxicating drinks. We find that the use of intoxicating drinks is producing an appalling state of morals among the rising generation throughout the country; as well as among those of mature years. The Grand Jury would beg leave to suggest that the extreme penalty of the law be inflicted on those who have been guilty of violating the liquor law. This is the unanimous request of the Grand Jury."

From the following court proceedings which we find in the papers of that city we infer the Court is giving some attention to the recommendations of the Grand Jury.

Charles Hanna, keeping a room for sale of liquor fined one hundred dollars and costs, and sentenced to five days imprisonment in the county jail.

Benjamin Snowden, keeping a room, one hundred dollars fine and imprisonment.

Same, selling to be drank where sold, fifty dollars fine and costs.

William Farris, selling to be drank where sold, fifty dollars fine and five days imprisonment.

Same, for same offense, fined thirty dollars and costs.

Timothy O'Halloran, keeping a room for sale of liquors, one hundred dollars and eight days imprisonment.

Same, selling liquor to be drank where sold, fined fifty dollars and costs.

Same for same offense, thirty dollars and costs.

Peter Patterson, keeping a room for sale of liquors, one hundred dollars and eight days imprisonment.

Same, selling liquor to be drank where sold, fined fifty dollars and costs.

List of Jurors Drawn for January Adjourned Court, 1873.

FIRST WEEK.

Levi Fisk	Daniel Fitch
J B Parkinson	Samuel Davidson jr
John Embaugh	Stephen Marks
Joseph Cooper	James Conway
David Whitis	John F Muehler
William Ramsey	James Anderton
George Chaney	James Aitsman
J C Calhoun	John Piersol
S B Cross	William Lester
W S Shallenberger	John Tate
William Graham	Isaac Stephens
William Whan	Alexander G Ewing
John Slentz	William Mecklon
Jacob Emerick	John Martzel sr
Henry Bryan	Charles Johnson
Henry J Evans	James McCullough
George Fath	R C Eakin
Thomas Wright	A S Dobson
Jacob Gabe	James Melvin

SECOND WEEK.

Samuel Boyd	Robert Doak
John McKinzie	James Thornley
Herm T McPherson	John McCrady
John A Gibb	Robert Bradshaw
James Irwin	Hiram Reed
John Purvis	William Barclay
Henry Wagner	Fetterman Hurst
John Doherty	Samuel Reed
H M Beddell	John Newton
John C Dilworth	Thomas G Kerr
William Wallace	John Wilson
Andrew Neitz	Charles Calhoun
Samuel Lynch	Fred Householder
Reu'n Hendrickson	Andrew Tanner
John W Snead sr	Clark Usselton
George Henderson	Charles Watson
John B Winch	George Brown
William Barclay	Samuel Keefer
James C Ritchie	J C Minnis.

Mr. A. Beuter's Concert, on Thursday last, was one of the most successful and enthusiastic affairs that we have had the good fortune to enjoy for many a day. The concert opened with a piano duet, a fantasia on airs from Oberon, arranged by Leybeck; it was rendered very brilliantly by the Misses Garver and Loomis. Next came a quartette, "Sweet Evening Hours" (Kullak), which is one of the sweetest things of this kind we ever heard, and was rendered very effectively by the Quartette Club, consisting of Miss Jennie Winans of New Brighton, Miss Clara Ickes of Massillon, Ohio, and the Messrs D. & J Critchlow and Couch of New Brighton. This quartette we understand was formed but a few weeks previous to the concert, and consequently had but few rehearsals; but all of them are experienced singers and good readers, and they accomplished their task admirably. Their voices blended and harmonized beautifully, and their phrasing and shading were excellent.

Miss Mary French came next, rendering one of S. Smith's brilliant Polonaises with the proper spirit and expression.—As No. 4, we had Berthold Tour's beautiful song, "Willie's Ship," which Miss Winans sang very expressively; she possesses a very pure and rich soprano of considerable power, and her singing shows a correct method. [illegible] followed another quartette, "To the tap of the drum," the music of this song is from Rosini's overtures to William Tell, and was sung with so much dash and spirit that the Club was compelled to yield to an encore.—They sang Wm. Mason's beautiful original Gondolier's Song. This song is one of the noblest and richest things of this kind that we ever had the good fortune to hear; but, when we consider its author we could expect nothing less meritorious.

Miss L. Hurlburt came next with Abt's "Love's Request," which she sang very well; and gave as an encore, "Within a mile of Edinboro town," which no doubt pleased every one.

But the great event of the evening was yet to come—every one know it and waited patiently for the appearance of Miss Clara Ickes. She closed the first part of the programme with Blumenthal's great concert song, "My Queen,"—composed expressly for Mr. Sim Reeves, one of the most celebrated English singers: This song requires a breadth and style of delivery and also great intensity of tone; to render which comparative few singers would feel themselves equal to. It is one of those songs, which, to render effectively, requires a singer of the first rank; and this Miss Ickes proved herself to be. The numerous crescendos were always well proportioned; the planissimo passages were never poor and thin; the quality of tone rich and flexible. Her enunciation was always distinct and the intonation true; After a perfect storm of applause she gave as an encore "Tapping at the garden gate," which she sang in a charming manner. This piece was also encored, and, as requests were handed in for "Judith," Concone—she gave this song with excellent effect. This song is one of the most difficult songs to render effectively, on account of its broad structure. The second part of the programme was opened with a trio for three organs, performed by the Misses M. Holmes, L. French and Mr. Beuter. The young Ladies went through with their part with great precision.

As No. 2 quartette, "I am dreaming" (Agnes Burney), was sung with beautiful effect by the club. Next came Mazourka Caprice (W. Mason), performed by Mr. Beuter in his usual effective manner; this piece was received with hearty applause and as an encore, Mr. B. played a very brilliant Cuban Dance, by Richard Hoffman. This piece was also encored, but instead of playing another encore, Mr. B. brought out Miss Ickes who was greeted with applause, showing that the audience was perfectly satisfied with the arrangement. She sang Arditti's beautiful Valse D'Extasie in her usual effective manner. Next came Miss L. French, who gave us Schuberts "Wanderer," this is one of the best songs that was ever written, and Miss French sang it with good effect. She seemed to comprehend perfectly the words, which is quite an important feature; her voice is good in quality and of considerable power; we enjoyed this song very much. As an encore she sang "One year Ago" in a very correct manner. Miss Ada Morton played a Concert Galop, by A W Borg (ded