

The Columbian.

BLOOMSBURG, FRIDAY, FEB. 17, '82.

PUBLIC SALES.

D. K. Sloan, executor of John Sands, deceased, will sell real estate and personal property on the premises in Greenwood township on Friday, March 10th at 10 a. m. See advertisement.

John Shuman will sell at private sale valuable farm land, near Espy.

Lent begins next Wednesday.

Township elections next Tuesday.

"Florine," Friday evening, February 17th, J. G. Swank of Millin proposes to be a candidate for Sheriff.

The Berwick Independent will remove to new quarters on April 1st.

There were ninety guests registered at the Exchange Hotel on Monday.

A new Episcopal church will probably be erected in Tunkhannock the coming season.

"Florine" for the last time this season. You can't afford to miss it. Get your seats early.

Three persons were immersed in the creek last Sunday afternoon by Rev. J. P. Tustin.

Mutilated calves are becoming rarer. The general refusal to take them spoiled the business.

Three offices, well lighted, heated by steam, for rent on the second floor of the COLUMBIAN building. Ready for occupancy April 1st. If.

The latest snobby at fashionable weddings is to distribute flowers among the coachmen.

Court adjourned on Wednesday afternoon until Friday morning when the argument will be taken up.

D. F. Weiss was injured at the car shops week before last by the fall of a heavy piece of spouting, which struck him on the back.

The Model School children in company with their teacher, Miss Brewster, took a sleigh ride on last Friday afternoon.

The Ferry which has been running for some time on account of the ice, is again in operation.

Six o'clock tea parties are the fashionable thing just now and Bloomsburg society has been indulging in them to a large extent.

M. C. Woodward will be a candidate for Constable at the coming election. He will undoubtedly be re-elected by his usual large vote.

Rev. Dr. Copeland, principal of the Wyoming Seminary, is quite seriously indisposed from having taken cold after he was vaccinated.

Tramps report it exceedingly hard traveling these days and prefer the temporary inconveniences of the lockup or poorhouse to the outside discomforts.

A Chicago man recently drank three quarts of whiskey to ward off the small-pox. The experiment succeeded admirably. He will never have the small-pox. He died.

James Long of Benton lost a horse from the disease called "Pinkey" last week. There is a good deal of sickness among the horses from this disorder.

Baird's Minstrels had a full house last Friday night. The performance is said to have been one of the best of the kind ever given here. There are about thirty in the troupe.

A chicken and waffle supper will be served in Evans' Hall, by the Reformed congregation, on Friday and Saturday evenings, Feb. 23 and 24, the proceeds for the benefit of the church.

The streams have been swollen by the recent rains. At Pittston last Tuesday the river was twenty-one feet above low water mark and the Kingston flats are still covered with water.

A Berks county man picked up a quill toothpick in a doctor's office and used it. It turned out to be a virus point and now he wears his tongue hanging out. The vaccination took.

The partnership of Tuttle & Mendall, general insurance agents, of Berwick, has been dissolved by mutual consent. E. G. Mendall will hereafter conduct the business.

The board of pardons will hold a meeting this month, pending the absence of Secretary Quay in Florida and the very few cases on the list. The next meeting will be held on March 21.

Orders for book binding can be left at this office, with the assurance that the work will be well done and at very reasonable prices. All that is necessary is to bring your books to this office, where they will be packed, and delivered on their return from the binder.

Prof. Johnson, an old and able instructor, proposes to hold a musical convention in this town some time in March. It has been some years since anything of this kind has been held here, and it ought to be largely attended.

L. Bernhard has just hung out a new and beautiful sign at his jewelry store, one door above H. J. Clark & Sons. He has also received a fine assortment of silver wares, jewelry and watches. If you want to secure a bargain consult him before going elsewhere.

Deaths to rats, roaches and ants: PAUSON EXTERMINATOR. Bares, granaries and vaults cleared in a single night. No fear of bad smells. Best and cheapest vermin killer in the world. Sold every where.

Farmers are rejoicing. They say that the snow which now covers the wheat, rye, and grass fields will exert not only a protecting influence, but will also add largely to their fertilizing resources. From this they argue that next season's crops promise to be more than usually large.

As announced by a notice elsewhere Lilly and Stepp, the Lightstraw merchants, will remove their store to Orangeville the 1st of April, and take possession of the room now occupied by C. W. Low. They are energetic and enterprising young men, and deserve the success they are meeting with in the mercantile business.

Mr. E. H. Whitman, general secretary of the Wilkes-Barre W. M. C. A., will resign his position next month to enter the ministry of the M. E. Church. The association will lose an earnest worker and the church will gain a conscientious and faithful minister. -Shick-shing Edo.

On Thirty Days Trial. We will send Dr. Dye's Celebrated Electro-Voltaic Belts and other Electric Appliances on trial for thirty days to young men and older persons who are afflicted with nervous debility, loss of vitality, etc., guaranteeing speedy relief and complete restoration of vigor and manhood. Also for Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Paralysis, Liver and Kidney Difficulties, Catarrhs and many other diseases. Illustrated pamphlet sent free. Address Voltaic Belt Co., Marshall, Michigan.

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We can, without hesitation, say that Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup has given the best satisfaction. We have sold an immense amount of it during the past winter. Wallace, Hillson & Co., Druggists, Lock Haven, Pa.

The Union Levee thinks it is about time that the miserable plunk-work of a charter under which Wilkes-Barre is working should be thrown aside, and the provisions of the state law governing cities adopted.

[Mr. Clemens, (Mick) True Reveal. W. T. Lee, Esq., of this paper says: Being convinced of the efficacy of St. Jacobs Oil in curing rheumatism, I have no hesitancy in recommending it.

Mr. Joe Knolly, who has leased the Best Coal mill at Benton, was in town on Saturday to make sale for flour. Mr. Knolly is an excellent miller and thoroughly understands his business. It is not the best in Columbia county and if he can't make good flour it will be because it isn't in the wheat. -Edo.

Executors' and administrators' account books, containing full instructions how to settle an estate, receipts, &c., for sale at this office. These are the most convenient books of the kind ever printed, and they are in use all over the State.

Great event of the season. Return of the talented young actress Miss Julia A. Hunt, who will appear in the charming play entitled "Florine," supported by the same fine company that appeared with her on her last visit here. Our citizens should not lose the opportunity offered them to witness so fine an entertainment as Miss Hunt will give them this Friday evening.

The awning in front of the old store room of Meyer Bros., on Market Street, fell down some time during Friday night, last, being broken by the heavy weight of snow on it. It had happened in the day time some one might have been killed. Several persons passed under it only a short time before it fell. Awnings should be cleared of snow, and examined occasionally to see that they are firm.

The triennial assessment will be made this year, and the citizens who may be elected assessors at the approaching election should be men well qualified in every respect to discharge the important and responsible duties that will devolve upon them. It requires a man of more than ordinary intelligence and ability to estimate upon the value of real estate and other property, and none others should be nominated by either party.

The horse purchased by the Town Council for the Fire Department is of two different sizes, and connections cannot be made by the Winona to either of the other companies until reducers are obtained. The Chief Engineer of the department should look after this matter, as the responsibility would be put upon him in case a fire at a distance from a plug could not be reached because of inability to connect the hose.

A new monthly has been issued from Philadelphia, called "The Oceanic Courier." It is alive with truly interesting stories, adapted alike to the old and the young. Considerable space is devoted to the fashions, which will be interesting to the ladies. The puzzle department is well arranged and will be much sought after. The paper is published by L. Lum Smith, 912 Arch Street, Phila., and is edited by that popular novelist, Emerson Bennett.

A recent dispatch from Washington says: Many complaints reach the Post Office Department from the smaller post offices of lack of facilities for the transaction of postal business. Under the present regulation, mail necessary by the smallness of the appropriation for the purpose, the gross receipts of an office must exceed seventy-five dollars per annum before it is entitled to a letter balance and canceling apparatus. Many of the postmasters not being able to buy the necessary office interior ink for cancellation, and crude apparatus, or none at all, for weighing, thereby causing a loss to the department and themselves, it is being contemplated under the law to make good any deficiency in postage on matter sent from their offices. The shortage from this cause alone was over two hundred dollars for last month and this class of postmasters are unjustly liable for that amount.

At Sanbury Thursday morning the Maney Hills tower, William Howland, came into court and pled guilty to breaking jail. The court remarked to the prisoner that "it seems the Northumberland county prison is not strong enough to keep everybody there, so we have concluded to send you to the penitentiary to serve out the balance of your term, and also the term which we intend to sentence you for breaking jail." It will be remembered that Howland was convicted of the burglary in the upper part of which he was sentenced to twelve years. The court has now added three years and six calendar months to his sentence, giving him fifteen years and six months in all to reflect over past sins. He is the handsomest criminal Northumberland county has ever been cursed with, and sleek of tongue. After sentence he quietly returned to his chair, saying as he did so, "Thank you."

The last social of the season at Winona Hall on Wednesday night was a success. Prof. Rube of Allentown furnished the music with an orchestra of seven pieces, and it was as good as a concert from beginning to end. Quite a number of persons attended in the evening just to hear the music. The Grand March was played at about half past nine, and thirty couples were on the floor. Many of the ladies were very handsomely dressed, and all of them looked their best. Among those present from out of town were Mr. and Miss Sedell, Mr. and Miss Holloway, Mrs. Wilde, Miss Ramsey, Mr. A. Bloom, Mr. H. Blue, Mr. Brown, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Geo. Parker, all of Danville, Miss Stella Shoak of Selingsgrove, Miss Carrie Feltz of Muncy, Miss Fannie Searle, Scranton, Miss Bess Monroe, Rupert, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Myers of Susquehanna, Mr. George Bercht of Mauch Chunk, Miss Willie Gerlock, Miss Ella Fitzpatrick, Mr. W. R. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Henry Rupert and Mr. Isaiah Rupert, of Hazleton. Dancing was continued until quite a late hour in the morning.

The people of Columbia county have become scared at the prospect of a railroad being built from Harvey's creek through to Sullivan county, and are making an effort to get a road up Fishing creek. Capt. H. J. Conner, of Orangeville, and Elias McHenry, of Stillwater, are making a canvass of the county to secure the necessary aid. -Shick-shing Edo.

Oh, no, Brother Tabbs, not scared. The Harvey's creek road has been asked of too long to make us believe it is going to be put through very soon. What the people of this county are after, or at least what they should work for if they understand their own interests, is a railroad that will open our eyes, recourses that are now locked up, and add to the wealth and prosperity of this section.

The Fishing creek road will probably connect with the Sullivan & State Line railroad, and form a through line to northern New York, a connection now being sought after by the Vanderbilt and Gowen parties. The matter of our road has gone beyond mere talk. All it needs now is little pushing and the encouragement of the people and it will go through.

Mr. F. Cooley, who has been assistant editor of this paper for the past ten months, has severed his connection here and accepted a situation elsewhere. We know our readers will miss his ready pen from the columns of the paper, and we shall miss his efficient services in the office. His many friends here wish him abundant success at whatever he may turn his hand to in the future.

Sheriff Est was prevented by sickness from going to Philadelphia to conduct James P. Pink to the penitentiary, and therefore placed him in charge of W. J. Buckalew Esq., who went down on Wednesday accompanied by a son of the sheriff. It is said that Pink has acknowledged that his correct name is not Pink, and it is further asserted that he very strongly resembles the photograph of one of three men who are wanted for a murder committed at McKeesport not long ago. Captain Lennox, of Pinkerton's detective agency was telegraphed to meet the party at the state prison on Wednesday night, to identify the prisoner.

Hon. S. P. Wolverson of Sunbury was in town last Friday on legal business.

Agib Ricketts and Alfred Darte Jr., district attorney of Luzerne county, were in court one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Howe of Danville, took passage for Liverpool on the steamer Indiana, from Philadelphia two weeks ago.

Dr. W. H. House has gone to New York state on account of the illness of his mother. He expects to return by the 21st of this month.

H. B. Payne Esq., of Wilkes-Barre was registered at the Exchange on Tuesday.

J. F. Minogue Esq. of Ashland was in town on Tuesday on legal business.

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Christopher Lewis, who years ago worked in the mills in Danville, and for some years acted as superintendent of the Lochiel Rolling mill, at Harrisburg, has lately patented a rolling mill which, if it is successful in practice, must work a revolution in rolling iron. The mill has reversible rolls and buggy attachments that work with such rapidity that the mill is estimated to have a capacity of three rolls per minute. It is also made to roll girders and plates. One of the most important features of the mill, it is claimed, is the amount of labor it saves, requiring only two men and three boys to do the work which now requires the services of seventy-six men. The model was made in Columbus, Ohio, and while it was being removed from Pittsburg to Philadelphia a number of rolling mill men in the former city, hearing that it was intended for sale away from home, battered it up so with sledge-hammers that it cost \$1000 to make the necessary repairs.

If the many petty cases, such as surety of the peace, that come up at every term of the court were settled, as they should be, before the justices of the peace, the time occupied in hearing before the court would be reduced to more important cases and the county and the parties interested would be saved much expense. A judge in a neighboring county recently made some very timely remarks in regard to the bringing of trivial prosecutions, which, we think, hit the nail square on the head. He referred to the fact that for 8 hours the time of the court had been occupied in trying five unimportant cases, he said, "If the first case tried the costs, \$26.20, were imposed, one half on the plaintiff and one half on the defendant; in the next case the costs, amounting to \$40.67, were disposed of in a similar manner. In the third case the costs were \$48.99, making in three cases \$116.86 of costs imposed on the prosecutors and defendants. The jury in these cases have found that there was nothing in any of them calling for conviction or punishment. If temper and courtesy correspond to be more careful in the future in making up his notes of Buck Horn happenings.

What ought the finder of a lost article to do? Most people will give a ready answer. He should do his best to discover the owner and restore the lost property to him. But this standard of moral duty being imperfectly recognized by the law, it will be interesting to review the decisions on this subject.

The finder need not take charge of the lost property. There is no legal duty on him to do it, but if he does take it into his possession, he then becomes what is called a depository, and is bound to keep it for the owner and restore it to him when known. How long he must keep it, or what efforts he should make to find the owner, has not been laid down. An honest man will, of course, try by inquiry and advertisements to notify the owner, and he will consult the newspapers for the owner's advertisement, if he finds that he does not restore the property upon discovering the owner, does he commit theft? This depends on whether he knew, or had reasonable means of knowing, who the owner was at the time of finding. It has been held that the finder of a pocket book, having the owner's name legibly written on it, is a thief, if he conceals and appropriates it to himself. It is also proper to indicate the owner, he does not become a thief in law by so appropriating the money. The question as to larceny always is, was the taking wrongful?

III. The owner may at any time reclaim his property, and if the finder refuses to give it up can recover it, or the value of it from him. But as against any one but the owner the finder's title is good. This was held in the case of the sheep found by a chimney sweep found a valuable ring and took it to a goldsmith to ascertain its value. The goldsmith kept it, took out the stones, and offered the boy the empty socket. The court decided that the sweep had a good title, and that the goldsmith must pay him the value of the lost jewels which would fit into the ring. This case is of daily application. Suppose that a policeman seeing a necessity pick up a pocket book or purse of bank notes in the street should take them from him, with the view of restoring them to the owner. If the owner turns up, well and good; but if not, after keeping them a reasonable time, the valuables should be restored to the finder, who has the next best title, and can enforce it by law.

IV. When is a thing to be considered as lost? It has been said in several cases that a thing was not so important as the good faith of the finder. If he had acted honestly and done his best to discover the owner, he would have a good title against every one else, so in the case of the ring, where A bought a safe at auction and deposited it with B and B found a roll of money in a crack at the back of the safe, he was held to have a good title against A. Considering these cases together,

The Mink Case. Hiram Ekrotoe of Millville was indicted by the grand jury last week, charging him with an attempt to burn the store of Sawyer & Ekrotoe, of which firm he is a member. The trial began on Friday and lasted until Monday night, when it terminated by an agreement on both sides that the verdict should be not guilty, but the defendant to pay the costs. A large number of witnesses were in attendance and the trial excited great interest. It was simply a case of suspicion, as no evidence was produced by the prosecution to show any motive on the part of Mr. Ekrotoe. On the contrary the facts were in his favor. The firm was doing a large trade, had a large stock of goods, not fully insured, the building was not insured to its full value, they had no debts to speak of, and there was nothing to be gained by a fire, and a good deal to be lost. It was shown by the defense that Ekrotoe was in bed when the fire broke out. Under these circumstances a verdict of acquittal was the only proper one. There were still a number of witnesses to be examined, and the costs of each day that the trial was prolonged were very heavy. Feeling certain of acquittal, but fearing lest the jury might put the costs on him in the end, Mr. Ekrotoe consented to pay them, rather than run the chance of their being several hundred dollars larger. Those who heard the testimony have had no doubt of his innocence, and the District Attorney stated in open court, under the evidence he could not ask for a conviction. It was too much foolish talk, on the part of the defendant, that caused suspicion.

From Centerville. Quite a number of our citizens attended court as jurors and witnesses last week.

Rev. E. T. Field has returned from his trip much improved in health.

Mr. Ryan of Burlington N. J. and Miss Ellen McNulty of this place were married recently at the Catholic Church by Rev. E. T. Field.

Mr. Joe Millington, our obliging new druggist, is doing a good business. Joe has evidently come to stay.

The Continental colliery is idle on account of being drowned out by the rain on Monday.

Although our young ladies have been disappointed several times in a sleigh ride, they are now raising a party for the purpose of expressing their gratitude to those young men who made every possible effort to have one. No doubt Jim, Tom and Dan will be invited.

Mr. W. H. James who has been in New Mexico for some time, has returned and intends moving his family there.

The election is only one week distant, but as yet we have not heard who will be the candidates for the several offices in our borough, but such is not the case in Conyngham, ever renowned for her exciting political campaigns, where there is no lack of candidates and each one seems fully convinced that he is the incoming man. As there can only be a certain number elected, the remainder will remain in the race, and the result will be a long and bitter contest.

Commonwealth vs. Jno. L. Fisher, recognition forfeited to be respited at appearance at next term.

Commonwealth vs. Lloyd Breisch, recognition forfeited to be respited next term.

In the matter of the return of the constable Bloom representing a watchman at the D. L. W. R. R. station, in the case of Lockard's car shops, the court held that no statute exists giving the courts any authority in such cases.

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