

The Columbian.

BLOOMSBURG, PA., FRIDAY, JANUARY 4, 1884.

Correct Railroad Time Table.

Table with columns for routes (e.g., Philadelphia & R.R., Harrisburg & R.R.), departure times, and arrival times.

Personal.

William H. Clark spent Christmas at home. He returned to Philadelphia last Saturday. Miss Lillian Barton spent the holidays at Kingston with Miss Louisa Hutchinson.

The county commissioners have made the following appointments: Clerk, J. B. Casey; Attorney, E. R. Ickler; Mercantile Appraiser, William Kramer.

The charges against Dr. Hiddle, surgeon of the Miner's Hospital, have been dismissed, and it is probable that libel suits against those who originated them will probably follow.

Eva R. Steck, grand daughter of L. B. Hutzler, of Bloomsburg, was married at the residence of her father, Daniel Steck, at West Williamsport on New Year's eve by Rev. John Steck.

A number of citizens of Light Street made up a purse on Christmas and purchased many useful articles, which were presented to the oldest widows of that place.

S. D. Savage, the Berwick bridge tender, recently discovered a man in disguise hanging about the toll house, and rounded him out without ceremony. The suspicion is that the man was waiting to steal the money drawer in Mr. Savage's absence.

Notice.—Come to my residence, a red cow with a white spot on its forehead. The owner can have her by paying for this advertisement. EVAN LEWIS, Logansville, Centralia Pa.

The Republican has issued a neat almanac for 1884. The only mistake in it is where it claims to have greater facilities than any other office in the country for job work. As a joke this is good, but as a fact it won't bear investigation.

Henry W. Shaw, arrested at Williamsport recently on suspicion of having robbed the post office, had a hearing on the charge of having robbed the post office at Skinner's Eddy, and was committed to jail at Pittsburg for trial.

Cranks still annoy the Garfield family. The latest lunatic is a good looking fellow, well dressed, who claims to be a descendant of George Washington and wishes to unite the two families by marrying Mollie Garfield.

St. Paul's Lutheran and Reformed church, at Salem, Luzerne county, was dedicated on December 3rd. Rev. A. Houtz preached the sermon. Rev. J. P. Gertzman dedicated the church, assisted by Rev. W. D. Donant. The church is free of debt.

We are always pleased to receive news items from every section of the county, but must call attention to the fact that the relation of events that have occurred several weeks before, is not news. We want it fresh.

A regular correspondent is wanted for this paper at Benton, Berwick, Catawissa, Buckhorn, Millville, Jerseytown, Espy and Light Street. Only a few items each week will be acceptable. Stamped envelopes furnished, and the paper sent free to regular reporters.

What is known as the Central Express Company on the first of this month ceased to have existence, the corporation having been bought by the Adams Express Company. The term Central has been dropped and the title Adams used. It is contended that the new arrangement will prove of advantage to both shippers and consignees.

The result of the Catholic fair during last week was nearly \$800, most of which was made out of the several contests. In the watch contest Peter Lennon was the winner, having \$236, and Lawrence Connelly \$202. For the sewing machine Margaret Healy had \$104 and Clara Gross \$99. Minor contests netted about \$100.

With last week's issue of the Berwick Gazette, J. H. Dietrich ended his connection with that paper as editor and publisher, having sold it to M. B. Margerum. Mr. Dietrich published an interesting local sheet, and has our best wishes for success in life. Mr. Margerum is a practical newspaper man, and will, no doubt, maintain the reputation of the Gazette.

The sewer trench settled in many places on Tuesday morning, leaving dangerous holes in the street. They were filled as soon as possible, but great care will have to be exercised lest some accidents occur. Drivers of teams will do well to avoid driving over these trenches if possible, as the earth has settled underneath, leaving a crust on the top which is liable to break through when a heavy weight passes over it.

A brutal prize fight occurred at Mill Creek, Luz. Co., on Christmas day. The men hammered each other for nearly an hour, in which 85 rounds were fought under the rules of the prize ring. The contestants were Dick, the Puddler, and Dan Jones. Both men were severely punished. The Puddler won the stakes of \$25. Jones' friends claim a foul.

We will pay a very liberal commission to any one who will collect the south side of the river for the sale of the History of Columbia county. But few copies have been sold in that territory, and an industrious agent can make big wages. Apply a note to Elwell & Bittenbender, Bloomsburg, Pa.

An exchange gives the following cure for croup: One of the best cures for croup and one which is always at hand, is to dip strips of flannel into very hot water and then bind tightly about the throat. Remove as soon as cold and apply others. A solid 85 cents were fought under the rules of the prize ring. The contestants were Dick, the Puddler, and Dan Jones.

List of letters remaining in the post office at Benton, for quarter ending December 31st, 1883: M. Kline, W. Smith, Mr. M. Bluestein, Mr. David Newman, Mr. L. H. Albertson, Mr. Barber and family, Mr. J. M. Gillespie, Miss Lizzie McHenry, Miss Deliah P. Stephens, Francis J. Shultz, Poljak Garva (German), Wm. Bayler, Abraham or Elizabeth Kline.

A horse belonging to a man by the name of Ritter, of Lycoming county, became frightened on Thursday of last week, in front of the Central Hotel, and after dumping the occupants from the sleigh it ran against C. E. Savage's show case which stood on the pavement, completely demolishing it. The horse ran up Gilmore's alley and came around by the court house where it was caught.

The largest stock and the lowest prices in writing paper and envelopes of all kinds can be found at the COLUMBIAN store. We put up our own boxed papers, and thus save a profit which we give our customers the benefit of. We have over 30 different styles ranging from 20 cents to 50 cents per box. Initial paper printed to order in gold, silver, red, blue or black.

An associated press dispatch from Ashland, dated December 27th, states that horses attached to a sleigh, in which were four couples from Berwick, Co. Columbia county, ran away the night before and dragged the sleigh over a precipice at Umba town. James Smith had a leg and an arm broken. Henry Green had an arm broken and Mary Krohnner received internal injuries. Others received slight injuries.

FOR SALE.—At wholesale and retail, and at greatly reduced rates, a job lot of improved Keystone Cultivators, the best and cheapest cultivator for all purposes, in the market. Address, N. B. MEXELL, Lewisburg, Pa.

Mrs. Mary Ramsey, relict of the late Dr. John Ramsey, died on Sunday last at the residence of her son at Mahanoy City. She received a fall a week before, which resulted fatally. She was an estimable lady and many of our older citizens look upon her death as a loss. She was past 69 years of age. The remains were brought here on Tuesday and the funeral took place from the residence of her son-in-law C. W. McKelvy on Wednesday morning.

With this number begins Volume 18 of the COLUMBIAN. During the coming year we hope to still further improve the paper, and make it more and more worthy of the patronage which it has hitherto received. Our subscribers can help us in this by saying a good word when opportunity offers, and also in increasing our circulation. We hope to secure 500 new subscribers by spring, and we shall then give our readers the benefit of this, by giving more reading matter and less advertising.

If you have any stumps that you want to get out of the way cheaply and with no hard work, bore a hole in the top one or two inches in diameter, according to the size of the stump, and about eight inches deep, put into it one or two ounces of sulphur, fill the hole up with water and plug it close. Next spring take out the plug and pour in a gill of kerosene oil and ignite it. It is said that the stump will then smoulder away to the very extremity of the roots, leaving nothing but ashes.

Superintendent Grimes took pains to secure the services of first class lecturers for the county institute. It is expected that the citizens of the place who the institute is held will patronize these lectures and thus assist in paying the expenses of the institute. Up to this time the attendance of town people has been small, altogether too small. To-night (Thursday) and tomorrow night, (Friday) yet remain of the course, and our people can still redeem themselves. Helen Potter and Prof. Little will respectively occupy the stage, and each is worthy of a large audience. Unless the lectures receive better encouragement it is probable that the institute will not be held here again for some time, or cheaper lecturers will have to be engaged.

IMPORTANT TO STOREKEEPERS.—The law passed at the last session of the Legislature and approved June 20, 1883, requiring all articles manufactured by the employment of convict labor to be branded with the words "Convict Made," and the year and place when and where made, is now in force. Parties interested in the competition of prison labor are seeking out circulars embodying the law and its penalties in full. The neglect to comply with the new regulation makes the offender, whether manufacturer or seller, liable to a fine of \$500 or imprisonment for six months, or both at the discretion of the Court. The law is very strict, and innocent dealers, having such goods in possession, not properly marked, might be very easily caught by the penalty.

John Wanamaker never stops. No sooner is the Christmas-tide over, than, without waiting to catch his breath, he is into something else. This is a great business man. He is now in the city, and is so careful of his reputation that he has such an announcement without meaning a good deal by it. Well, whatever it is, "it is in his mind that blood nobody good."

We have the big advertisement on the supplement, and the people have the bargain, and Wanamaker has his own way, which we cordially admit is a pretty good way generally. Out of nearly two millions of dollars' worth of goods, there must be something that most everybody wants when it can be had a little off the regular price; and this is the time for excursion parties down to the big town and the big store.

Card.—Michael F. Eyerly having severed his connection with the firm of Freese & Co., announces to the public that he can be found at present in the Sheriff's office, and is prepared to draw all kinds of legal papers, and make collections. All business entrusted to him will be promptly attended to, and he hopes to receive a liberal share of patronage.

Send 15 cents to Strawbridge & Clothier, for the Autumn Quarterly; 120 pages; 1000 illustrations; 42 valuable articles on subjects of interest to ladies; also, a dress-makers page. Every copy contains 100 goods illustrated and priced, for shoppers by mail. The music by W. W. Gilchrist, the celebrated composer, is alone worth the price of the book. Yearly subscription, 50 cents; 25 cents for six months. Subscribe now. nov 26-t

The Bloomsburg & Sullivan Railroad Company has effected an organization, and the following are the officers elected: President, John Janison; Treasurer, David Lowenberg; Secretary, H. J. Conner; Directors, Charles K. Buckalew, J. W. McKelvy, J. K. Grotz, James McHenry, H. W. Palmer and J. T. Ryan. The starting point of the proposed line is at Rupert, this county, and extends to Berwick, Sullivan county.

A Church Re-opened.—On last Sunday the 23rd ult. the Reformed M. E. church was re-opened by Rev. Stiles and Rev. E. M. Chilcoat. The morning sermon was a strengthening and appropriate one, delivered by Rev. Chilcoat, after which a request was made for contributions. The congregation responded by giving an amount nearly sufficient to meet the remaining debt. The church presents a fine appearance; it combines comfort and elegance, making it not only an elegant place of worship but is a credit to the neighborhood and one of the most prominent marks of civilization and refinement. Nino.

Another North Mountain Road.—There is considerable excitement in town over the building of a railroad from Shickleshiny to Berwick in Sullivan county, by the Pennsylvania railroad company. The Pennsylvania has large coal interests in Sullivan county and intend shortly to open up this territory to the trade. The most direct and practical route is through the Shickleshiny notch and thence to the North Mountain. The officials of the road have made an examination of the different surveys and have pronounced the Shickleshiny route the most feasible. At no distant day we will be able to give our readers some facts and figures relative to the building of the road.—Shickleshiny Echo.

The people in this county must give the Bloomsburg & Sullivan Railroad company all possible encouragement, and that soon, by some other company may slip in and cut us out. Talk about our road and work for it, and it will be built.

Last Tuesday was the day when many good resolutions were made. Wednesday was the day when most of them were broken.

We were pleased to see Warren Linger in Centre, on Saturday. Mr. H. A. Sweeney has his barn almost enclosed. Miss Downing, of Allentown, is visiting Miss Carrie Cross.

Mr. Cottrill and Miss Alice Creasy of Williamsburg, Va., are visiting Misses Lizzie and Vera Cross.

Rev. Houtz preached a New Year's sermon at the Holiday Church Sunday last, "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."

John Delong claims to have slaughtered the largest hog this season; weight, 502½ pounds. Any who have killed a larger one than this please report.

Low and Snyder's hounds brought a fox from the mountain last week into our valley, and ran it on Geo. Conner's porch where they caught and killed it. Last season they pursued one into Mr. Isaac Erwine's horse stable, where it met with the same fate.

Some of our Centre sports spent Christmas Eve at Charles Lee's, where they enjoyed a very pleasant time.

On Friday night a sleighing party, mostly from Fowlerville, spent a very pleasant evening at Mr. J. S. Hagenbuch's. They rode and played "Disappointment" and "Spin the plate," so the time was spent until about a m.

On Saturday about noon the two and four-horse loads came to Mr. John DeLong, it being Mrs. DeLong's birthday. The friends thought of surprising her, and a complete surprise it was. About eighty people were present.

On Christmas Mr. James Knorr and Miss Lizzie Hagenbuch were married at Mr. Emanuel Keleher's. The room was beautifully arranged with a large arch and horse shoe hanging from the centre, both made of evergreens, and decorated with red and white. The bride and groom pronounced "man and wife," by Rev. E. A. Sharts, after which refreshments were served. There were about seventy-five invited guests present. The gifts were rich and numerous.

James, may you live in bliss, from sorrow away; Having plenty laid up for a rainy day. And now, as you settle down in life, May you make a good husband, and Lizzie a good wife. ESTER NOTES.

Not Correct.—A special dispatch to the Philadelphia papers, dated at Catawissa, December 29th, states that a large sleighing party stopped at the country tavern of Philip Brengler, twenty-four miles from here, last night, and instituted a dance. By midnight the party were drunk and quarrelsome. In an altercation between Elwood Strausser and Matt. Cope the latter stabbed Strausser, inflicting fatal wounds.

This was a wasteful job for a general row. Knives and pistols were freely drawn and used. The women fled from the room, the lights were extinguished and for fifteen minutes the barroom was a regular pandemonium of noise.

When at last the proprietor cleared the room, he found Strausser lying on the floor almost dead from loss of blood. Mary Amos, an eighteen-year-old girl, who was unable to escape from the room, was shot through the leg. Benson Irwin received a gunshot wound in the thigh. Henry Snyder received three fatal knife stabs. Four others were slightly wounded in the skirmish.

This morning the police officers were notified, and Cope, together with four other farmers named respectively Henry Snyder, Oscar Sultz and Isaac were arrested and bound over to await the result of the injuries inflicted. Cope says that Strausser had twice insulted his sister, who was with the party, and says that any man would have killed him for saying what he did. Strausser, who is now lying in the back room of the tavern, says he did not insult Cope's sister, and says that Cope is a bad character.

Investigation proved Cope to be one of the worst men in the county. The affray has created the most intense excitement throughout the farming country, and threats of lynching Cope are freely uttered. Cope and his associates were conveyed to Bloomsburg this morning.

The above dispatch, in connection with a number of others that have been sent lately from points near here, helps to give to the impression that Columbia county is becoming a lawless and dangerous portion of the State. Under the impression that our people are peaceable and law abiding class. If, as the dispatch says, this affair occurred 24 miles from Catawissa, it was beyond our county limits, while the statement that the offenders were brought to Bloomsburg jail is an item of news to Sheriff Mourcy. This crime was committed in some other county if anywhere, and Columbia does not want to be credited with it.

Another dispatch in the same paper, dated at Bloomsburg, gives the following account of a robbery and shooting: While Adam Hartline, a pedler, was driving from Mainville to Catawissa last night, he was stopped by three men at a point on the highway about six miles from Mainville, who asked permission to ride in his sleigh. Hartline complied with their request, and the three took seats in the vehicle. They maintained strict silence for about an hour, when reaching a point where the road ran through a thick wood, one of the strangers pulled out a revolver, and placing it at Hartline's head, demanded his money.

They then rifled his pockets of \$850 and a silver watch. The men jumped from the sleigh and ran into the woods. Hartline drove on towards Catawissa, and when a mile from the scene of the robbery he met two men, who asked to be allowed to ride with him. Hartline refused with an oath and whipped the horse into a gallop. One of the traps fired to shots from a revolver, one of which lodged in Hartline's right arm. He stopped at the first farm house he met on the night.

This morning officers scoured the country in search of the robbers, but failed to find a clue. There is something strange about this, in the city dailies dated at Bloomsburg, but was not sent from here. It says that the robbery and shooting was committed between Mainville and Catawissa about six miles from the former place, while we are informed that the three took seats in the vehicle. Nobody seems to know Adam Hartline, and the people of Catawissa have not heard of any such occurrence as is reported. After careful inquiry, followed by failure to ascertain anything of the affair, we are forced to the conclusion that somebody is imposing on the Associated Press, and misrepresenting this county by sending sensational telegrams not founded on facts.

The Comet Visible.—The comet of 1812, which is again on a visit to this solar system, can be seen with the naked eye on a clear, dark night in the northwest. It is expected to reach its maximum light on January 29, 1884, when it will be nearest the sun, though at a distance of 73,000,000 miles. It is not so brilliant as many other comets, but being periodic, is an interesting object of study to astronomers.

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The lecture aimed to show that all should read, in fact will read something, and will select that kind of literature suited to the tastes and degree of development of the reader. For this reason the young should be guided in their reading by the watchful eye of a pure-minded teacher. The light and flashy literature that is flooding the land was severely condemned and its evil effects pointed out.

A brief report was then given of the interest awakened in the Berwick schools this present term, by the teachers encouraging the children to use works of reference in the public library. He closed with a beautiful tribute to the literature of

England, and expressed a hope for the future literary greatness of our own Republic.

The second address for the afternoon was given by Col. Sanford who was called upon unexpectedly. He spoke at some length upon the importance of character in man, and the necessity of having a heart to sympathize with those beneath us, and with his usual general humor.

Superintendent Houck now took the floor. He held in contrast the present system of education with those of years gone by. He drew some very ludicrous pictures of the government and instruction of the schools of thirty years ago. He urged upon the teachers the necessity of studying the history of the past, the history of their people, and thus arouse them to aspire to a nobler manhood and purer womanhood.

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Christmas and New Year's day were observed here in the usual way, services were held in the various churches morning and evening. The decorations in St. Ignace's church were handsome, and great credit is due the pastor, Rev. E. T. Field, for his beautiful appearance.

The members of the Methodist church held a fair and festival during the holidays. The church was literally packed every evening, judging from the manner in which our young men took chances from the irresistible young ladies, a handsome sum will be realized.

The young man Kuff, who shot himself some time ago, has been under treatment in the Miner's Hospital, the past week.

The Diamond Drill Company have commenced to bore another hole about one hundred feet south of the old bore.

The Choral Choir, numbering some sixty odd, who went to Mahanoy City on Christmas to compete for a prize of \$300, were sadly disappointed when the adjudicator awarded the money to St. Clair and Mahanoy City choirs. As both these choirs have been in existence the past ten years, our choir should feel highly honored to be able to compete with them at all, with but two months' practice.

Winter has actually set in at last. The merry jingle of the sleigh bell can be heard any hour of the day or night. Fly the poor horses, but then it's only for a few weeks. Let some of our young folks get up a good party and enjoy a night at Nunda.

Mr. Fetterman's thoroughbred horse ran away with our friend Joe Millington last week, and before the animal could be got under control, the sleigh was badly damaged. Joe escaped with a few bruises he received by being thrown over a clothes line—dangerous things to come in contact with, especially when you're behind a horse. What say you, Joe?

Our young friend, Ed. McFadden, has accepted the agency for a brewing company of Lykenstown. If Ed. fails to build up a trade, it will be something wonderful.

The young man, Ennis, who had such a miraculous escape from death at the Cuyler colliery, is able to work again. He fell down the slope a distance of three hundred and fifty yards, and almost perpendicular. His injuries were very slight, as he was able to walk home.

Joseph Dawkes, who spent the last year in Mexico, returned home last week. Our borough schools dispensed with the annual two weeks' vacation during the holidays, as there had been no school during the months of September and October, caused by the delay in erecting the new buildings. It was thought best to keep the schools open.

Mr. Heffner has entered upon his duties as Superintendent of the borough schools. We can safely say that our directors will have no cause to regret the appointment of such an efficient teacher as Mr. Heffner, when the term expires.

Thomas Reese, who is attending school at Williamsport, spent the holidays at home.

John Mohan and Mrs. McGuire, of town, were married in St. Paul's church, Philadelphia, last week.