CAMBRIA FREEMAN.

THURSDAY, : : : OCT. 31, 1867.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

EBENSBURG AND CRESSON RAILROAD.—On and after Monday, April 19, 1867, trains on this road will run as follows:

LEAVE EBENSBURG—
9.05 A. M., connecting with Day Express East and Phila. Express West.
5.15 P. M., connecting with Phila. Ex. East and Mail West.

LEAVE CRESSON—
9.24 A. M., or on departure of Phila. Express West.
5.40 P. M., or on departure of Phila. Express East.

THE FIRE FIEND IN EBENSBURG—*Four Conflagrations in Three Days.*—Our town during the past week has been pretty severely scourged by the devouring element, no less than four fires having occurred in the same locality within less than three days of each other, in fact, within twelve or fourteen hours of each other. Two of these conflagrations resulted in considerable loss, and it is less a cause of wonder that the properties in question were destroyed than that those surrounding and in the immediate neighborhood were saved from a like fate. Only the favorable condition of the weather and the almost superhuman efforts of our citizens served to stay the destroying element and confine it within the comparatively small limits which it laid waste.

The first of these fires broke out on Thursday afternoon last, and for a time threatened the most serious consequences. Thomas Jones, son of Mr. Edward Glass, while in the pattern department of his father's foundry, at the west end of town, at the time stated, cast his eyes towards the roof and to his horror discovered fire between the shingles and the boards which line the roof. Without delay he gave the alarm, which soon spread through the streets, and in a very short time a large concourse of people were upon the ground with buckets and other buckets, and all went to work with a will carrying water, and in a few minutes the flames were completely subdued, after burning a large hole in the roof and charring several valuable patterns which were stowed away under the eaves. This fire was doubtless communicated from a spark thrown from the cupolo, the workmen having been engaged in casting a short time previous to the discovery.

On Saturday afternoon about half past two o'clock our citizens were again startled by the cry of fire, and this time it was discovered issuing from the stable of F. P. Tierney, Esq. who resides in the next house joining the foundry property. From Mr. Tierney's stable the flames communicated to the stables of Mr. John Griffith and Mr. Isaac Evans, in close proximity, and by the time an effective force of workmen reached the scene the three buildings were so completely enwrapped that it were worse than useless to attempt to save either of them. All efforts, therefore, were directed to the preservation of the houses and other buildings in the immediate vicinity, and it required the most heroic exertions and untiring industry to accomplish this almost hopeless task. Lines were promptly formed and water rapidly passed from the tannery of Mr. Evans on the opposite side of the street, and under the direction of skillful firemen the water was applied in such a way as to effect the desired object, although it was a matter of doubt for fully an hour as to which of the elements, fire or water, would prove the victor. The origin of this fire is altogether a matter of conjecture, and we shall not attempt to advance any hypothesis on the subject. We did not learn the amount of loss sustained by the respective owners of the stables, but understand that Mr. Griffith is much the heaviest loser, two of the structures having been filled with hay, chop, etc., belonging to him. Mr. Tierney, warned by the late fire at the foundry, had his house, furniture and stable insured just the day previous, and we trust that the insurance on the latter building will fully cover the damage. We do not know whether the other parties were insured or not.

Scarcely had this fire been rendered harmless for further mischief and the greater portion of the citizens returned to their homes and places of business, than still another cry of fire resounded through our streets, and this time flames were seen emerging from the roof of Mr. Wm. Mills' house, the next but one below the burnt district. A few buckets of water, properly applied, sufficed to quench this fire ere it had accomplished much damage. The most plausible theory as to its origin, is that some of the sparks from the burning stables had got into a barrel of rags on the garret, and after smouldering for a time burst forth into a flame, which communicated to the roof, with the result stated above. The efforts of several persons who still lingered about the scene of the other conflagration alone served to suppress this fire before it got under full headway.

It was now reasonable to suppose that no further apprehensions need be entertained as to this terrible agent of destruction, although several persons remained on watch during the night to guard against any disaster of a like character. How startling then was the summons, at about five o'clock on Sunday morning, which called our citizens from their beds to witness the burning of still another building in the same locality, and occupied as a weaver's shop by Mr. John Williams. This building, a small one and a half story frame, was quickly wrapped in flames beyond the control of human efforts, and as in the case of the stables, all attention was turned to the saving of other tenements surrounding it. And what superhuman exertions were required to accomplish this work only those who labored with might and main can properly estimate. But, all honor to the noble men who faced the scorching heat, the good work was done, notwithstanding one end of Mr. Mills' house was little better than a mass of cinder, from top to bottom when the fire was finally subdued. And then the question naturally arose, how did this fire occur? There had been no fire about the shop from which it could have been communicated, and it was thought scarcely possible that embers from the other fires had found lodgment in or about the building, and lay dormant so long without revealing their presence. On the heels of this question came the announcement that a couple of men were seen prowling about the vicinity and acting very suspiciously after the fire had broke out, and the conviction settled in the minds of not a few that they had set the building on fire, and more still account for their conduct in other ways. Be this as it may, the destruction was complete, and the loss has fallen upon persons who were illy able to bear it. The building was owned by Mr. Mills, upon which he had no insurance. Mr. Williams, who occupied it, and who is a poor and industrious mechanic, lost his loom and everything else pertaining to his business, while several of our citizens came out minus carpet chain and rags, which had

peting. It is a somewhat singular coincidence in connection with Mr. Williams' loss, that he had the misfortune, just one year previously to the day and almost to the hour, to have his dwelling in Gaysport, Blair co., destroyed by a similar catastrophe.

And what shall we say for those who labored so zealously and unwearily in preserving their neighbors' property from the devouring element? We feel that words of praise would add nothing to the satisfaction they feel in the accomplishment of a good act well done, although their efforts were beyond all praise. Especially did Mr. Wm. Day and Mr. Alex. Eckels labor with the most praiseworthy efficiency at all the fires, ever occupying the most dangerous and exposed positions, and always directing their efforts to the accomplishment of the greatest good.

Nor need we indulge in a word of warning or advice at this time. These conflagrations should teach their own lesson, and we trust that the next disaster will not find our town so illy prepared to combat the fiery element.

EDITORIALITIES, LOCAL AND GENERAL.—The wife of Wm. Bear, of Ligonier, Indiana county, was caught by her clothes in the shaft of a steam mill at that place, not long since, and very seriously injured.

A six year old lad named Robert Chester fell into the Kishacoquillas at Lewistown, on Monday afternoon of last week, and was drowned. His body was found the same day.

The barn of Jacob Shallis, in Somerset county, together with a lot of rye, hay and oats, was consumed by fire on Friday week. Careless boys and lucifer matches did the business.

Milton Howe, a young man belonging to Gaysport, fell from a scaffold at Gallitzin, this county, on Monday week, a distance of forty-two feet, but fortunately escaped with a few slight bruises.

Jacob Marchand, of North Huntingdon township, Westmoreland county, died a couple of weeks since from the effects of an overdose of landanum which he had taken for medical purposes.

The Hollidaysburg *Radical and Whig* has learned by telegraph of the death of Lt. John W. Hicks, U. S. Infantry, formerly of Duncansville, who died at Natchez, Miss., on the 22d inst., of cholera.

In speaking of the probable nomination of Gen. Grant by the Radicals, one of our contemporaries says that that distinguished officer never opens his mouth but he puts his foot in it. A very large mouth or an exceedingly small foot.

On Friday morning the engine of a freight train struck a colored woman named Emma Lewis, at Middletown, and knocked her down an embankment. She was seriously but not fatally injured. The accident was the result of her carelessness.

Henry Bowers, a brakesman on the Pennsylvania railroad, met with a fatal accident on Friday night, at Irwin's Station. In the pursuit of his duties he had to couple an engine to a freight train, in doing which he was caught between the two, and so badly crushed that death ensued in a few moments. He leaves a wife and several children in Pittsburgh.

The vault of the Prothonotary's office in the Court House at Hollidaysburg was forcibly entered by burglars on Wednesday night last, who helped themselves to $1,000 in government bonds, ($5.00 of which belonged to the Prothonotary, Mr. Baldridge, and the other $500 to his son, and a $100 compound interest note belonging to another party. The villains made a hole through the thick wall, through which they entered. No clue has been gained to the thieves.

About six o'clock Friday evening James Smith, a citizen of Greensburg, was walking on the track of the Pennsylvania Railroad, near the Tunnel, a half mile east of the town, when he heard a train approaching, and in the endeavor to get out of the way he slipped and fell with his head in such a position that it was struck by the cow-catcher, and the scalp knocked off. He was rendered insensible by the concussion, in which conditon he remained for several hours, when he was discovered by the watchman of the Tunnel, who had him conveyed to Greensburg, where he at present lies. His recovery is considered doubtful.

POOR HOUSE APPOINTMENTS.—The new Board of Poor House Directors, consisting of Messrs. Joseph Daily and Henry Byrne, of the former Board, and Mr. John D. Thomas the newly-elected Director, met at the Poor House on Monday last, and after rescinding the appointments made at the last meeting of the old Board, selected the following gentlemen for the positions named:

Steward—Col. B. McDermitt.
Treasurer—Geo. W. Oatman, Esq.
Attending Physician—Dr. R. S. Bunn.

It is casting no reflection on the late appointees to say that the gentlemen named above are competent and trustworthy, and we doubt not they will render general satisfaction in their respective positions. The Directors were most kindly treated during their visit to the Poor House by the present acting Steward, Mr. Kaylor, who did everything to render their intercourse pleasant and agreeable. The latter gentleman will retain his position until January.

MORE INCENDIARISM.—Another bold and successful attempt has been made to destroy property in the neighborhood of our town. On Sunday evening last, just after dark, the attention of Mr. Abram Meakin and family, who reside in Cambria township, a few miles from Ebensburg, was directed to a pile of wood near their residence, to which fire had been communicated by some dastardly villains, and while Mr. M. and his household were endeavoring to save the wood, a stable on the premises containing hay, etc., was set on fire and with its contents destroyed. During the excitement consequent upon this fire the incendiaries entered the house of Mr. David Powell, a short distance from the scene, for the purpose of robbing it, but were fortunately alarmed before they had succeeded in securing anything of much value. They were seen leaving the house, but made good their escape in the darkness. There were two of them—a tall man and one of small stature.

CAME TO HAND.—Our young friend, Geo. Yeager, of Altoona, has taken our hint about a toot horn or tin whistle for our boy, in its literal and broadest sense, and has not only sent the aforesaid juvenile a horn, whistle and rattle, but has also kindly bestowed upon ourself a horn of larger dimensions, which he requests us to dedicate to the blowing of the Rads. up Salt River. As we do our blowing through the *Freeman*, and as our boy is past the age for rattles and diminutive horns, we have delivered into his possession the larger horn, and sent to a newly married friend the balance of the music, who, we trust, will find use for them in due course of time. We hope our friend George will be satisfied with the disposition we have made of the articles.

FIRE IN ALTOONA.—We understand that a very destructive fire occurred in Altoona on Monday afternoon last, by which some five or six business houses and one or two stables in a central portion of the town were

IMPORTANT LIBEL SUIT.—As a matter of interest to many of our readers we give place to the following account of a libel suit copied from the Philadelphia *Sunday Mercury* of the 20th inst., in which Mr. J. H. Davis, formerly a resident of our town, but at present an extensive lumber merchant in the "City of Brotherly Love," figures as plaintiff. His clerical assailant seems to have forgot not only his position but the common civilities of life, as his tirade manifests neither "brotherly love" nor christian charity, and gave just grounds to Mr. D. for the proceedings he inaugurated.

WHAT CONSTITUTES LIBEL.—*A Minister Convicted in the Quarter Sessions.*—Ministers of the Gospel are as apt to get into trouble as any one; and a libel case, tried in the Quarter Sessions, last week, fully establishes the fact that there are, in our midst, men professing Christianity under cover of being preachers, when in truth, they are hypocrites, and as sinful as sin can make them. The case we have reference to is that of the Rev. J. L. Richards, of the Welsh Congregational Church, Twelfth and Filbert streets, charged with libelling Mr. J. H. Davis, Treasurer of the church, in a letter, written by him in the Welsh language. A written interpetration of the letter was submitted in Court on Friday, and from it we present our readers with that part of it said to be libellous.

PHILADELPHIA, April 24, 1867.

Mr. J. H. Davis—Sir: I was on board the sailing vessel Wolfoilie; I understood you had been there recently, acting the part of a graceless traitor, without shame. You thought you could harm me by pouring your lies on the minds of strangers. Why did you not inform them of your own dishonesty and stealing? You knew more about that than you knew of my reputation or of any one that belongs to me. If you are bound to go around to say anything, tell them of that man that swindles churches out of their money and became rich through the labor of his superiors; that he accomplished the meanest things imaginable in business; the man that is fond of drunkenness; a religious man, at the same time breaking the Sabbath in the most disgraceful manner; tell them of the man that receives preachers at his house, so that he may have a shadow of excuse to blacken their reputation; tell them that you are fond of carrying fictitious letters, full of the meanest lies that an eye ever witnessed, and fond of persuading people that they are genuine; tell them your greatest pleasure is to have poor people to select you as treasurer, so that you can have an opportunity to swindle. "It is poor care the devil will take of his servant," is an old Welsh proverb, and that you will see before long.

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It would be more honorable for you to turn out like Dick Turpin, a professional thief, than to demean yourself as you do.

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I do not understand what you gain by selling body and soul to the devil; the amount is little more than Judas got, for what 'profiteth a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul." If a soul was to be measured according to its knowledge, yours would not be worth much.

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I have seen some mocking you while you were uttering sham prayers, after I came here; not you alone, but the other two likewise. Is it old whiskey barrels and lager beer tubs and swindlers and black legs, that the Lord desires to worship him? Do not be deceived, the Lord is not mocked. "What a man soweth that shall he also reap." * * *

Not being satisfied, however, with giving the Treasurer the benefit of his clerical wrath, in the letter written by him, Richards, it is alleged, kept a copy of the same and exhibited it to several members of his church, with the intention of ruining the character of his victim. The evidence elicited before the jury was sufficient to warrant a conviction. In our religious column next week we propose saying something more in regard to this pastor of a flock.

ANOTHER FESTIVAL.—In order to aid in the erection of the handsome new church which our Catholic friends are pushing forward with such commendable enterprise, the ladies of the congregation have made up their minds to hold another festival, similar to the one held last month, during the approaching holidays. A number of valuable articles will be offered for chances, among them the irrepressible little mule and a splendid gold watch, all of which have been donated for the purpose. We hope to throw further light on the subject next week.

IMPORTANT FROM ALTOONA.—Our latest advices from this rapidly growing village at the foot of the hill is to the effect that our enterprising young friend, Billy McDevitt, has stocked the renowned "Green Corner" with a most beautiful, varied and extensive assortment of the choicest dry goods, groceries, notions, etc., that has ever been displayed upon his shelves. So he is now ready to attend to all who seek attractive bargains.

A FINE ESTABLISHMENT.—Cham. Roberts has his new stock of fancy goods, clocks, etc., most temptingly displayed in his newly enlarged store room, and can now rest content in the possession of the neatest establishment for its size and the best variety of goods in his line in the county. His store is well worth a visit and his assortment well worth the attention of purchasers.

FIRES and weddings, serenades and squabbles have tended to make the past week one of intense excitement in our town, and for the time being probably some of our citizens have lost sight of the fact that J. M. Thompson's cheap store on High street is the great emporium for the best goods at the lowest prices. Keep this fact in mind and profit by the knowledge.

AFTER being blessed with one of the most delightful Indian summers on record, we are just now experiencing those cold and chilling rains which always precede grim old winter, and which remind us how cozy it would be to place ourself inside one of those splendid suits of seasonable clothing with which V. S. Barker's store on Main street is now so amply stocked.

A BIT OF ADVICE let us give you in words respectful and plain, which we are sure never can grieve you, but will prove to your profit and gain. If you seek for the worth of your money, and we are sure you will ask for no more, buy your dry goods and fresh groceries at Harry Shoemaker's cheap store.

TO-DAY (Thursday) is "Halloween," or the eve of All Saints Day, which is as good a time as any, and perhaps a little better, for visiting the cheap mercantile mart of Mills & Davis, and buying your mother, wife, sister or sweetheart, a fine dress pattern from their ample and handsome stock.

AN OLD STORY, but yet true, that Coe's Dyspepsia Cure has performed more cures in cases of Dyspepsia, Indigestion, and General Debility, than any medicine ever compounded. It is excellent for Sick Headache, Sour Stomach, Heartburn, Cramps, Colic, and distress. All druggists keep it.

LOCAL CORRESPONDENCE.

JOHNSTOWN, OCT. 28, 1867.

Dear Freeman—Saturday last was pay day for the employees at the rolling mill, and business of all kinds was in consequence very brisk on that day and evening. Immense quantities of "tanglefoot" was consumed, if we may judge by the number of inebriates who were floating around loose, and the student of human nature could find much to amuse and instruct, and perhaps to disgust, by taking observations of the various stages of "booziness" to be met with on that evening. Here was an individual who had got on just sufficient of a cargo to induce a feeling of hilarity, and who was indulging his vocal powers with the popular refrain, "I won't go home till morning!" which, with a few more drinks, would be literally the case, for accommodations would be furnished him in the "apartments to let." Then comes another a stage further advanced in mild ebriety, who is cutting an irresistibly comic figure by trying to put on the walk and look of a sober man. It is amusing to watch the gyrations incident to a partial drunk of this kind, as the victim makes a bee line for a few steps, then shies off at a tangent, and bracing up suddenly against a friendly fence or curbstone, appears profoundly astonished at his inability to navigate properly. And so the different gradations might be enumerated until we would come to the "dead drunk," with its blank, senseless expression of countenance, indicating that the attributes of the man have been degraded to a level with the brute. Potent is the power of the still, and much moral and social ruin can be traced to the indiscriminate use of intoxicating beverages.

A man named Barnett, an employee of the Mechanical Works, met with a very severe and painful accident last week. He had been engaged with other carpenters in making some repairs to the bridge across the Conemaugh, near the depot, and while assisting to move a heavy stick of timber it accidentally fell upon his foot, crushing it in a terrible manner.

On Saturday last a man named Callahan had one of his fingers taken off and his hand otherwise lacerated by a circular saw at Dunfee's planing mill. He was in the act of ripping a piece of scantling, and his hand slipping, it came in contact with the saw, resulting as stated.

A woman named Moses, who is said to be subject to fits, made a narrow escape from a terrible death one evening last week. She had been walking along the railroad, east of the depot, and it is supposed was taken with a fit, as she was found lying senseless across the track by two gentlemen who were walking down from Conemaugh station. She was taken to a house near by, and a very severe cut was found upon her face, produced, it is supposed, by her head striking the rail in her fall. Restoratives were applied and she was brought to, and word sent to her friends. It was providential that she was found at the time, as the Phila. Express passed within ten minutes after she was picked up, and she would inevitably have met with a horrible death.

Fences and dead walls have received a repapering in this locality, of a pattern representing all kinds of mythical feats on the flying trapeze and impossible displays of daring horsemanship on the backs of imaginary untamed steeds. The title to these elegant illustrations read "Gardner & Hemming's Circus will exhibit in Johnstown on the 4th day of November."

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HENRY—KITTELL.—On Thursday evening, 24th inst., by Rev. R. C. Christy, Mr. SAMUEL HENRY, Cashier of Lloyd & Co.'s Bank, and Miss MAGGIE, youngest daughter of Wm. Kittell, Esq., all of this place. No cards.

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With tender love and pride,
And affection's pure emotion,
His "Maggie by his side."

May they prove to one another,
'Mid the joys and cares of life—
He a true and faithful husband,
She a fond and loving wife.
And thus happy be they always,
Free from trouble, care and strife,
Till fleeting time shall bring them
To the purer, better life.

SINGER—WEHN.—On Thursday, 24th inst., by ——, Mr. JAMES C. SINGER and Miss ——, daughter of George Wehn, Sr., all of Jackson township.

DIED.

CONRAD.—At the Union Hotel in this place, on Tuesday evening, 29th inst., after a brief but painful illness, DEMETRIUS A. CONRAD, better known as "Little X," aged about 28 years. Obituary notice next week. *Requiescat in pace.*

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.—The undersigned Auditor, appointed by the Orphans' Court of Cambria county to distribute the money in the hands of David Shaffer, guardian of the minor children of Jacob Shaffer, deceased, to and amongst the persons legally entitled thereto, hereby notifies said persons that he will attend to the duties of that appointment, at his office in Ebensburg, on *Friday, the 22d day of November*, 1867, at 1 o'clock P. M., when and where all parties interested may be heard.

F. A. SHOEMAKER, Auditor.

Oct. 31, 1867.-2t.

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