

## CAMBRIA FREEMAN.

WEDNESDAY, : : DEC. 26, 1867.

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

CAMBRIA AND CRESSON RAILROAD.—

The road will run as follows:

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## CHRISTMAS.

To our readers we tender the compliments of the season. We wish the patrons of the *Freeman*, one and all, as well as the "rest of mankind," a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. The birth-day of the Redeemer of mankind should, of all days in the year, be a day fraught with sentiments of good will to all our fellow creatures. The nativity of the Saviour of the world, the Second Person of the Godhead, is itself a symbol of "Peace on earth and good will to all mankind."

Christmas, from Christ and Mass, has been recognized as a Christian holiday ever since the coming of the Messiah, though the manner of its observance has been varied in different countries, and among different religious denominations, but with the whole Christian world it has been recognized as a season of joyousness. While in Catholic countries it is the greatest holiday known to the calendar, in Protestant communities it has been regarded with more or less of religious observance, and of late it has even been made a legal holiday by statute.

Christmas Carols, in imitation of the songs of the shepherds, have been in vogue from an early period of the history of Christianity, and are beautifully illustrated in the prose-poetry of Dickens, in his stories of that name. We present this week a beautiful "Carol" from the pen of our gifted young friend, "Linnet," and though the talented warbler is now in the season of his song, we know his effusions will be none the less appreciated.

The Christmas Carols of the Welsh are said to have excelled all others, and are to be found in their "Llyn Gortolan" (Book of Carols)—an old volume.

The Christmas Tree, the delight of the juveniles, is said to be of German origin. A young evergreen tree (generally a yew) was planted in the children's apartment, and all its branches loaded with sweetmeats and "goodies," and often more valuable presents. This practice still prevails very generally, and indeed the children are opposed to any innovation upon it.

Another traditional usage is to hang up the children's stockings on Christmas Eve, when Christopher Kringle, Esq. (vulgarly known as Kris Kringle), would fill the said stockings with sugar plums, candies, etc.—We recollect of making this experiment on one occasion, but Christmas morning showed us a stocking as empty as it was on Christmas eve when we took our foot out of it. This mystery, however, explained by showing us a large hole in the heel of the stocking, through which the "goodies" were allowed to have escaped. "Darn the thing!" was all we said, as we once more "put our foot in it."

Christmas day was also a great leveler, both on the Continent and the British Isles. The prince and the beggar, the lord and the peasant, the nobleman and his retainers, ignoring all distinctions of rank held a common jubilee—a clown, or quick-witted fellow, designed as "lord of misrule," usually leading the revels. All the tenants were entertained in the manorial hall, and the lord of the manor encouraged all manner of innocent jollity.

Then opened wide the baron's hall,  
To vassal, tenant, serf, and all;  
Power laid his rod of rule aside,  
And ceremony doffed his pride.  
The heir, with roses in his shoes,  
That night might village-partner choose.  
All hailed, with uncontrolled delight,  
And general voice, the happy night.  
That to the cottage, as the crowd,  
Brought the tidings of salvation doped,  
England was merry England, and  
Old Christmas brought his sports again.  
'Twas Christmas broach'd the mightiest ale;  
'Twas Christmas told the merriest tale;  
A Christmas gambol oft would cheer  
A poor man's heart through half the year.

At Queen's College, and at legal festivities the chief dish was a bear's head, bearing a chaunt, half Latin, half English, running thus:

*Caput apri deferro  
Reddens latus Domino.  
The bear's head in hand bring I,  
With garlands gay and resourcery,  
I pray you all sing merrily,  
Quia quis in convivio.*

The Yule log is still a Scottish observance. Yule is the Saxon term for Christmas, but is nearly obsolete, excepting in Scotland. The Yule fire was made on Christmas with the understanding that the young folks should hold carnival until the last log was reduced to ashes. The cunning youngsters were wont to procure a water-soaked black oak or chestnut log of monstrous size, and by this means would lengthen their revels till Candlemas, which always ended the Christmas time.

This was a famous time for courtships among the Scotch, who, as a general thing, had no religious exercises on Yule; and these occasions are often noted in Scottish poetry. Burns more than once notices this. One of his most popular songs commences:

Duncan Gray came here to woo,  
Ha, ha, the wooing o't,  
On blithe yule night when we were fu'  
Ha, ha, the wooing o't,  
Maggie coast her head fu' high, &c.

The Catholic custom of decorating churches was formerly, and is still, extended to castles and cottages, the mistletoe being the favorite wood, on account of an old Druid reverence for the "mistletoe bough," but holly and ivy are common decorations in England and France at Oxford and Cambridge colleges.

It is also a superstitious idea that the spirits of the deceased retreat from the earth on the approach of the dawn of Christmas; and hence in Hamlet, Shakespeare makes Marcellus say in speaking of the ghost of the defunct king:

It faded on the crowing of the cock,  
Some say, that ever 'gainst that season comes  
Wherein our Saviour's birth is celebrated,  
This bird of dawn singeth all night long.  
And then they say no spirit dars stir abroad.

The nights are wholesome; no planets strike,  
No fairy takes nor witch hath power to charm,  
So hallow'd and so gracious is the time.  
*Horatio*—So have I heard, and do in part believe it.

And, now, kind reader, we have only to repeat our best wishes for your health and happiness. Before we greet you again another year will be commemorated. Time rolls on—let us improve it; for soon "the night cometh when no man can work." Let us cometh what talent we have try to do good among our kind. If our neighbor has wronged us, let us forgive him. If we have wronged him let us hasten to make atonement. Let us begin the coming year "at peace with all mankind." Where we see sorrow, let us soothe it—where we see want, let us relieve it. Let us treat the whole world as one great brotherhood—and play the part of a brother in it. In conclusion, let us endeavor to act our part on the grand theatre of life, so that we shall have an approving conscience; for Honor and shame from no condition rise—At well you part, there all the honor lies.

STOVES of all kinds for sale at Williams' Store and Warehouse Depot.

## EDITORIALS, LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Argument Court meets on Thursday the 2d day of January next.

We put our paper to press one day earlier than usual this week. The reason of course is obvious to all.

Mr. David Leidy, one of the oldest settlers of Jackson township, died one day last week, aged about 65 years.

William K. Aukrim, who was committed some time since on the charge of bigamy, has been released on bail.

Our Johnstown letter, much to our regret, is not set this week. We hope "Sku Bal" has not wearied in well doing.

The public schools of our borough closed to-day (Tuesday), and studies will not be resumed in them until Monday, January 13th.

Our respected townsman, A. C. Mullin, Esq., has removed with his family to Ashland, where he purposes making his future residence. Success attend him wherever he goes.

Mr. Isaac Crawford offers at private sale, on favorable terms, his valuable farm in Cambria township. Persons seeking an investment of the kind will do well to consult him.

An adjourned Court for jury trials will be held on the week commencing the fourth Monday of February next, being the week immediately preceding the regular March term.

The First Annual Teacher's Institute for Cambria county, meets on Tuesday, the 7th January, proximo. It is hoped that teachers and others interested will give it their attention.

Vast quantities of lumber are daily finding their way to the Ebensburg depot. The amount taken out this winter promises to be very large, notwithstanding the dullness of the market.

We have at present a carnival of sleighing; the rain, which it was thought would remove the snow, became incorporated with it, and instead of damaging, has improved the facilities for snowy locomotion.

Burgess Moore lost a valuable mule on the Carrolltown road, on Saturday last. Another sled team came in collision with his, and by some mishaps one of his mules was ripped open in a shocking manner.

A fellow possessed of more daring than discretion jumped from the Express train at Cresson, a few days ago, while it was under full headway. He wanted to stop at that Station, but the train didn't. He fortunately escaped with but slight injury.

Prof. Hugh H. Hughes proposes to teach a class in vocal music, commencing next week. Mr. Hughes has an extraordinary natural talent for music, which he has cultivated with care and discrimination. We recommend him to the patronage of our citizens. Tickets may be had at Rees J. Lloyd's Drug Store.

We regret to learn that Mr. Rees S. Lloyd, a worthy citizen of Cambria township, met with a painful accident, on Monday last. While engaged in grinding corn cobs for his oxen at his steam mill, a part of the machinery flew from its position and struck him on one of the arms, inflicting a severe fracture below the elbow.

We notice by the Johnstown *Tribune* that our energetic friend, F. W. Hay, has sold one hundred and fifty of Spears' Anti Dust Heating Stoves since last fall, and has orders for more. And so he ought to. He is one of the most liberal advertisers and accommodating business men in Cambria county, and his success is as well merited as it is liberally promoted.

The concert for the benefit of the Mountaineer Base Ball Club comes off on Wednesday evening, January 8th, 1868. It is under the superintending care of Prof. H. H. Hughes, a gentleman fully qualified for the position. Preparations have been made to render it what no doubt it will be—a complete success. We trust the *troupe* will be greeted by a full house.

On a cold day recently Mrs. Myrnett Kringle and her two daughters started from Frenchville, Clearfield county, to Sinema-honing, a distance of twenty-six miles. They were all thinly clad and had provisions for only one meal. Night overtook them in the woods where they remained without shelter, and in the morning the mother was found dead. The little girls were rescued by some hunters.

CHRISTMAS comes but once a year,  
And coming brings us gladness;  
So let us all enjoy its cheer,  
And bid farewell to sadness.

And while we are doing all this, don't let us forget that H. A. Shoemaker & Co. have the greatest lot of seasonable goods in this market, and sell them at prices considerably lower than any other dealer pretends to do.

THE GOLDEN RULE.—Over the door of one of our most enterprising mercantile firms may be read, in golden letters, at all hours of the day, these patronymic words, "Mills & Davis." If you bob in under these golden letters you will find a golden opportunity for buying as many goods for a paper dollar as used to be purchased for a gold one in days gone by. Try the experiment.

OUT AND IN.—On Saturday the 14th inst. the term of James Myers, Esq., as Sheriff of Cambria county ended, and John A. Blair, Esq., having taken the oath of office, commenced the performance of his duties. We wish the late Sheriff a pleasant retirement from the cares and responsibilities of his office; and his successor, a pleasant and successful term.

LITTLE STOCKINGS.—How many little stockings will be filled to perfection, this night with Christmas gifts, and how many little hearts will overflow tomorrow morning when they see what Kris Kringle has done for them. Don't forget that C. F. Roberts' store is the great depot for toys and other suitable goods with which to make the little folks joyous.

RAILROAD ACCIDENT.—Robert Pringle, a freight engineer on the Pennsylvania Railroad, was struck on the head, while leaning out at the side of his engine, on Monday morning, by a telegraph pole or some other object, near Penn Station, and so seriously injured that his life is despaired of.

A SHAME.—It would be almost a shame for any one to permit his or her wearing apparel to go to seed at this inclement season of the year, when goods of all kinds can be bought so cheap, as they can be, at the extensive mercantile emporium of V. S. Barker, on Main street.

STOP MR. PAPER!—An old gentleman residing near Ebensburg, many years ago, undertook to break down the United States paper by refusing its paper. The gentleman in Munster township who stopped the *Freeman* for the same purpose, will be equally successful.

SHOPPING.—As this is the time when shopping is more generally indulged in than any other season of the year, seekers after the best articles of merchandise should not pass the door of our merchant friend, Jas. M. Thompson. Stock new, ample & cheap.

## LOCAL CORRESPONDENCE.

ALTOONA, DEC. 23, 1867.

Friend Mac—Quite spirited revivals of religion are at present in progress in the Methodist and Lutheran churches here, and some forty or fifty persons have been added to the membership of each of these churches. Our town is sadly in need of revivals, and it is to be hoped that these meetings will accomplish much good.

At the last meeting of the Democratic Club a very animated discussion was indulged in in reference to the reception of the report of a Committee appointed at a previous meeting on the subject of the President's Message. Capt. Crozier led the opposition in a very ingenious and argumentative speech, followed on the same side by the worthy President of the Club, while, on the other hand, the report of the Committee was ably advocated by Messrs. Fettingler, Lloyd, and others.—The report was finally tabled for the present.

On my way to the Company's shops, on Thursday last, I was somewhat surprised at the commotion and excitement among the people, and looking in the direction they appeared to be going to and coming from, I saw upwards of a hundred persons assembled in the vicinity of the "Green Corner." My first impression was that Mrs. Clark, alias Mrs. Government, alias Mrs. Lincoln, was disposing of some articles from her superabundant wardrobe. To satisfy my curiosity, I started towards the scene of excitement. Meeting a gentleman, I inquired the cause of the commotion, when he informed me that they had a beast in a cage. Thinking it possible that he had reference to Butler, Sheridan or Stevens, I hastened forward, but discovered, soon after my arrival, that the "animal" was neither Mrs. Government, Spoon Butler, Tyrant Sheridan, nor Malignant Stevens. It was a more amiable and useful beast than either of these creatures, being no less than a bull-calf, seven months and three days old, which weighed 1182 lbs., dressed 774 lbs., and furnished 68 lbs. of unclean or entrail fat, while its hide kicked the beam to the tune of 95 lbs.

The five companies of this place have elected the following officers: Alex. Smith, Esq., Chief Engineer, and Hon. B. F. Rose and Archy Maxwell, Esq., Assistant Engineers. All first-rate, thorough going gentlemen, and fully competent for the duties assigned them. Quite an amusing incident occurred in one of the stores in this place, a few evenings since. The proprietor of the aforesaid store and one of his customers got into a discussion on the subject of religion, and the controversy waxed so warm that it finally culminated in a grand tableau representing the customer making a straight coat tail for the door with the proprietor's foot in unpleasant proximity to the said coat tail. The scene was enjoyed exceedingly by lookers-on.

Yours, &c., T. I. M.

CARRYING THE MAIL.—Proposals will be received at the Post Office Department, Washington, up to March 4, 1868, for carrying the U. S. Mails for four years from July 1st, 1868. The following are the routes advertised, in the letting of which readers of the *Freeman* may be interested:

2263. From Cresson to Loretto, 4 miles and back, six times a week. Leave Cresson daily, except Sunday, at 8:40 a. m.; Arrive at Loretto at 9:40 a. m.; Leave Loretto daily, except Sunday, at 7:10 a. m.; Arrive at Cresson by 8:10 a. m.

2264. From Loretto, by Chess Springs, Saint Augustine, Fallen Timber, Roseland and Utahville, to Smith's Mills, 25 miles and back, three times a week to Saint Augustine, and twice a week the residue. Leave Loretto Monday, Thursday and Saturday, at 11 a. m.; Arrive at Saint Augustine, by 3 p. m.; Leave Saint Augustine, by 3 p. m.; Arrive at Loretto by 7 p. m.; Leave Loretto by 7 p. m.; Arrive at Saint Augustine by 11 a. m.; Leave Saint Augustine by 11 a. m.; Arrive at Loretto by 1 p. m.; Arrive at Saint Augustine by 6 p. m.

2265. From Ebensburg, by Carrolltown, Plattville and Garman's Mills and Grant, 23 miles and back, six times a week to Carrolltown, and three times a week the residue. Leave Ebensburg daily, except Sunday, at 10:30 a. m.; Arrive at Carrolltown by 1 p. m.; Leave Carrolltown daily, except Sunday, at 12 m.; Arrive at Ebensburg by 2:30 p. m.; Leave Carrolltown Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 1 p. m.; Arrive at Grant by 6 p. m.; Leave Grant Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7 a. m.; Arrive at Carrolltown at 12 m.

2266. From Cresson to Munster, 4 miles and back, twice a week. Schedule to be arranged to the satisfaction of the Postmaster.

2267. From Somerset, by Sipesville, Jenner's Cross Roads and Somerset Furnace, to Johnstown, 80 miles and back, six times a week. Leave Somerset daily, except Sunday, at 10 a. m.; Arrive at Johnstown by 6 p. m.; Leave Johnstown daily, except Sunday, on arrival of cars—say 12 m.; Arrive at Somerset by 6 p. m.

2268. From Somerset, by Benford's Store, Steyestown, Stanton's Mills, (n. o.) and Davidville to Johnstown, 29 miles and back, six times a week. Leave Somerset daily, except Sunday, at 7 a. m.; Arrive at Johnstown by 3 d. m.; Leave Johnstown daily, except Sunday, at 7 a. m.; Arrive at Somerset by 3 p. m.

2269. From Berlin, by Shanksville, Shade Furnace and Soap Level, to Johnstown, 33 miles and back, once a week. Leave Berlin Thursday at 7 a. m.; Arrive at Johnstown by 7 p. m.; Leave Johnstown Friday at 7 a. m.; Arrive at Berlin by 7 p. m.

GOOD NEWS TO OWNERS OF HORSES.—Having secured the aid of a good Shoer, and being well supplied with Nails and Shoes, I am determined to offer to each customer the greatest inducement held out in this place since things were low. You can have your horse shod all round for One Dollar and Fifty Cents. I will also iron Sleighs and Sleds, make Wagon Tire and all kinds of Chains, and do everything in the Blacksmithing line at greatly reduced prices for the cash. Shop near the Foundry of H. Glass.

R. H. SINGER.  
Ebensburg, Dec. 12, 1867-3m.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.—Peter C. Wible, Esq., Elizabeth Wible, et al.—March Term, 1867. Summons in Partition. 14th December, 1867. John S. Rhey, Esq., appointed Auditor to report distribution of the sale of the property in the above stated case. In pursuance of the above appointment I will attend at the office of Wm. Kittell, Esq., in Ebensburg, on Tuesday, the 4th day of February next, at 1 o'clock p. m., to discharge the duties of my appointment, when and where all persons interested may attend.  
JOHN S. RHEY, Auditor.  
Ebensburg, Dec. 24, 1867-4t.

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