

THE FREEMAN.

THURSDAY, FEB. 25, 1869.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

EMERSON AND CHESBON RAILROAD.

and after Monday, May 11, 1868,

LEAVE EBENSBURG.

At 5.25 A. M., connecting with Accommodation East and Phila. Express West.

At 7.15 P. M., connecting with Phila. Ex. East and Mail West.

At 9.31 P. M., on departure of Phila. Express East.

BRIEF MENTION.—The ladies and gentlemen belonging to the temperance organizations in this place attended the funeral of Miss Mary S. Jones in full regalia, on Sunday afternoon last, and presented quite an imposing appearance as they met on the steps of some hundred and forty strong.

The only celebration of Washington's birthday in this community was that of the Good Templar associations, who commemorated the event by a splendid supper at their lodge room on Monday evening. No doubt they all enjoyed the feast of reason and flow of soul.

The bill for the removal of our county seat was to have been acted upon by the board of supervisors on Monday evening last, but it was postponed to Wednesday.

It is a matter of course that the board of supervisors will be held on Wednesday, and a number of our leading citizens are on hand to oppose the iniquitous measure.

The Legislature refused an appropriation to the proposed State lunatic asylum at Darville on the alleged ground that it was not in the centre of the district.

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Local Correspondence.

JOHNSTOWN, Feb. 22, 1869.

Dear Freeman.—There was a general upheaval of political associations in Johnstown and Conemaugh boroughs. Party lines were for a time entirely disregarded, and the issues seemed to be personal or clanish altogether. The result is that good men were elected generally. A. J. Hawes is elected School Director with James Quinn, there being no opposition. Mr. Hawes made a very efficient Director when in office a few years ago, and we think Mr. Quinn will make a good one, not being cluttered with too many other responsibilities.

The question of a change of judicial base in this county is growing quite warm, and a strenuous effort will be made to carry the point. I have thought that it might be better for both parties to consent to the dismemberment of the county rather than to the dismemberment of the population of the county is rapidly increasing in all directions, and ten years hence there will be ample business for two courts. We do not desire to see any material injury done to Ebensburg, the old county seat, and yet it seems hard that all the growing business of our place and suburbs must be taken away for judicial purposes. By dividing the county by a line which would take off Taylor, Yoder, Conemaugh, Richland, Croyle, Summerhill and Washington, and leaving Ebensburg as the county seat of the balance, the differences might be adjusted. That, or a criminal court, or the removal of the county seat, or nothing, will finally be the result. Mark my words.

When Henry Ward Beecher was charged with committing a sermon with the expression, "It is a damned lie," he denied it, but admitted that the heat was sufficiently intense to suggest the expression. Even Beecher, it seems, has been slandered, but if he has not said so, he may yet when he gets to a warmer climate. If we were not opposed to swearing, we would say that *county matters* are all *political and personal matters* down here, are getting like Beecher's atmosphere. Those who want to swear can supply the ellipsis. If we have said or done anything wrong during the past year in politics, or in county or personal matters, to wound the feelings of any individual, we regret it, but think our case is covered by the amnesty proclamation of A. Johnson, and we promise not to do any more.

The following persons were elected to office in this neighborhood, so far as I can learn at this early day:

Johnstown Borough—Burgess, W. Horace Rose, Esq. Democrat, by 84 votes over Maj. R. Ryckman, Republican; School Directors, James Quinn, A. J. Hawes.

Conemaugh Borough—Burgess, H. B. Freidloof; Councilmen, Joseph Emmer, Reuben Simon; School Directors, John Seibert, Wm. Young and John Fend; Auditor, Charles Kress; Judge of Election, Herman Bauer, Jr.; Tax Collector, Albert Brendle; Assessor, Joseph Freidloof.

Conemaugh Tp.—School Directors, C. Von Luennen, Jr., Jeremiah Wisinger, Abner Graf, Justus, Samuel Blount, David Horner; School Directors, David H. Bower, Joseph Emmer, Supervisors, David H. Bower, Levi Jacoby, Auditor, Henry R. Soffer; Township Clerk, Levi Wisinger; Assessor, John Horner.

Yoder Tp.—School Directors, Daniel Berkley, George Kress, Stephen Stutzman; Justice, E. A. Vickroy; Judge, Alex. Howard; Constable, Wm. Ream; Supervisors, Wm. Ream, Jacob Seigh.

Taylor Tp.—School Directors, J. J. Varney, L. Langner, David Goughner and James Cooper are a tie for the third Director; Supervisors, J. S. Snyder, Wm. Galorath; Constable, Isaac B. Bower.

East Conemaugh Borough—Burgess, Thos. McKim; Councilmen, John Shaffer, Daniel Conner, Leonard Kist, John M. Guire, Wm. Alexander; Justice, Thos. M. C. C. Constable, Benjamin Kist; School Directors, Robert McKim, John Steiner, John Christman, Thos. McKim, James Palmer, John Conner.

Cambria Borough—Burgess, Thos. McKim; Justice, Thos. McKim.

A well dressed but deeply intoxicated man stopped off the train at East Conemaugh and was followed by some bad boys, who relieved him of all his surplus money, amounting to \$40 or more. Some of the boys were armed with pistols, and some with knives, and some did not. He got on the train again, but was put off for want of funds. What won't whiskey do?

Washington's birthday was celebrated here by all the drinking saloons in the city, but there were no other noticeable demonstrations.

CONEMAUGH TP., Feb. 22, 1869.

Friend Mac.—I notice the columns of the Freeman are made up of by correspondents for the edification of your many readers, and with your permission I ask a small space therein.

In passing along the line of the Pa. Rail Road I think few places deserve the title of the traveler more than the "Horseshoe Bend." At this point the Conemaugh river makes a circuit of nearly three miles, the peninsula thus formed being about two hundred feet at its isthmus. In making this circuit it has a fall of about forty feet, and is the greatest water power in the State. By tunneling this, power could be obtained capable of driving sufficient machinery for any purpose. The Little Conemaugh here is a stream of some importance, especially when it's on a bender. It has the bend, but not the Greelan.

The surrounding hills present a magnificent and picturesque appearance in the spring and summer seasons, when nature has adorned them with her mantle of foliage and vegetation, and within their bosom is imbedded some things more substantial than their scenery, for an abundance of iron ore, coal and fire clay are here found. Energy and capital are all that's required to make them "blossom as the rose." The time is not far distant when their riches will be fully developed.

The viaduct which spans the Conemaugh on the west side of the "Horseshoe" is worthy of a passing notice in this connection. It was built by the State when the "Main Line" was in course of construction, about thirty-five years ago. It is a single arch or semi-circle of eighty feet span, with wing walls at each corner built in quarter circles, which give it strength and a very imposing appearance. From low water to its top is seventy-five feet. It was three years in building, which was done by contract at a cost of nearly one hundred thousand dollars. The architectural design is said to have been drawn by a lady. The assertion may or may not be true, but of this we are all satisfied, the ladies can look very arch and designing.

It became the property of the Pa. Rail Road Co. when the "Main Line" was given to them. It is said to be the most substantial structure of its kind between Pittsburgh and Philadelphia.

The old residents are passing away, several of whom I could name. Prominent among these was Michael Bracken, who lived within sight of the viaduct. From his completion to his death, which occurred five years ago, he was well known throughout the county, and much respected by all who knew him. Having said all I can think of, I will for the present bid you adieu.

Au Revoir, WYDOCK.

DIED.—In this place, on Friday last, at the residence of her mother, Miss MARY S. JONES, aged about 20 years.

Literary Summary.

A LIBERAL OFFER FROM THE APPLETS.

Free Foundations for Libraries Everywhere.—The establishment of libraries by charitable endowment, or the cooperation of intelligent public-spirited citizens, is a subject that should receive general attention. As a purifier of morals, a means of popular education, a relief of crowded prisons and almshouses, a direct promoter of the peace, happiness, and wealth of communities, the public library ranks with the church and the school. It appeals, from signs cropping out here and there, especially in the West, as if the times were propitious for the furtherance of this great work. Such, at least, is the conviction entertained by D. Appleton & Co., who have received, recently, many inquiries from different States, asking to be informed as to the best method of founding libraries, and selecting books. In response to the wide-spread feeling thus shown to exist upon the subject, and to give it a powerful impulse, they have determined to offer a direct and substantial encouragement for the formation of public libraries in all parts of the United States. The plan which they propose is, in scope, liberality, and precise adaptation to the beneficent end sought to be accomplished, unparalleled in the history of public enterprise, and is as follows:—

The Appletons offer to give free, what may be called the foundation for libraries everywhere. They will present to each club of persons desirous of forming a public library a complete set, in 16 volumes, of their standard work, American Cyclopaedia. This great national work, the only publication of the kind, is one which organizers of libraries usually buy first of all books, because it is the one most often consulted by persons of all classes and vocations, in search of reliable information of all kinds of topics. Sixteen large octavo volumes, containing many thousand pages of the most valuable reading-matter, at the purchase of which they will not ordinarily display their money, they therefore receive for nothing. In one sense, the Cyclopaedia is itself a library; so that from the start, the Clubs will have the better part of what they wanted for nothing. The only return asked by the donors for this magnificent gift, is that the Club shall proceed to raise and expend not less than five hundred dollars to buy other books. In other words, that the Club shall build the superstructure on the foundation laid by the Appletons. In the selection of suitable books by hands experienced for many years in the making of libraries, the Appletons will render all the assistance required, and supply the books, with the usual discount. The Cyclopaedia thus becomes liberally a gift.

The Appletons' extraordinary plan, so far as it has been submitted to the judgment of individuals, meets with unanimous approval. When it comes to be generally known, it cannot fail to elicit prompt recognition and thankful acceptance from the inhabitants of hundreds of cities, towns, and villages, in the United States.

For particulars of plan, address D. APPLETON & Co., New York.

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FARM FOR SALE.

Capt. Dan. Bradley, of Munster township, wants to sell his Farm containing about ninety-eight acres, and says that he will give any man a first rate bargain and make the payments easy. The improvements are as good as those of any farm in the county. There is a good orchard, water, etc., cannot be excelled in this region. Any person wishing to negotiate should call on or address Mr. Bradley at Munster, Cambria county.

PHOTOGRAPHS, PHOTOGRAPH ALBUMS & FRAMES. Come fair or foul weather, And of very high quality. We've been to Spence's Gallery, And we're going there again. All right, stranger, come along and I'll give you pictures that are true, And of very high quality. A fine complexion, clear and bright, A pleasant smile, and all is right.

To LUMBERMEN.—Mr. C. L. Goehring, of Irwin's Station, Westmoreland county, offers at private sale for cash, at a great bargain, or will exchange for lumber, a Portable Saw Mill and Stationary Steam Engine, both in first class condition. The Engine is of 25 horse power and the Saw is a 66 inch circular saw, and they will be sold very cheap. For further information address as above.

CHARLES WOODS.—Any one who can tell the meaning of gastritis, delirium, mania, and other diseases, can get good bargains in made up clothing at J. J. Murphy's Star Clothing Store, Clinton street, Johnstown. Clothing for men and boys. Call in.

INSURANCE STATEMENT FOR 1868.—The following is the twelfth annual statement of the Protection Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Cambria county:

Am't of property insured as per 11th annual report, \$447,210 77
Am't of property insured since 11th annual report, 193,477 43

Deduct am't expired and canceled since last report, 640,688 43
674,656 53

Amount of premium notes in force as per 11th annual report, \$ 43,419 07