

Cambria Freeman.

THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 1869.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

WAYSIDE PRUNINGS AND FENCIBLES.

A velocipede school will be opened at the Town Hall this (Thursday) evening. Admission to see the "animals," 15 cents.

The property of Geo. Gurley in this borough, which was sold at Sheriff sale on Tuesday, was bought by Edw. R. Dunegan, Esq., of St. Augustine, for \$1,655.

A young lady named Martin was so severely injured, a few days ago, by being struck by a falling tree, at a clearing in Indiana county, that her life is despaired of.

An act extending the time for the payment of the enrollment tax on the act incorporating the Somerset and Mineral Point Railroad Company, passed the House on Monday.

A German girl who had been recently arrived in this country was seized by some villain between Latrobe and St. Vincent's Academy, a few days ago, and forcibly robbed of seventy dollars in gold.

A young man named Jacob Honselder, a resident of Mercersburg, Pa., was struck by a locomotive of a passenger train at Huntington, on Tuesday evening of last week, and almost instantly killed.

The inclemency of the weather and the impassable condition of the roads rendered the postponement of Mr. J. Moore's sale at Carrollton imperative, and it has been deferred to the 20th inst. See advertisement.

A little child, Mr. Anderson Bell, in a month's confinement, died on Tuesday, at the residence of his mother for a few minutes, fell into a run near the house, and was drowned before being discovered.

Since Saturday night last every train which reached our town brought more or less refugees returning from their trip down the river. They report the water to be higher than it has been this early in the season for several years past.

The House bill establishing an additional court of justice in this county, as asked for by our Johnstown friends, passed that body finally on Monday, 6th inst. We have not learned the full text of the bill, but presume its provisions are generally acceptable to all sections.

The attention of school directors is invited by the notice given by Supt. Chapman in our advertising columns to-day in regard to the approaching May convention. We may have a few words to say next week about one or two of the applicants for the position at present filled by Mr. Chapman.

Mr. Frederick Kiefer has brought suit against Messrs. Cunningham, merchants of Latrobe, for alleged assault and battery with intent to kill, by alleging that they knocked him down with an iron weight, and then aimed him in a scuffle with Mr. Kiefer's nose is broken and he is otherwise severely injured.

While a number of freight cars were being "roped in" on a siding at Penn Station, on Tuesday night of last week, the cars suddenly started and struck Jas. Keane, a workman on the head, killing him instantly. The unfortunate man was married and had been in the employ of the company about sixteen years.

Since our last report we have been treated to all kinds of weather except good weather, but we still entertain the hope that there will soon be a change for the better. We have had more snow storms in quick succession, keener winds and harder frosts within the past week than at any time of the same length during the past winter.

Our friends, Messrs. Bernard Bracken and Thomas Egan, have purchased the store and fixtures of Mr. A. G. Crooks, at Conemaugh Station, and have embarked in the mercantile business with a new and ample stock and a determination to merit a liberal share of patronage. If they succeed as well as they deserve they will not lack for customers. We encountered them to cut patrons there and thereabouts.

Dr. James M. Stewart, well known as a successful physician and talented gentleman, died in Indiana on the 26th ult., aged 77 years, 2 months and 15 days. He had a very extensive practice in this and Indiana counties up to the time of his retirement from professional duties a few years ago, and was much sought after and highly esteemed. He was a member of our State Legislature in 1821-2, and was afterwards appointed Associate Judge of Indiana county by Gov. Johnston.

The appointment of Samuel J. Royer, Esq., of Johnstown, as collector of internal revenue, in place of Wesley J. Moore, Esq., is one against which not a single objection can be urged. Mr. Royer is a "gentleman and a scholar," though not a "revolutionary soldier." His appointment is a guaranty that the duties of the office will be discharged with safety to the government, credit to himself and satisfaction to the people. His predecessor, Mr. Rose, was an excellent officer, and will have no unsettled accounts at Washington.

Our Post Office—J. Todd Hutchinson, of the Alleghenian, as our readers already know, has been appointed Post Master here in place of Reese J. Lloyd, removed. The retirement of Mr. Lloyd recalls some reminiscences which are of great interest: His father, John Lloyd, Esq., was appointed Post Master of this place in 1808 by Gideon Granger, who was Post Master, Esq., in 1809. This was about the time of the organization of Cambria county, the first Court having been held in that year. Mr. Lloyd continued to hold the office through all the succeeding administrations up to the time of his death, which occurred in 1838—a period of thirty years. Before his death Reese S. Lloyd, his nephew, was appointed, and held the office for the benefit of Mr. Lloyd's widow until her death, which took place soon after. Reese J. Lloyd was then commissioned and continued to hold the office until the accession of General Taylor to the Presidency in 1849. He was again appointed in September, 1867. It will thus be seen that the Post Office at this place has been in the possession of the Lloyd family for about forty-two years.

From the fact that Mr. Lloyd commenced discharging the duties of the office for his father at a very early age, it may be said that he was a born Post Master. If ever there was a man who possessed the virtue of knowing how to keep the secrets of a Post Office that man was Mr. Lloyd. In every respect he has been a model officer, always attentive and accommodating, and has filled his place with the best wishes of the entire community. Othello's occupation is gone.

READER, DO YOU SMOKE? If so try Oatman's prime cigars. Do you chew? Oatman has the reputation of keeping the best chewing tobacco in town. If you do either or neither, however, you can get the best quality of flour, coffee, sugar, tea, etc., at Oatman's cheap grocery store. Buy where you can get the best and cheapest goods.—That place is Oatman's, next door to our office.

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Mr. Thomas Gore has just completed two very attractive store rooms on Main street, one of which is occupied by John A. McKinney and the other by Jacob Leviathan, both engaged in the clothing business. Mr. McKinney just moved across the street.

An employe of the Cambria Iron Company, Martin Logan was run over by a locomotive on the railroad of that Company, on Tuesday last, fracturing his left leg in two or three places and mangling the right one so shockingly that amputation had to be resorted to. The unfortunate man's recovery is next to impossible, and as he has a wife and five children almost on the verge of starvation, the case is one of the many which appeals for speedy aid and succor from those who are able and willing to exercise the God-like virtue of charity.

August Geistine, of Conemaugh borough, was struck on the calf of the leg by an iron rail at the rolling mill, on Wednesday, and the result was that a piece of flesh as large as a man's hand was almost entirely torn off.

Did it ever occur to you that the old Catholic burial ground presents advantages for vaults seldom found in the heart of a city? The surface of the ground is rapidly rising from the site of the old Portage road some twenty feet, and the burial ground extends along that old road some fifteen or twenty rods. Vaults of any size and dimensions can be made here equal to the subterranean vaults of ancient Roman cities.—The advantages in regard to draining are excellent.

If we were of any use we could write you a long essay on mud, with the like of which Conemaugh and Johnstown boroughs were seldom if ever before cursed, rendering the streets almost impassable. But we shall let the matter slide for the present, as mud is not uncommon in any locality.

Our worthy County Superintendent was down on a visit last Friday, looking as hearty as a girl of sixteen summers. His etymology for girl in the last Teacher's Advocate, a copy of which he very kindly presented us. We tried the chapter on Latin, but our old Dictionary had some of the leaves torn out so that we couldn't make out the words "Atlantium," "Bongress" and "and." The truth is, such words don't sound to us