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LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

LOCAL PRUNINGS AND PENCILINGS.—Hang-up-your-stocking time will soon be coming in an appearance.

A special term of Court, to continue one week, will convene on Monday, February 1, 1870.

John Moreland, of Nineveh, was killed on the railroad near that place on Thursday last week.

They have a sheep in the town of Indiana which has no less than six legs—two in front and four behind—all perfect in shape.

The printing presses in the Bellefonte Pennsylvanian office are now run by water power. Wonder if the editor is run by the same power?

A guard has been constantly kept around Huntingdon jail since the confinement there of Bohner and Bordenburg, the brutal murderers.

In order to keep evil doers within bounds, our County Commissioners offer bonds for sale in order to raise money with which to build the new county jail. See advertisement.

We were mistaken in saying that the deer hunting season expired on the 1st December. We should have said the 31st. So pitch in, gentlemen, and be sure to send us some of the venison.

A lady passenger, terrified by the recent collision on the Pennsylvania Central Railroad at Manor station, threw her child out of the window after the danger was entirely over. Some one caught the child and saved it from injury.

We *bought* a can of oysters from M. L. Hartman a few days ago, and we found them the largest, and most luscious bivalves that we ever saw put up in cans. They are truly first class, and Martin sells them cheap. Try them.

The *Altoona Vindicator* appeared last week with the names of D. W. Moore & Son as editors and proprietors, who understand how to print a good and handsome paper. After the first of January the name of the paper will be changed to the Altoona Sun.

The case of Murray Hoffman, Jr., *vs.* Westmoreland, involving the title to an immense body of land in White township, is on trial and will occupy the entire attention of Court this week. Jurors, witnesses and parties to all other suits were discharged on Tuesday.

The first issue of the *Teachers' Advocate* under the proprietorship of Messrs. Akers & White has reached us. It is a very neatly printed and well filled pamphlet of 32 pages, and we congratulate our young friends on its appearance and hope they will have reason to congratulate themselves on its pecuniary success. T. J. Chapman, A. M., of this place, is the editor, and one who is well qualified for the task.

LADIES' FAIRS.—In addition to the Johnstown Fair, noticed by our correspondent, we hear of at least two other enterprises of a kindred kind which will shortly be inaugurated. One of these, and certainly one which merits success, is to be held in our own midst and in behalf of the new and beautiful church recently erected by our Catholic friends in this place. Just when this Fair will be held we are not now prepared to say, but the ball has been set in motion and we see that the friends and well-wishers of a good cause will not let it stop until a liberal array of beautiful and useful articles has been secured, chances without number have been taken, and the Fair itself has been made attractive and enjoyable; and we hope that the proceeds will be as abundant as they are needful.

The other Fair is to be held at St. Augustine during the holidays, but we cannot tell until next week the day on which it will open. The ladies of the congregation there are just the ones to inaugurate and prosecute an enterprise of this kind, and for the cause of the deserving cause, as well as for the enjoyment and kind treatment which will be vouchsafed to all visitors, we hope the people will gather from far and near to make the St. Augustine Fair an unprecedented success.

THE BURK TRIAL.—We devote much of our space this week to the report of the Summerhill township homicide case, giving the evidence very fully and very accurately. Mr. C. W. Easly, who has no superior in the line, are we indebted for this lengthy and elaborate report, which we feel sure will be perused with interest by the great majority of our readers.

THE SUMMERHILL TOWNSHIP HOMICIDE.—*Trial of Edward F. Burk for the Murder of Jacob Settlemoyer.*—Our readers will remember the particulars of a sad tragedy that was enacted near Wilmore, this county, on the morning of the 16th of June last, and which resulted in the killing of Jacob Settlemoyer at the hands, as was alleged, of Edward F. Burk, a young man residing in the neighborhood. It is unnecessary to review the circumstances of the sad tragedy, as the testimony of the several witnesses herewith reported is sufficiently explanatory of the case in all its details.

In the trial of the prisoner District Attorney Tierney and Wm. H. Sechler, Esq., represented the Commonwealth, and R. L. Johnston and Geo. M. Reade, Esqs., were retained for the defence.

At about 9 o'clock on Wednesday morning of last week the accused was brought into Court, and, with the usual impressive formality incident to such occasions, was arraigned for the highest crime known to our laws—that of murder.

Burk is a young man, probably not more than 28 years of age, and is of slight build and not unprepossessing appearance. His character where known is that of an inoffensive and rather well disposed man when not under the influence of "liquid damnation"—that fruitful cause of so many and such terrible crimes—but when intoxicated he is said to have been reckless, daring and extremely vicious, and hence the sad extremity to which his uncontrollable passions have brought him.

Immediately after the arraignment of the prisoner the Clerk of the Court commenced calling the list of jurors, and as each man answered to his name he was either challenged or accepted. Twenty-four were challenged for cause, sixteen by defendadt and three by the Commonwealth. When the panel was exhausted a number of talesmen were called from among the large crowd present, but failing to secure the requsite number even then, it became necessary for the Court to order a new panel. After fifty-six names in all had been called and three hours occupied in the effort, the following named gentlemen were selected as

THE JURY.

David Cobaugh,	John E. Storm.
David Lamb,	John A. McMullin,
David A. Burkeypile	Wm. P. Buck,
Henry Miller,	George Crook,
George Wissinger,	Augustine Craver,
Chas. Farabaugh,	Joseph Gutwalt.

THE TRIAL.

F. P. Tierney, Esq., prosecuting attorney, opened the case for the Commonwealth by reciting a history of the unfortuate occurrence, and concluded by recapitulating the evidence by which it was intended to affix the crime of wilful and deliberate murder upon the accused. At the close of his remarks Court adjourned until half-past two o'clock, p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Court convened at the hour designated, after which the first witness for the prosecution was called. His testimony we give in full, but we publish only such portions of the evidence of the other witnesses as discloses facts not made known by the principal witness for the Commonwealth.

THE TESTIMONY.

John McGough sworn—I live in Summerhill township; was at Jacob Settlemoyer's house on the night of June 15th, 1869.—About 10 o'clock the first fuss commenced. James Keating pulled off his coat and said he was the best man in the house. Some one told him to put on his coat and not raise a fuss. He put on his coat. I then went out, and shortly returned, when Mrs. Settlemoyer was passing round some pies or cakes. Wm. Emigh asked for a piece; she didn't give it to him, and he told her to go to h—l. This was what Settlemoyer said he was mad about, and told Emigh to leave the house. Lewis Delahunt told S. to keep quiet and not raise a fuss—that some were tight—Lewis then asked him if they could have a dance, and S. answered "Yes!" and said that he would bring some girls and a fiddler down stairs; he did so. Phil. Skelly played the fiddle, and we walked out. A crowd soon came rushing out, and some said Reid McGough and Wm. Conrad were fighting. In a few minutes heard McGough holler "enough!" I went up to part them. Conrad then walked up to James Keating and struck him; they took holds, and soon C. hollered "enough!" Told K. to stop, as Conrad had said "enough." Conrad then went into the house and I walked back a few steps, when I saw Edward Burk and Jacob Settlemoyer in holds. Don't know how it commenced, or how they were separated. This was outside the house, near the door. Saw no striking. S. got loose from him and went into the house; came back to door with a basin of hot water and said if they wouldn't leave the house he would scald them; threw it on them; Burk got some of it, and others also. After this Bob Monahan stood in the door and said: 'None of you come into this house." No one tried to, but he permitted Keating to go in to hunt his hat, on K. saying he would go home. Delahunt then bantered M, to come out and fight, but M. answered, "I know what you Wilmore rats are." He then stepped outside the door and K. went into the house. A crowd was around outside and Burk was among them. Settlemoyer walked out of house on to porch near me. Burk had or picked up a board and came down where we were stand in, and pitched it right at Settlemoyer's bowels. S put his hands on his breast, turned around and walked into house again. Did not hear either of them say anything. I walked to yard and sat on grass. Burk came, and laying down board in front of me, he sat on end of it, remarking: "By J—s C—t! I gave Jakie enough to feel for his breakfast to-morrow morning." Robert Monahan came and sat down on other end; others came down and sat with us.—Burk then got up to look for his horse; it was gone, and at his request Monahan got a light and assisted him to hunt for it. I started for home and on way met them coming without horse. [Board shown.—We might here remark that the board with which it is alleged the homicide was committed is about 5 feet long, 8 inches wide at one end and tapers off to 7 inches at the other.] I cannot say positively that this is the board; it may be, but I thought it was wider. Mr. S. lived two miles from Wilmore. I know Mr. Burk was not there during the day. I went in evening with some others. We started from Wilmore.

Cross Examined.—Mr. S. had a bark-peeling that day; young ladies there for a dance that night. Our party walked. My brother, self and sisters were invited; our intention in going was peaceable. Burk did not go in our party—he came on horseback. He resides sometimes with his mother. I do not know whether they had liquor in the afternoon. I had about one quart of whisky with me, but brought part of it back home. Do not know that Mr. S. was drinking that day; can't say whether Burk was drinking or sober—didn't see him dance that night. I understood the difficulty commenced on account of some of the young men shoving our party off the floor; did not know that night that S. was seriously hurt, but heard it from messenger who came for doctor next morning. Didn't tell Keating to go in and give Conrad h—l. It was a rather dark night. The whole party drank out of my flask. I did not feel the effects of what I drank.

Rob't Monahan sworn—Saw Burk and Settlemoyer in holds, and assisted to part them. While helping Burk to hunt horse the latter swore by his Saviour that if he thought Settlemoyer took his horse, or hid him, he would kill him. When witness came back Mr. S. was missing, and after search they found him on upper porch. He complained of being hurt in stomach, and witness, with the assistance of others, carried him down stairs; removed his outer clothing, but the pain was too severe to permit them to take off his pants. He "threw up," and then fainted. S. said that Burk had struck him across the stomach with a board. I went after Dr. Chestnutwood as soon as S. fainted. [Cross-examination elicited nothing further.]

Ambrose Braniff sworn.—Went to assist in peeling bark just after dinner time. Everything was moving along pleasantly until the party came from Wilmore. When Burk arrived he went up stairs and looked at the watch of the man who was playing the fiddle; put it in his own pocket, but shortly afterwards returned it and went down stairs. Keating took off his coat and made at Burk, when S. ordered them to be quiet. Keating wanted to know how he was going to make them keep quiet, and was answered that they must either keep quiet or leave; upon further inquiry from K. as to how he would make them leave, S. said he would scald them if he couldn't put them out any other way. A quarrel ensued shortly afterwards outside the house between Keating and Monahan. S. went out, saying they should not abuse the latter. Next saw S. come from corner of house where fight had been, and he said Burk had struck him with a board. He did not complain then. After S. went in a rush was made at the door, water was thrown out, and then Monahan took his position at the door with a stick in his hand, threatening to brain any person who would attempt to come in. Several made threats that they would kill S. when they'd catch him in Wilmore; they said, 'He scalded us and we'll scrape him when he comes to town.'

Edw'd Grew was next called, but nothing important was elicited from his evidence.

John Settlemoyer sworn.—Am a brother of deceased; had been assisting to peel bark during day. When the Wilmore party came that night heard my brother telling them he wanted the party to go off civil; that he made room for them to dance down stairs, providing a player for them. Saw Keating pull a facing off the door, and shortly after saw my brother and Burk in holds. I walked off 25 or 30 yards until disturbance was over. Some times afterwards got into house by back way and found my brother sitting under the stairs. On inquiring if he had been kicked, he answered, "No, but Burk struck me in the belly with a board endways."—Did not see him again until after breakfast, when he was found on porch. Helped to bring him down stairs to a little bed-room. Stayed with him until his death, which occurred 32 hours afterwards. He was struck about 2 o'clock, a. m. He told Dr. Cherrywood in my presence that Burk threw the board.

Clara Settlemoyer sworn.—Am a niece of the deceased. When first fight occurred outside I heard Burk exclaim: "By J——s C——t! I will kill that man as soon as I meet him in town." When asked who he meant he said, "The one who threw the water." My uncle had thrown it. Saw uncle after that sitting a board under the stairs. He sat down on a chair and looked quite pale. He afterwards walked to the table. I asked him what was wrong, and he answered that he was hurt—that Burk threw a board and it had struck him.

Jesse H. Dimond (one of the musicians) was sworn, but his testimony threw no additional light on the subject.

John Settlemoyer re called.—[Board shown and recognized as the one his brother said he had been struck with.] He requested me to keep it, and I marked it with "kiel."

Henry Conrad re called.—Becognized the board as the one which he had delivered to Esq. Miller at Wilmore, a week or so after.

Joseph Miller, Esq., sworn.—This board was delivered to me four days after Mr, Settlemoyer's death.

Dr. Chesnutwood sworn.—Was called on about 7 o'clock on morning of 16th of June. Found Mr. S. suffering extreme pain; told him he was in a very critical condition—that his chance for recovery was not one in one thousand. * * * Asked him if he was positive that Burk had struck him and he said he was—that he had done it a board. He told me he thought he was going to die. When I saw him his bowels were caved in some two or three inches. I treated him, but I knew it was no use, for his eyes were sunken into his head. He died about 7, a m. the next morning. I assisted Dr. Krise at post-mortem examination; we found him ruptured in a way which would be produced by some hard substance. The rupture was five-eighths of an inch in circumference.

Cross-Examined.—Saw no external marks on his body—no black and blue marks. His bowels did not appear full; the contents of the bowels were emptied into the cavity of the abdomen.

Dr. J. J. Krise sworn.—Was called upon to make post-mortem examination on the body of Jacob Settlemoyer on the 17th of June. Opened him and found lungs congested, bowels inflamed and contents emptied into the abdomnal cavity. The rupture would necessarily produce death. Death should occur in such case almost immediately. * * * * Have been a practising physician for twenty-three years.

Cross-Examined.—Rupture was across the transverse colon, five-eighths of an inch in a straight line. No external marks.

Ann Skelly sworn.—Saw Conrad try to put McGough off floor, but did not see any of the subsequent quarrels.

Court adjourned until

THURSDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Andrew Conrad re called by Com'th.—Was at the door when water was thrown out. I saw Burk striking Jake with a board. He threw it while Jake was standing in door. Jake picked up board and walked back into a corner with it.

Cross Examined.—Night was dark. After water was thrown I heard the threats made, but can't say by whom. Don't know that McGough was present when water was thrown—couldn't tell one from another on account of darkness. Burk was not far from me when he struck Settlemoyer. I was scared yesterday when on the stand, and could not testify right. (In answer to the question whether he had been talking to any person the previous night in regard to his evidence, the witness said: "Yes, I was in that man's office," indicating one of the Commonwealth counsel.)

In chief.—I told you (Com'th counsel) last night that I was scared when on the stand yesterday. I was examined before Joseph Miller, Esq. The water was not more than warm

Mrs. Kate Settlemoyer sworn.—My husband was up stairs on porch, laying on some bed clothes, when found. After he was taken down stairs I sent for a doctor. My husband said right away that he would not get over it, and he had no hopes afterward. He said, after he told me he couldn't live, that Ned Burk had struck him with a board and that that was the cause of his death.

Commonwealth rests.

EVIDENCE FOR DEFENCE.

R. L. Johnston, Esq., on behalf of prisoner, made a brief resume of the evidence by which it was intended to rebut the testimony elicited by the Commonwealth, after which the first witness for the defence,

James McKenna, was sworn.—Was with the party from Wilmore that night. Burk came about an hour afterwards. (Witness detailed several quarrels.) Saw water thrown only once. Was about eight feet from the door, and it was too dark to recognize any person that distance. Saw John Riley throw a board, but no person was in the door or on the porch then; it did no harm. Saw several strip to fight just then, but did not see Burk. John McGough felt his liquor—we all did, but none of us were drunk. Our party took two drinks before leaving Wilmore. I think Burk was at Flynn's party; Settlemoyer was there, and we all got a general invitation to attend the bark peeling; am not sure Burk was present then.

William Emigh sworn.—Saw prisoner and deceased quarreling, and saw latter get a board and run with it raised towards Burk. Somebody was struck, but can't say who; the stroke was not with the board. Think it was Smay who pushed Mr. S. around when he had board in his hand. Don't know where Smay is now—havn't seen him for two months. Saw Mr. S. throw water that night, and just after saw Riley throw board. The board I saw in Mr. S.'s hand was something like this one.

Cross Examined.—Mrs. S. and I had few words that night; I told her to go to h—l with her G—d d—d pie. I thought she had called me a loafer; misunderstood her. Mr. S. then told me to leave the house; did so, but went back afterwards. Riley was standing to left of door—crowd to right; he threw the board close down by his feet on ground. The crowd was principally drunk, and were threatening to whip crowd inside.

Mrs. Margaret Grew was examined, but nothing new was elicited.

Mrs. Alice Grew sworn.—Mr. Settlemoyer was dancing in same set with me when fight began outside. He went down stairs, but came back directly hunting for a light, that he might get boiling water and scald the eyes out of their heads.

John Lingell testified that Burk behaved decently.

James Flynn sworn.—Mr. S. was at party at our house three weeks before and invited all present to attend his bark peeling. Don't know whether Burk was in the room at that time or not. Saw Burk and S dance in the same set that night. Burk came to Settlemoyer's party on horseback; said he wanted to see Ed. Grew about buying a mule, and asked me to hold his horse till he would come out. He stayed too long and I left the horse go. At time of fight I saw S. take a board from a box and run into the crowd and say that he wanted peace. I think this is the board. I left with Burk.

Lewis Delahunt sworn.—Saw Burk just after water was thrown; he had his coat on and hands in his pockets. Came with Burk to party at ten minutes past 10 o'clock and staid till half-past 2. Burk got horse at Mr. Malzie's, at Wilmore.

James Keating was next examined, but nothing important was developed.

Ann Skelly re called.—Saw Burk dance up-stairs. Heard Conrad tell McGough that no loafers should dance there that night.—McG. was pushed off the floor this time, but I danced with him afterwards. (When witness was asked for her definition of "loafer" she said that those persons who did not appear during the day, but who were there at night to dance, were designated as such.

Evidence closed at half-past 11 o'clock, when W. H. Sechler, Esq., commenced his argument for the prosecution. Various authoritios bearing on the case were cited and a portion of the evidence ably reviewed by this gentleman. At the conclusion of his remarks Court adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

R. L. Johnston, Esq., in his characteristic style, made a most able plea for the defence, occuying about an hour. He was followed by his colleague, Geo. M. Reade, Esq., in a very exhaustive review of the entire testimony. This learned gentleman spoke for space of one hour and thirty five midutes.

F. P. Tierney, Esq., closed for the Commonwealth, and although he occupied not more than half an hour, during that time he made a powerful appeal to the jury, reviewing the testimony rapidly, though not failing to present every fact and circumstance which was calculated to secure the conviction of the prisoner. When he closed the hour of adjournment had almost arrived, and his Honor Judge Taylor deferred the delivery of his charge until

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The President Judge delivered a most elaborate and impartial charge, which we should be glad to reproduce did not the extreme length of this report forbid. At ten o'clock the case was given to the jury.

THE VERDICT.

At 4 o'clock, p. m., the jury returned, the prisoner was brought in, and for the first time he betrayed symptoms of uneasiness. The countenances of those twelve men whom he had chosen to pass judgment upon his crime, revealed to his hasty and appealing glance no trace of the conclusion they had arrived at, and amid the utmost stillness their names were severally called and the question asked, "In the issue joined between the Commonwealth and Edward F. Burk how do you find?" and the answer came: "*Guilty of Murder in the Second Degree*" And thus the verdict was recorned.

The prisoner was remanded to jail, and will no doubt receive his sentence during the present week.

OTHER PROCEEDINGS.

Com'th vs. Jacob Zorn—indicted for assault and battery and attempt to commit a rape. Not guilty, but required to pay two-thirds of the costs and the prosecutrix to pay the balance.

Com'th vs. Christopher Welden and others—indictment, riot and affray. These were separate indictments, but issue was joined, and P. F. Lynch, Ambrose Martin and Wm. Smith were found guilty of an affray. Other parties implicated but not yet apprehended.

By leave of Court writs of *nolle prosequi* were entered in the following cases, on payment of costs by the several defendants:

Com'th vs. Harriet Burkhart and Sarah Bowers, indicted for larceny.

Com'th vs. Harriet Baum and others, indicted for the same offence.

Com. vs. Thos. T. Williams—fornication.

Com. vs. Peridas McGough and others—riot on occasion of Settlemoyer tragedy.

The case of Wm. Richter, indicted for assault and battery, was settled and the parties to the suit paid the costs.

BASE BALL CONCERT, &c.—Don't let anybody forget that the Mountaineer boys have succeeded in obtaining the consent of those accomplished vocalists, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. M. Kerr, to sing in the Court House on Monday evening, Dec. 27th—and not forgetting this, we are sure that all persons will avail themselves of the opportunity of once more listening to these sweet and proficient vocalists. The concert is to be a base ball benefit, but there will be no *base bawling* on part of the excellent performers.

Our friends of the M. B. B. C. are about getting up a series of *free* lectures on various interesting subjects, the first one of which will probably be delivered early in January. The exact time, place and names of lecturers will be made known hereafter.

"CAN'T SEE IT!"—The January number of Godey's Lady's Book being the first number of the fortieth year of its existence, has been with us for several days. It contains a very fine and we presume a very coarect likeness of its enterprising publisher, L. A. Godey, a beautiful steal plate title page illustrative of winter scenes, the usual fashion and pattern plates and other choice engravings, besides an excellent array of literary matter, useful, entertaining and instructive to the ladies. It is a number that has not been excelled by any that has preceded it, and that is equivalent to saying that it has never been surpassed by any publication of its character in this continent. While we say this, however, we do not deem it so entirely indispensable in our household as to justify us in devoting a half column of our space to the publication of its prospectus, besides guaranteeing the regular monthly notices. When Mr. Godey asks that he asks too much, and we for one "can't see it." If it requires advertising to the amount of six or eight times it value to secure an exchange from this magazine, or any other one, we shall endeavor to get along without it. We wish to give full value in all cases, but the demands made upon their country brethren by some city publishers is entirely "too much of the good thing" for us to relish, and we think country editors everywhere ought to rebel against such exactions. We like the Lady's Book, our wife likes it, and even our little ones like the pictures in it, but if Godey don't send it to us without publishing his prospectus, he can keep it—that's all—and we shall endeavor to live as long and die as happy without enjoying its monthly visits. So also of all other purely literary publications.

OUR BOROUGH SCHOOLS.—We give below the per centage of attendance of pupils at the Ebensburg Union Schools during the month ending Nov. 26th, as compared with the corresponding month last year:

Room No 1, J. C. Luke.—Boys 84, Girls 80; Total 82. Last year—Boys 78, Girls 79; Total 79.

Room No 2, Miss C. A. Horne.—Boys 84, Girls 82; Total 83. Last year—Boys 68, Girls, 58; Total 63

Room No. 3, Miss A. E. Glass.—Boys 84, Girls 88; Total 86. Last year—Boys 82, Girls 77; Total 80.

Room No. 4, Miss Jennie Evans.—Boys 88, Girls 86; Total 87. Last year—Boys 70, Girls 57; Total 64.

Room No. 5, Mrs. Clarke.—Boys 70, Girls 75; Total 73. Last year—Boys 82, Girls 84; Total 83.

A GOOD SEASON.—The past season has been a most prosperous one for farmers all over the land. While business has been dull in the cities, and most business men have been oppressed and embarrassed, the fruit and grain crops have been abundant beyond measure, and it looks as though our country friends are to have all the money this winter. If so, we assure them that they can find no better way of spending a small part of their spare cash than putting it into a suit of fine new clothes from the great clothing establishment of Wanamaker & Brown, Philadelphia.

FLOUR AND FEED—A POETIC SCHEME.—Flour and feed are just now indeed creating quite a sensation; on all sides we're told how these things are sold at prices that beat all creation; yet still we maintain a fact that is plain as the nose on any man's face, that Oatman's famed "Eastern Star" is the best flour by far that ever was sold in this place. The bread that it bakes, and the sweet pies and cakes, are without blemish or mar; so when seeking good flour delay not an hour in buying from Oatman the great "Eastern Star." And though red flags are flying and dealers are trying a liberal trade to command, it's not in their power to sell better flour than the well-known "Eastern Star" brand.

GOOD ADVICE.—If you go to Johnstown at any time, or any other time, gentle reader, or if you don't go there, but live there all the time, don't fail to put in an appearance at the great big store of John J. Murphy & Co., corner of Main and Franklin streets. Their stock is all new and of the best texture, neatest styles, most desirable qualities, and, above all, are being sold at the lowest prices now prevailing in Cambria county. There is no doubt about all this being true, and if you say that the *Freeman* told you to go there we will guarantee you a hearty welcome and great bargains.

TWENTY DOLLARS.—Leopold Mayer, 212 Main street, Johnstown, under the Opera House, will positively sell off his large stock of dry goods at cost, and pay any person's expenses (who will buy and pay for $20 worth of goods) from their residence to his store and return. He has cheap furs, which he will sell at 50 per cent. below the market prices. All kinds of goods for holiday presents. Then go to Mayer's—go to Mayer's—go to Mayer's; buy $20 worth of goods, save expenses and make a big profit.

THE RIGHT MILLS.—In order to live people as well as animals must eat, and in order to eat, flour, corn meal, buckwheat, middlings, bran, chop, corn, oats, rye, wheat, and other grains are deemed essential, and when we say that the right Mills from which to obtain these articles is E. J. Mills, whose store is near the corner of High and Centre streets, we don't want anybody to take our word for it, but request them to go and see if such is not the true facts of the case.

GET UP AND GET.—Walk down, ride down, roll down, slide down, or any way at all so as you get down to the store of R. R. Davis, in the East Ward, whose prices are down and whose stock ought to be brought down very rapidly during the holidays, for it comprises the very goods which every person needs and all can buy at a great saving of greenbacks.

SAVE MONEY.—Vallie Barker tells in our paper to day how those who owe him can save money in the settlement of their accounts, but he forgot to say how those who don't owe him can also save money, and hence we do it for him: Buy now when funds are needed and prices are greatly reduced, and buy at the store of V. S. Barker, where dry goods, groceries, notions, etc., are being sold remarkably cheap.

HOLIDAY GIFTS.—Any person contemplating the presentation of a holiday gift to wife husband, mother, father, sister, brother, or any other relative or friend, will do well to examine the silver ware and hundreds of other beautiful articles, suitable for such a purpose, at the store of Geo. Huntley the popular stove, hardware and notion dealer on High street and low prices.

LET no one conceive or be made to believe that our town has not a cheap store; for its a fact that is plain, that if bargains you'd gain, you need not go far from your door. So all need be done is to walk, ride or run to Shoemaker's cheap cash store, where goods at low price can be bought in a trice—dry goods, groceries, and many things more.

DRESS UP—The holidays are almost here, and all persons will want to welcome them in their best "bib and tucker," and hence it is not out of place to say that A. G. Fry has an ample and magnificent stock from which to select cheap and handsome goods for personal adornment and comfort. Great bargains at Fry's store.

Local Correspondence.

JOHNSTOWN, Dec. 13, 1869.

Dear Freeman—Extensive preparations are being made by the ladies of the St. Johns' Catholic Congregation of this place for a Fair, to be held during the holidays commencing on the 23d inst. It will reach to New Year's Eve. From present appearances it promises to be a great success, and should be visited by everybody in the county. There will be lots of chances for a chance to win a fortune.

Anna (the Dickens) is to lecture in Union Hall, Jan 17, 1870. Let everybody go—or stay at home. Anna will enlighten the people on Woman's Rights. She can talk, but oh! such talk!

The society called the Turners will open the the New Year with a ball in Frohheiser's Hall. Great preparations are being made to make it a success.

A new secret organization has been established in town called the "American Mechanics." It is said that they number near one hundred thousand in the State. Gov Geary owes his election to this organization which rallied strongly to his support in Philadelphia.

The "Knights of Pythias" will give a ball in Union Hall on the 21st inst. So you see we are determined to have merriment about the holidays.

A public lecture was determined by a gentleman by the name of Parsons in Union Hall on last Monday evening. We understood that he had a respectable, though not large audience.

Our new military company, Captain Decker, had a ball on the evening of the 2d inst., at Hausman's Hall, (Sharpsburg,) which we failed to notice last week. This company is called the "Zouaves"—not the "Zo to Zo's," as the Johnstown *Tribune* erroneously has it.

The schools will close between the holidays to give the teachers and pupils a chance to commemorate the greatest birthday ever known, and to go to the "Institute." Their pay stops, of course, at a very improper time—just when they need money. This should not be so. Their pay should run on, as it does in the larger cities.

Scarlet fever still prevails in the city and adjoining townships, particularly in Richland township. A large number of cases and several deaths are reported.

The weather has had another vicissitude and is now in a heetic fever. It seems disposed to moderate its temper and atone for its former coldness by manifesting a spirit of conciliation and repentance, sanctified by tears. Poor thing! it has been subject to paroxysms of hysteria all fall. There is not only clouds on its brow, but there is a kind of heartfelt gloominess owing, perhaps, to the fact that the frosts of its autumn have chilled the life-current of its nature. The holiday nuptials and a change of name, may brighten it up into a pleasant sunshine when it shall be called 1870. In the meantime, if its wrath should kindle again look out for a *breeze*. Would that it would be neither too friendly nor too reserved!

The Cambria Iron Company have purchased a large quantity of land in Bedford county and intend to build a furnace or two there.

James Potts, Jr., has taken charge of the "Pacific and Atlantic" telegraph office here, vice John L. M'Clelland, who has gone to New York. W. H. Rensteel has left the Western Union office and has gone to Oil City and Mrs. H. M. Ogle, of Somerset, takes his place here.

We have read the President's Message, *verbatim*, and cannot express an opinion just now, as to its merits and *demerits*. Two important articles, however, are omitted entirely. The one is a notice of the number of his *blood(y)* relations, and the other is a special eulogium on Mr. Richardson, late of the *Tribune*. Perhaps he has thought proper to leave that matter to *Beecher* and *Greeley*, as they both read the Bible in school!

We are authorized to announce that Christmas will be here certainly on the 25th inst., (Saturday,) with a large number of turkeys to be disposed of according to the law (of nature). One or two of the poorest one will be selected for the printer, provided he buys them and pays for them in advance, which makes us exclaim:

"Lo! the poor *printer*, whose *well* tutored mind
See's *food* in clouds or hears *it* in the wind;
His soul-proud science never taught to stray
As far as *hen-coops*, or where turkeys *stay*
etc.,
Yet see's a home beyond the western sky,
Where "*pi* shall ever bear him company,"
(pronounced *ni*). ROB ROY.

ALWAYS SELLING.—We have often visited the clothing store of Leopold & Bro'her, 241 Main street, Johnstown, known as 'Oak Hall," and we always find them so busy selling goods that they have hardly time to speak. This is a good sign. Who buys there once buys again, and that's the way they are kept busy selling shirts, drawers, vests, pants, dress coats, over-coats, and taking measures for special suits ordered from the city. To see men selling goods is the best possible recommendation. That's what we call the "proof."

N. F. CARROL, successor to Murphy & Co., Houston House, Main street, Johnstown, is determined not to be excelled in offering inducements to purchasers of dry goods. Consequently he has laid in a most splendid assortment of dress goods, shawls, gloves, hosiery, and furs, bought at great advantage, and which will positively be sold at the smallest advance possible. Call and examine his choice and fashionable goods and prices, for he is determined not to carry any stock over till next spring. Don't forget 277 Houston Building, Main street.

JAMES J. MURPHY.—Here is the store that Murphy keeps; and here is the door that goes into the store that J. J. Murphy keeps; and here is clothes inside of the door and in the store that J. J. Murphy keeps; and here is the "Star," 109, that, wet and dry, continues to shine, on Clinton street, before the door of Murphy's store; and here is the cash that comer and goer leaves in the store, that has the door with an awning before, with that Star of you e, that shines where Jas. J. Murphy keeps.

SNOW! SNOW!!—There will be a deep snow and lots of sleighing next winter, and therefore everybody should go to L. Cohen & Brother, 214 Main street, and buy a beautiful afghan, a set of furs, an overcoat, gloves, under clothes, a fine hat, and then off on a pleasure excursion, to the tintinabulation of the bells! bells! bells!—tintinabulation of the bells. The cheapest made-up clothing in town at the New York Clothing Hall, Opera House, Johnstown.

JOHN T. KINNEY & Co., No 264, Main street, Johnstown, continues to keep up the usual stock of paints, oils, drugs, medicines, etc., and we notice that he has secured a large lot of fancy articles, perfumes, etc., for the holiday trade. Their stock is among the first in the city. Their show case and windows are full of choice toilet articles, as cheap as they can be bought in the cities. Give Kinney & Co. a call. Now, be sure!

TAKE HEED IN TIME.—All persons indebted to the subscriber, either by note or book account are hereby notified that if they do not settle their indebtedness *without further delay* they will be put to trouble and additional expense. I must have my money, and if I cannot get it one way I will have to try another. JEROME PLATT.

Ebensburg, Dec 16, 1869.-2w.*

DIED,

YOST.—In Carroll township, on Tuesday, Dec. 14th, at 5 o'clock, a. m., of general debility, JACOB YOST, Sr., aged 81 years and 10 days.

Deceased was born in Chambersburg, Franklin county, and came to what is now known as Cambria township, this county, in the year 1803. A few years subsequent he removed to Carroll township, and during his long eventful and industrious life accumulated considerable property. Elizabeth Holder, whom our readers will remember as having been murdered a few miles from this place a number of years ago, was a sister of Mr. Yost. In our next issue we hope to be able to give a short sketch of the life of the deceased, who was one of the earliest settlers of Northern Cambria.

SPECIAL NOTICE!

Chance to Save Money.

The undersigned requests all persons knowing themselves indebted to him to call and settle their accounts immediately. FIVE PER CENT. will be deducted from all accounts paid before January 1st, 1870. After that date all unsettled accounts will be left for collection; so if you wish to save 5 PER CENT. and COSTS don't neglect this notice. Cash and Oats will be taken in lieu of cash.

V. S. BARKER.

Ebensburg, Dec. 16 1869. 2t.

CAMBRIA COUNTY BONDS.—The Commissioners of Cambria County are now prepared to sell to those desiring to purchase Bonds of said county, in sums of one, two and five hundred dollars. These Bonds are issued by authority of the Court of Quarter Sessions of Cambria county for the purpose of raising money to build the new county Jail. They bear interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum (interest paid semi annually) redeemable at the pleasure of the Commissioners after the 13th day of December, 1872, and payable the 13th day of December, 1879. Coupons are attached to each Bond for the semi-annual instalments of interest. Parties desiring to invest in this loan will please call on the Commissioners at their office in Ebensburg.

Witness our hands this 14th day of December, 1869.

J. A. KENNEDY,
MAURICE M'NAMARA, } Com'rs.
JAS E. NEASON,
Attest—T. J. GLASS, Clerk.

Ebensburg, December 16, 1869. 4t.

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