Cambria Freeman.

SATURDAY, : : : : : DEC. 2, 1871.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Haps and Mishaps at and near Home.

—Another episode in the family circle, and now for being epi-sewed up on the undisturbed slumber question.

—Miss Sue Kirkead slipped from the doorsteps of the Presbyterian church, in this place, on Sunday last, and strained her back.

—Old Winter has pulled off his coat, rolled up his sleeves, and gone to work in good earnest. There's no fooling about it this time.

—Read the big advertisement of Messrs. A. W. Erwin & Co., dry goods dealers, Allegheny city, about whom we shall have a few words to say next week.

—A man and wife in Loretto named Coons or Kountz, were horrified on waking up a few mornings ago to find their infant, some three or four months old, lying dead in the bed between them.

—Mr. Wm. Parks, of Hare's Valley, Huntingdon county, about 65 years of age, was twice married and is the father of 26 children, with a prospect of still increasing the number. Nearly all are boys.

—You can throw all the ashes you please on the streets now, especially on windy days when lots of people are passing. The borough dads have exempted the ordinance heretofore in force on that subject.

—The Herald advises vaccination in one column and reports in the next that all the persons lying with the small pox in Latrobe at the present time were previously vaccinated. Slightly mixed, we take it.

—The wee, sma' voice of another olive branch in our household, this time of the masculine persuasion, is added to oft-repeated and now more earnestly urged appeals than ever to delinquents to pay up old scores.

—Mr. Adam Schettig, of Carroll township, has our thanks for a half bushel of as good apples as we are sure the mountain can produce. They are delicious and came just in time for Thanksgiving. Who's next?

—A man named Smiles has been arrested for an alleged attempt to burn down his own house at Houtzdale, Clearfield county. His wife is now disconsolate because her Smiles are hidden behind the iron bars of a prison cell.

—Greensburg is to have a national bank with a capital of $100,000, and Geo. F. Huff, Esq., one of the most deserving of gentleman, is to be its President. Lucky bank with two such capitals—a capital President and a capital pile.

—A lad named Gorman broke through the ice on the dam Thursday morning, and came near being drowned. A long pole and a strong pull, however, brought him out a wetter but not a wiser boy, for he was at the dam skating the same afternoon.

—A one year old child of Mr. J. J. Wilmore, of Tyrone, was burned so terribly by its clothes taking fire from a lighted stick, with which it was playing during the absence of its mother, on Thursday evening of last week, that it died in a few hours after.

—There are different ways of expressing the same idea. Even boys know this. For instance, we have heard several urchins declare that "the skating is good on the dam," while others more practical and possibly more profane, merely say "dam good skating."

—A daughter of Hiram Gallagher, of Green township, Indiana county, is expected to die from the effects of an oil can and oil lamp explosion, which occurred one day last week. A daughter of Jacob Learn, of the same township, was severely scalded by the accidental upsetting of a boiler full of hot water.

—A few editors brag this week about having been presented with Thanksgiving turkies, but so far as heard from we are "alone in our glory" on the bran new Thanksgiving baby question. A "well spring of pleasure" and a big turkey all on the same day is something worth bragging about, if the court understands itself, and we think it does.

—The Bedford Gazette says: Mr. Solomon Brizell, a blind man living in Napier township, has walked to Cambria county and back again this fall, three times, and purchased, drove home and killed six fat cattle. The only assistance he had in driving the cattle and leading him was two small boys, one aged 14 years, the other about 10 years.

—Johnstown and Hollidaysburg were both visited by fires on Thanksgiving day. In Johnstown one of the cupolas of the new steel works was destroyed, involving a loss of about $2,000, and in Hollidaysburg the upper stories of the U. S. Hotel were burned and the remaining portion of the building badly damaged. We did not learn the origin of either of the fires.

—Small pox and scarlet fever are still reaping an abundant harvest in and about Johnstown. Among the more recent victims of the former disease we notice the names of Messrs. Dirk Graham and John Harker, of Conemaugh borough, George Bostard, of Johnstown, and August Snyder and child, of Conemaugh Station. The names of the scarlet fever victims are almost legion.

—Thanksgiving day was more generally observed this year than ever before in our town. The stores, with one or two exceptions, were closed the entire day and business generally suspended. The churches were all open, we believe, but they were not all well attended. We "thanksgived" only about forty minutes—twenty at church and twenty at turkey—but that's what it is to be a printer.

—There is nothing in a name, or else, like dreams, they often go by contraries. We have two subscribers in Luzerne county named Dunning, one of whom lives at Dunmore, and both of whom pay their subscriptions strictly in advance. They need no "Dunning" from us, and if all on our list were like them we would never have to "Dun more." Sorry our patrons are not all of the same stamp.

—Court will commence next Monday. Need we urge upon those indebted to us to avail themselves of the opportunity that will thus be afforded them to either bring or send the amount, or even a portion of the amount, due us, if they can do no better. Those who have not paid for the present year, as well as all others indebted for either subscription, advertising or job work, are of course included in the count.

—The model subscriber is he who pays for his paper one year in advance, but the subscriber who outmodels the model one is he who has already paid in advance and then goes an other year on top of it. Of the model kind we haven't near as many as we would like to have, and of the latter we can boast only one, and he is Mr. Wm. Skelly, blacksmith, Wilmore—an honest, intelligent and upright gentleman. May prosperity ever be his, and muchly may his tribe increase and multiply.

—The attention of property owners interested in the subject of insurance is invited to the card of Mr. Geo. J. Rodgers, published elsewhere. The strong testimony he gives in favor of the Companies named cannot but convince any one of their stability and promptness in the adjustment of all losses. We understand that Mr. John E. Roberts, the agent of the Lycoming Insurance Co. in this place, has paid over eighteen thousand dollars of losses by fire of that Company alone during the past six years.

—The Raftman's Journal says: "A man named David Smith, while out hunting deer on last Sunday, in Morris township, Clearfield county, was standing on a stump, with the butt of his gun resting on the same, and his hand on the muzzle of the gun. The gun slipped off, and the hammer struck the stump and discharged the gun, the ball passing through his hand into his stomach, and upward into the heart, where it lodged, killing him instantly. His remains were sent to his home at Rock Forges, Centre county. This should prove another terrible warning to desecrators of the Sabbath day.

BAD ENOUGH to look and feel bad yourself; but no excuse for having your horse look and feel badly, when for a small sum you can buy SHERIDAN'S CAVALRY CONDITION POWDERS, which given in grain two or three times a week, will make him look and feel well.

YOU WILL BE CHARMED—by the present Stock at Oak Hall.

LOCAL CORRESPONDENCE.

JOHNSTOWN, Nov. 29, 1871.

DEAR FREEMAN—We have read "Erionach's" last and previous letters from Ireland, and we pronounce them sublime. This is not coloring the idea too highly. A traveler must be a historian also in order to make travel interesting. "Erionach" is all that, and he is some on the *turf* and the *shamrock*. We were introduced to him when he was in this country, and we were greatly and favorably impressed with his manners, for he is "child-like and bland"—a kind of a sleeping lion. Bless the boy!

We were at the post-office t'other day. Nobody in but Alf. Petriken. Bless Alf. Petriken, the chief clerk, say we, if he is a Black Republican. He is attentive, obliging, gentlemanly, a good scholar, and would make an excellent postmaster all by himself. If the country is to be cursed by Grant for another term, we trust that he or his P. M. General will do one commendable act at least by appointing Alf. to a post that will remunerate him for his labor, skill and experience in post-office matters—provided they don't do it before that time.

Our city physicians are just now discussing the proposition whether it is necessary to adopt the motto, "More patients and long suffering." Having their hands full, they are "weary in well doing." We hope and pray for their speedy relief.

The Cambria Iron Company are now about completing their large stable, near the butcher shop, on the island. It is a mammoth building and will accommodate all the horses and mules belonging to the Company.

Our merchants are all preparing for the holidays, and some of them are laying in such stocks of dolls, toys, supple-jacks, and sich like, as make the very teeth water. This is a figure of speech, but allowable here.

Co. Sup't T. J. Chapman was down south on picket duty, or inspecting the lines, and he reports full attendance in all the schools, notwithstanding the great amount of sickness.

We have several novel theories to propound at the Institute. One is that while the earth turns round *one* way it doesn't turn the *other*. This idea has not yet been mooted! Another is that calms are the cause of storms. This may appear *paradoxical*, but it is really only *doxical*. Another is that sunshine is the cause of rain. These ideas, being contraries, are peculiarly appropriate to our mind. Another is that X, in algebra, equals the doctrines of the Republican party, because it means anything at all.

Mr. Editor, we want you to attend the Institute. Even a printer may learn what pi is, and we intend to lecture on that very subject. There are three kinds of pie—pie in the cellar, printer's pi, and pi in geometry—to say nothing of pi-ety, which is an exceeding scarce article.

Buckwheat cakes are now introduced into Johnstown free of duty, owing to the fact that they make the butterfly.

The Benedictine Sisters are very pleasantly situated now. Their new school building is completed, and they have had a new roof put on the old Foster House building; lattice work relieves the porches from the public gaze, a good, close fence surrounds the buildings, and they have a large school in operation.

A couple of maimed soldiers have been plying the hand organ business within the last day or two, and seemed to take in the dimes quite freely. They dearly earn all they get. Soldiers can never be too well paid.

Our Christmas turkey is an anomoly. He was captured in the Rocky Mountains, in the territory of Utah, on the Humbolt river, near the Humbolt mountains. He weighs 15.5 pounds and eats 2.2 pints of corn every day. We intend to get him slaughtered at the Company's butcher shop. It will take 1.1 butchers to kill him, and .5 to salt him up. We paid the round sum of .557385 dollars for him, and consider that we made a good bargain. We will send you or any other editor one-half of him cleaned, cooked and ready for the table for .575574 dollars. Now is the time to save money.

The moon has got the small pox. It *rose* at 6 o'clock Sunday evening, with *blotches* all over its *face*. It must have been convalescent, however, or it could not have *got up*. Some think it will never *shine* as *bright* as it did, but we think that the *dimples* cannot be seen long at the distance of 240,000 miles.

The steel works are now running at their greatest capacity. They turn out excellent rails, which are bought up as fast as they are manufactured.

The Woodvale School Board met on Friday night last and examined into all the operations of the school, which they approved by a unanimous vote, and then passed a complimentary resolution in behalf of the teacher. This is a very energetic and business-like board. The President is T. L. Bingaman; Secretary, C. W. Easly; Treasurer, Ed. Thomas, jr. The other members of the board are Ed. Thomas, sr., Wm. Beck and David Lucas. They have supplied the school with new furniture, hydrant water, maps, charts, blackboards, and all other necessary apparatus, and have voted the teacher the requisite time to attend the Institute.

ROB ROY.

["Rob Roy's" homily on slander and slanderers has been forced to take a back pew until next week.—ED.]

JOHNSTOWN, Nov. 25, 1871.

FRIEND HENRY—I take exception to a few statements of your Johnstown correspondent in his letter of the present week. He says: "The Hook and Ladder Company and Assistance Fire Company failed to put in an appearance" during the alarm of fire on Saturday last. Now the truth is that the A. F. Co.'s bell sounded the alarm (which your correspondent inadvertantly admits) and the A. F. Co. "put in an appearance" with both of its hose trucks. The fire was not "easily put out," but was allowed to *burn* out, the "raging element" devouring nothing but the soot in the chimney. The A. F. Co. ran out both hose trucks, found the alarm was false, returned to the house, and the Secretary called the roll—all within ten minutes after the first alarm was given. Your correspondent must have strolled "around that way" an hour or so after the alarm. If he can't report local affairs correctly, let him confine himself exclusively to poetry or romance, either of which require IMAGINATION.

Yours, truly, JAMES QUINN.

SUMMIT, PA., Nov. 27, 1871.

DEAR MAC—Thinking the following item of news might not prove uninteresting to the majority of your readers, I submit it to your notice: J. R. Conklin, proprietor of the First National Hotel in this place, killed three large hogs, the average weight of each of which was seven hundred and eighty (780) pounds, making a grand total of two thousand three hundred and forty (2,340) pounds. One of these mammoth porkers measured nine feet six inches from tip to tip and six feet seven inches around the body. The other two were in like proportion. Now if Cambria can beat that, let us hear from you. More anon.

Yours, truly, J. M. OTTERSON.

—On Wednesday afternoon, when the conviction had forced itself upon our mind that our Thanksgiving dinner was to be turkeyless, a happy faced, bright eyed little lad appeared upon the scene with a decapitated turkey in one hand and a billet doux in the other. With thought intent on gallinacious bipeds, we were not long in taking in the situation, and a hasty scanning of the neatly written note revealed the fact that the good little boys of Mt. Gallitzin Seminary, whose hearts are too big for their diminutive bodies, had done us this very considerate act of kindness. Having a Presidential proclivity for gift taking, we accepted the proffered bird, and a good square meal on Thanksgiving day followed as a matter of course. And now with a heart filled to overflowing, (not to say anything of any other fullness,) we return our sincere thanks to the pupils of Mt. Gallitzin Seminary, and trust that God may ever bless and prosper them, as well as the good Sisters who are laboring so zealously for their moral and educational advancement.

A CARD.—*Editor Freeman*: Allow me through your columns to speak a word of praise in regard to the promptness with which the Cambria, Lycoming and Ætna Insurance Companies came to my rescue after the destructive fire of October 24th, which consumed my mill, machinery, and a large amount of manufactured stuff. All the above companies adjusted my claims promptly and fairly, notwithstanding the heavy losses which some of them have sustained by the Chicago fire, and I would most cheerfully recommend them to all parties desiring to insure their property, and would say to all insure and protect yourselves from sudden loss. GEO. J. RODGERS.

THE THOMPSON STORE.—It is a fact undeniable that when any article of goods specially elegant or desirable is sought for, the place resorted to is the long-established Thompson store. The beauty and superiority of the goods at this establishment are apparent at all times, but just now it even excels itself in the immensity and excellence of its stock. If you desire anything particularly nice for the holidays, or any other day, go to Thompson's and you can buy it right. Advertisement next week.

LEAVES have their time to fall and falls have their time to leave, and that every one should take time to call on Spence and get their pictures taken, we verily do believe. There is no question about Mr. Spence's ability to furnish pictures in the highest style of the art and at the lowest style of prices, and just now is the acceptable time to get your pictures taken to present to your friends during the holidays.

THE THIEF who was arrested for robbing Parsons' store, in this town, was found to have a quantity of AYER'S HAIR VIGOR in his possession. When asked why he wished to steal that article, he answered that he "wanted to restore his hair, for it was hard to be a thief and bald too." If that invention of the great chemist could restore a faded character as effectually as it does their natural beauty to bald and gray heads, it would surely be, as they say it now is, truly invaluable.—Lewiston (Me.) Journal.

LETTER FROM PITTSBURGH.

PITTSBURGH, Nov. 29, 1871.

DEAR FREEMAN—On Saturday afternoon last we were blessed with a few hours of charming weather, considering the season. The sun shone brightly and warm, and the air was just crisp enough to render outdoor exercise and operations pleasant. Your correspondent chanced to have at the time an eligible location on Sixth street, where he could view the throng of pedestrians passing and repassing to the tune of one hundred a minute. It was interesting to an unsophisticated youth to observe the "style in which it was done" by the motley crowd as it hurried along. Every one seemed to be going some place and having a distinct object in view. The ladies, hundreds in number, and as a class gorgeously and wonderfully made up, were on shopping tours and leisurely wending their way to the *matinees* given at the several places of amusement. Some were pretty, some were passable, and (will you believe it?) some were positively ugly—still the pretty faces predominated. Business men, with bank books in hand, were hurrying along at almost break-neck speed, endeavoring to reach the banks before the hour of closing. "Nice young men," the "by-Jove" and Dundreary fellows, were crowding the corners awaiting those (male and female) who had made appointments to meet them there. Now and then one or more would disappear to "see a man," which, literally translated, means to take a drink. Bevies of "social evil" were parading to and fro, decked in all the gaudy paraphernalia of their calling, endeavoring to make the good bad and the bad worse, and thereby eke out a miserable existence. The multitude was also liberally interspersed with the element denominated by the would-be philanthropist as the "poor, down-trodden black race." There was the buxom wench in gay plumage and mammoth panier, and by her side was Sambo, gotten up regardless of expense, both as regards fragrance and "silver-mounted harness." Some cruel wag as he beholds them startles his companion with the oft-repeated conundrum, "How is that for high?" It is now past 3 o'clock, and a small army of newsboys are to be seen rushing down the street, yelling at the top of their voices, "Here's your evening papers—*Chronicle* three cents, *Leader* two—buy one?" Acquaintance and stranger are alike pleadingly besought to buy a paper as onward the little Arabs go, accumulating in their rounds sufficient currency to take them to some place of amusement in the evening and enable them to lay in their Sunday supply of tobacco and cigars, while a few, to their credit be it said, are working with heart and soul to procure the bread and meat wherewith an almost famishing family can be kept from want over Sunday. If newsboys as a class are bad, there are in their ranks some noble little fellows. I will write no more on this subject now. What I have above described is an every day scene on our principal thoroughfares, and let those who disbelieve my statement, if any there be, come and see for themselves.

The Woman Suffrage Convention met as per announcement, and their meetings averaged a fair attendance. A number of women, whose names have become familiar in connection with this movement, were present and spoke their pieces. Among them were Mrs. Stone, Mrs. Julia Ward Howe, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Jenkins, and Mrs. Hindman. I do not suppose that what was said at the convention will influence many minds in this community to any great extent, but it must be admitted that a good deal of common sense and downright solid argument was promulgated, and I for one unhesitatingly say let 'em vote, providing they all vote the democratic ticket, which of course they will.

Nearly $30,000 was expended in Pittsburgh last week for amusements alone. With all this prodigal expenditure of money we are almost hourly told the money market was never so tight in this city as at present writing; and I presume it is true, as there is an indication in the above statement of something being *tight*.

If it be true that "coming events cast their shadows before," the population of Pittsburgh will be very materially increased within the next three months.

The number of deaths from small pox in the city is, I am glad to say, on the decrease. There were fifty-eight new cases and fourteen deaths last week. In Allegheny city the malady is rapidly spreading from street to street, and five of the Mayor's police are now down with it. The disease has reached several of the surrounding towns, and the inhabitants thereof are terribly frightened. It is consoling to know that if many of our citizens are to be prostrated by the various ills that flesh is heir to, we have physicians who are remarkably successful in the treatment of all disorders now prevalent in the community and its surroundings. Among our most prominent and successful physicians are the Drs. Oldshue. They are not only scientific physicians, but gentlemen of the highest culture and probity. Their method of treating diseases, although somewhat peculiar, is based upon physiological and pathological facts, and the true nature and extent of disease are accurately determined by occular inspection, chemical analysis and microscopic examination of the urine. This is no idle theory; but their entire system of practice is based upon fixed principles of science. The marked success of these gentlemen in curing the worst maladies known to the profession is not only convincing evidence of the correctness of their theory, but affords ample proof of their professional skill and ability. Some of the most respectable citizens of Allegheny and surrounding counties can testify from personal experience as to the truth of this statement, and I know whereof I speak when I say that I can heartily recommend the Drs. Oldshue to all the unfortunates who may stand in need of their services. Their office is No. 182 Grant street. VAG.

WASHER AND WRINGER.—Mr. Ed. Mann, of St. Augustine, has obtained the right to manufacture and sell in the townships of Clearfield, Allegheny, Munster, Cambria, Blacklick, Carroll and Chest, and the boroughs of Ebensburg, Loretto, Chest Springs and Carrolltown, a very valuable and needful machine called the Practical Washer and Wringer, (Knox's Patent,) and one which we believe will accomplish all that is claimed for it. We have not the space to speak of this great household blessing in detail, but as Mr. Mann is now canvassing his district, no doubt all will have an opportunity to see and judge of its merits. He is prepared to show by practical demonstration that it will accomplish wonders as a clothes cleanser and save labor and money to every housekeeper, and the machine looks as if it was equal to the emergency. It is cheaper too, considering that it is both a washer and wringer, than any similar machines in the market.

WANTED.—Agents to sell the Patent Adjustable Stove Shelves, an article of great practical value to every family in the land. These Shelves can readily be attached to any stove, and are absolutely an indispensable article.—Where they have once been used for raising bread and biscuit, warming plates and victuals, or drying any small articles, doing away with burnt pies, vegetables, meats, etc., which have been placed into the oven of the Cook Stove in good condition to be warmed, but are unfortunately forgotten, and have been burnt or dried. Persons desiring to carry on a profitable business during the winter, will find it to their interest to send for a descriptive Circular, to

DEMMLER BROTHERS,
No. 126 Smithfield street, Pittsburgh Pa.

TO CONSUMPTIVES.

The advertiser, having been permanently cured of that dread disease, Consumption, by a simple remedy, is anxious to make known to his fellow sufferers the means of cure. To all who desire it, he will send a copy of the prescription used, (free of charge,) with the directions for preparing and using the same, which they will find a SURE CURE for *Consumption, Asthma, Bronchitis, &c.* Parties wishing the prescription will please address

11-11.-4y. REV. EDWARD A. WILSON,
284 South Third St., Williamsburgh, N. Y.

ABOUT DRESSING.—It was all well enough for our first parents, before sin entered the world, to gallavant around in the original package, but in these degenerate days modesty and comfort both forbid a fig leaf attire, and hence the necessity, particularly at this inclement season of the year, for just such dress goods for ladies and gents as A. J. Christy keeps in almost endless variety at his cheap store in Loretto. Be your needs what they may, Andy can almost invariably supply them at fair prices.

PUSH ALONG!—Push is a good thing; all progressive people have it. The world demands it—must have it—would go to the wall without it. So "push along, keep moving," and while your hand is in don't fail to push your way into L. Cohen's elegant Hat Parlor, No. 227 Main street, Johnstown, and then push your head into a neat and fashionable hat or cap, there kept in great profusion and sold at figures the most reasonable. Also trunks, shirts, etc.

TRADE WINDS.—Tell me, ye winged winds that round my pathway roar—tell, oh! tell me where, oh! where I'll find the cheapest store? The winds replied and this they said, I've never yet in all my trade have had the luck to suit my mind more fully in goods of every kind than at John J. Murphy's store complete, whose stock and prices no one can beat. Mansion House Corner, Main and Franklin sts., Johnstown. Go there and buy.

DON'T GIVE UP.—'Tis folly to fret or get into a pet about the trials or cares that come on unawares; 'twould be better by far to take things as they are, and ever seek to beguile with a laugh or a smile all our troubles and ills, or else make a visit to Mills, and with cash to pay down, get the best flour in town, or feed, or brooms, or oil, or hams, or something else, very cheap indeed.

THE PITTSBURGH (PA.) *Leader* says: "The firm of GEO. P. ROWELL & Co. is the largest and best Advertising Agency in the United States, and we can cheerfully recommend it to the attention of those who desire to advertise their business *scientifically* and *systematically* in such a way; that is, to secure the largest amount of publicity for the least expenditure of money."

"SHOOT FOLLY AS IT FLIES," and stop using preparations on your head which are composed of *poison*. Use Nature's Hair Restorative, which by its cleanliness, fragrance and purity commends itself. See advertisement.

IT WILL PAY YOU—to go to Philadelphia for a new suit of W. & B.'s Clothing.

JOHN GSCHEIDLY, ALIAS "KAISER."—*Johnstown's Notorious Character—Who He Is, and Where He Came From.*—It is strange that of a character so well known to Johnstown and vicinity as poor old "Kaiser," so little of his past history is generally known. His eccentricities have caused many to laugh, and his sad condition awakens sorrow, yet how few who are amused at him or pity his miserable condition are acquainted with the man as he was "in days past." Thinking, therefore, perhaps, a sketch of his past life would be interesting to our readers, and especially to those in town, who see him daily on the streets, we have gathered together as many facts as possible concerning him.

John Gscheidly, familiarly known as "Kaiser," was born in the town of Michelboch, on the River Hiltz, in the County of Geildorf, Kingdom of Woertenburg, in the year 1812. He was apprenticed when quite young to a nailmaker, and worked at the business in his native town, until he came to this country—in 1833. He first landed in New York, thence went to Philadelphia, and then to Baltimore. At Baltimore he purchased a peddler's outfit, and set out on his journey over the country. He came to Johnstown in 1834. Here he abandoned the "pack," bought himself a horse and wagon with the money his frugality had saved him in his business tramp, and started the legitimate business of peddling "old iron." He worked hard and faithfully for several years, until he found himself in the possession of three or four houses. He was, and is, strictly honest, placing confidence in every one, and thinking every one as honest as himself. Had it not been for this false confidence in his fellow creatures, poor, miserable, crazy "Kaiser" might yet be in the possession of what is justly his.

To the loss of his property, and the loss of some money which he had accumulated beside, to the use of liquor to excess, to sorrow and trouble, may be attributed his total loss of reason, the ruin of mind and body of John Gscheidly.

Since his derangement he has worked but little. His greatest enjoyment as well as business seems to be the purchase and sale of dogs and cats. He is as fond of dogs as Caligula was of his horse. He received the appellation "Kaiser" from a full suit of uniform which he wore for a long time, and from his personification of the character of "emperor," in which he took great delight.

He has not had for many years any definite place of residence. His nights, during the summer time, he usually spent in some barn, his days in the streets, in the society of dumb brutes. The few past winters he has spent in the Poor House, and the frosts and snows of the approaching one will ere long again drive him to some warmer quarters than the open air.

And "Kaiser" once loved, too. He had his heart set on the daughter of a Lutheran minister in his native land, but the dignity of the latter and the humble position of the former rendered the "match" impossible.

So that is poor "Kaiser"—at least as much of him as it is possible for us to learn. He is an old man, and his years have been aught else but happy; he has passed through the world a wandering, laughed-at, poor, sorrowful man; but as we see him pass along the streets, and notice the trembling limbs, the wrecked and tottering frame, we think the grave will soon claim him for its own, and then, perhaps, poor "Kaiser" will learn why it is that in this life some have all the pleasure and others all the pain.—*Johnstown Tribune.*

"THE ALDINE" FOR JANUARY, 1872.—Much curiosity has been aroused to see this new "Champion of America Art," and the publishers, to gain a fruitful harvest by a timely gratification of this very natural feeling, have brought out the initial issue a month before the usual time.

Perhaps the first feature to attract the attention of old acquaintances is the change from green to buff in the color of the cover—hardly an improvement except so far as to prepare for the greater changes inside.

The verdict, which they have been so long anxiously working for, must be favorable. The fulfillment is certainly up to the promise—which is saying a great deal.

On investigation we find that the almost extravagent excellence of last year's paper has been improved upon, the paper of this number being nearly one-half heavier. The surface also seems better adapted to the rendering of those fine tints and delicate grays which the printers of THE ALDINE know how to render so exquisitely.

We also find that the advertisements have been restricted to the wrapper, and an additional sheet inserted, giving seven more pages to the paper—space well improved under the judicious care of the new post editor.

As a first number the one now before us speaks well for the management of Mr. Stoddart, who will well merit all that has been conceded since the announcement of his assumption of the editorship.

All the pictures are very good, and we do not hesitate to pronounce this "new departure" a decided success from the start—an artistic gain for the periodical and a triumph of American taste and enterprise. The publishers should have the support of every public spirited citizen, and we hope our town will be well represented on the subscription books of THE ALDINE. Terms $5 00 per year. For circular and particulars address James Sutton & Co., 23 Liberty St., New York.

GEIS & FOSTER.

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The attention of the Ladies is directed to our immense stock of Millinery Goods, comprising a grand assortment of French Flowers, Feathers, Ribbons, Silks, Velvets, Ornaments in endless profusion, and the latest styles of Trimmed Bonnets and Hats, which we have always on hand, or we can supply any lady with trimmed Hats or Bonnets at shortest notice and in a style which we guarantee will give entire satisfaction. We are now offering special and extraordinary inducements in Fall and Winter Dress Goods. Double Warp Alpacas, Poplins, Velveteens, Waterproofs, Cassimeres, Flannels, Blankets, Linens, Muslins, Prints, Ginghams, Hosiery, Gloves, Laces, Dress Trimmings, and a full variety of Small Wares, Zephyr Worsted and Germantown Wool, at prices to suit all.

A magnificent line of Black and Colored Silks in Glace and Gros Grain, at prices ranging from $1 to $4.

A new, complete and elegant display of Single and Double Broche, Paisley and Thibet Shawls, at from $3 to $50, and hundreds of Woolen Shawls at very reduced prices. We have also opened a splendid line of Ladies' and Children's FANCY FURS, AT LOWEST PRICES. A full and varied assortment of Carpets, Oil Cloths and Window Shades always on hand. Also, the very choicest of live Geese Feathers. All of the above and much more can be bought for the cash at the lowest market rates from

GEIS & FOSTER,
Nos. 113 and 115 Clinton Street,
Johnstown, Pa.

JUST THE THING!—Economy and comfort has at last been combined in the matter of a Spring Bed Bottom, and the result may now be seen at the cabinet ware establishment of Mr. Robert Evans, in this place, that gentleman having bought the right of this county for Glenn's Patent Wooden Spring Bed Bottom, certainly the most simple, satisfactory and cheapest invention of the kind that has yet been introduced to the public, of which the strong testimonials in its favor from well known gentlemen in Pittsburg bear ample proof. Mr. Evans is prepared to manufacture and fit these patent bottoms to any kind of a bed for five dollars each, or will sell shop rights on most reasonable terms. Everybody should go and see this new and desirable invention.

HICKEY'S FURNITURE WAREROOMS.—John Hickey, Undertaker, on Julian street, Fourth Ward, Altoona, is prepared to supply Metalic Burial Cases of all sizes and patterns, and on reasonable terms.

Mr. Hickey keeps constantly on hand a large stock of new and fashionable furniture, and those who require anything in his line should give him a call. Every article sent from his rooms will be warranted as represented.

Hair and Straw Matrasses manufactured to order at less than city prices.

Cane seat chairs re-caned and fitted up as good as new.

All orders from a distance promptly attended to. [jul.13.-tf.]

OH! where are you going, my amiable friend? —oh! where are you going? said he. I am going a new suit of clothes to buy from James J. Murphy. Oh! where does he keep, my amiable friend?—oh! where does he keep? said he. He keeps at 109 Clinton street,—and his store you shall quickly see. Then I will go with you, my amiable friend—then I will go with you, said he. So they both went together and with suits for cold weather they were soon fitted to a T. T. T! Go thou and do likewise, reader. Star Clothing Hall, 109 Clinton street, Johnstown.

WEAR LIKE IRON—Wanamaker & Brown's every day Clothes.

CAUTION.—All persons are hereby cautioned against purchasing or otherwise interfering with the following personal property, owned by me, and left in the hands of John Stevens of Allegheny township, Cambria county, viz: 2 Bay Mares and Harness, 1 Wagon, 2 Cows, 1 Clock, 2 Sleds, 2 Stoves, 1 Bureau, 2 Tables, 1 Stand, 1 Spinning Wheel.

DAVID STEPHENS.

Gallitzin Twp., Dec. 2, 1871.-3t.-$

HYMENIAL.

CHASE—MURRAY.—Married, at the Catholic church in this place, on Tuesday last, by Rev. Father Christy, Mr. STEPHEN A. CHASE and Miss ANNIE E. MURRAY, all of Ebensburg.

You couldn't guess, dear reader, what came with the above welcome notice; at least we suspect you couldn't, for we doubt whether you have seen anything of the kind for many a long day. Well, we'll tell you—two silver half dollars. Think of that, brother editors, and weep! Two silver half dollars, and one of them has a hole in it. We were almost tempted to return the latter, as it might be found useful to the newly wedded some day, but it is well enough we kept it, considering a little event that has since transpired. And now, Stephen and Annie, stand up and let us give you our blessing. May the happiness of the happiest mortal that ever lived be lilliputian in width, breadth, height and depth when compared with the happiness which we hope is in store for both of you, and as the coming years *chase* each other down the vista of time, may each recurring one find you *Murray* in heart, healthy in body, loving in disposition, prosperous in the ways of the world, and always prepared to lay aside the vanities of this life and assume the blissful realities of the life to come.

No bride more buxsome could be found,
Nor Annie with more grace;
But now her *Murray* name is lost—
It perished in the *Chase*.
No more shall *he* find Annie dear
In her loved maiden name;
Yet much his married heart he'll cheer
By housing smaller game.

OBITUARY.

SHARBAUGH.—Died, at Summitville, on Nov. 23d, STELLA M., youngest daughter of John and Mary Sharbaugh, aged 3 years.

There is another little hand
To heaven's sweet harp-string given—
Another gentle seraph's voice—
Another babe in heaven.

CONVERY—Died, in Loretto, on Sunday last, of croup, MARY KATE, daughter of James and Mary Convery, aged about 5 years.

NEW DRY GOODS BAZAAR!

When you visit the city, do not fail to call and see the

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[Dec. 2.-1y.] ALLEGHENY CITY, PA.

THE POST

—FOR—

1872.

The year 1872 will be one fraught with unusual political interests to the people of the entire country, there being a President and a Congress to elect, besides several important State elections.

Upon the result of that election depends the future welfare and perpetuity of our political institutions.

They can best be saved by circulating among the voters such newspapers as advocate a free, liberal, Constitutional Government.

In the future as in the past we shall continue to labor unceasingly for a government of

FREE PRINCIPLES;

and at all times and under all circumstances defend and sustain such a government against all attacks, it matters not what pretext may be set up to accomplish its overthrow.

WE WILL ADVOCATE

the following propositions as essential to the preservation of our political institutions against the machinations of the unscrupulous leaders of the Radical party:

1. The administration of the Government in consonance with the pure and patriotic principles laid down by the founder of the Republic.
2. Opposition to military rule and dictation under any pretext or alleged necessity.
3. Equal rights to all citizens, including the right of every citizen to be tried for an alleged offence in the civil courts, in strict accordance with the letter and spirit of the Constitution.
4. Free and fair elections everywhere, without interference by the President or intimidation by Federal bayonets.
5. Reduced taxation, honest, economical government, and Civil Service Reform.
6. A financial policy that will not oppress the productive industries of the country.
7. An end to lobby schemes, monopolies and land grabbing.
8. A change of the public administration and the overthrow of the cormorants who are now depleting the public treasury.
9. The overthrow of the corrupt State governments in the South which impose heavier burdens of taxation upon the North by keeping half the country in a state of Bankruptcy and Poverty.

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E. J. WATERS, *Justice-of-the-Peace*, has removed to the office recently occupied by Dr. H. H. Plank, on the east side of Centre street, opposite Colonade Row.

WILLIAM KITTELL, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, Ebensburg, Pa. Office in Colonade Row, Centre street. [jan.26.-tf.]

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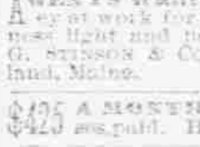

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$425 A MONTH! Horse furnished. Expenses paid. H. B. SHAW, Alfred, Me.

AVOID QUACKS!—A victim of early indiscretion, causing nervous debility, premature decay, etc., having tried in vain every advertised remedy, has discovered a simple means of self-cure, which he will send to his fellow-sufferers. Address J. H. REEVES, 78 Nassau St., N. Y.

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A Book of 125 closely printed pages, lately issued, contains a list of the best American Advertising Mediums, giving the names, circulations, and full particulars concerning the leading Daily and Weekly Political and Family Newspapers, together with all those having large circulations, published in the interest of Religion, Agriculture, Literature, &c. Every Advertiser, and every person who contemplates becoming such, will find this book of great value. Mailed free to any address on receipt of 25 cents. GEO. P. ROWELL & CO., Publishers, No. 40 Park Row, New York.

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JOHNSTOWN BUILDING & LOAN ASSOCIATION.—8th September, 1871. Petition of GEORGE W. OSBORN *et. al.* for incorporation of a Building and Loan Association at Johnstown.

No. 10, December Term, 1871.—In the Court of Common Pleas of Cambria County. And now, Sept. 6th, 1871. Petition read and Articles of Association perused and examined, which appearing lawful and not injurious to the community, said writings are ordered to be filed and notice of the application for a Charter of Incorporation be given for three successive weeks in the *Cambria Freeman*.

By the Court. J. K. HITE, Proth'y.

Prothonotary's Office, Ebensburg, Nov. 22, 1871.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of JOHN KENNEDY, dec'd.

Letters of Administration on the estate of JOHN KENNEDY, late of Washington township, deceased, having been granted to the subscriber by the Register of Cambria county, all persons indebted to said estate are hereby notified that payment must be made without delay, and to those holding claims against the same notice is given to present their respective accounts duly authenticated for settlement.

JOHN H. KENNEDY, Administrator.

Hemlock, Nov. 11, 1871.-6t.*

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of MARGARET M'GOUGH, dec'd.

Whereas Letters of Administration have been granted by the Register of Cambria county to the subscriber on the estate of Margaret McGough, late of Allegheny township, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate that payment must be made immediately, and those holding claims against the same are desired to present them duly probated for settlement. E. O'FRIEL, Adm'r.

Loretto, Nov. 11, 1871.-6t.*

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HEATING AND COOKING STOVES
OF EVERY DESIGN AND PRICE;
Church, School and Dinner BELLS
CAST IRON FENCING,
KETTLES, AND CAST HOLLOW WARE
of every description, &c. &c.

ALL WORK WARRANTED!!

Special attention paid to the repairing of all kinds of Stoves, Farming Utensils, &c.

All orders promptly attended to. Old metal, grain, etc., taken in exchange for work.

Ebensburg, July 1, 1871.-5m.

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COOKING STOVES,
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TIN, COPPER & SHEET-IRON WARE.

Having recently taken possession of the newly fitted up and commodious building on High street, two doors east of the bank and nearly opposite the Mountain House, the subscriber is better prepared than ever to manufacture all articles in the TIN, COPPER and SHEET-IRON WARE line, all of which will be furnished to buyers at the very lowest living prices.

The subscriber also proposes to keep a full and varied assortment of

Cooking, Parlor and Heating Stoves

of the most approved designs.

SPOUTING and ROOFING made to order and warranted perfect in manufacture and material. REPAIRING promptly attended to.

All work done by me will be done right and on fair terms, and all STOVES and WARE sold by me can be depended upon as to quality and cannot be undersold in price. A continuance and increase of patronage is respectfully solicited, and no effort will be wanting to render entire satisfaction to all.

VALLIE LUTRINGER.

Ebensburg, Oct. 13, 1870.-tf.

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AND ALL OTHER ARTICLES GENERALLY KEPT IN A COUNTRY STORE.

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CAMBRIA COUNTY BONDS.—The Commissioners of Cambria County are now prepared to sell to those desiring the same, the BONDS of said county, in sums of $100, $200 and $500. 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, and pay interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum—said interest being payable semi-annually—and are redeemable at the pleasure of the Commissioners after the 13th day of December, 1874, and payable the 13th day of September, 1881.—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 15th day of April, A. D. 1871.

MAURICE McNAMARA, }
JAMES E. NEASON, } Com'rs.
FRANCIS O'FRIEL, }

Attest—J. A. KENNEDY, Clerk. apr. 15.-tf.)

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Western Fish, at .... 8c. to 10c. per lb
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He also keeps on hand all kinds of Vegetables, Fresh Butter, etc., which he receives daily. Will visit Ebensburg, Carrolltown and Loretto each week during the season.

May 21, 1871.-6t.

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Orders respectfully solicited and promptly executed. [Johnstown, Nov. 11, '71.-tf.]

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For terms apply to the Superioress, Sister M. HORTENSE, or to Rev. R. C. CHRISTY. Charges moderate.

Ebensburg, April 1, 1871.-tf.

STRAY BULL.—Came to the premises of the subscriber, in Carroll township, on or about the middle of September last, a BRINDLE BULL, supposed to be about one year and a half old, but bearing no special marks. The owner is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges and take him away, otherwise he will be disposed of according to law.

JOSEPH KUNTZ.
On Farm late of Jacob Kuntz, dec'd.

Carroll Twp., Nov. 25, 1871.-3t.

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