Cambria Freeman.

SATURDAY, : : : MARCH 2, 1872.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

—Court begins next Monday. Those who owe us will please make a note of this fact.

—The delegates to the Republican State Convention, from Clearfield county, are instructed to support Hon. Frank Jordon for Governor.

—The Herald reports the scarlet fever as raging fearfully in some of the townships south of us, and that five children in one family have died of the disease.

—On Wednesday last, James Bricker, a well known citizen of Huntingdon, was run over by a freight train and so badly injured that he died the same evening.

—February went out with a slight snow storm but March came in limb like enough. There will probably be some lich, (or lying,) however, about the present month before it ends.

—Mr. Nicholas Altimus, of Brushvalley township, Indiana county, was thrown from a horse on Friday last, and sustained injuries which caused his death early the following morning.

—One day last week, Jacob Miller, of Unity township, Westmoreland county, was injured to such an extent by a limb falling on him while felling a tree, that it will most probably cause his death.

—Mr. Peter Campbell, of Carrolltown, has had his patent car-coupler attached at his own expense to the passenger train on our Branch road, and Conductor Quartz assures us that it works to a charm.

—Subscribers who are in arrears or who desire to pay for the present volume of the FREEMAN will prove themselves "penny wise and pound foolish" if they don't "sock up" within the next two weeks.

—The Bedford Gazette says: We noticed a horse, on the street the other day, having a large and full grown moustache on his upper lip—the hair was about an inch long, an inch in thickness, and running across the entire lip.

—Under the cry of "stop thief!" directed against our county officials, the last Johnstown Tribune runs up the name of Ulysses S. Grant for President. Which may be set down as a clear case of preaching vs. practice—under difficulties.

—Shakspeare says: "Thrice is he armed who hath his quarrel just." The Herald man says he is going to buy four revolvers, two bowe knives and a sling shot. Therefore it can't be he is chap Shakspeare had in his mind's eye.

—John McGirty and Christian Hartman were both found guilty of murder in the second degree, last week, in Bedford. The former was sentenced to five years and six months', and the latter two years and six months' imprisonment in the penitentiary.

—Mr. Jacob Erb of Richland township, formerly of Burks county, says the Johstown Democrat, has a cow 13 years old; which has had 15 calves, 4 times twins, all alive and good cows. This beats any thing yet heard from, and is a democratic cow. So says Mr. Erb.

—The District Court authorities have leased Union Hall Johnstown, for ten years, at a yearly rental of $800, and friend and foe are alike disgusted and outraged by their action. It is none of our funeral specially, but we hope the county commissioners will repudiate the contract and refuse to pay the bill.

—On Monday, March 18th, a normal school for the instruction of students in the theory of teaching, and in all the various branches of education, will be opened by Prof. Geo. Marsden, and all especially who desire to fit themselves for the education of others should avail themselves of the opportunity thus afforded.

—The Herald says "Michael Cunningham had the misfortune of having one of his index fingers cut off by the machinery of an engine some weeks past while at work near Chest Springs." Some weeks past is a considerable "length of period" for the machinery of an engine to be operating on one index finger.

—Dr. Walter Bell and A. J. Reilly, Esq., two of Altoona's most intelligent, respected and successful citizens, interviewed us briefly this week—the former on Monday and the latter on Friday. It elevates our bump of self esteem very perceptibly to have such worthy gentlemen look in upon us occasionally.

—At the Presbyterian church on next Wednesday evening the pupils of the Presbyterian Sabbath school, aided by the choir of that church, design giving a grand vocal and instrumental concert in aid of the Sabbath school library. The entertainment will no doubt be enjoyable, and the cause is worthy of a liberal patronage. Let them have a full house.

—All lovers of the beautiful who read our paper cannot fail to be pleased with the exquisite original poem, entitled "A Legend," which we publish on this page. The author has not divulged to us his name, and even his postmark is (perhaps purposely) obscured, yet we could not resist the temptation to publish his several productions thus far, and trust they will continue to come weekly, even though the author should still continue to "go behind ——" well never mind.

—The entire stock of ready made clothing contained in the store of Mr. Jacob Pircher, Hollidaysburg, will positively be sold at wholesale city prices, to close business, from and after this date. The stock, which was selected by Mr Pircher, who is a practical tailor, may be depended on as perfect in styles, make and textures, and comprises all manner and quality of men's and boys' wearing apparel. Advertisment next week.

—The winter term of our borough schools will close next week. We believe it is generally conceded that they have all been conducted with marked ability and success, and especially that the principal, Mr. Geo. Marsden, has fully reached, if not excelled, the most sanguine expectations of parents in as well as directors. The discipline of the schools has been excellent and the advancement of the scholars in their various studies very decided.

—Since the Herald has got on the subject of figures, we would like to have it explain how $133.65, $9 00, $7 50 and 55 cents make a total of $9 884.20, as published by that paper last week. (See two Auditors' report, etc.) Also, while raising the "old boy" generally on the figure subject, would like it to explain what (the devil) his Satanic majesty stuck in the fire while on the rampage along the Pa. R. R., this week's Herald having left the reader in very grave doubt on that important question.

—We learn with unfeigned regret of the very serious illness of our good and true friend, Mr. Jacob Pircher, of Hollidaysburg, whose death is momentarily looked for, if indeed it has not already occurred. For his own sake there is no cause to mourn, as he is well prepared for the great change, but for the sake of his very excellent family, his many friends and, above all, the virtuous example his entire life has afforded, we trust that his useful career in this world may be much further extended than his present condition gives reason to hope for.

—"Soltero" will understand that lack of space and not want of disposition has caused the omission of his letter this week. From it, however, we compile the following: A horse race came off near Wilmore last Friday, the competing trotters being sweep stakes and slow pegs. In a three quarter mile heat the former distanced the latter about 150 yards. Much money changed hands.——Esq. Miller's prize calf, exhibited at the Johnstown fair, now owned by Mr. John Dorsan, brought down the beam to the tune of 1075 pounds on Friday last. This mammoth suckling was one year old on the 22d, and is held in higher esteem by its former owner than is the "Second Washington."

—Leg breaking seems to have become epidemic among some of our northern neighbors. One day last week Mathew Weaver, of Carrolltown, fell on the ice and fractured his hip bone; on Monday last Henry Weakland, of Susquehanna township, broke one of his legs by some means; Mr. Risbon, of Allegheny township, met with a similar mishap, caused by the falling of a horse he was riding; And. Eckenrode, same township, suffered a like affliction under similar circumstances; Henry Weaver, of Carroll township, on Tuesday last, and Richard Roberts, of this place, one of Messrs. Barker & Son's drivers, on Monday, fractured each a leg—one from the fall of a horse and the other from a falling mule.

Local Correspondence.

JOHNSTOWN, Feb. 28, 1872.

DEAR FREEMAN—Every year for ten years we have insisted upon having trees planted on the Public Square in Johnstown If they had been planted ten years ago, we would now have thriving trees which would soon be covered with a profusion of verdant leaves and fragrant blossoms, But the Square is as bare as the street yet. When will the council move in the matter. If they would permit it, the citizens themselves would plant the trees.

AS YOU WERE.

All the old officers of our borough were re elected by the councils, except two. A. Kopelin, Esq., was elected legal counsellor for the borough, in place of J. P. Linton, Esq, and John Fisher was elected Clerk in place of Jno. W. Bowman. There was some sharp balloting for the other officers.

TEN YEARS.

The Union Hall has been sentenced ten years to the penitenciary by the judges of the District Court. It is thought it will be pardoned out. It ought to be.

TWO REASONS.

There are two strong reasons why human beings should not drink strong drinks. The first is that man was so created as to derive heat from the continual struggle between the carbon in the food he eats and the oxygen in the air he breathes. He needs no other stimulent. Ladies can live without artificial stimulents. Why cannot men? The second reason is that if it was right to drink pure drinks, it is certainly wrong to drink the poisoned drinks that are now sold everywhere It is not necessary to inquire who poisons these drinks—whether it is the manufacturer, the wholesale dealer, or the retail gill vendor. It is enough to know that every drink one buys has more or less poison in it, and some has enough in it to kill, and some of it does kill. If a person stops at a hotel and asks for something to eat, he would expect that the victuals he pays for would not be poisoned. Why, then, should the public submit to poisoned drinks? There should be CHEMICAL inspectors appointed to analyze samples of all the liquor that is offered for sale, and those who sell poisoned drinks should forfeit their licenses. If this were done this thing of making three barrels out of one would cease.

WHAT IT COSIS.

Johnstown is a fast town. We have had three balls, fifteen nights at the Opera House, eight nights at Union Hall, Lutheran and Presbyterian tableaux, a Catholic fair, and three other nights now advertised—all in about one month. The drain upon the pocket-book is immense."

A MAN KILLED.

An aged German named Rauch, about 70 years old, was killed at the railroad station in this place on Saturday morning last as he was attempting to cross the track on his way to work in the Company's coke yard. A freight train was standing on one track, the engine of which was blowing off steam, making a noise that drowned the sound of the Southern Express, at the time approaching, which struck him just as he stepped on the track, inflicting injuries which produced death very shortly after being conveyed to his home in Kernville.

HAND INJURED.

A young man named Bretzler placed a block of wood under the steam hammer at the steel rail mill, on Friday evening last, but failed to withdraw his hand in time to escape the descending hammer, and he now deplores the loss of two or three fingers and a thumb, they having been crushed so terribly that amputation became necessary.

NEW CHURCH.

The United Presbyterian church on Franklin street is almost finished. The Sunday school rooms are completed and present a very neat appearance. The chapel will be ditto in May.

A BIG STRIKE.

I have a friend in Arizona who has struck for higher wages. He had an interest in a gold mine there during the war, but the Indians drove the hands off. He went back last summer, and for the last four months he has been taking out rock that contains $50 0 per ton, and they take out five tons a day. This is making good wages. He is a brother in law, and I have a son out in the same diggings. All will be right in a few months if the Indians don't come again. Frank writes "I see a small fortune before me."

SOLD OUT.

Mr. Bishop, of the Hulbert House, has already become tired of running the machine, and has sold out to A. J. Haws. Mr. Bishop, I understand, has got up a troupe of Ethiopian Serenaders, and gave an exhibition here on the night of the 27th February.

LOOK OUT

for a late spring. We will see snow in March, April and May, if not in June. The season is always late when the ecliptic crosses the equator at right angles with the colures and when the paralex of the sun is 90 degrees above zero.

ABRIDGED.

If the bridge between Conemaugh borough and Woodvale is not soon repaired it will go down, and New Orleans will get some fire wood.

DOLLAR STORE.

The dollar store is a new institution here.—It is a kind of a lottery so inside, only it is done according to law. A man buys a picture worth two cents for twenty five cents; then he can "draw a chance" to get something, by paying another bill of one dollar People ought to know they can not get as good bargains at one of these chebangs as they can at a licensed store. Besides, all such impositions is jure our honest merchants.

KERNSVILLE

is becoming conspicuous. There was a fight at Koontz' store on Saturday. On Monday two boys, aged 15 and 12 years, respectively, took five dollars from the money drawer in George Shaffer's store, while the store keeper was in the cellar getting some potatoes. A lady says: "The poor little dears didn't know what money was!" Two other boys, 8 and 6 years old, respectively, one a son of Samuel Dibert and the other a son of Mr. Ellsworth, both of Kernsville, took a notion, on Monday last, to visit Stoystown, a place nearly twenty miles distant, in Somerset county. They footed it about two miles beyond Stoystown before they stopped for rest. The day was quite cold and the youngest child was very tired and greatly exposed to the severe weather; but beyond this no damage was done. The parents became alarmed and followed them as soon as they found out where they had gone Both parents and children returned the next day safe and sound. ROB ROY.

DOINGS OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL.—Council met on Monday evening, 26th inst. Present, Burgess—Berry. Councilmen—Barker, Cunningham, Davis, Huntley, and Lewis. Absent—Sechler.

Minutes of former meeting read and approved.

A number of bills were presented and orders granted.

On motion, the act passed Nov. 27, 1871, relative to hauling away the dirt of cellar excavations, be repealed. Agreed to.

On motion, Mr. Roberts be instructed to remove the dirt in front of his residence as soon as possible, and that he be allowed the privilege of putting it on certain streets under direction of Street Commissioner. Agreed to.

On motion the Clerk and Mr. Barker were appointed to audit the Borough accounts.

The Council then proceeded to the election of Borough officers with the following result

Deputy Burgess—F. H. Barker.
Collector and Treasurer—Wm. Davis.
Street Commissioner—T. W. Williams.
Police, W. W.—Geo. Gurley.
" E. W.—David E. Evans.
Weigh Master—G. G. Owens.

The Treasurer was instructed to pay interest on all fire engine bonds that may be presented to him, endorsing the same on the bond. Adjourned.

Excitement about Sewing Machines.

The new competitor for public favor, the Domestic Sewing Machine, is evidently the long pole which knocks the persimmons.

Agents of old established machines, who, a week ago, laughed at the idea of a new machine gaining favor in the market, are fairly breaking their necks to see who can get to sell it.

It will sew to beat any machine in the market, and so nicely is it adjusted, and so few its points of friction, that a child ten years old can run it at its highest rate of speed, by simply placing the tip of the toe on a corner of the treadle.—When running at the rate of a thousand stitches a minute, it can scarcely be heard across the room. A nice feature about it is, there is twice the room under the arm that is allowed for any other machine.

As the terms given by Messrs. Steadman & Co. are much more favorable than those given by other houses, they will be able to find the best men in this and other counties to act as their agents.

COMMUNICATION.

FEBRUARY 29, 1872.

Editor of Cambria Freeman.—Will you be kind enough to give me space in your columns to do some justice to certain of our county officials who, I think, have been undeservedly abused? Since the Auditors of Cambria county have made their report of the Receipts and Expenditures of the county, for the year 1871, the Johnstown *Tribune* and the Ebensburg *Herald* have been, week after week, holding up to the view of taxpayers what they are pleased to term the enormous frauds and robberies committed by the officials entrusted with the financial affairs of the county. The *Tribune* compares the sum paid to Commissioners in Bedford county with the gigantic (?) amount paid to the Commissioners of this county, for services rendered, and makes quite a noise about the difference. The writer of this has not seen the report of the Auditors of Bedford county, but as the editors of the papers in question have been asking for light, in order to see and understand what they are talking so loudly about, they should have looked a little further than merely across the line of Bedford county. They should have examined the reports from Westmoreland, Clearfield, Indiana, Tioga, Venango, Lycoming and Dauphin counties, and then they could have seen that the "frauds and robberies" in other counties, if there were any such anywhere, far exceed those alleged by them to have been committed in Cambria county. Still, as the said editors have drawn a comparison with Bedford county in regard to the amounts paid to the respective Boards of Commissioners, I will take the liberty of extending comparisons a little further. All the amounts given below have been carefully compiled from the reports made by the Auditors of the several counties named:

Aggregate amounts paid for the year 1871 to Commissioners, their Clerks and Counsel

In Westmoreland county	$3,190 25
In Clearfield county	2,937 50
In Lycoming county	3,713 99
In Tioga county	2,636 04
In Indiana county	3,575 07
In Dauphin county	6,155 57
In Venango county	3,866 50
In Cambria county	2,890 41

Now of the seven counties above compared with Cambria, in each one of five of them the amount paid to Commissioners, their Clerk and Counsel far exceeds the amount paid to like officials in Cambria; in two of them only was the amount smaller. Average the seven counties, and the amount for each will be $3,636.40—exceeding that of Cambria, for which the *Tribune* and *Herald* lament so much, the sum of $746. And in Venango county, governed too by honest Republicans, the fees for counsel is not included in the amount mentioned above—neither is counsel fees included in the amount for Dauphin, another Republican county, where of course nothing wrong could be done.

The *Tribune* wants light on a certain item called Miscellaneous—about $90—which the editor thinks must have been paid for "Toothpicks and Tom and Jerry." But would not the *Tribune* like to have light sufficient to enable him to see on what the small "Miscellaneous," amounting to $2,122.06, was expended in Indiana county? It could not have been on "Tom and Jerry," as the Republicans are *all temperific*, notwithstanding one of them, while a candidate for the Legislature, got, it is said, five gallons of that "Hite whisky," about which so much noise has been made, and another Republican, now a co-worker, I am told, on the *Tribune*, drank more than double that quantity of the said "Hite whisky." Light was also wanted so as to know who got the 204 dollars, the error mentioned in the Auditor's report. Well, it is easily explained thus: The Auditors by mistake charged the Treasurer with money received from Collectors $204 more than he had received—therefore the Treasurer was the loser to that amount. Well, would any honest man refuse to rectify a mistake? Surely not. So the $204 were refunded to the Treasurer.—The *Tribune* made a noise about the Military fund, asking if "war or insurrection existed to the north of Cambria county," that so much money was needed? On making inquiry, the writer has discovered, that Johnstown must be the place where the "war or insurrection" had its existence, as over $1,000 of the military fund went to parties in that place. As regards the office time made by the Commissioners last year, writer knows nothing; but this much he does know: Last year was the criminal for assessments, and it is well known that the Commissioners revised them and altered every figure in the assessment list—making calculations for every individual property, in order to make a fair ratio. It was also the year for making the enumeration of the taxable inhabitants for apportioning the State; also, the new Jails trying to make sale of Bonds, &c. Surely all this must have taken a great deal of time. It is also well known to all in and around Ebensburg that the Commissioners worked often from 7 o'clock in the morning until 10 and 11 o'clock at night; and would any liberal man allow that much time to go for one day at the pitiful sum of $2? Surely the District Court official whose name is flaunted at the masthead of the *Tribune*, and who attempted to charge the county about $60 more fees for one term of the District Court than the law allows him, should not complain if the Commissioners charged more than $2 for 15 or 16 hours' work, and close application at that. "Those dwelling in glass houses should not throw stones."

A TAXPAYER NEAR EBENSBURG.

Wood's Household Magazine for March has taken a "New Departure," with Gail Hamilton as its Editor-in-chief. In her salutory she unblushingly avows that, "The original and governing motive of this Magazine is to make money. We know that this is a fact unparalleled in the history of literature, and we might disguise it in finer phrase, but the underlying motive would still be the same. Profoundly as we believe in virtue, morality and the power of the press, we would never publish a page needlessly if we did not hope to advance our fortune thereby." Yet just how fortunes are to be advanced by the publication of an original Magazine of nearly sixty pages, contributed by such writers as Greeley, Parton, Bangs, Beecher, etc., and edited at an expense of nearly six thousand dollars—and for one dollar a year—this is not so apparent to the general reader, and is explained only by the fact of its enormous circulation, which now exceeds that of any other Magazine published. Any person not acquainted with the Magazine may receive a specimen free, by addressing S. S. Wood & Co., Newburgh, N. Y.

Ballou's Magazine for March.—The March number of Ballou's Magazine is issued, and a careful examination of its contents shows us that it is fully up to all the requisites for amusing the public. There is such a variety in its contents, that every one can find some article that will please them. Boys will delight in the sea yarns and adventures, ladies in the love stories, gentlemen in the historical tales, and the sentimental in poetry.

Ballou's Magazine contains 100 pages of reading matter, yet it is sold for only fifteen cents per copy, or $1.50 per year; the cheapest publication in the country. Yet in the face of all this, the publishers give some of the best premiums that were ever offered for clubs of subscribers. Send for a list and see. Thomas & Talbot, publishers, 22 Cornhill street, Boston.

The Phrenological Journal for March has been received. Its contents more than confirm our high opinion of that magazine's character.—The very instructive articles on "Fish Culture in America," and "Ague and Fever" are alone worth more than a year's subscription. But besides these there is a long list of readable matter. Attorney-General Williams; Expression; Harriet Hosmer; Our Horse Cars; Will it Pay? Writing for the Press; The Arctic Regions; James Fisk, Jr.; Lord Brougham's Ghost; Rev. George H. Hepworth, etc., with fine portraits and numerous illustrations. Price 30 cts., or $3 a year. (S. R. Wells, 389 Broadway, N. Y.

ROLL ON! great Pill of Ayer, roll on!
Through miles emboweled roll!
Roll on!
Through those whose livers chafe the soul!
Through those whose feeble stomachs fail!
Through mesenteries waxen pale!
Through all who live in aches and ail!
Ever roll on!
Roll o'er the prairies of the nation,—
For the sick and ill of every station!
Roll down the Andes towering mountains!
Roll over Africa's golden fountains!
Through India and the Chersonese!
Through distant isles of Japanese!
Wherever dwells a sinking heart!
Roll on to do your* might part!
Ayer's Pills, roll on!—Putnam for Oct.

*—USE NATURE'S HAIR RESTORATIVE.
—It is the best.
—Contains nothing injurious.
—Clear as crystal.
—No sediment nor filth.
—Does not stain the skin.
—Elegantly perfumed.
—Restores gray hair.
—Prevents the hair from falling off.
—See advertisement.
—Sold by Lemmon & Murray, Ebensburg.

IT COSTS NOTHING to go to James J. Murphy's store and purchase clothing, because a man always gains more than he expends. It is like buying a lottery ticket and drawing a prize.—Mr. Murphy still continues to entertain customers at his old favorite business place, No. 109 Clinton street, Johnstown. Having just received a new and splendid stock of ready-made clothing, he invites every body to call at the Star Clothing Store and buy some of the very cheapest and best clothing in the market.

KNOWLEDGE IS POWER.—Knowing how to sell dry goods is knowledge. John J. Murphy knows how to sell dry goods; *ergo*, John J. Murphy is an intelligent man. This is no silly pism, but a fact well known to thousands of people who carry away thousands of dollars' worth of dry goods from the Mansion House corner, Johnstown. The Spring styles are already here, and it will afford Mr. Murphy great pleasure to exhibit his fine stock of dry goods to all wishing to buy. Dress up now and save money.

DID IT ever occur to you, dear reader, that right here in Ebensburg we have as proficient and accomplished a photograph artist as any of the larger towns can boast of? If the thought hasn't heretofore struck you, the present is a very good time to make up your mind on that subject; but don't jump at conclusions until you visit Spence's elegant Photograph Gallery and have a dozen or two *carte de visites* or other gems of the art, taken in that gentleman's unsurpassable style.

[*Written for the Cambria Freeman.*]

A LEGEND.

A mountain steep above the plain uprears
Its giant form. Thereon, in long past years,
A hoary hermit many a season dwelt,
No need of human fellowship had felt.
His days in prayers and fasts severe,
For love of God much more than sin-brought fear.
The brightness of his virtue, long concealed,
It pleased our Lord at length should be revealed.
Not long it took to hear in distant lands
The wondrous blessings God gave through his hands.
No more upon the rugged steep remained
The awful stillness that so long had reigned.
From every quarter eagerly there came
The sick, the blind, the stricken, and the lame;
Whate'er the ill to which poor flesh is heir—
Each suffering mortal did to him repair.
Of all that to the saintly hermit prayed,
Not one retired but thankful for his aid;
Thus were his years of toil by priceless gifts repaid.

Whilst thus his days in mercy's works took flight,
Short were his slumbers, long his prayers at night.
How sweet the silent hours—too swift, alas!—
That the enraptured saint in prayers did pass!
What tongue can tell the joys his soul then felt
Of union close in which with God he dwelt?
The angels bright around him loved to throng,
To hear his love of God break forth in song;
And in return, his exiled heart to cheer,
They sing him songs that saints alone can hear.

Whilst thus at dead of night, in darkness deep,
The holy hermit once did vigils keep,
From highest heaven swiftly winged his way
The brightest of the Seraphs, Elva.
Now stood he near the saint, in robes of white,
And touched his eyes, and thus increased his sight.
Far, far away, the angel's touch reveals
The form of one who near an altar kneels.
The tapers burning on the altar shed
A twilight solemn o'er the virgin's head.
The place, the posture, moving lips declare
That to the Lord she utters now her prayer.
Whilst on this hallowed scene the hermit dwells,
And on his soul the sweet example tells,
He finds himself from this fair prospect torn,
As onwards by the Seraph he is borne
Into another place, quite different far,
That on his prayerful soul doth rudely jar.
Within a chamber sits a busy maid,
In raiment neat, not rich, is she arrayed.
Whilst eyes and hands are on her work employed,
She looks as if her soul sweet peace enjoyed;
A cheerful smile lights up her gentle face—
Within reigns virtue and without shines grace.
When others deep in sleep now buried lie,
Unwearied still she does her needle ply,
Nor seeks repose, nor from her work inbends,
But cheerful toils until her task she ends.
At length the finished dress she holds to view—
If not the richest, 'tis both gay and new—
And then contentedly unto her rest withdrew.

These were the scenes the Seraph Prince displayed,
On which the pondering hermit's mind delayed.
What wonder, then, was his when asked, "Who prayed—
The kneeling virgin or the telling maid?"
At once he silence broke, and thus replied,
"'Twas she who doth in God's own house abide."
"The kneeling virgin many a *prayer* had said,
The sitting maiden working late had *prayed*,"
The Seraph said; whereat the hermit cried:
"How can this be whilst eagerly she plied
Her needle on the dress o'er which she toiled?"
"Even so!" the Seraph said, "while she thus spoiled
The maiden still, amid her work, had prayed—
'Twas for an orphan child the bright new dress she made."

[*Written for the Freeman.*]

SCENES IN COURT—Continued.

BY ROB ROY, ESQ.

CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

Dist. Att'y—Court please, we now will try a case Which happened lately in this place:
One M. P. M. did cruelly beat——
Judge—Hold! hold! my friend, I do entreat!—
That case is compounded.

STEALING ICE.

Dist. Att'y—Then may it please your honor, but one case
Remains upon my list. Near by this place,
On Huckleberry creek, near Huckleberry town,
In Huckleberry county, this man was found
Deliberately stealing ice, from the aforesaid creek.
The *piscary* law doth thus wise speak—
I read it from a printed book:
"*No man shall take with net or hook.*"
This man did literally *hook* this ice
With iron *hook*, and against my advice.
He must be taught to reverence this brook.
Judge—This act, I know, was rather *cool*,
But I know of no law or rule
Which will prevent his taking ice,
With *net* or *hook*, 'gainst your advice.
Suppose he did, I cannot break
To let you *hook* him with your *hook*,
And while you may an action bring,
I will not let you have more string,
But will dismiss the case, in fine,
If we should lose both *hook* and *line*.
Crier, adjourn this court, *sine die*.

FACTS WORTH KNOWING!—*Great Reduction of Stock and Prices.*—Being determined to reduce our assortment to the lowest possible point before TAKING STOCK, we have gone over all our goods and MARKED DOWN THE PRICES to figures that are bound to sell them. Many articles have been reduced to cost, and others below cost.

Have a very handsome line of Double and Single Shawls; also, Paisley, Broche and Thibet Shawls—all of, which must be sold, even at a sacrifice.

A large stock of White and colored Blankets, Bradle's and other makes of Barred Flannels, Cassimeres, Dress Goods, Silks, Gloves, Hosiery, Muslins, Calicoes, Furnishing and Millinery Goods, and other merchandise in great variety—all bought this season and now selling at Panic Prices at

GEIS & FOSTER'S

Popular Dry Goods Store, Nos. 113 and 115 Clinton Street, Johnstown, Pa.

HICKEY'S FURNITURE WAREROOMS.

John Hickey, Undertaker, on Julian street, Fourth Ward, Altoona, is prepared to supply Metallic 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.

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OBITUARY.

DALEY.—Died, in Washington township, on Tuesday evening last, of consumption, Mr. John Daley, a very worthy and exemplary young man, brother of Mrs. John Rodgers, of this place, aged about 24 years.

HUGHES.—Died, in Iowa City, on the 18th ult., of congestion of the brain, William R., son of E. Hughes, Esq., formerly of this place, aged 18 years.

CARPENTER.—Died, on the 24th inst., near Sonnerhill, of scarlet fever, George Carpenter, aged 19 years.

ROBERTS.—Died, in Cambria twp., on Sunday last, of scarlet fever, Eliza, daughter of Robert W. and Rachel Roberts, aged 3 years and 6 months.

HUMPHREYS.—Died, in Cambria twp., on the 14th ult., of scarlet fever, Margaret, daughter of William and Ann Humphreys, aged 7 years and 5 months.

DAVIS.—Died, in Blacklick twp., on the 26th ult., Edward Davis, aged about 70 years.

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