

THE CAMBRIA FREEMAN. EPHRATA, Pa., WEDNESDAY, DEC. 19, 1873.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Here, There, and the Other Place. Argument Court will be held in this place on Tuesday, Feb. 10, 1874.

Order your hardware, no matter how small the bill, from Dibert, Wayne & Co., Johnstown.

If the weather should continue favorable it is expected that the work of re-arranging the tunnel will be completed in three weeks.

Death of a young man, of Huntingdon county, was reported on Tuesday, having been found dead the other day, lying between two furrows in a field he had been engaged in plowing.

Washington Township is the largest in the county, according to a poll taken of the new Constitution permissoms of this county, the vote standing 127 for and 22 against.

Two little children of Mr. David Jones, living near their necks and faces and one of them quite severely, by the accidental upsetting of a small quantity of water, a few days ago.

Don't send to the city for your iron, brass, or wood work, anything that you can get from Dibert, Wayne & Co., Johnstown, as they can fill all such orders at city prices.

Frank Johnston, a lad who was re-injured in a coal mine near Latrobe, is recovering from the effects of his injuries on the 12th of last week.

W. Green, a former citizen of this place, was run over and instantly killed by a train of cars in the Pittsburgh on Tuesday morning. He was carrying a dispatch at the time of the accident.

John Baker, living near Bell's station, had the principal part of his horse killed on Saturday, and the aid of a cart was required to get the animal in position and to bury it.

W. C. & Co. of this place, having received orders from bankers, their old customers to patronize them as extensively as possible, are expected to receive the same for settlement without delay.

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As the good book assures us that all flesh is grass, we suppose the Johnstown Voice is right when it informs its readers that the largest and best stock of hardware in Ireland, really did have a hayday of glory at one time in that place. Had he acted as the "favorite correspondent and biographer" of the Voice, instead of the Freeman, his hayday of glory would have been postponed until next harvest at least.

"Strike for your altars and your fires, strike for the green graves of your sires," strike for the store of Lloyd & Myers—or, more properly speaking, Myers & Lloyd—and see if they haven't a stock of goods as complete and elegant as there is to be had and sale anywhere in this "cedentary." And their prices—well, if they don't undersell everybody else they allow no one to undersell them—no matter what his pretensions or promises may be.

Rev. D. K. Ritz, formerly a resident of Johnstown, but who of late years has occupied rather a prominent notoriety in police circles in and about Pittsburgh, was on Saturday last sentenced for larceny in the latter city to two years "seclusion" in the State Prison, for having "gone around" in the coopers' department. His crime was stealing money from his brother-in-law. Besides being a preacher, Mr. Rine was a member of the "art preservative," having learned his trade in Greensburg. If we will any person object to it that it is sectarianism? Finally, in all our school reading-books, so far as I know, and I have knowledge of a good many, there are selections from our authors, indicating and illustrating virtue and morality. Are these the characteristics of schools that are "immoral," "godless," and "pagan"?

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THE OTHER SIDE. To the Editor of the Cambria Freeman: A correspondent in the last number of the "Freeman," in speaking of our common school system, says it is "a godless and therefore immoral system, if it be as it is pretended; it is an attempt at imposing a religious system on us, if it be not godless and immoral."

I wish to say, in the first place, that I cannot perceive the force of your correspondent's reasoning. It seems to me there is plenty of ground between these propositions, upon which the school system may stand. I think your correspondent is extremely illogical. He argues from premises which he assumes, but are denied. It does not follow that because a religious instruction is given in our public schools that they are immoral and soul-destroying. It is a sad begging of the question to assert that they are "godless."

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Mr. John McLaughlin, of a Summerhill township, captured a bear in the town of Johnstown, and he has been the largest and most obnoxious "critter" of that species yet secured in this "huck of timber."

P. M. Voleslagle, who cut his foot some time ago, has been on the move once more for a couple of weeks past.

Having nothing more to communicate, I will close. Yours truly, SCRIBO.

DOUGNETS.—Take two eggs, beaten, three-quarters pound of white sugar, one tea-spoonful salt, half pint of sweet milk, and one pint of melted butter, if thick, are desired very short; mix together with a spoon, then add three pints of flour, having in it one-and-a-half measures Banner Baking Powder.

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