

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Here, There, and the Other Place.

Two hundred mechanics and laborers from Huntingdon county for Kansas...

The annual white-washing-not in Congress, but along the line of the Pa. R. E.

The lightning flashed, the thunder rumbled, and rain in torrents dashed...

Waterman for Register and Recorder!

Mr. Timothy Davis, of Altoona, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners...

Mr. J. H. Fuller, a son of Mr. Christian Fuller, a former citizen of Carroll township...

John Woods, for many years a prominent citizen of Huntingdon county...

Edward Stoner, a colored porter at the American hotel, has been arrested...

The late John Cresswell, of Hollidaysburg, is suggested by the Standard...

Farmer and others can do their own paving by using Chemical Paint...

The Republicans have congratulated themselves on having secured a very respectable county ticket...

There was some what of a hail storm in Blair county on Monday night last...

The Wm. M. Lloyd bankruptcy case, which was set down for trial on the 16th...

John Devine, who seems to belie his name, was arrested in Cambria borough...

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A MIGHTY MAN.

THE HERCULEAN HUNTER OF THE GREAT AMERICAN PLAINS.

About three miles down the Illinois River, near the little town of Cahokia, lives a very queer Indian who has a history as remarkable as it is romantic.

He is a tall, spare, and according to his own assertions is over 100 years old.

His name is John Mechoo, and he was born in the county of Jefferson, Mississippi, where his tribe resided over a century ago, and from which region they were transported to the Indian Territory.

John, or the "Big Indian," as he is familiarly known, is an extraordinary person in appearance, being six feet four inches in height, weighing about 150 pounds, and in spite of his age is erect and wonderfully robust.

His hair is now perfectly snow white, but a few teeth left, and within the last two or three years he has grown somewhat bald.

He is a fisherman and frog hunter by profession, and during the last two years of age, a French hunter, who did not speak English, his first wife was an Indian half-breed, by whom he had two children, both living in the vicinity of Cahokia, and hunters and sportsmen by vocation.

At the age of seventeen Mechoo had already become noted for his physical strength and great powers of endurance.

Unfortunately he became involved in a quarrel with the chief of the Cherokee, Malanata, and slew him, Mechoo, while making an effort to flee, was apprehended by his tribe, and, after a trial according to the forms common to the Cherokee, he was condemned to be burnt at the stake, but during his short confinement, preparatory to his undergoing this terrible penalty, he escaped.

He went to the northern part of the territory of Mississippi, where he joined the Chickasaw, and after some time he was taken to the Choctaw chiefs, and made captive a woman of the tribe with whom he fled, and since then has been a series of wanderings.

From Mississippi he proceeded to Louisiana, from thence to Texas, and from Texas to Missouri, and for the last fifty years he has been living in the vicinity of St. Louis, where