THE CAMBRIA FREEMAN.

Ebensburg, Pa.,

FRIDAY, - - DEC. 27, 1878.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Here, There, and the Other Place.

--Argument Court list came too late for this week. Will appear in our next.

--A new crusade against intemperance, *a la* Murphy, has been inaugurated in Altoona.

--There will be no dearth in the ice crop this season. That is one thing to be thankful for.

--There are 26 prisoners in the county jail. Of these, 18 are men, 5 women, and 3 children.

--Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all, but don't forget to buy your goods from A. A. Barker & Son.

--A large and comfortable house in the West Ward is offered for rent on very moderate terms by Dr. Hoffman.

--Judge Dean and wife are the proud parents of a young daughter that came to gladden their household last week.

--The contract for building additional coke ovens at Bennington Furnace has been finished by Mr. V. C. Elder of Johnstown.

--No Syracuse in our's this time, but the farthest attainable station beyond Auburn, if you please, Brother Buckingham. Selah!

--William McDonald, a miner at Lloydsville, this county, had a leg broken a few days ago by a quantity of slate falling on him.

--It is charged that there is a bogus coin manufactory in Blair county and a couple of crooked whiskey distilleries in Cambria county.

--The branch railroad worried it through last winter without being once snowed up. There's not much consolation in that now, however.

--Nicholas Kurtz, of Dutchtown, in the southern end of this county, was badly hurt Monday last by a ledge of coal falling on him in a mine.

--The well-known Avery Allen, recently an inmate of the county poor house, is at present enjoying the murky atmosphere of Johnstown.

--If you want a live daily paper, order the Pittsburg Daily DISPATCH. Subscription, $8 00 per annum. Address Rook & O'Neill, publishers. [12-13-6t.]

--'Twas three nights before Christmas, and in the house there was joy over the latest arrival, a black-headed—to be continued in our next.

--A 16-year old boy named Charles Munger, of Conemaugh, was seriously injured on Saturday by the explosion of a blast in a stone-quarry.

--The First Presbyterian church of Altoona, Rev. M. N. Cornelius, pastor, was rededicated to the service of Almighty God on Sunday last.

--Still more reductions at the popular cash store of A. A. Barker & Son; you can now get twelve lbs. of nice light brown sugar for one dollar.

--It is the intention of the Jackson township oil company to drill to the depth of 2,000 feet, if found necessary, in their quest for the greasy fluid.

--While the snow storm was raging round us last Sunday, the people of Blairsville Intersection and points westward were being deluged by a heavy rain.

--If you want to buy boots, shoes, clothing, or anything else, it will undoubtedly pay you to interview M. J. Teitelbaum, at his cheap cash store in Loretto.

--For the first time this winter the mercury in the thermometer made the acquaintance of zero Monday night, and since then has gone several degrees lower.

--Hoping to enlarge and if possible treat the FREEMAN to a new suit at the close of the present volume, we have concluded not to take any vacation in ours until that time.

--Capt. James H. Gageby, U. S. A., is in Johnstown on a holiday visit to his parents. The Captain's present post of duty is St. Louis, where he is in charge of the recruiting office.

--All the way 12,000 pounds of poultry, embracing turkeys, geese, ducks, and chickens, were shipped from Blairsville last Friday evening, consigned to Philadelphia and New York.

--Mr. William McCormick, of Mechanicsburg, Indiana county, died last week, aged 75 years. He was the father of Messrs. John and Blaine McCormick, two well known railroad men of Altoona.

--Some time ago it was stated that Mr. Julius Steich, of Carrolltown, proposed starting a brewery in Ebensburg, but now it is given out that he has determined on going into business in Johnstown.

--Dr. Hoffman will be in Loretto on New Year's day, and if any one in that vicinity suffers with the toothache after that date, or masticates food with a mouthful of miserable molers, it will not be his fault.

--Sheriff Ryan and his excellent lady "set it up" sumptuously on the twenty-six prisoners in the county jail in shape of a grand Christmas dinner, whereat six hefty "gobblers" and much other provender went the way of all flesh.

--The Ebensburg train (weather permitting) will connect with the Johnstown Express on Monday morning, to accommodate all who are *en route* for the County Institute, which meets for organization at 10 o'clock, a. m., Dec. 30, 1878.

--Our "sojer boys" will be interested in learning that arrangements are making for the free transportation of all the regiments of the P. N. G. to Harrisburg to take part in the inaugural ceremonies of Gov. Hoyt on the 6th of next month.

--By an error in wetting down paper, and the consequent failure to print the full edition of our outside pages last week, we were obliged to impose half sheets on some of our patrons. We will take care that no such mistake is made in the future.

--Gold is now at par, and the same may be said of sugar and coffee, as well as of all kinds of provisions, as they are now being sold at lower prices than at any time since 1869. Call at the store of A. A. Barker & Son and be convinced of that fact.

--It was S. Teitelbaum, proprietor of the "People's Cheap Store," Carrolltown, who led off in the reduction of prices on all kind of goods, and it is the same Teitelbaum who still keeps ahead of all competitors by selling at lower prices than any of them.

--It will be gratifying to many and a disappointment to none hereaway to learn that the appointment of our former townsman, Samuel C. Wingard, Esq., to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Washington Territory has been confirmed by the United States Senate.

--Extensive improvements will be made in the Cambria Bessemer plant at Johnstown during the coming month, preparations for which now fill their mechanical departments to overflowing. A Bessemer plant, unlike other plants, it is proper to say, has all seasons for its own.

--So cold and cheerless a Christmas as the one just passed, has not been experienced even in this cold and cheerless climate for many a year, and hard indeed must be the heart that has not gone out in sympathy more helpful than words to the deserving poor at this inclement season.

--Excursion tickets so far as the Ebensburg branch railroad is concerned were not largely dealt in this week. In reply to an interrogatory as to whether the train would go out or not, the answer invariably was, "It's snow go!" And of course everybody saw the drift of the reply at once.

--Miss Henrietta Hartsock, third daughter of Mr. Charles Hartsock, of Hollidaysburg, and second cousin of the editor of this paper, will make her final vows as Sister Mary Amadeus at the Convent of the Sisters of Mercy, Webster avenue, Pittsburgh, on Monday evening, January 6th.

--The wind blew down a frame house in Altoona on Sunday last. It also blew down innumerable chimneys, there and elsewhere, all of which, strange to relate, are still standing. Where, oh where is the Knott-y Lad-te of the Mountain City, that such things are permitted to be done on the Lord's day?

--Ebensburg's first, and perhaps last and only, daily will make its appearance next Wednesday, and continue so to do for the ensuing four days. It is to be called the *Daily Institute*, will be half the size of the FREEMAN, can be bought for three cents per copy, and is to be published by Mr. Fes. Lord.

--Mr. Will E. White and Miss Lucy Caldwell, both of Johnstown, were married Tuesday of last week. The bride's parents, Dr. Wm. (an old newspaper man) and Mrs. Caldwell, celebrated their silver wedding at the same time by having the knot tied over again which was originally woven on the 19th of December, 1853.

--Hoofland's Almanac for the the current year informs us, in the table for December, that "autumn begins" the 22d of this month. Looking out of our office window at snow drifts from three to four feet deep, and noting the fact that nobody has an overcoat to loan just now, we imagine there must be some mistake about this.

--M. J. Teitelbaum, the "Cheap John" of Loretto, is now selling 8½ lbs. coffee for $1, 15 lbs. sugar for $1, best syrup at 50 cts. per gallon, best tobacco at 60 cts. per lb., salt at $1.60 per lb., 2 papers pins for 5c., 3 spools for 5c., 2 doz. shoe lacers for 5c., and all other goods at much lower prices than they can bought anywhere else in Cambria county.

--The planting of wild rice along the streams is said to be a good way to protect fish against the ravages of pirates who depopulate the finny tribe with nets. They spread rapidly and interfere with the raising of the nets. The attention of our local readers who have the welfare of the black bass and catfish at heart is directed to this item.

--R. L. Johnston, Esq., offers for sale through our advertising columns several desirable properties in town and county, which the stringency of the times prompts him to dispose of at almost any price and upon terms that would bother no one very much to comply with. Persons wishing to invest in real estate will never be afforded a better opportunity.

--Prices lower than ever at the "People's Cheap Variety Store" in Loretto, where M. J. Teitelbaum is selling muslins at 5 cts. and up; ginghams at 6 cts. and up; shirtings at 7 cts. and up; Canton flannels at 6 cts. and up; woolen flannels at 18 cts. and up; waterproof cloth at 60 cts. per yard; ladies' skirts at 60 cts., and everthing else at a like reduction in price.

--The sanctuary of the Church of the Holy Name, in this place, which is always a model of beauty, especially during the Christmas holidays, was never more magnificently and elaborately decorated with evergreens, artificial flowers, candles, etc., than it is at the present time, thanks to the good taste and untiring energy of some of the lady members of the congregation.

--The Johnstown *Tribune* says that an arrangement has been made by which letters and papers mailed at Johnstown Postoffice by 7:20 o'clock, P. M., will be forward by Philadelphia Express to Chest Springs and Loretto the same evening, and a pouch will go from there to Johnstown the following day, on Pacific Express. Hitherto the Loretto mail was carried on Day Express.

--A deed of William Kerr to John Kerr for a strip of land on which a certain spring is located on the Huntingdon penitentiary site has been found. The absence of this deed, which was long continued enough to cause much distress throughout the length and breadth of Huntingdon, was the only hitch in a perfect title for the site. Now all is lovely and the ball goes on.

--On December 31st, 1874, the Ebensburg silver cornet band, which was then a comparatively new organization, came on the streets at the hour of midnight and ushered in the new year with some delightful music. The remembrance of the serenade is so agreeable with our people that they would not be averse to having the programme repeated next Tuesday night.

--An unusual flight of sparks from the chimney of Mrs. Reese's residence in the West Ward, about 9 o'clock Christmas night, led to the belief that the building was on fire, and as a consequence the engine-house bell was rang vigorously the machine run out promptly, and a noisy time indulged in generally. When the cause became apparent the firemen were more put out about it than the fire.

--It is worthy of mention that despite the snow-ploughing of the branch railroad last Saturday night and Sunday, the mails Monday morning were delivered here pretty nearly on schedule time. The credit for this feat is due Messrs. L. & S. W. Davis, who, so soon as railroad connection was found to be cut off, put on sleigh-backs between this point and Cresson for the conveyance of the mails and accommodation of the traveling public.

--The voting of an elegant baby cap at the ladies' fair to "Doc" Thompson Christmas night was a rather good joke on our clever little bachelor friend, but he accepted the joke and the prize in the best of good humor, and knowing that a printer's case is never complete without SMALL CAPS, especially under certain emergencies, he very generously capped the climax on us. For the doing of which he will please accept, etc.

--The firm of Lemmon & Murray having ceased to exist owing to the death of the junior member, the surviving partner, Dr. Wm. Lemmon, is anxious to close out certain departments of the business as speedily as possible, and with that object in view offers for sale a large lot of jewelry, miscellaneous books, notions, etc., at first cost and in many instances at less than cost. Persons wishing to invest in articles of that kind will never have a better chance to secure bargains. [12-6.-4t.]

--Some agitators in Centre county want to erect a new county, with the following geographical conformation: From Cambria county, take White township; Clearfield county, Gulich, Beccaria, Woodward, Decatur, Boggs, Morris, and Graham townships; Centre county, Rush, Huston, Worth and Taylor townships, and from Blair county, Snyder and Antis—fourteen townships in all. As to Cambria county, all we have to say in the matter is that we want to be "let alone."

--Mr. Patrick Connoly, a young man who for a time resided in this place a few years ago, dropped in to see us the other day with an honorable discharge from the service of Uncle Sam in his possession. Five years in the regular army, fighting red-skins betimes and doing garrison duty in the interim, is a pretty long siege, and Mr. C. says he don't hanker after any more experience of that kind, albeit the weekly visits of the FREEMAN were a great comfort to him more than half the time.

--One of the Brothers connected with St. Francis' College at Loretto undertook on Sunday last to make his way home from Cameron's Bottom, Indiana county, in a sleigh, and after much tribulation succeeded in reaching a point about midway between this place and Loretto, and then he gave it up. The sleigh was left sticking in a drift about the size of a full grown haystack, the horse went into a convenient barn, and by some sort of flank movement the Brother continued his journey and in the end arrived safely at the College.

--Hon. A. McAllister, of Springfield Furnace, the Altoona *Tribune* has the audacity to say, is the finest looking man in Blair county, if not in the State. To this assertion, probably made in the interest of photographers, we have nothing to say so far as the county is concerned, but—well, we live in the State, and while we don't *make all a-stir* round here with worshippers at the shrine of our manly beauty, we caution every person against presuming to question our ability to snatch Archibald headed on the score of good looks.

--A shot-gun carried by a young man named Wilson was accidentally discharged while crossing a fence, one day last week, and the contents were lodged in the body of another young man named Pounds. The latter died from the effects of the wound the following day. Both parties resided in Daytown, Indiana county. A singular circumstance connected with this unfortunate affair is that a woman named Morrow, also a resident of Dayton, and whose mind had been slightly impaired by trouble, was rendered absolutely crazy by the communication to her of the death of young Pounds.

--Next Wednesday winds up the shooting season. After that date it will be unlawful to kill or have in your possession any squirrels, wild turkeys, rabbits, woodcock, quails, or pheasants. The only description of game in this neighborhood remaining as legal targets for our sportsmen would seem to be that pack of wolves which is depopulating the sheepfolds of Blacklick township, and to which the attention of owners of reliable rifles is directed. Many persons contend that these wolves are dogs, but this is denied on the high authority of the *Herald*, which couldn't lie for less than three cents a line.

--The banns of matrimony have been published in the Catholic church at Gallitzin, and it may be that the ceremony itself has by this time been performed, between Mr. Thomas Masterson, one of the most faithful and trusted engineers on the Pittsburgh division, Pa. R. R., and Miss Julia Tobin, the handsome and accomplished daughter of Mr. David Tobin, one of the Labor Reform candidates for the Legislature at the late election. Tom is well known in our town, having engineered the Branch train on several occasions, and there are many here who will wish him all the happiness which his new departure portends.

--Governor Hartranft has appointed Hon. Richard Jones to be Justice of the Peace for the East Ward of Ebensburg borough, *vice* Edmund J. Waters, Esq., lately deceased. The commission has arrived, but has not yet been lifted. Its figures make it expire on the first of May next, but the wound-be 'Squire thinks that under the new Constitution the tenure of office should be extended one full year further. If there is a whole loaf in this distribution of gifts, the 'Squire is not going to rest content with one cut in half. Meanwhile the matter has been submitted to the Attorney General for his consideration, and the seal of the envelope enclosing the commission remains unbroken.

--Come to me, dearest, while the sleigh bells are ringing; come where I await thee in silence alone; come while the stars their soft glances are flinging from eyes that are only less bright than their own. It is needless to say that she went, and in due course of time the twain were made one. As evidence that they were persons of solid sense, it may be added that they bought all the articles necessary for going to housekeeping at John Lloyd & Co.'s, High street, Ebensburg, while that establishment has since received and will continue to receive their undivided patronage. The reason of this is that Lloyd & Co. uniformly give satisfaction and sell at extremely low prices—lower than any other store in town. Try them once.

--'Tis hard to sever and less forever our dreams of old—sometimes they sadden, sometimes they gladden our visions bold. But it is a great deal harder to go round this sort of weather with wet feet. Don't do it! Go to S. Blumenthal's Great Eastern Boot and Shoe Store, 1119 Eleventh avenue, Altoona, and procure covering for your feet which will not only keep them dry and comfortable, but will also last forever and a day, more or less. He can furnish you with a pair of boots, shoes or gaiters, warranted, as cheap as the same article can be bought at retail in Philadelphia. Special rates for the holidays. If inconvenient to call in person, you can forward your orders by mail and they will be promtly filled.

--"Pants for $5!" said a seedy-looking man as he read the sign of Godfrey Wolff, next door to the post-office, Altoona—"so do I. I never panted so for $5 in all my life!" He likely wanted it to buy beer with; but whoever wants to invest his money judiciously ought to pay a visit to Mr. Wolff's establishment. He has a holiday stock of ready-made clothing, embracing overcoats, coats, vests, pantaloons, etc., of all qualities and styles, which he will sell at the slightest advance over cost. The stock of overcoats is especially large and cheap. All articles sold by him are warranted to be as represented, and consequently mistakes cannot occur. He refers to a large number of Cambrians who are regular customers of his.

--County Supt. Berg has been fortunate in securing Wallace Bruce, the orator in literature, to deliver his popular lecture on "Landmarks of Scott," for the benefit of the Teachers' Institute, on Monday evening, Dec. 30. Mr. Bruce stands to-day in the front rank of Lyceum lecturers, with a clear title to his reputation as "the scholar and orator." He delivered over a hundred lectures last season, in the principal cities of the States and Canada, and is invited again and again, by some the *fourth* and *fifth season* in succession. Since graduating at Yale, in 1867, his life has been devoted to travel and study. We hope all of our readers who can make it convenient will unite with the teachers in giving Mr. Bruce the compliment of a full house on the evening named.

--In the great battle of life no one should stand still, for the conflict we're waging must be fought with a will; so it behooves all to keep moving their measures to fill in this world of commotion, which contains much good and ill. When you get in the moving way, reader, you will be guilty of the commission of a wise act if you move yourself in the direction of Jas. J. Murphy's clothing store, 109 Clinton street, Johnstown, where can be purchased the cheapest and best overcoat, dress and business coats, vests, pantaloons, underwear, etc., for sale in this county. Mr. Murphy as a clothier has been before the public for years, and it is yet to be said of him that his sales were not always on the square. During the holidays, special bargains and a multitude of them will be dispensed by Mr. Murphy.

--If into a store you should happen to pop, no matter the place or who keeps the shop, and buy all the goods for which you can pay, ten chances to one you'll not get away without the question being asked in a business way, "Is there anything else you are needing to-day?" We said any store, though we are willing to bet there is nothing in that to cause a regret, and especially so when big bargains attract, as they invariably do, a noteworthy fact, the attention of those who wish to secure the most for their money, always easy and sure at Teitelbaum's store, which in Carrolltown has made a name for itself in the mercantile trade—a name that was won by no other before, and is now only due to the "People's Cheap Store," where goods you can buy, the finest and best, at prices which knock all the socks off the rest.

--May the coming new year bring happiness and contentment to the entire human family; may peace and plenty abound throughout the land, and may all the masculine readers of the FREEMAN, residing within a radius of fifty miles of Altoona, soon find out from personal experience what a good and profitable thing it is to buy their ready-made clothing at the cheap cash store of M. Wolf, 1111 Eleventh avenue, first door east from Bowman & Morrow's big store, corner of Eleventh avenue and Twelfth street, where can be found garments of every desirable style, size and texture that the comfort and adornment of the outer man require at this inclement season of the year, and that too at prices which we are assured by gentlemen who have dealt there are much lower than at any other clothing establishment in Altoona.

--Our venerable and revered friend, Rev. Father Walsh, pastor of St. John's church, Altoona, was made the recipient, on Monday evening last, of a beautiful lace surplice, the handiwork of the good Sisters of Charity of that city and the gift of the young people's sodality connected with said church. The presentation was made by Miss Ella Maher in the presence of the entire society, numbering about two hundred, assembled in the auditorium room in the basement of the church, and was responded to in a most feeling and grateful manner by the worthy recipient. Father Walsh is not only one of the most zealous and beloved priests in the diocese, possessing as he does a masterly mind, a generous heart and a kind word for everybody, but is a writer and thinker of much more than ordinary ability. Such an elegant token of religious fervor and high personal esteem could not have been bestowed on one more deserving of so fitting a tribute.

THE Bellefonte *Watchman* gives this magnificent send-off to "Col. Jim," the one-time commander of what he himself denominated the "Bloody Fifth" regiment, and the doughty warrior who did not hesitate to teach Grant a lesson by calling out the troops to suppress an imaginary rebellion at the national capital during the High Joint Commission times:

Col. Jim Milliken, of Altoona, late commander of the bloody Fifth Regiment, is now doing a commission business in Alexandria, in the land of the Pharaohs. What a pity Colonel Jim didn't live in Egypt at the period when Jacob's envious and mercenary sons sold Joseph to the traveling merchants. Joe would undoubtedly have had a splendid time of it, but, under the Colonel's instructions, we don't believe he would ever have left his coat in the hands of Potiphar's wife.

--You can invariably save money by buying from A. A. Barker & Son, as they always buy the largest stock, and consequently can afford to sell the cheapest. They are now giving ten (10) pounds of nice white sugar for one dollar.

A TRAMP FOILED BY A WOMAN.—In our adverdising columns will be found a card giving notice to the public, as required by law, that an application for the pardon of John Ensley will be made to the Pardon Board at their meeting on the 7th of January next. Ensley was convicted in the Quarter Sessions of this county, at last September term, of larceny, and was sentenced to two years' imprisonment in the Western Penitentiary. He has a wife and small child, and, as was hinted by Judge Dean when passing sentence, it is owing to this fact that his period of incarceration was made unexpectedly light. Mrs. Ensley seems greatly attached to her husband, and it is through her instrumentality that the effort for a pardon is being pushed. One of her first aims in this direction has been to secure, wherever possible, the names of the jurors who convicted Ensley to her petition, and in this, we understand, she has been quite successful. This labor of love led her through one of the northern townships of the county the other day, and while driving along in a sleigh in a gloomy part of the road she encountered a man who was traveling afoot. His subsequent actions would seem to sustain the assertion that he belonged to the genus tramp, for he made a vigorous effort to seize the bridle of the horse and bring the sleigh to a stand still. Mrs. Ensley however proved equal to the demands of the occasion. With one hand she struck the horse a quick blow with the whip, and with the other drew a pistol from her pocket and without a moment's hesitation fired. The bullet whistled harmlessly through the air, but the tramp imagined that the pistol had been loaded with seventeen hundred slugs and that each one had hit him. He took time to utter one yell of mortal terror before putting himself on the safe side of the neighboring hill, and Mrs. Ensley proceeded on her journey without further interruption.

A STRANGE STORY.—I had been reading yesterday, says a Preston county, W. Va., correspondent of the Bedford *Gazette*, the singularly remarkable case of Miss Fancher, of Brooklyn, as copied into the *Gazette* from the N. Y. *Sun*, to an old gentleman well known in this county and highly esteemed as an intelligent and truthful man, when he related to me the following strange incident of his own life:

"In the spring of 1843" said he, "I was living with my wife, whom I had recently married, about two miles from where we are now sitting, in a small log house, and, as was common in those days, the fastening to the only door was a wooden latch. Some two-and-a half miles south of us lived a married brother of my wife, and between the brother and sister a more than ordinary affection existed. One morning about three o'clock, I was suddenly roused out of a sound sleep by a noise as if some one had forced open the door by thrusting against it with the open palms of their hands. The moon was shining brightly and as I looked towards the door, which was now wide open, I saw my wife's brother, of whom I have made mention, come hurriedly from thence to the bed where my wife and I were lying. He came so close to me that I could easily have put out my hand and touched him. 'Daniel, what are you doing here?' I said. Bending his head down close to my face, he replied, '*My wife is dead*,' and, in the same hurried manner in which he approached the bed, he passed out through the open door, and vanished. The whole occurrence had happened so suddenly that I lay for a moment bewildered, and with a mortal fear upon me. I then got up and went to the door, and found that the catch of the latch was split off and was lying on the door sill. My movement woke my wife, and I informed her of her brother Daniel's visit, and his sad tidings, and also that he had broken the latch when he came in. During the morning a message came to our house stating that *Daniel's wife had died about three o'clock* that morning. I subsequently learned that she had gone to bed the night before in good health, and, furthermore, *that Daniel was not away from his own house an instant during that night or morning.*

THE CATHOLIC WORLD.—The *Catholic World* opens the new year brilliantly. "Rome's Recruits" treats of a subject that has been much before the public of late with sound judgement, humor, and good taste. "Italy and the Pope" throws rather a startling light on the value of the *plebescite* in Italy and the worth of the pledges of the Italian Government. "Two Famous Deans" contrasts in a lively and picturesque manner Dean Swift and Dean Stanley. "Technical Education" is an article of universal interest, and which is sure to commend itself to the attention of all who are concerned about the education of youth, especially the youth of the poorer classes. "Felix Dupanloup" brings the great dead bishop before us living and real as he was in the flesh. "The Year of Our Lord 1878" deals with the events of a most memorable and eventful year in a manner characteristic of the magazine. These form the stronger articles. Those who look for their Christmas pudding will find it, and a very rich and delicious one it is, in "Pearl," which deepens in interest at every chapter, and those two admirable Christmas stories, "Babette" and "Tom French's Christmas at Curraghglass." A second letter "From an Irish Country House," with a poem on the Epiphany and a couple of "Art Sonnets," complete a very charming number.

"LEISURE HOURS" is the name of a new Magazine which has been sent us by the publishers, J. L. Patten & Co., 47 Barclay street, New York. The number before us contains illustrated articles of Travel, Biography, &c., besides stories, sketches and poetry, and is published at the popular price of $1 per year. The illustrations are handsomely gotten up, and the reading matter is of the best quality. The forty pages of this Magazine are filled with matter that will be interesting to all our readers. In order that all may have a chance to see and examine this Magazine, the publishers offer to send it three months for 25 cents, and to present every three months' subscriber with a charming motto, entitled "Faith, Hope and Charity." The words of this motto are printed in fifteen oil colors upon a dark ground and are entwined with floral designs of great beauty. For $2 25, cash in advance, LEISURE HOURS and the FREEMAN will be sent to any address for one year. [2-27.-3t.]

BALLOU'S MONTHLY MAGAZINE FOR JANUARY.—This popular illustrated magazine was never so good and interesting as at the present time. The January number is a remarkable one, having an excellent illustrated article on Australia, its people and habits, animals and soil, which was written by the author of "The Gold-Hunters." There are many excellent stories, poems, engravings, recipes, humorous matters, and all that goes toward making up a first-class magazine at a very low price. Our readers cannot do better than send ten cents for the January (1879) number, and see how much they will like it. Published by Thomes & Talbot, 23 Hawley Street, Boston, at $1.50 a year, post paid, and for sale at all the periodical depots in the country. We will send BALLOU'S in club with the FREEMAN at $3.75 per year, postpaid.

AN ASTONISHING FACT.—A large proportion of the American people are to-day dying from the effects of Dyspepsia or disordered liver. The result of these diseases upon the masses of intelligent and valuable people is most alarming, making life actually a burden instead of a pleasant existence of enjoyment and usefulness as it ought to be. There is no good reason for this, if you will only throw aside prejudice and skepticism, take the advice of Druggists and your friends and try one bottle of Green's August Flower. Your speedy relief is certain. Millions of bottles of this medicine have been given away to try its virtues, with satisfactory results in every case. You can buy a sample bottle for 10 cents to try. Three doses will relieve the worst case. Positively sold by all Druggists on the Western Continent.

—The Blair county Teachers' Institute is in session in Hollidaysburg this week.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.—The undersigned Auditor, appointed by the Court of Common Pleas of Cambria county to report distribution of the fund in the hands of John Ryan, Sheriff, arising from the sale of the real estate of Michael Bush, on Fi Fa. No 101, September Term, 1878 hereby notifies all persons interested that he will attend to the duties of said appointment, at his office in Ebensburg, in SATURDAY, the 4th day of JANUARY, 1879, at 10 o'clock, A. M., when and where all parties may attend if they think proper.

ALVIN EVANS, Auditor,

Ebensburg, Dec. 20, 1878.-3t.

Local Correspondence.

LORETTO, Dec. 23, 1878.

DEAR FREEMAN—The Washington and Lee Debating Society of St. Francis' College, in this place, gave their second entertainment, consisting of music, orations, recitations, select readings, songs and an original drama, written by Mr. H. M. Cullen, of Philadelphia, Secretary of the Society, on last Friday evening, and the affair, it is truth to say, was a grand success.

The President, Mr. Thos. Shoemaker, of Braddocks, Pa., delivered the opening and closing addresses, both of which were masterly efforts, the latter especially being a very fine composition. Following the introductory came an essay on "Literature," the preparation and delivery of which reflected much credit on its author, W. J. Digges. Next in order was "The Path of Honor," an oration replete with good counsel and ably presented by its author, H. M. Cullen. "The Curfew shall not Ring To-night," a select reading which followed, was well rendered by Lewis J. Fury, and a Comic Recitation by J. McWilliams elicited great applause, while a Select Reading by Louis Adams and a French Recitation by George D. Pie, were the subjects of much commendation.

The entertainment concluded with an original drama, in which the youthful composer, Mr. Cullen, and Messrs. Digges, Fury and Martin, sustained their respectives roles in an admirable manner.

Prominent among the audience were Rev. Fathers Devlin, Sweeny, Bowen, Davin, Kittell and Caldwell.

After the entertainment the members partook of a bountiful repast, during which various toasts were offered and sentiments elicited, the whole concluding with a vote of thanks to the able critic, Bro. De Sales. The Society then adjourned for the Christmas holidays. C.

THE NIGHT BEFORE X-MAS.

(SLIGHTLY BELATED.)

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all the good boys
Were busily thinking of goodies and toys,
And wondering what sort of gifts to expect,
And guessing and guessing if each was correct.
Little Sammy expected a big wooden horse,
And Billy was longing for goodies, of course,
And Jimmy declared that he looked for a sled,
Which would make him so glad that he'd stand on his head.

Elijah expressed a desire for a knife,
And Stephen and Isaac engaged in a strife
As to which of them probably would be most vain
If enriched with a watch and a neat little chain

They were thinking and guessing some minutes or more,
When a pretty loud ringing was heard at the door:
So loud and so strong that it most broke the bell,
And the boys started off for the door with a yell—
A yell of delight and a holiday shout,
And loudly their merry young voices rang out
As they scrambled and hurried, and jostled and ran
To look at the bundles just brought by the man.
"Look here, now!" "What's in there?" "Come, hurry and see!"
"I'm sure in those bundles there's something for me."
"Stop scrouging there, Sammy! What are you about?"
"Let's open the bundles and get the things out."

"Oh! goody! What is it these parcels contain?
What elegant garments!" We "rise to explain:"
That father and mother both thought it was wise
To gladden the hearts and enliven the eyes
Of all these exceedingly merry young boys
With presents of value, far better than toys;
And so they just looked at the stock of Oak Hall,
And purchased for each of the lads, large and small,
A beautiful, tasteful and neat winter suit,
With overcoat, mittens and muffler, to boot.
Now rings through the house the glad echo of joy
From the musical throat of each newly clad boy;
And the full chorus sounds from the family all—
"Hurrah for the presents that came from Oak Hall!"

☞ Best Holiday Presents in the World at Wanamaker & Brown's great Oak Hall, 6th and Market streets, Philadelphia. Now is the time to send your orders to Oak Hall for clothing, gents' furnishing goods, etc., and to Wanamaker's Grand Depot, 13th and Market, in the same city, for almost any kind of goods, beautiful and cheap, that ever were dreamed of in the philosophy of man, or woman either. Orders for clothing, etc., from the first named establishment will be promptly and satisfactorily attended to by R. H. Thompson, of the Thompson store, in this place, who has samples of goods in profusion and will take your measure for any kind of a suit, overcoat, or other article of clothing you may need.

Real Estate for Sale

THE panic compels me to sell the following real estate for below its value. Good title guaranteed in all cases.

1. The HALF LOT of GROUND and BUILDING in Ebensburg now occupied as the "FREEMAN" printing office.

2. The GILLIN FARM in Blacklick township, containing over 100 ACRES, about 50 Acres of which are cleared, with a good Stone House, Bank Barn and an excellent Orchard of choice fruit on the premises.

3. SIXTY ACRES OF LAND in Montgomery township, Indiana county, nearly all cleared. There is an excellent Frame Dwelling, a new Bank Barn and a fine Orchard on the premises.

4. A TRACT OF 441 ACRES OF LAND within a mile of the Pa. R. R., in Portage township, about 125 Acres of which are cleared, the balance being well timbered and abounding in bituminous coal.

5. A TRACT OF 400 ACRES situated three miles west of Ebensburg; mostly unimproved. Will be sold in quantities to suit purchasers.

6. A FARM containing 125 Acres, situated in Barr township, 75 Acres cleared, having thereon a Frame House, Bank Barn and an excellent Orchard. ☞ This is a very desirable farm in every respect.

7. A LOT OF GROUND in the West ward of Ebensburg borough, fronting on Julian street, with a two story Frame House and a good Stable thereon erected. Now in the occupancy of Geo. W. Oatman, Esq.

8. A FARM in Barr township, containing over 100 ACRES and situated a short distance west of Griffith's saw-mill, on which there is erected a Dwelling House and other improvements, now in the occupancy of Ezeditus Levy.

9. A HOUSE and 1½ LOTS GROUND in West ward of Ebensburg borough, fronting on High street and extending along Mary Ann street 224 feet. The house is a large two story frame and there are also on the premises a good Stable and all needful outbuildings, as well as a number of choice fruit trees.

☞ *Terms will be made very easy to purchasers.*

R. L. JOHNSTON.

Ebensburg, Dec. 27, 1878.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.—Peter B. Myers vs. John H. Kennedy, William Tiley and J. A. Mosher—In the Common Pleas of Cambria county No. 71, June Term, 1878. Plurius Fi. Fa.

Having been appointed Auditor to report distribution of the fund in the hands of the Sheriff arising from the sale of Personal property on above stated writ, notice is hereby given that I will attend to the duties of my appointment, at my office in Ebensburg, on THURSDAY, the 23d January, at 2 o'clock, P. M., when and where all parties interested may appear.

F. A. SHOEMAKER, Auditor.

Ebensburg, Dec. 20, 1878.-3t.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of J. A. MOORE, dec'd

Letters of administration on the estate of J. A. Moore, late of Ebensburg borough, deceased, having been issued to the undersigned, all persons indebted to the estate of said decedent are hereby notified to make payment without delay, and those having claims against the same will present them properly authenticated for settlement.

F. A. SHOEMAKER, Administrator.

Ebensburg, Dec. 20, 1878.-6t.

ASSIGNEE'S NOTICE.—Notice is hereby given that Theodore Baker, of Susquehanna township, has made an assignment of all his real and personal property to the undersigned for the benefit of his creditors. All persons indebted to said Theodore Baker are therefore notified that payment must be made to me forthwith, and those having claims against the same will present them in proper shape for adjustment. JOHN LLOYD, Assignee.

Ebensburg, Dec. 20, 1878.-6t.

NOTICE.—Notice is hereby given that the first and partial account of Jas. McCloskey, Assignee of Charles Johnston for the benefit of creditors, has been filed in the office of the Prothonotary of Cambria county, and will be presented to the Court of Common Pleas, for confirmation on Tuesday, the 7th January next.

C. F. O'DONNELL, Prothonotary.

Prothonotary's Office, Ebensburg, Dec. 17, 1878.

NOTICE.—The Legislature of the State of Pennsylvania will be asked to pass an Act supplementary to an Act establishing the Alms House and House of Employment for Cambria county, said supplement having for its object the auditing of the Poor House accounts by the County Auditors in the same manner as other receipts and expenditures of the county are now audited. [12-13 3t.]

NOTICE.—Notice is hereby given that the first and final account of Herman Baumer, Assignee of John Hannan for the benefit of creditors, has been filed in the office of the Prothonotary of Cambria county and will be presented to the Court of Common Pleas, for confirmation on Tuesday, the 7th January next.

C. F. O'DONNELL, Prothonotary.

Prothonotary's Office, Ebensburg, Dec. 19, 1878.

SHERIFF'S SALES.

BY virtue of sundry writs of *Vend. Expon.*, *Alias Vend. Expon.*, *Levari Facias* and *Alias Fi. Fa.*, issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Cambria county and to me directed, there will be exposed to public sale, at the Court House in Ebensburg, on

Saturday, January 25th, 1879,

At 1 O'CLOCK, P. M., the following real estate to wit:

ALL the right, title and interest of R. P. Linton and L. H. Linton, executrix of P. L. Linton, dec'd, of, in and to a lot of ground situated in the East ward of Ebensburg borough, Cambria county, Pa., fronting on High street on the north, Centre street on the west, adjoining lot of Mrs. Riley on the south and an alley on the east, having thereon erected a large two story part brick and part frame tavern stand and frame stable, now in the occupancy of T. H. Heist, and a two story frame house, now in the occupancy of Mrs. L. H. Linton. Taken in execution and to be sold at the suit of James McKay.

ALSO, all the right, title and interest of John Sharbaugh, of, in and to a lot of ground situated in Summitville borough, Cambria county, Pa., fronting on the Cambria, Indiana and Hunting-don turnpike and extending back 200 feet to an alley, on the east by lot of Mrs Smeeder, on the west by an alley and lot of Paul McKenna, having thereon erected a two story L plank b use, weather-boarded, not now occupied. *Also*, three acres of land, more or less, about one acre cleared, bounded on the east by C. Reich, Paul McKenna on the west, and running back fifty seven perches to the old Portage railroad, having thereon erected a plank stable. Taken in execution and to be sold at the suit of P. P. Christine & Co.

ALSO, all the right, title and interest of Thomas Mullen, Edw'd Mullen, Margaret Mullen, Frank McCullough, Elizabeth McCullough, Patk Crilly, Ann Jane Crilly, and George Gallagher, of, in and to a piece or parcel of land situated in Allegheny township, Cambria county, Pa., adjoining lands of Silas Donahoe, Geo. Delaney, Frank Hald, and others, containing 198 acres, more or less, about 120 acres of which are cleared, having thereon erected a two story plank house and log barn, now in the occupancy of Edward Mullen, a two story plank house in the occupancy of Thomas Mullen, and a one story plank house in the occupancy of Susan Adams. Taken in execution and to be sold at the suit of Dan'l McPeak and Mary McPeak, his wife, formerly Mary Mullen.

ALSO, all the right, title and in erest of Otho Biter, of, in and to a piece or parcel of land situated in Allegheny township, Cambria county, Pa., adjoining lands of Wm. Little, Michael Driscel, John Z. Wills, and others, containing 70 acres, more or less, about 35 acres of which are cleared, having thereon erected a two story plank house and log barn, now in the occupancy of Otho Biter. Taken in execution and to be sold at the suit of A. Walters and Margaret Levy, executors of the last will and testament of