THE CAMBRIA FREEMAN.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

To Our Readers.

The present Number coincides volume 12 of the FREEMAN, and we take advantage of the opportunity to earnestly request our patrons, one and all, to stand and send us the amounts due us. The meditated purchase of some new material for the Office will necessitate the outlay of a considerable sum, and to meet the demand we make a personal appeal to our debtors. *No paper will be sent out next week.* Our employes worked throughout the Holidays, and have earned the right to a brief breathing spell.

Here, There, and the Other Place.

—Germantown yarn at Oatman's.

—Ladies' ruffles, of all kinds, at Oatman's.

—Chas. Jackson's Best Sweet Navy Tobacco. [1-3-1y.]

—The coldest weather since Kossuth was here!

—The drifts are deeper than since the winter of 1855-6.

—The Carrolltown mail was snowed up three days last week.

—The misses' and children's hoods, all colors, go to Oatman's.

—Scarlet, navy blue, and seal brown knitting yarns, at Oatman's.

—An aged lady named Jones, of the West Ward, was buried last Sunday.

—This is what is known as the "Week of Prayer" in Protestant churches.

—After a two weeks' vacation, our schools reopened Monday morning.

—The law office of John Fenlon, Esq., has been removed to Colonnade Row.

—The Altoona *Sun*, enlarged and improved, makes its appearance last Saturday.

—The choicest New Orleans Molasses ever brought to town will be found at Oatman's.

—Superior Ehrenfelt, of Gallitzin, had his nose badly frosted during last week's cold snap.

—Work in the railroad shops at Altoona was seriously interrupted last week by the cold weather.

—The Johnstown *Tribune* tells us that ex-Treasurer Swofford designs moving back to that place to live.

—The Somerset and Mineral Point Railroad has been sold at trustee's sale to Chris. Lang for $6,100.

—A gentleman named Ford, from Millville, has been appointed Superintendent of the Bell's Gap Railroad.

—A daughter of Mr. Peter Dishong, of Jackson township, aged 13 years and 9 mos., weighs 190 pounds.

—A large quantity of real estate, the property of Mr. Wm. M. Lloyd, is advertised to be sold by the sheriff of Blair county.

—The Altoona *Tribune's* correspondent says a New York party is about negotiating for the purchase of the Tyrone forges.

—The Altoona shops seem detailed to shove locomotives on the main line, last week and the week before, and were paid double wages.

—John A. Kennedy, Esq., late clerk to the County Commissioners, has been appointed clerk for the board of Auditors.

—M. L. Oatman has the largest stock of boots and shoes in town, and the prices are away below any other store in Ebensburg.

—Two tons of coal and slate fell on Hugh Jones, a miner in a bank near Johnstown, last week, and crushed the life out of him.

—Capt. Jim Singer, we are sorry to learn, is still confined to bed by a disease which appears to be some affection of the kidneys.

—Col. A. M. Lloyd, of Hollidaysburg, has been appointed District Deputy Grand Master of this Masonic district for the current year.

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

—William Cowan, of Wilmore, who was injured by the cars at that point on the 19th of last August, is yet an invalid and confined to his room.

—Freeman Wilkinson, of Blairsville, and Joseph Hildebrand, of Indiana, who were with the Collins' expedition in Brazil, have returned home.

—John M. Bowman, formerly of this city and afterward of Juniata county, has gone to Bedford county to edit and publish the Bedford *Press*.

—While Mrs. Wm. Kittell was on her way to church last Sunday morning, she slipped and fell on the icy sidewalk and received some serious injuries.

—The annual election of Directors for the Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company of Cambria county will be held at the office of said company next Monday.

—John Bulker, an old resident of Bedford county, was drowned in the Juniata river, near Tatesville, on Christmas day, while attempting to cross on the ice.

—Dr. S. H. Lemon, of the Brazil expedition, has got back to his home in Hollidaysburg. His health suffered greatly from his experience under the equator.

—Two young men named Carney, in jail for non-payment of costs on an assault and battery charge, were discharged on their own recognizance Tuesday morning.

—The snow blockade on the country road leading from Ebensburg to Johnstown was broken Tuesday, and sleds now come and go throughout its entire length.

—The new reservoir at Johnstown will have a capacity of 15,000,000 gallons, and the entire cost of the additional water facilities will be from $15,000 to $18,000.

—A large new double column advertisement of Simon & Co., Eleventh avenue, Altoona, came to hand too late for this week. It will appear in our next issue.

—Owing to the disturbed condition of the roads, the session of Argument Court advertised to be held here last Tuesday has been postponed till the 11th day of February.

—Tom Jenkins, of Johnstown, convicted at the last session of Court of assault and battery and sentenced up, was turned out into the cold on Thursday. His term of service had expired.

—A tramp laid down alongside a furnace at Bennington last Sunday and was suffocated by the fumes of gas. His name was Jesse Call, and it is thought he was from Westmoreland county.

—Squire Jones, the newly appointed Justice of the Peace, has fitted his commission and opened out an office for the dispensing of justice, in the eastern wing of his dwelling house, East Ward.

—Capt. Donnegan, the clerk for the new board of County Commissioners, will be entirely unfamiliar with the duties required of him in that position, for he was himself a Commissioner a few years since.

—Though unable to be personally with them, we are glad to know that the dramatic entertainment given by our good friends of the T. H. T. A. S. at Carrolltown on New Year's evening was a success in every respect.

—Four horses were frozen to death in a car while crossing the mountain last Friday, and seven head of Texan cattle, out of a car load of sixteen, met a like fate the day preceding between Altoona and Harrisburg.

—Nice boots, new shoes, new overshoes, and new goods of all kinds have been received at M. Feldenheimer's, Loretto, and are offered to the public at reduction prices—lower than ever sold anywhere before the present month.

—About three hundred paupers were thrown out of house and home by the burning of the Westmoreland Poor-house on New Year's day. They were given temporary shelter in similar institutions in neighboring counties.

—Messrs. Stugart and Forster celebrated the opening of the new year in Bellefonte by issuing the initial number of a new journal styled the Centre *Democrat*. It is got up with a view to run in opposition to Gray Meek's Watchman.

—A colored lady named Rachael Jones, relict of David Jones, (Dentigh,) was found dead in her bed Thursday morning. She lived alone, in the East Ward, and the verdict of the Coroner's inquest was that she came to her death from natural causes.

—Five young men made an unprovoked attack on Mr. Joseph Heslop, who was riding in a sleigh in the neighborhood of Johnstown, Wednesday of last week, and beat him till he was rendered senseless. The miscreants have been apprehended.

—Talking about cold weather. In the log-book of Capt. Hall's polar expedition, for the date Dec. 2, 1871, is this entry: "On this day, the weather being calm and the temperature *not very low*, (about 7 deg. below zero), the men were engaged in out-door sports."

—Messrs. E. J. Mills and his son Harry, who went westward a couple of weeks ago, have each taken up a quarter section of land in the immediate neighborhood of where the Cambria county colony design locating in Kansas, with the intention of devoting their energies hereafter to farming.

—Major John Brady, the well known Harrisburg hotel keeper, and founder of the Brady House in that city, died after a brief illness on Monday last, in the 64th year of his age. Major Brady was widely known throughout the State, and had host of friends who will regret to hear of his death.

—A report was current that Mr. Charles Latterner, formerly of this place, was lying dangerously ill with the typhoid fever at Altoona. Such is not the case. He is well as usual, but his brother John was visited by the disease three months ago, from the effects of which he long ago was fully recovered.

—Major John McMurray has resigned his position of warrant clerk in Auditor General Schell's department to engage in the publication of the Brookville *Democrat*, of which he has recently become owner.—Mr. W. L. Sansom, son of James B. Sansom, Esq., of the Indiana *Democrat*, holding a clerkship in the office, succeeds to the warrant clerk's desk.

—Rev. Reuben E. Wilson, of Mifflintown, formerly pastor of the Eighth avenue M. E. church, at Altoona, was drugged and robbed in Harrisburg a few days since. It was at first thought that whiskey had done the business for him, but a meeting of his congregation, after inquiring into all the circumstances connected with the case, dismissed the charge as groundless.

—On Tuesday morning Augustine Ashcraft finished serving a term in the county jail for jail-breaking. He was discharged, but was immediately re-arrested for escape. His remark to constable Wherley while being escorted back to his old quarters from Squire Kinkead's office was brief but emphatic "I'll be d—d if it don't look as if they meant to keep me here for life!" was what he said.

—There was a plethora of news for the people of Ebensburg to digest Sunday evening. The last mail preceding that date had been received the Tuesday night previous, and when the sleigh-backs which broke through the snow on Cresson Sunday returned, they brought with them no less than thirty-two pouches freighted with letters and newspapers. No interruption has since been experienced to the mail service.

—Catharine Hoffman, who threw her infant through the hole in a water closet of a passenger car near Altoona, has left for her home in Illinois. A man named Sarver having squared her financial indebtedness at Hollidaysburg, The Altoona *Tribune* says: "He will be with mingled feelings of pleasure that the charitable will learn that Miss Hoffman is out of the State, and that it is improbable that she will be brought back, as no one has a direct interest in bringing her back, and no one mourns her escape."

—Mr. Jesse Patterson was re-elected a Poor Director last November, and the board this year is therefore composed of the same members as last year, namely: Jesse Patterson, Isaac C. Wissinger, and Jacob Kirkpatrick. These gentlemen held their first meeting as a new board at the Poor House on Tuesday, and made the following appointments for the current year: Steward, Isadore Lilly; physicians, Drs. Keim, of Ebensburg, and Yeagley, of Johnstown; counsel, Messrs. Oatman, of Ebensburg, and Linton, of Johnstown.

—Mr. Henry C. Kaylor, of Munster township, was in attendance at the Institute last week. The fact that he failed to make his appearance at home Saturday evening alarmed his friends, who imagined he might have fallen a victim to the intense cold, and they instituted search for him on Sunday. In vain. But on Monday, Mr. Kaylor emerged from some place of retirement where he had been making himself comfortable, and pronounced himself neither lost nor frozen, and the idea that the Coroner would soon be called on to act in an official capacity was suddenly dissipated.

—Messrs. John Lloyd & Co., High street, Ebensburg, will continue during the present month to dispose of the contents of their mercantile establishment at the satisfactory prices which characterized the month of December. Their entire stock of dry goods, clothing, hard-ware, and other articles usually kept in a first class country store, will positively be sold at the slightest advance over cost. Rival dealers may declare that their course is suicidal, but they are determined on bringing back the era of low prices. You will miss a bargain if you fail to call and see them at your earliest opportunity.

—The sky is stormy gray, and frowns upon the sunset's fading light; the angrier wind still angrier sounds and whistles in the winter's night. Meanwhile the mercury in the thermometer points to the neighborhood of zero, and seems to inquire whether the clothing you wear is of the sort that will keep you warm. If it is not, you have yourself alone to blame for your discomfort, for you can be rigged up in a manner to enable you to defy the storms at Jas. J. Murphy's, 109 Clinton street, Johnstown, and for so small a sum of money as to surprise you. His styles are fresh, and the quality of his goods is the very best.

—A letter received from the editor of the FREEMAN, dated at Indianapolis last Friday, informs us that he had purchased a new printing press at that point for this office. It was to be shipped forthwith, and if it reaches here at the appointed time, the next issue of this paper will be dated the 24th instant; should it be delayed, the publication of the paper may be delayed. On Monday of this week Mr. McPike was at Wyandotte, Kansas, where he took dinner with his old friend Mr. Joe Gadd, formerly of Johnstown, and family. The same evening, in excellent health, he resumed his journey toward Salina, Kansas, his objective point.

—The next holiday which will visit us will be Washington's birthday, the 22d of February. That is about six weeks distant, and persons contemplating "a day off" will have a long wait. But in the interim they can profitably put in the time by contrasting the prices of clothing sold by L. M. Woolf, on Main street, Johnstown, with those of clothing sold elsewhere. They will find that Mr. Woolf sells cheaper than any other dealer, while the quality is in all cases as good and in some superior. If not convenient to visit Johnstown, an order sent by mail will be carefully filled for any one, and at as low rates as if the buyer was personally present.

—We are informed that the newest slippers out have one broad strap crossing the instep and buttoning on the outer side of the foot with one button, and that fashionable walking boots have cloth tops to match the costume. Changes in the style of foot gear are about as frequent as in any other article of feminine outer adornment, but the very *latest* fashions are constantly kept by S. Binnenthal, 1119 Eleventh avenue, Altoona. In addition, he has a large stock of boots, shoes and slippers for men and children, including rubbers of the most approved make. Any taste can be suited, and it is guaranteed that no fault will be found with the price list. Call on him, or send him an order.

—The snow is drifting through the air, to heap the plain with powdery white; the storm is fierce, the trees are bare, and dark and wild the winter's night. This is the song which has been everywhere sung for a couple of weeks, but it is noticeable that a song is a favorite with none so much as those who bought their clothing at Godfrey Wolff's next door to the postoffice, Altoona. A peculiarity of the clothing sold by Mr. Wolff is that it sheds the cold as a gum boot does water, while the remarkably low prices at which it is furnished to customers is a recommendation that cannot be withstood. During the holidays a large quantity of goods was sold by this establishment to Cambria county men, and they unite in saying that they go the worth of the money expended.

THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND THEIR APPOINTMENTS.—The Democratic County convention nominated, and the Democracy in November elected, John Campbell, of Conemaugh Borough, and Geo. Gurley, of Ebensburg, to the office of County Commissioner, the other member of the board elected being Samuel W. Davis, also of Ebensburg, who was the Republican nominee. It was Mr. Campbell's fourth election to the office, an interval having occurred between the first and second, and it was Mr. Gurley's first election. He is yet a young man, and for many years has been annually elected by his party, constable of the West Ward. Some years ago he aspired to the nomination for Sheriff, and received a respectable vote, and he has acted as deputy under two or three Sheriffs, during portions of their terms. Through his own exertions he was fairly nominated for Commissioner, and through the force of Democratic ascendancy in the county, was elected. The Commissioners were sworn into office on Monday last, and two appointments, clerk and counsel, were to be made, that of Mercantile Appraiser having been made some days before by the old board. John A. Kennedy Esq., who has been its clerk for a number of years, was an applicant for reappointment, and the position was also sought by E. R. Dunnegan Esq., of St. Augustine. Mr. Campbell was regarded as being in favor of retaining Kennedy, while Mr. Gurley was fatally bent on Dunnegan's success, for the reason that he happens to be his (Gurley's) brother-in-law. To make the story short, after the board met and organized, Mr. Campbell voted for John A. Kennedy, and Messrs. Gurley and Davis voted for E. R. Dunnegan, and then by the same vote, A. V. Barker Esq., *Republican*, was elected counsel. This is the end of the first chapter of the official proceedings of the new board of Commissioners.

Of course the whole thing had been previously set up by Messrs. Gurley and Davis, the latter, as he had a perfect right to do, taking advantage of Gurley's blind devotion to his brother-in-law, and bull-dozing him in order to save Dunnegan, to vote for his (Davis') Republican friend, Barker, for counsel. If Mr. Campbell was determined not to vote for Dunnegan, and if Mr. Gurley was as determined not to vote for Kennedy, which we understand was the fact, then their plain duty was to throw both aside, and to take a new and competent man, who could easily have been found. But George Gurley seems to have deliberately made up his mind that his very first official act should be that of political suicide. His brother in-law, Squire Dunnegan, had a perfect right to aspire to the clerkship, and to get it honorably, if he could, but he had no right to procure it through association with Davis, the Republican member of the board, at the sacrifice and destruction of George Gurley's political manhood and integrity.—A proper regard for the political future of one who occupies so near a relation to him as Mr. Gurley does, ought to have dictated to him a very different and more honorable course. George Gurley's ingratitude to his party is peculiarly base, inexcusable and heartless—sharper even than a serpent's tooth, and is terribly offensive to the Democracy of the county, who had lately warmed him into political life, confided in his integrity and trusted in his honor. Any future political preferment that may be in reserve for him, must come from the party of which A. V. Barker, Esq. is an active and efficient member, and, who, by his (Gurley's) vote, is now the legal adviser of the Commissioners. George Gurley will serve out his term of three years, and when that time arrives, the cheated and betrayed Democracy of Cambria county will thunder in his ears the fatal words, "never more, shalt thou be officer of mine."

COUNTY AUDITORSHIP MUDDLE.—As noted elsewhere, Mr. George B. Stineman, of South Fork was sworn in Monday as a member of the board of County Auditors. He and his fellow Auditors shortly thereafter organized and plunged into the task of ciphering up the receipts and expenditures of Cambria county for the past year, when the attention of Mr. Stineman was attracted to the following provision of the new constitution:

ART. 12, SEC. 2.—No member of Congress from this State, nor any person holding or exercising any office or appointment of trust or profit under the United States, shall at the same time hold or exercise any office in the State to which a salary, fees or perquisites shall be attached. The General Assembly may by law declare what offices are incompatible.

It so happens that Mr. Stineman is Postmaster for South Fork, and, a question of law having been raised as to his ability to retain that appointment and at the same time act as Auditor, the entire matter was referred, by telegraph, to Attorney-General Lear for his decision. Mr. Lear's answer was in effect that the two offices are not incompatible, and that Mr. Stineman was competent to act. We have not seen the correspondence and are therefore unable to say by what process of legal reasoning the Attorney General is enabled to arrive at the conclusion that a postmastership is not a United States government appointment, or that the position of Auditor is not an office held within the State, with fees attached. But Mr. Stineman felt warranted to resume the discharge of the duties of his office upon the strength of the decision. This was the situation up to Wednesday morning, when to more fully test the question raised, a writ of *quo warranto* was served on Mr. Stineman, requiring him to show by what right he exercised the duties of the office. The writ is returnable at next Argument Court, 11th of February, and the question is therefore in abeyance till that date. Meantime, the work of squaring the books will be proceeded with by Messrs. Dillon and Skelly, the remaining two members of the board, assisted by Mr. Stineman, should that gentleman see proper to tie his faith to the Attorney General.

LOTS OF FUN.—The school teachers in attendance at the Institute, assisted by certain outside influence, whiled an hour or two pleasantly away in the Mountain House parlor Friday evening last with music, readings, etc. The programme, which was an informal one, was about as follows:

1. Song—Under the Daisies. Amelia Jones.
2. Recitation—The Difference. Mary Jenkins.
3. Duet—Violin and piano. Misses Engelbach and Jones.
4. Reading—The Burial of Moses. Josephine Gregg.
5. Recitation—The Polish Boy. Amanda Brixner.
6. Duet—Violin and piano. Misses Jones and Engelbach.
7. Recitation—The Words of Farewell. Grace Layton.
8. Miscellaneous exercise. M. Gageby.
9. Song—H. H. Myers.
10. Song—Elsie Cover.
11. Song—Just to Please the Boys. Magale Blair.
12. Pop speeches by Messrs. Al. Ward, E. B. Kittell, J. G. Lloyd, T. H. Reist, J. F. Middlekauff, and Geo. W. Marsden, and a general interchange of sentiment all round.

IN a temperance meeting held at Altoona on Sunday afternoon last, one Rev. G. B. Sarvis is reported by the *Mirror* of that city with having said: "In Altoona and Blair county much liquor was sold and drank, but in this regard, Cambria county was the banner county of the State. He knew this by experience. The prevalence of drunkenness and the constant and open violation of the Sabbath day by the Cambria people was notorious." The marked departure from the truth contained in this extract tends to the belief that Mr. Sarvis has been incorrectly reported, or else that he is a disgrace to his cloth. Cambria county is not noted for over-indulgence in strong drink on the part of her people, while her many churches and the large attendance thereat each Sunday would seem to dispose of the other part of the assertion. Who is Sarvis, anyhow? And what is he?

IT is an on *dit* that the Secretary of the late Teachers Institute is strongly opposed to the holding of further gatherings of that character in Ebensburg during the winter months. Upon his arrival at Cresson on his way home, after a ride thither on runners last Saturday, he found himself frozen nearly stiff, while the thought that his fellow teachers, and particularly the lady portion of them, who refused to follow him in his difficult journey, had warned him against just such a disaster, was not calculated to expedite the thawing-out process.

Letter from Kans.

A Land not Flowing wi Milk and Honey.

GIRARD, Kansas, Dec. 28, 1878.

EDITOR CAMBRIA FREEMAN, *Dear Sir:* I thought perhaps a short letter to me would be read again, although some city would-be friends made quite an ado over last letter I had in the Johnstown *Democrat*, cause it was different in tone from others had written. Just as if they themselves had not been deceived by any one. True, I once think that this country was a good one, or did be at a future time, and I think so yet in some respects, but not in all. As far as farming concerned,

SO ONE SHOULD LEAVE PENNSYLVANIA,

to come here to better his condition by making money. If they have 25 acres there is better than the best 160 here, for the price so low that farmers cannot live. Corn 16 cents; oats, 12½; wheat, 60; pork, live hog $1.75 per cwt, and no sale, from the fact, tho there is nothing to consume what is raised, as the railroads charge too much to justify shipping. True, some quail and prairie chicken are shipped but that is about all, and unless the should be some kind of manufacturing establishments started, prospects are very dull.

You have heard of the 40 bushels of wheat to the acre; the 100 bushels of corn; the 6 bushels of potatoes, and the nice fruit raised here. This is all very fine on paper, and six those persons who have brought from 160 to 640 acres and want to sell cheap to buy, tell this kind of story. But let a man come here and buy, as I have done, on the say-so of men who are back in Pennsylvania, or men here and

IF THEY ARE NOT DISAPPOINTED

I will then take the Re. Have you it heard the story that cattle could live almost a winter here on the prairie, or that three or four months was the most they would feed? Let me see. We commenced to feed on the first of October; in a few days it will be three months, and there are sure three more ahead yet to feed. Well, but they all say this is a remarkable season—never had it so before. But then ye heard them say this is nothing; in '74 and '75 we had to run to wet the ground deeper than two inches for fourteen months, and there was no snow or ice. They would say it would blow up and be cold for a day or so, but never get below zero, or at least not more than two degrees. If so, this must really be a remarkably cold season, as the 12th of December it commenced to rain and sleet, and froze to the fruit and shade trees until all that did not break down were bent to the ground. It was the heaviest ice I have ever seen on trees. Then it commenced to freeze, and since, the thermometer has been standing at from 5° above to 5° below zero. I they never saw ice over four inches thick, now they can get plenty of it ten inches, and potatoes have been frozen ten inches under the ground. To be candid and honest about the matter, I never seen any harder freezing before the holidays in Pennsylvania. If the country is as good in every respect as was represented to me and others, why is it that

ALL WANT TO SELL THEIR FARMS

and leave? I do not know of one man that does not want to sell his farm. It maybe that they all want to go further West and grow up with the country. I do think that business here, with the merchants, is better than in your county, but merchandising is getting overdone, and it will not be as good as heretofore. I think if men are comfortably situated in your country they had better stay there and be contented, as I see just as much discontentment here as in your state. True there are some poor there that have to be provided for, and are, but here the poor have to do the best they can. Their houses in many instances are not good enough for cattle sheds, but they must live and live some way.

CROPS AND WATER.

To close. If you hear of the large crops out here, just understand that it means from 5 to 12 bushels of wheat, from 20 to 50 bushels of corn, and about 20 bushels of potatoes, and other grain in proportion, with the poorest water in the United States, unless you go down from 25 to 50 feet. Then you can get water that is pretty good, but there is no running water. They say there is no sickness but chills and fever, but there is as much typhoid fever here as anywhere, and all other kinds of sickness. Anyone thinking of coming here should come and stay six months, and not buy in advance as I did, and at the end of the six months he will be satisfied to go back, if he can, and stay in Pennsylvania.

Yours, very respectfully,

P. M. WOLFSLAGLE.

NEW DEAL OF COUNTY OFFICERS.—In accordance with the provisions of the New Constitution, the county officers elected last November were duly inducted into office last Monday, at 2 o'clock p. m. For this purpose a special session of Court was held, with Associates Flanagan and Thomas present. Deputy Prothonotary Hasson administered the oaths or affirmations.

John G. Lake, Esq., was first sworn as Register of Wills, Recorder, of Deeds, and Clerk of the Orphans' Court. He displaces James M. Singer, who filled the position two successive terms, or six years. The new fee bill goes into effect with Mr. Lake's installation, which considerably diminishes the emoluments of the office.

Dr. Andrew Yeagley was next sworn as Treasurer. Nicholas J. Friedhoff is the retiring official. Dr. Yeagley resides in Johnstown, but will be required by the demands of his office to either remove to Ebensburg, or entrust the business of handling the public funds to a deputy. It is understood that the latter alternative will probably be resorted to, but the name of the lucky man who will be the appointee has not transpired.

The new board of County Commissioners, John Campbell, of Conemaugh Borough, George Gurley, of Ebensburg, and Samuel W. Davis, of Ebensburg, were qualified. Mr. Campbell was re-elected last fall, and is therefore by courtesy President of the board. The retiring Commissioners are Jesse D. Parrish, of Ebensburg, and Rees S. Lloyd, of Cambria township. The Loard made choice of the following subordinate officers: Clerk, Edward R. Dunnegan, of St. Augustine, in place of John A. Kennedy; counsel, A. V. Barker, Esq., of Ebensburg, in place of Wm. H. Sechler, Esq.,

Messrs. Philip D. Skelly, of Portage township; Patrick Dillon, of Elder township, and G. B. Stineman, of South Fork, were sworn as Auditors. Impassable roads delayed the arrival of Mr. Dillon till after the adjournment of the session of Court, but the requisite qualification was subsequently administered by the Judges.

Mr. McConnell, County Surveyor elect, had failed to lift his commission, and consequently was not sworn. The ceremony will likely be performed at the special session of Court in February.

THE COLD SNAP.—Last week will be long remembered as the coldest weather experienced in this latitude within the memory of the oldest inhabitant. The mercury reached so low a point as 20 degrees below zero, while at no time for several days did it go much above zero. Accompanying the cold were oceans of blasts which lashed the snow into fury and piled it up in drifts mountain high. The roads leading in every direction hence were blockaded, and from Thursday night till the following Sunday, Ebensburg was practically cut off from the outer world. A Teachers' Institute in session here throughout the week adjourned finally on Friday, but the members waited a couple of days before the elements calmed down sufficiently to enable them to adventure homeward, while even the coal-man, whose heart goes up as the thermometer goes down, was unable to make his accustomed rounds. As to the branch railroad, which was bottled and sealed before this last storm came on, it now laughishes under tons and tons of snow, and its opening for purposes of travel and traffic is postponed till at least next week. The storm came from the West, and was widespread, and its entire course was marked by great depression of the thermometer. Even in Virginia and other Southern States the mercury touched a point below zero. Great difficulty was experienced in keeping the Pennsylvania Railroad clear, particularly on the eastern slope of the mountain. From Altoona to Gallitzin it required the united strength of a half dozen locomotives to drag a small train at a very slow rate of speed, but through the prodigious efforts of hundreds of men armed with shovels the right of way was uninterruptedly maintained. The mails in every direction, it is needless to say, were greatly deranged, while the telegraph system was interfered with by the destruction of poles by high winds. Many instances were recorded of men perishing from the bitter cold, and cattle in transit over the railroads suffered severely. At this writing, calmer skies seem to have dawned on us, and we are glad of it. We have all had enough of the other sort of weather.

—Schuyler Colfax lectured in Altoona last Friday, and to the eternal credit of the people of that city it is said that but a mere handful could be induced to go and listen to him.

THE TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.—We resume our report of the Institute proceedings at the point where they closed in last week's FREEMAN:

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

After music by Prof. Barker's band of choristers, Prof. M'Kay finished his talk on Physiology. Professor Cramer spoke on Pronunciation, and the metric system and weights and measures was explained and illustrated by J. E. Strayer, while Prof. Marsden added some words on Penmanship.

"Does Common School Education unfit our Youth for Manual Labor as Beneath their Aspirations?" This topic was discussed by Messrs. Wakefield, Marsden, Strayer, Parrish and Farabaugh.

The following persons were elected members of the Committee on Permanent Certificates: Misses Brookbank and McCagan, and Messrs. Geo. W. Marsden, F. A. Lyte and T. Middlekauff.

The Committee on Resolutions reported as follows:

Resolved, That the subject of Language Lessons should receive due and proper attention in the part of teachers of the ungraded and primary schools.

Resolved, That many of the facts of the Natural Sciences should be taught in the way of object lessons.

Resolved, That more rigid methods of instruction should be adopted by teachers, and that greater attention be given to the elements of Reading, Penmanship, and all other branches of study.

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to Prof. Cremer, of Lewisburg, and Profs. Young and M'Kay, and Miss Ellis of the Indiana State Normal School, for their excellent services rendered in making this Institute a success.

Resolved, That we return our thanks to the proprietors of the hotels for liberality shown the teachers, and to the people of Ebensburg for the interest they took in our Institute, thus proving that they are on the side of popular education.

Resolved, That we approve the policy of doing a proper share of the work of the Institute ourselves.

Resolved, That we regret that so many of our fellow teachers do not feel sufficient interest in their work to attend the County Institute.

EVENING SESSION.

Miss Lizzie Hughes recited "Revolutionary Rising," and was followed by Prof. Cramer, who in an elaborate lecture on "What to Read" threw out many valuable suggestions as to the character of the books that ought to be read by teachers.

After witnessing some interesting chemical experiments made by Prof. M'Kay, the Institute adjourned.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Mr. Lavery talked on Drawing, and Prof. M'Kay on Ventilation, and Mr. Marsden read a paper on "Manners."

A number of impromptu addresses, among them one by Chaplain Davis, were delivered, and, after music, the Institute adjourned *sine die* at noon.

Owing to the snow blockade, the major part of the teachers were detained here till Sunday. On that day a volunteer force went hence and broke the turnpike road to Cresson, this affording those who lived along the line of the P. R. R. a means of reaching their homes. The subjoined preamble and resolutions, having a bearing on these episodes, were adopted:

WHEREAS, We, forty-four of the teachers of Cambria County, have been detained in Ebensburg on account of the intensely cold weather; and,

WHEREAS, We desire the community to know of the many kindnesses with which we were treated; therefore,

Resolved, That we tender our heartiest thanks to the good people of Ebensburg for their kind hospitality.

Resolved, That we express our gratitude and thanks to the noble men who labored so assiduously to open the way for our safe conduct to Cresson.

Resolved, That these resolutions be published in the county papers.

(Signed),

TEACHERS OF SOUTHERN CAMBRIA.

The *Tribune* chronicles the safe return of the teachers of that place, and adds:

"They were all in high spirits, and we doubt if a single one of them sincerely regretted having been 'snowed up.' They say they cannot too highly praise the courteous attention extended them by the citizens of Ebensburg in general, and certain young people of the town in particular. They danced night and day, and passed away the time right merrily. A traveling negro band from Lancaster was secured, and each night they hopped merrily to the music of the wind and fiddle until 1 and 2 o'clock. They will never forget their pleasant 'siege.' All's well that ends well, and their short imprisonment could not have terminated more happily."

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ASSIGNEE'S SALE.

BY virtue of an order of the Court of Common Pleas of Cambria county, to me directed, I will offer at public sale on the premises, on

SATURDAY, FEB'Y 1st, 1879,

Commencing at 2 o'CLOCK, P. M., the following described real estate, to wit:

A PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND

situated in Clearfield township, in said county of Cambria, bounded on the west by land of John Nagle, jr., and P. B. Kerin, on the north by land of John Sharran on the east by land of Philip Cooper, and on the south by land of Wm. Mullen, containing 35 acres, more or less, having thereon erected a two story FRAME HOUSE, a BANK BARN, 40 by 60, all in good order, and all the necessary outbuilding. The land is all cleared and in a good state of cultivation.

TERMS OF SALE.—One third of the purchase money to be paid on confirmation of the sale, the remainder in two equal annual payments with interest, to be secured by the judgment of the purchaser.

JOHN GINN,
Assignee of Peter A. and W. [illegible]

Jan. 3, 1878-3t.

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T. W. DICK, Auditor.

Jan. 10, 1878-3t.

GEO. M. READE, *Attorney-at-Law*, Ebensburg, Pa. Office on Centre street, three doors from High street. [8-27-72]

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Real Estate for Sale.

THE panic compels me to sell the following real estate far 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.

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