# Cambria Freeman.

EBENSBURG, PA.,

FRIDAY MORNING, - MAY 30, 1879.


## LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

### DEMOCRATIC COUNTY CONVENTION.

The Democratic voters of the several wards, boroughs and townships of Cambria county are requested to meet at their usual places of holding the general election, on

**Saturday, June 28th, 1879,**

at 7 o'CLOCK, P. M., and elect two delegates from each election district to represent them in the county convention, to be held at the Court House in Ebensburg, on

**Monday, June 30th, 1879,**

at 1 o'CLOCK, P. M., to nominate a county ticket.

The polls will be kept open until 7 o'clock, P. M., on Saturday.

JOSEPH M'DONALD,
Chairman Democratic Co. Committee.
Ebensburg, May 27, 1879.

### RULES FOR THE REGULATION OF DEMOCRATIC DELEGATE ELECTIONS.

The delegate elections in Cambria county shall be conducted as follows:

1. The election for delegates to represent the different districts in the Democratic County Convention shall be held at the usual place of holding the general elections for each district, beginning at 7 o'clock and continuing until 7 o'clock, p. m.

2. The said delegate election shall be held by an election board, to consist of the member of the county committee for such district, who shall be president of the board, and two other Democratic voters thereof, who shall be elected by the Democrats present at the opening of the polls. In case the member of the county committee shall be absent from the place of holding the election for a quarter of an hour after the time appointed by rule first for the opening of the same, his place shall be filled by an election to be conducted viva voce by the Democratic voters present at the time.

3. Every qualified Democratic voter of the district, who, at the preceding general election voted the Democratic ticket, shall be entitled to vote at the delegate election.

4. The voting at all delegate elections shall be by ballot, upon which ballot shall be printed or written the names of the delegates voted for, together with any instructions which the voter may desire to give the delegates. Each ballot shall be received from the person voting the same by a member of the election board, and by him deposited in a box or other receptacle provided for that purpose, to which box or other receptacle no person but members of the election board shall have access.

5. Each election board shall keep an accurate list of the names of all persons voting at such elections, which list of voters, together with a full and complete return of such election, containing a statement of the persons elected as delegates, shall be certified by said board to the county convention; and it shall be the duty of the delegates elect to such convention to take charge of the same and deliver them to the chairman of the Democratic county committee, who shall be ex-officio secretary.

6. If from any district qualified Democratic voters to the number of five shall complain in writing of an undue election or false return, such complainants shall have the right to contest the seat of such delegate. Such complaints shall be heard by a committee of five delegates, to be appointed by the President of the convention, to whom such committee shall proceed to hear the parties, their proof and allegations, and as soon as may be, report to the convention; and such delegates are entitled to seats therein. Whereupon the convention shall proceed immediately, upon the call of the yeas and nays, to adopt or reject the report of the contesting committee—in which case all the names of the delegates whose seats are contested shall be omitted.

7. All delegates must reside in the district they represent. In case of absence or inability to attend, substitutions may be made from citizens of the district.

In convention a majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary to a nomination.

### HERE, THERE AND THE OTHER PLACE.

—A large lot of ladies' hats just received at M. J. Teitelbaum's, Loretto.

—An addition to the Huntingdon county jail, to cost $8,500, is to be built.

—The county poor-house contains 79 inmates. And still we are at large.

—Cresson Springs and Belmont will blossom and bloom in about three weeks.

—A new bridge over the Conemaugh at Johnstown is in course of construction.

—We quote butter this week as we ought to have done last, at 10 cents per pound, and eggs at 8 cents per dozen.

—The Pennsylvania State Medical Association will hold their annual convention in Altoona on the third Wednesday of May, 1880.

—Frost did some damage in this neighborhood several nights during the past week, but no damage to vegetation resulted.

—"Her Majesty's ship Pinafore" sailed into Union Hall, Johnstown, on Tuesday evening, manned by a full crew from Pittsburgh.

—A brakeman on the Pittsburgh division, P. R. R., named Gallagher, has been promoted to a clerkship in the general office at Philadelphia.

—The season for picnics is here once again with its sunshine and shade and soon we will be called on to welcome lemonade without lemon juice.

—Woodvale borough will vote on Saturday, June 28th, on a proposition to increase the school debt of the district by the erection of a new school building.

—William H. Cole, formerly of Altoona, called in Dallas, Texas, on Saturday morning last, aged 27 years. He was proprietor of a meat market in the latter place.

—It might be interesting to know how much somebody was paid for going through the northern part of the county, etc., but of course it is none of our business.

—Duncansville, Blair county, has a graded, if not degraded, Academy belfer, not one year old, which never had a calf, but nevertheless gives a gallon of milk every day.

—The wife of Alexander Borgus, of East Conemaugh, eloped on Saturday night last with a comparative stranger named George Allen. All the parties are colored.

—Congressman Scott, the Democratic nomination for Sheriff were counted on our streets last Tuesday, and all sections of the county were not represented either.

—The long-continued drought was brought to an end last Sunday by a rain which lasted the major part of the afternoon, and by other showers we hear have since visited us.

—The Cambria Sabbath School Association held a two days' session in Wilmore this week. We presume the proceedings will be furnished us in time for our next issue.

—A match game of base ball between picked nines of the East and West Wards respectively is to be indulged in, we are informed, to-morrow afternoon. Too hot by half.

—Don't be surprised to hear of a picnic for the benefit of the Church of the Holy Name some time in the near future—most probably on Saturday, June 21st. More anon.

—M. J. Teitelbaum, Loretto, has just received a large stock of ladies' fine shoes, and misses' fine shoes and gaiters, all which will be sold at lower rates than are offered elsewhere.

—Sheriff Stiffler, of Blair county, was spilled out of a buggy, in which he was riding, last Tuesday, by a fractious colt, and a job for a doctor to sew up a bad scalp wound followed.

—A prisoner effected his escape from the Hollidaysburg jail one day last week. The door of his cell and the door of the jail yard chanced both to be unlocked, and he quietly walked out and off.

—The pupils of Mt. Gallitzin Seminary, as well as the day school under the charge of the Sisters of St. Joseph, in this place, are indulging in a May party as we go to press Thursday afternoon.

—Painter Stough, with his little brush, has put an entire new suit, or several new coats we ought to say, on the Cambria House, which now looks as proud and pretty as a young girl with her first beau.

—Don't "wait for the wagon" any longer, but go and buy one for yourself from A. A. Barker & Son, who have two new spring wagons and two new buggies for sale exceedingly cheap and on the easiest of terms.

—It will pay any ordinary-sized man to walk ten miles and fifteen laps for the purpose of leaving his measure for a new pair of boots with Michael Brickner, of Gallitzin, who does honest work at honest prices.

—Policeman Lycett, of Cambria City, is recovering from his recent severe attack of paralysis, and Poor Director Patterson, of Johnstown, who was sick in bed for several weeks, is again occasionally seen on the street.

—The report that Cas. Easly had sufficiently recovered to resume his position as local editor of the Johnstown *Tribune* is denied by that paper. Though perceptibly on the mend, he is yet too weak to get down to localizing.

—In the United States District Court at Pittsburgh last Thursday, in the matter of William M. Lloyd, bankrupt, a petition for a special contract for sale of land was presented and order for the sale of the same discharged of liens.

—The confirmation of Mr. James M. Lingafelt as postmaster of Hollidaysburg continues to hang fire, and no doubt Lingafelt long has felt that Gen. Coffroth and some more of the men who are fighting him ought to be hung as well as the fire.

—If you want to get a bargain in anything, pay a visit to M. J. Teitelbaum's store, Loretto. He has lately received a large stock of general merchandise, and proposes to dispose of the same at lower prices than can be afforded by Altoona merchants.

—Low are the prices and easy the terms upon which Messrs. A. A. Barker & Son are now offering for sale two bran splinter new buggies and two tip-top spring wagons just from the hands of the manufacturer. This is the Spring to spring a good bargain in spring wagons and buggies at Barkers'.

—A burning coal-oil lamp exploded in the room of Miss Eva Marbourg, Johnstown, last Saturday night. Miss Eva, who was asleep, fortunately awoke in time to smother the flames before they had done much damage.

—If you have any wool to sell or trade for goods, take it to M. J. Teitelbaum's, Loretto. He wants to buy 5,000 pounds, for which he will pay the highest market price, at the same time placing the goods he may sell at the verylowest nick of cash prices.

—It is a somewhat remarkable fact that every one of the several propositions laid before the County Committee at its meeting on Tuesday was adopted by a unanimous vote. Full and entire harmony ruled the hour. It only required an hour, you know.

—That "broth of a boy," Capt. Thomas T. (not Tetlatamus) Magrath, the obliging and popular clerk at the Mountain House, has our thanks for several copies of the Cashel (Ireland) *Gazette* and Cape May *Wave*. Long may ye *Cape*-tain continue to *Wave*!

—Oak Hall on R. H. Thompson, at the Thompson store in this place, and get your measure taken for a new suit from Oak Hall, Philadelphia. Lots of nice samples from which to select any style of goods you desire, and full satisfaction in fit and figures guaranteed. Don't you forget it.

—G. T. Bell (Good Tolling Bell) is the name of the Republican candidate for Sheriff, in Blair county. Ring!—Bell! How they fit into each other, so aptly and well. Let the Democrats see that the tolling will tell of a victory for them when the ballots, like snow-flakes, have quietly fell.

—Mr. J. H. M'Cullough, formerly of Johnstown, but now engaged in the boot and shoe business in Altoona, was one of the disappointed candidates for the Republican nomination for Prothonotary of Blair county at the late primary election. It is a pity such good men as he are sometimes doomed to defeat.

—The sacred and sentimental concert to be given at St. Augustine by the choir connected with the Church of the Holy Name in this place, will probably take place on Saturday, June 16th, although it may be two or three days earlier. It is to be held in the afternoon and will be for the benefit of the church at that place.

—John G. C. Bearer, of Susquehanna township, was in town Tuesday of this week. Barring a huge scar on one of his cheeks, he is in about as good trim as prior to his uncomfortable experience with the huge limb which fell from a high tree and caromed off his head, nearly depriving him forever of the breath of life.

—To say nothing of the sin of the thing, the law provides a severe penalty against perjury, and hence it is that we advise our exasperated friend up north to go slow on the affidavit business. We know whereof we asserted, and if need be can "swear a swear" that would possibly go as far as any of 'em. "Mound that now!"

—"Tom" Rees, the nominee of the Blair county Republicans for Sheriff, is the gentleman who distinguished himself a few years since by essaying a balloon ascension from Altoona. We hope the Democrats over there will succeed in sending Bell up in another kind of a balloon next November, and that he will fall up.

—Despite the protests of the Central Pennsylvania Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the religious editor of the Hollidaysburg *Standard*, the managers of the Juniata Valley Camp Meeting Association have decided to throw their gates open on Sundays as usual on the occasion of their next annual gathering.

—The late George Bheam, Sr., of Yoder township, was worth, in addition to a considerable quantity of real estate, about $13,000 in cash. His will directs that $6,000 of this shall be invested for the use of his widow, and the income of the estate equally divided among his surviving offspring and the issue of his deceased children.

—Dr. L. F. Flick, of Carrolltown, has gone to Philadelphia to accept a professional position in the city almshouse—a position said to have been secured for him by Hons. John A. Lemon and Chas. J. Thomas. We shall miss the Doctor there and elsewhere, as he is in every sense of the word a thorough gentleman and a conscientious physician.

—"Jump into the wagon and we'll all take a ride!" is a refrain that may be sung in chorus by all who avail themselves of the opportunity to visit the spacious A. Barker & Son, Ebensburg, for buying a new spring wagon or a new buggy at a price that is exceedingly low and on conditions that can readily be complied with. [5-23.-4t.]

—A man named Martin Lykens, employed at Blair Iron and Coke works, was instantly killed last Monday. He was at work in a cut undermining an embankment and the ore fell upon and crushed him in a horrible manner, causing instant death. He resided at Elizabeth Furnace, Blair county, and leaves a wife and a large family of children.

—The bill granting pensions to the Mexican war veterans, in which a number of Ebensburgers are interested, and which had been twice sent to the Governor for his approval, and twice recalled by resolution, was, on Tuesday last, after having been discussed in the Senate, again recalled to be laid before the Governor by a vote of 24 yeas to 14 nays.

—Our eggs-cellent friend "Rooster" comes to the front again with his twenty good hens and true, as will be seen by reference to a communication in another column. It is superfluous to say that the aforesaid "Rooster" knows eggs-actly what he is talking about, and that he is not to be caught out on a "fowl" when it comes to a question of hen fruit.

—Elsewhere will be found the card of Dr. M. R. Creery, Surgeon Dentist, who has lately made his professional *debut* in our midst. He comes well recommended as a manipulator of the forceps, as well as a very genial gentleman, and we hope he may be visited by that measure of patronage which is his desert. Office one door west of Blair's hotel.

—Mr. Jacob Callihan, of Stonycreek township, stepped in a hole in a board-walk at Kringtown, in the aforesaid township, last Thursday evening and fractured his thigh bone. Owing to his great age, which is 85 years, 40 years of which have been passed in Cambria county, it is deemed extremely doubtful whether he will recover from the injury.

—The Blair county Republican primary election was held last Saturday, and resulted in the selection of the following ticket: Sheriff, G. T. Bell; Prothonotary, G. W. Burket; Poor Director, Jerry C. Mattern; Jury Commissioner, A. F. Orr. The vote on the retention of what is known as the "Crawford County System" was: For, 1,432; against, 1,597.

—The Carrolltown *News* says that it never spoke an unkind word about McPike, though invited by the introduction of such a damaging character. When, where, how and in what way did you receive an invitation of that kind from McPike? Produce the proof, Col. Thos. (A.) Scott Williams, or admit for once at least that your anger got away with your better judgment.

—On Thursday night of this week, the barn of Mr. Thomas Donahoe, in Portage township, contiguous to Portage station, with its contents, including a mowing machine, windmill, hay rake, etc., was destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated at $700 which is partially covered by insurance in the Cambria Mutual Company for $415. The origin of the fire is not known.

—During a storm on Sunday afternoon last, a stable at Springfield Mines, Blair county, was struck by lightning and burned to the ground. Its contents were three horses, harness, 50 bushels of corn, straw, etc., which were also destroyed. The stable was the property of the Cambria Iron Company, while the horses and other property belonged to Mr. Isaac Lukens, Jr.

—A correspondent writes to us complaining that large quantities of fish, such as bass and pike, are being caught out of season in the Conemaugh in the neighborhood of Wilmore, and desires to know how the story can be put to the practice. In reply, we refer our correspondent to the game law, where it will be found recorded that illegal fishing, if complained of before a Justice, may be punished by the imposition of a heavy fine. Try that method.

—The *Democrat* is the name of a paper just established at Smethport, McKean county, Pa., with Messrs. Clark Wilson, H. C. Wilson and A. J. Carr as editors and proprietors. The senior member of the firm is well known to Ebensburgers by reason of his one-time connection with the *Democrat and Sentinel* of this place as proprietor, while the other Wilson is his eldest son. We certainly wish them all manner of success in their new venture.

—At a meeting of the Right Worthy Grand Encampment of Odd Fellows, held in Harrisburg Monday of last week, Past Chief Patriarch George C. K. Zahm, of Ebensburg, was elected District Deputy Grand Patriarch of Cambria county. A meeting of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows was held the following Tuesday, when Mr. Edward Thomas, of Woodvale, a member of Alma Lodge, was elected District Deputy Grand Master for Cambria county.

—Mr. Wm. O'Connell, of Hastings, Dakota county, Minn., a good friend and true of the FREEMAN, in forwarding his annual subscription takes occasion to give us an idea of his prospects and surroundings, from which we glean the gratifying fact that he has 320 acres in wheat, 40 in corn, 20 in oats, and 60 in grass. He is also the owner of five span of good horses, and is otherwise comfortably fixed, as he well deserves to be, for a more industrious and deserving man never shook the dust of Cambria county from his feet and betook himself to the land of promise in the direction of the setting sun.

—One of the results of the forest fires which lately raged in this section was the destruction of the acres on acres of blackberry and huckleberry vines which grew on the mountain slopes along the railroad between Cresson and Wilmore. The handling of these berries for market usually nets from $5,000 to $10,000 per season to the people of the section named, and the nipping in the bud of the crop will spoil many bright calculations, if not work some absolute hardships.

—One John J. Mason was arrested in Johnstown last Saturday on the charge of stealing iron from the Cambria Iron Company. He demanded a jury trial, and was accommodated the following Monday morning. The jury wrangled over the merits of the case a couple of hours, and then agreed to disagree. Another jury was empanelled later in the day, and, with no special trouble, it arrived at the conclusion that this Mason worked on the square and turned him loose.

—That man George Marquedant is again in trouble. It will be remembered that he was arrested last March on the charge of passing counterfeit money on the Cambria House hostler of this place, but was subsequently discharged without trial. To-morrow, before Esquire Cox in Conemaugh borough, he will be called on to answer in an action for trespass preferred by Mr. N. R. Griffith for carelessly building a fire on his lot in Conemaugh township and allowing the flames to spread over the property of his neighbors.

—Two practical drillers from Edenburg, Clarion county, named Tomlinson and Lachty, have taken the contract to put down the much mooted oil well in Jackson township to a distance of 1,500 feet. They arrived on the ground, and will begin work next week. The confidence felt by Mr. Richards, the proprietor, in getting a good well is shared by Messrs. Tomlinson and Lachty, who aver that better surface indications have never come under their observation. We trust the hopes of all of them may be crowned by a strike equalling that of the renowned "Bullion."

—Carrolltown had two weddings Tuesday last, on which occasion Messrs. S. H. Buck and H. C. Scanlan were made respectively happy for life by Miss Amanda Byrnes and Miss Charlotte Noel, the latter of whom is a daughter of our channed friend and patron, Mr. Wm. A. Noel, of Carrolltown. The high contracting parties are well worthy of each other's love and devotion, and we sincerely hope their days will be long and their prosperity great in the land. By the way, ain't Buck some brides becoming somewhat abundant nowadays? But, then, the more the merrier, say we, and happier, too.

—As Ebensburg was minus a Democratic paper and Carrolltown had not yet been gladdened by the advent of the *News* when the FREEMAN was established, nearly twelve and a-half years ago, we fall to see the force of the discovery made by our dynamitic friend about McPike having received county printing from the first day he started his paper. It was an invariable rule those days to give party patronage to party organs, and as the FREEMAN was an instrument of that kind, and the only one north, we couldn't have got away from the county printing if we had wanted to—and goodness knows we didn't want to.

—We have no fault to find with Robert Williams for the manner by he has seen fit to show his *asperity* towards us, but can assure him in all sincerity that we had no wish to offend or desire to injure him either in his business or reputation. The world is wide enough for all of us, Scott, and no one knows better than you do that we wish you well out on our beat. If you print a sound Democratic paper and advocate harmony in the Democratic field—some folks not worth minding say you haven't commenced doing that yet—we hope that you will not only get a full share of the county printing, but that every Democrat in the county and hosts of them outside of it will subscribe for the *News* and pay for it in advance. "Nuff sed."

—A young man named Fred Jones, a resident of this place, met with an accident one day last week which came very near winding up his earthly career. He was engaged in the firm in question as proof-reader by hereafter for Mr. John M. Hughes, in Cambria township, when a handspike against which he was pressing slipped from its fulcrum and struck him a heavy blow on the side of the head. He was felled to the ground, and for a time it was feared he had been killed outright, but judicious treatment restored him to consciousness, and at last reports he was mending rapidly. Fred is the young man who accompanied Mr. Elias Jones and family to the West a few years ago; didn't like the exchange of soil and climate he had made; started back home; was robbed of his money, and defected the larger portion of the journey on foot. He seems to be a child of misfortune.

—The Altoona car works, better known as the M'Cauley shops, were destroyed by fire last Friday evening. The establishment was built at the close of the war, when prices were high, by Mr. Thomas M'Cauley, and cost $62,000. Subsequent improvements brought the amount of money invested up to the neighborhood of $70,000. The works were run with varying degrees of non-success till they were sold at Sheriff's sale for $20,000 to an association of gentlemen who took the firm name of "The Altoona Car Works, Limited." This Company recently leased the shops to Mr. Asbury Green, and, his management proving unsuccessful, arrangements were made for selling the works to Mr. Fred Schilling for $10,000, but the transfer of the property had not yet taken place. The shops were insured for $10,000, and by their destruction fifty workmen are thrown out of employment. It is understood they will not be rebuilt.

—We are certainly much obliged to our Clearfield township correspondent for the good wishes he expresses on behalf of the FREEMAN, and the hopes he entertains that it will not be long until we shall be the affectionate of the Democrats of northern Cambria by the new jourjalistic venture nearer home, but we beg leave to assure him that the FREEMAN asks nothing but an open field and a fair fight. If we earnestly endeavor in the future as in the past to publish a paper worthy of patronage, and worthy the party we profess to be a Democrat will withdraw his support simply because we are ten miles further south than our more recently established cotemporary. If, however, they can get a paper fully as good, not to say better, for less or even the same amount of money, it is meet and proper that they should be off with the old and on with the new, provided of course they are not able or not willing to subscribe for more than one paper. As our correspondent very pleasantly remarks, those are our sentiments, and we don't care who knows them.

—An agent for the sale of certain Western lands, and in that capacity employed in the interest of certain railroads having Western connections, arrived in town from Pittsburgh on the train last Thursday night. His object in coming hither was to effect arrangements for the transportation of one hundred of our people to Kansas, a letter having reached him announcing that a colony of that size proposed cutting loose from this section of the old Keystone and becoming residents of that far-off State. It is scarcely necessary to say that the letter was a bogus one, written by some party unknown, and having the name of the renowned Chaplain Wm. T. Davis attached thereto; and when a realization of this fact struck the agent he became disgusted with the depravity of human nature and went back home by the early train next morning. Notwithstanding the joke was a poor one, the agent would like to know who set it up on him; and though not a millionaire, he would willingly give a dollar and a half to find out the name of the man whose sense of humor tends in the direction of the promotion of wild-goose chases two hundred miles in length.

—At the time when the Altoona Car Works, limited, were burned down, last Friday, the establishment was being run under the management of Mr. Asbury Green as lessee. Mr. Green is an extensive contractor for the erection of houses, etc., he having engaged to put up some eighteen or twenty buildings in Altoona during the present season. The lumber designed for this purpose was stored in the car works preparatory to being worked up, and fell a prey to the flames. He running his total losses up to the neighborhood of $5,000. Despite this disaster which has befallen him, Mr. Green does not propose to yield to despair. On the contrary, he is determined to fulfill his contracts, and to this end has opened negotiations for the purchase of the Ebensburg Mechanical Works complete—the building and the machinery therein contained, such as steam engine, planers, saws, etc. Mr. Henry Dunmire, whose family reside here, but who has himself been a resident of Altoona for several months past is a brother-in-law of Mr. Green, and is in town this week endeavoring to effect the desired transfer of title to the Mechanical Works, though on what terms has not transpired. If successful in making a purchase, both the building and the machinery will be removed to Altoona and immediately put in working order to fill the bills required by Mr. Green for his contracts—a state of things we would very much regret, for if there is any lumber to be prepared for use, it could certainly to be planed and put in proper shape as cheaply here as anywhere else in the country, though the matter of freights is said to be what gets away with the profits.

—On the evening of the first instant, a boy named Vincent Eck, of Millville borough, was playing with a number of companions about a pile of water pipes. One of these pipes, weighing 2,200 pounds, was started down an incline, and Vincent, being in its way, was knocked down and run over by it. He was badly injured, but managed to walk home, where he lingered till Friday last, when death put an end to his sufferings.

### A SINGULAR AND SERIOUS ACCIDENT.

—The Johnstown *Tribune* of Monday furnishes the following particulars of a strange and shocking accident (being no less than the mysterious and unaccountable explosion of a quantity of slacked lime and the serious burning and possible blinding for life of one or more of the parties upon whom the lime was precipitated), which occurred in that place on Monday forenoon. The *Tribune* says:

The community was electrified this forenoon, by the rumor that an explosion of lime had taken place on the premises of Dr. A. N. Wakefield, on Morris street, Fifth Ward, by which that gentleman, his little son Earl, aged between three and four years, and a young nurse-girl named Clara Leber, daughter of Mr. Charles Leber, who resides on Sherman street, were accidentally burned. The first reports were rather wild and vague, one being to the effect that the Doctor had succumbed and another that all three were dying, but although much exaggerated they were not without foundation. We visited the Doctor's residence at noon to-day, when we were put in possession of the following particulars:

The Doctor had engaged a colored man named Rideout to do some whitewashing about his premises this afternoon, and the necessary lime having been purchased several days ago and permitted to stand out in the weather, the Doctor concluded about half-past 9 o'clock that the better plan would be to slack it at once, and have it ready for the man when he should come to do the work. A half-bushel of lime was placed in a small fish-barrel, over which the Doctor poured a gallon of water. Little Earl and Miss Leber were standing close by, witnessing the operation of slackening. The water being soon taken up by the lime, the Doctor procured another bucketfull, which he slowly poured into the barrel, stirring the contents the while with a stick. After the bucket was emptied he stood over the barrel, watching the lime boil and bubble, when two little boys came rushing into the house in, when suddenly there was a dull report, instantaneously followed by an upheaval of the lime, which flew into their faces and scattered in the yard for a distance of twenty feet around about the barrel.

The Doctor's eyes were filled with the hot, caustic substance, which completely blinded him; his nose and forehead were dreadfully burned, as also were both of his hands and arms, and he inhaled a considerable quantity of the hot stream which arose from the lime. While groping his way to the hydrant, in the hope of gaining relief by the application of water, the little boy became crying piteously. The Doctor in his agony had not thought of the child, whose burns proved to be very serious; one eye being blinded, the skin being burned off the left side of his face and neck, and his little bare feet receiving a quantity of the lime as it boiled over the edge of the barrel. The little girl was only slightly burned, her eyes fortunately escaping, and she was able to walk home soon after the accident happened.

The whole neighborhood was soon alarmed, and a large number of people assembled on the premises, willing but unable to do anything for the relief of the victims. A messenger had been dispatched for Dr. George W. Wagoner, Dr. Wakefield's partner, who hastened up from the store, and he was soon followed by Dr. S. M. Swan, who had heard of the accident on the street, and went up to see if he could be of any assistance. The sufferers' faces were first washed with diluted vinegar, and afterward thoroughly coated over with linseed oil to protect the denuded skin from the air. An effort was then made to ascertain the extent of the injuries to the victims' eyes, but the examination caused them such intense agony that the physicians were obliged to desist.

When we called to see them they were lying on beds in separate rooms, the windows of which were darkened. The child's face was raw and inflamed, the injured eye was swollen shut, and his moaning was painful to hear. The Doctor was suffering intensely also, his eyes paining him almost beyond endurance. He is in hopes that the sight is not injured, but fears that it may be. Dr. Wagoner informs us that, the burns being only skin deep, no permanent disfigurement of the sufferers' countenances will result. He is only alarmed for the safety of their eye-sight.

The explosion was a most mysterious and unaccountable one, nobody with whom we have talked being able to offer an explanation or even to put forth a plausible theory. The lime was not all thrown out of the barrel, probably half of it remaining undisturbed.

MEETING OF THE DEMOCRATIC COUNTY COMMITTEE.—Pursuant to published notice, the following named members of the County Committee met in the Court House, Ebensburg, Tuesday afternoon, May 27, 1879, at one o'clock:

Allegheny Twp.—James J. Kaylor.
Barr Twp.—A. A. Kirkpatrick.
Cambria Twp.—Thomas Hoover.
Carroll Twp.—James J. Thomas.
Clearfield Twp.—John M. Litzinger.
Chest Twp.—John G. Gill.
Ebensburg Boro'—Thomas McBreen, West Ward; H. A. McPike, East Ward.
Jackson Twp.—Robert T. Shields.
Munster Twp.—Joseph Griffin.
Portage Twp.—Peter McGough.
Summerhill Twp.—Henry Hughes.
Summerhill Twp.—William Doran.
Susquehanna Twp.—Lewis J. Bearer.
Wilmore Boro'—P. F. Kirby.

Chairman McDonald called the Committee to order, and stated the object of the meeting to be to determine the time for holding the next Democratic County Convention and to fix the date for the delegate elections.

—On motion of Mr. H. A. McPike, Saturday, the 28th day of June, proximo, was chosen as the day for the election of delegates, and Monday, June 30th, for the holding of the Convention. The polls for the election of delegates in the several wards, boroughs, and townships will open at 2 o'clock p. m. of the latter day.

Hon. James J. Thomas offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Chairman of the County Committee be authorized to fill vacancies existing in the Committee, by appointment.

H. A. McPike offered the subjoined resolution:

*Resolved*, That it is the sense of this committee that the county convention this day called should take some action looking to an entire reversal of the order of business in future conventions of the Democracy of Cambria county.

The idea of this resolution was explained to be that a regard for the true interests of the Democratic party demands that such important matters as the expulsion of delegates to State Conventions, Congressional conferees, etc., should take precedence over the nomination of a ticket, instead of being neglected till the convention is on the eve of adjourning; and that, to the end of keeping a full representation present throughout the construction of a full ticket, the nomination should be made big minded enough to accept and progressing upward till the highest shall have been reached. The resolution was briefly but eloquently discussed by Messrs. James J. Thomas, James J. Kaylor and Peter McGough, to the end of arriving at a distinct understanding of the results sought for; when, a vote having been proceeded to, the resolution was unanimously adopted, with the understanding that, if favorably considered by the next County Convention, it shall go into effect in the convention to be held in 1880.

No further business being presented, the Committee, at 2 o'clock, adjourned.

A LONG, DELIGHTFUL DAY of sunshine and pleasure is the earnest desire of afflicted mortals. But without health there is neither rest, comfort nor happiness. Riches and glory are worthless without it. Disease makes life cheerless, and even home gloomy. Relief is more precious than gold. In all cases of headache, pains in the back, side and chest; nervousness, kidney and liver complaints, dyspepsia, disease of the genital organs impure blood, depressed spirits, and all female troubles, Sandaline is a certain and prompt cure. Powerful—though gentle—in its action, it directly reaches the seat of disease, cleanses the system of all impurities, and completely restores it to health and vigor. It is an unequaled diuretic, having no alcoholic properties, but possesses incomparable sanative virtues. In severe cases it should be alternative with Sandaline Elixir. Will do just as recommended, use as directed, or money refunded. Price $1. Ask your druggist. Thousands of testimonials attest its worth—Terre Haute, Ind., Dec. 11, '78. Dr. Gound, 5 West 14th St., N. Y.: I am perfectly willing to certify that Sandaline and Sandaniline Elixir, as prescribed by you, entirely cured me in a very short time of mercurial poisoning, which I had contracted in my former business of a mirror manufacturer. My bones were as much affected as my skin. In fact, my whole system was in a state of disease. C. H. Stamford.—Dr. Gound's great medical works, full of interest, over 250 pages. Price $1. Send for it.

—Elsewhere in this paper will be found a double-column advertisement of Messrs. Bowman & Morrow's "Boss" Store, corner Eleventh avenue and Twelfth street, Altoona, and we direct the special attention of the reader to the same. This is one of the oldest and most reliable of Altoona firms, and we desire it to become as well known in this quarter as a household word. They keep constantly on hand a full line of superior dry goods, notions, trimmings, prints and muslins, shawls, gloves, etc., while their stock of carpets cannot be excelled anywhere. All these articles, which are guaranteed fresh and without blemish, are marked at prices so low as to put it beyond the reach of the closest buyer to cavil at them. But these prices speak for themselves in the advertisement, to which the reader is again referred, and as Bowman & Morrow say they "never back down on the prices they quote," it will be readily seen where one ought to go to secure bargains.

ELEGANT HAIR is woman's crowing beauty. When it fades she fades as well. While it is kept bright, her personal attractions are still maintained. By preserving the hair fresh and vigorous a youthful appearance is continued through many years. Those who grieve over their fading hair turning gray too early, should know that Ayer's Hair Vigor prevents it, and restores gray or faded hair to its natural color. It is a clear and healthful preparation, containing neither oil, dye, nor anything deleterious, and imparts to the scalp what is most needed—a sense of pleasant and delightful freedom from scurf or dandruff.—*New Berne (N. C.) Times.*

—After all said and done, the Carrolltown *News* made its appearance last week in an unenlarged form.

### LOCAL CORRESPONDENCE.

CLEARFIELD TWP., May 26, 1879.

DEAR FREEMAN—Hoping you will find space for a few lines from old Clearfield, I take the liberty of addressing you on this momentous occasion.

The farmers hereaway have almost completed the task of sowing their grain and planting their potatoes, etc., and of course all of them are correspondingly happy—more especially your humble servant, who is not only correspondingly happy, himself, but exceedingly happy to correspond with the good old FREEMAN.

The wheat looks rather unpromising in most places, the long-continued drouth having "played hob" with it, so to speak.

All the talk to be heard nowadays is about politics and the fearfully dry weather. With two such topics to discuss there is apt to be a warm time, however, at least until after the nominations have been made.

Apropos of the nominations, allow me to remark that the north of the county, as is generally conceded, is entitled to the Sheriff, and as she presents, in my estimation, one of her best men in the person of Mr. M. J. Nagle, I trust he will prove to be "the lively boy with the glass eye," if I may be permitted to borrow a rather vulgar though by no means vague expression. Those, at least, are my sentiments, though I am willing to admit that there are other gentlemen in this section seeking the office who are equally worthy.

The Carrolltown *News* is creating quite a sensation, but whether it is a healthy one or not, politically speaking, of course one so little versed in such matters as myself dare not attempt to say. This I will say, however, that while I consider the *News* a spicy and spunky little sheet, I trust the Democracy of northern Cambria will not go back on the FREEMAN in the matter of voting for a new candidate for public patronage. On the contrary, I hope they will not forget that the FREEMAN and its editor have been their earnest and faithful friends at all times and under all circumstances for a number of years past, and that if they don't feel able to take more than one paper they will stick to the one which has so long and faithful service has earned their good will and ought to receive their cordial support. Those, at least, are my sentiments another time, and for all time.

A party of voting men met last night in the village of St. Augustine a few evenings ago, and through some misunderstanding a difficulty arose between them which finally culminated in one of the young men inflicting an ugly gash with a penknife in the back of the neck of another member of the party. The wound was and still is painful, though I am glad to say not serious.

Lest I might be trespassing too much on your space, I will shut up shop for the present.

Yours, &c., CITIZEN.

PROLIFIC HENS.

*To the Editor of the Record:*

I have forty hens which have laid since January to date 1,229 eggs, which I think equals, if not exceeds, that of the Reading man's. Their food has consisted solely of corn and what bugs they might chance to find. They are of the Dominique breed. Yours, truly, H. L. FRIES.

Mechanics' Valley, May 19, 1879.

MORE OF THE SAME SORT.

*To the Editor of the Record:*

In last Saturday's issue of THE RECORD I noticed the following: "A Reading man has thirty-eight hens, which he says have laid one thousand eggs since New Year's," etc. I have thirty-six hens, White Leghorns and Light Brahmas, that have laid since last New Year's day, up to this date, nineteen hundred and seventy-one (1971) eggs, besides raising three broods of chickens. I feed scalded pork scraps, mixed with equal parts of wheat bran, and corn meal in the morning and whole corn at night.

WILMER EGGER.

Swedesboro, N. J., May 20.

"THE COCK OF THE WALK," SO TO SPEAK.

FRIEND MAC—The above clippings are from the Philadelphia *Record* of May 24th. You published the item referred to in your last issue.

I had on the 1st of January last twenty hens of the Black Spanish breed, and as I still have them and keep a strict account of their daily deposits, I can vouch for the correctness of the following egg-traordinary showing for the four months immediately preceding the present one:

SCHEDULE OF EGGS LAID BY TWENTY HENS.

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| During January | 81 |
| " February | 248 |
| " March | 307 |
| " April | 366 |
| Grand total | 1002 |

This, I think, cracks the shell of all the egg stories that have been *laid* before the readers of the *Record* or any other paper that has come under my observation. Yours, &c., ROOSTER.

Ebensburg, May 26, 1879.

FREAKS OF ANIMALS.—We don't advise our readers, says the Huntingdon *Globe*, to believe any more of the following than suits their credulity. We give them as specimens of what editors can do when they "get up on their hind legs" and start in for a tall story. Of course, we believe every word, because we know that editors can't lie. They wouldn't if they could and couldn't if they would. The Lewistown *Gazette* comes along with two stories which bear the evidence of truth. The *Gazette* says:

From a gentleman resident of our town we have learned of two curious facts in animal and bird nature which came under his observation while on a recent visit to friends: At the farm of W. D. Wagner, who lives in Springfield township, Huntingdon county, near the Fulton county line, is a ewe that recently had two lambs, one of which she refused to own and under all circumstances to feed, so by its grandmother. It is expected that the foster parent will soon have one or more of her own to care for, and some curiosity exists to see how she will then treat her adopted.

The other case we consider more singular: A chicken which came into this unfriendly world late last fall, and was unfortunate enough to have its feet frozen off during the cold weather that followed, was taken to the house and properly cared for. Here it became acquainted with the family cat and dog, whose sleeping post is on the door mat. The friendship has become mutual, and the dog now allows chick to do as she pleases. It affords much amusement to visitors to witness the preparation for the night. Chick will peck the dog's hind legs and drawing them apart to suit her fancy will nestle between them for the night, or, if she prefers, she will mount on his side as he lies stretched out and roost there, no doubt as the warmest place for her tender limbs. All this the dog allows in patience and seems to be undisturbed by the manœuvers.

Now come the Bedford papers. Be careful about these fellows. They are just awful on a story. The Hollidaysburg *Standard* noted that a gander had attacked a little boy, threw him down and bit a piece out of one of his legs, and intimated that the Bedford *Inquirer* would probably file exceptions to the story. Sure enough, the *Inquirer* comes back and just takes the rag off the bush:

We have no exceptions to file. We know that when a gander gets his dander up he is not to be boiled by any small fry. We saw a goose once, however, the other day on Fred Zimmers' farm, in a contest, a goose chawed a cow's tail off.

Since we have commenced to talk about geese it comes into our mind that Mr. John Coyle, living just out of town, has a rooster that will not drink the water of a stream that flows by his house, but when thirsty walks down to the spring, some distance of over half a mile, takes a drink and marches majestically back home.

The Bedford *Gazette* goes the whole hog—in fact, several of them—and glories in its depravity, but notifies its contemporaries that it wants no grunt from them.