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EBENSBURG, PA.,

FRIDAY MORNING. - JAN. 9, 1880.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

During the coming year we propose not only making the FREEMAN a better paper than ever before, but we announce to-day such special inducements to all new subscribers, as well as to old arrears who will pay up to date, as will, we hope, and certainly ought to, make the FREEMAN a regular and indispensable visitor to every family in the country. This inducement is no less than a copy of our own paper and the Pittsburg Weekly Dispatch throughout the whole twelve months for the very moderate sum of $2.95. The Weekly Dispatch during 1880 will be one of the ablest journals in the country, full of the fresh news—including all the associated press and special telegrams from a large corps of correspondents at the National and State capitals, through all the leading cities and towns of Pennsylvania, New York, Ohio, Virginia, &c.—Its market reports will be a specialty. On the whole, nothing like this offer has ever yet been made in this part of the State, and it will enable our subscribers to the FREEMAN to procure almost the leading journal which, at all times newsy and interesting, will be particularly so during the momentous year 1880—a year sure to be doubly followed by its Presidential campaign and political revival. Send in your names at once.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

MEETING OF COUNTY COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Democratic Committee of Cambria county will be convened to meet at the Court House, in Ebensburg, on *Tuesday, January 20, at 1 o'clock, P. M.* A full attendance is requested, as business of importance will be laid before the Committee.

WM. H. SECHLER,
Chairman.

Ebensburg, Jan. 9, 1880.

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—Tom Evans, an honest and industrious son of Vulcan residing in the East Ward, was presented by his faithful and tidy spouse on the second day of the new year with a pair of bouncing boy babies, each of which is said to weigh not less than ten pounds.

—"Moore—Aiken" is the way the Altoona *Radical* heads the announcement of the marriage of Mr. Charles W. Moore (not our Charles W. Moore, we presume,) and Miss Mary R. Aiken, of Mifflin county. Moore Aiken odds we suppose in the ranks of single cussedness.

—Congressman Coffroth has placed us under renewed obligations for two handsomely bound copies of Part 1 and part 2 of Volume 9 of the Congressional Record for the 1st Session of the 46th Congress, with an elegant index thereto, bound in the same serviceable style. Many thanks.

—Dr. Abner Griffith, of this place, took his departure on Wednesday morning of last week for Florida, whither he goes in hopes of recruiting his health, which we are glad to say has improved very considerably of late. That he may fully realize his fondest anticipations is our sincere hope.

—Mrs. Fisher, wife of George Fisher, a German shoemaker residing in Allegheny township, near Loretto, died on Friday last, aged about 75 years. She was said to be an excellent woman and a sincere Christian. Interment in the Catholic cemetery at Loretto on Monday. May her soul rest in peace.

—Philip Kelley, a farmer residing in the Loop, near Hollidaysburg, sold a hog the other day which it is said will weigh over one thousand pounds, and is alleged to be the largest porker in the State—newspaper subscribers who take a paper five or ten years without paying for it alone excepted.

—John M. Shrum was run over and crushed to death by the cars near Sheridan station, this county, on Monday of last week. He had been on a visit to his family in Westmoreland county, and jumped from a freight train on which he was returning to Johnstown, where he had been at work, with the sad result stated.

—Recorder Lake was called upon while in Johnstown not a great while ago to probate the will of a man who is still living, and who was present at the time in very fair health considering his age. Of course the thing couldn't be done, notwithstanding the urgent solicitation and apparent surprise and indignation of the parties interested.

—Three or four gentlemen of this place appointed themselves a committee of the whole to see that ex-Sheriff Ryan left none of his children behind him when he moved hence to Johnstown, but we don't think any of them reported for duty when the critical moment came, though we guess it would have been "allee samee" if they had.

—The name of Col. Theodore Burchfield, foreman of the *Tribune* job room, is mentioned in connection with the Republican nomination for Mayor of Altoona. The Colonel is an excellent printer and a clever gentleman and if he should happen to be nominated we hope his Democratic opponent will let him down as tenderly as possible.

—John Cunningham, an employe at the Wire Rod Mill of the Cambria Works, was caught about the thighs by a loop of red hot iron, at an early hour on Saturday morning last, and just as his fellow employes expected to see him cut in two, the "housings" broke and the imperilled man was saved, though not without some very painful burns.

—The value of being fully acquainted with all the important news of the day is as apparent to every thinking man as the entertainment afforded at the family fireside. This can be secured in such full degree by subscribing to our paper and receiving the Pittsburg *Weekly Dispatch* for one year, that all should take advantage of the offer.

—Godfrey Wolf, the popular pioneer clothing dealer of Altoona, is determined to close out his entire stock of winter clothing, and especially overcoats, even if he has to sell at less than cost prices and present every purchaser with a first class chromo into the bargain. So now is the time and this is the crisis at which to pitch in and buy at low prices.

—Hon. Marcus W. Atcheson, of Washington county, has been appointed by Mr. Hayes to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Judge Ketchum in the U. S. District Court, of which Hon. R. S. Frazer, son of Johnstown, is Clerk. Mr. Frazer, Mr. Atcheson is likely to be appointed Clerk. It will thus be readily seen that Cambria county has been left out in the cold.

—Dr. Bowers can be consulted free of charge at the Blair House on the 16th, 17th and 18th of the present month. The Doctor has performed some great cures during the short visits he has made to this county, and claims to be eminently successful in the treatment of consumption, catarrh, heart disease, scrofula, spinal diseases, paralysis, cancer, tumors, falling fits, dyspepsia, etc., etc. [2t.]

—A letter from Allegheny township, containing among other things obituary notices of John Thomas and Mrs. Catherine Moore, who died Dec. 27th, aged 45 years and 8 months, and of Simon, son of Aaron Burley, of Carroll township, whose death occurred Dec. 23d, aged 11 years, 10 months and 21 days, reached us after our paper had been put to press, and of course was too late for publication this week.

—While in the town of Barton, a brakeman on the C. I. Co.'s railroad, Johnstown, was caught and so badly crushed between two cars he was engaged in coupling about two o'clock on Tuesday morning last, that it does not seem possible for him to recover. His right breast bone was fractured and the ends of three of the ribs penetrated his right lung, thus inflicting injuries which it is thought must necessarily prove fatal.

—Mr. Patrick Carroll, an honest man and true, died at his home in Conemaugh boro', about 6 o'clock on Wednesday morning of last week, aged about 66 years. He was one of the oldest and most upright citizens of the place, and his death, not having been all through life an humble and devout member of the Catholic Church, we feel confident he has received the great reward he so well merited. May his soul rest in peace.

—It is always in order to get married, but it seems to have been specially so in the case of Mr. Oliver P. Orr, of Centre county, and Miss Catharine A. Derr, of Juniata county, who were united in wedlock at the Second Lutheran church, Altoona, on Christmas day, and who evidently thought the occasion a propitious one on which to Orr-Derr it up and quit playing it alone. May good Orr-Derr ever prevail in their household.

—Mr. E. B. Haines, late of the Williamsport *Banner*, which paper he claims to have started with $60 and recently sold for $10,000, has bought a half interest in the Altoona *Evening Call*, and being himself a ready and fearless writer, he hopes, with the assistance of our young friend Carl Hackett, who is one of the best local editors, to make things exceedingly lively in the journalistic circles of that city. May success crown his efforts.

—During the past month, and perhaps longer, a fair and festival in aid of the Catholic church at Summitville, Father Davin pastor, had from time to time been held at Lilly's. The closing entertainment for the present was given Tuesday afternoon and evening last, when the attendance was limited only by the dimensions of Leahy's hall. We have not heard what sum of money was realized, but it must have been a nice plum.

—Mr. Wm. Jones, assignee in bankruptcy for Wm. M. Lloyd, and Geo. M. Reade Esq., counsel for assignees, went to Altoona Tuesday night last, on business connected with the settlement of the affairs of that estate. Several suits for the recovery of moneys which of right should have been turned over to the assignees, but which have been withheld, among others one for nearly two hundred thousand dollars, will shortly be instituted before the United States court.

—The first cut nails made in the central part of Pennsylvania were manufactured in the town of Newry, Blair county, over fifty years ago. Mr. Robert McNamara father of Wm. McNamara, of Gaysport, and uncle of Thomas McNamara of this place, brought a small hand machine from Philadelphia to that town and made cut nails. Six pounds of nails, which sold at 25 cents a pound were considered a big days work on the machine. So, at least, says the Altoona *Tribune*.

—Mr. Morrison, of the paper manufacturing firm of Morrison Bare & Co., Roaring Springs, Blair county, was in town on Tuesday looking after linn wood, immense quantities of which are used by them in the manufacture of printing paper, and while here succeeded in making a contract with Davis Brothers for the delivery of some five or six hundred cords, though how, they propose to get it hauled in over such miserable roads as now prevail is more than we can conjecture.

—Not content with the reputation it has earned as one of the neatest and newiest little papers in the State, the Altoona *Morning Tribune* appeared on Monday last in an entire suit of new and beautiful type. Which same, it is needless to say, is an unmistakable evidence of well deserved success, and leaves no room to doubt that the *Tribune* to has become one of the permanent and prosperous institutions of the Mountain city. May it ever be thus with our good friends Dern & Pitcairn.

—Mr. Charles Simon, one of Altoona's most enterprising and progressive business men, has leased and intends to take possession on or about the first of March next, of the largest and finest store room in that city, now nearly completed, and as he does not wish to move a dollar's worth of his present stock into the new building, he announces his intention through our advertising column this week to sell articles he has on hand at actual cost, and in many cases even below cost. See advertisement and then see Simon, who says "wiggle-waggle" to high prices and big bargains to buyers.

—The origin of the name "Modoc," as applied to a class of locomotives on the Pennsylvania Railroad, is said to be as follows: The first one of these engines was built about the time of the trouble with the Modoc Indians. There was some difficulty in putting it together and getting the machinery in working order, when a workman was so disgusted over the intricacies of the machin that he called it a "Modoc," and this appellation has ever since followed all engines of Class I.

—The County Auditors, Messrs. Patrick Dillon, of Chest township, Philip A. Skelly, of Portage township, and Wm. H. Connell, of this place, the latter of whom was sworn in on Monday to take the place of Mr. Geo. B. Stineman, who was elected on the Republican ticket in November, 1878, but was declared by the Court to be disqualified in consequence of holding the position of postmaster at South Fork, are at work auditing the accounts of the county, and will no doubt complete the task within the specified time.

—On the last night of the recent festival at the Court House a couple of young ladies had the misfortune to lose their pocket-books, and as one of them, owned by Miss White, was afterwards found on the street minus the money it contained, about six dollars and a half, it is fair to presume that their pockets had been picked. The other pocket book contained only about fifty cents, and as a dollar afterwards found on the floor was presented to Miss White, her loss is that much less than it would otherwise have been.

—Messrs. Jones and Curry, assignees of the estate of Wm. M. Lloyd, bankrupt, have filed with Register Shaffer, of the U. S. District Court, Pittsburgh, their reports for November and December in which it is shown that $11,840.97 were collected and $8,079.66 paid out during the time specified. The assignees are paying off valid judgments, which are liens on the estate, so that the several properties may be offered for sale free of incumbrances and better prices realized. A meeting of the creditors of the estate, preparatory to declaring the first dividend, will probably be held this winter or early next spring.

—Mr. Sam'l A. Shoemaker, who was born and raised in this place, but who for a year or so past has been a resident of Washington city, where he was employed as a clerk in the Paymaster's Department of the U. S. Army, left here on New Year evening for Salt Lake City, whither he goes in pursuance of his duties, and where he expects to remain for several months. He was not accompanied by his family, though it may be that they are to follow him. Sam has our best wishes in his new departure, accompanied with the hope that he will not allow Polly-Gamy or any other strange woman to get away with him.

—An unknown man who was murdered in Fremont, Ohio, in May, 1878, has been identified by his photograph, clothing, etc., as the husband of Mrs. Jennie Cottrecker, of Greensburg, who went to Fremont for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not the articles in question were those of her husband. The deceased, who had been married only a few months, went from Greensburg to Ohio in quest of work, having in his possession at the time $340 in cash, for which he was undoubtedly waylaid and murdered. A man named Peter Welsh has been arrested for the crime, and his case was to come before the Grand Jury this week.

—The Board of County Commissioners on Monday of last week appointed Mr. Frank Gurley, brother of Commissioner Gurley, of this place, as Mercantile Appraiser for the ensuing year, and on Monday of the present week they completed the list by reappointing Mr. J. Dunegan, Esq., as clerk, A. V. Barker, Esq., as assessor, and Herman Fagan, as janitor of the Court House. The first appointment was made at the residence of Commissioner Gurley, who has been confined to the house for some time past by illness, but the others were made at the Commissioners' office, whither Mr. Gurley was conveyed in a buggy. All the parties are all competent gentlemen, and the only regret among Democrats generally, is that the legal member of the trio don't train in the right crowd politically.

—We had the pleasure of a visit, on the last day of the old year from Mr. J. Pemberton Coffey, youngest brother of Hon. Tilghman J. Coffey, whom we have not seen for many years, but whom we never ceased to remember as one of our most intimate schoolmates when we were boys together in the good old town of Hollidaysburg, Mr. Coffey at present resides near Saltsburg, Indiana county, where he enjoys, if it can be called enjoyment, the *otium cum dignitate* of a well preserved bachelorhood. He looks well and vigorous, though with an eye yet to the changing of his forlorn condition should fortune ever favor him with an affinity. His visit to our town was to some extent prompted by business motives, and should they prove sufficiently attractive to justify the venture we shall be glad to welcome him back to stay.

—A peregrinating gentleman of leisure the worse for over indulgence in bad whisky, having sought and obtained permission on Christmas night to lodge in the engine house of the old blast furnaces in Millville borough, this county, lay down and slept for a short time, and then, either through drunken frenzy or an uncontrollable desire to commit suicide in the most horrible manner, got up and climbing upon the railing which encloses the fly wheel of the engine, deliberately threw himself on the rapidly revolving machinery. It is almost needless to say that he was killed instantly, his head being crushed out of all semblance and his legs and arms torn off before the engineer could succeed in stopping his engine. The unfortunate man, who was aged about 40 years, made his home near Blairsville. His remains were interred in Sandyvale cemetery at the expense of the county.

—The Johnstown *Tribune* of Tuesday last publishes what it declares to be only a partial record of the numerous deaths which have occurred from diphtheria in Johnstown and immediate vicinity since the 11th of August last, with the names of the victims and the date upon which they died. The total number foots up one hundred and forty-seven, but it is doubtful if this is much more than half the number that died from that disease during the time intervening, and many were buried without an undertaker, some without a physician, and therefore no record was kept; while in many instances deaths are recorded, and the disease which caused it is not given. Of the list of deaths a very large proportion were young children. Of those under 3 years of age there were 29 fatal cases; between 3 and 10 years 92; between 10 and 15 years, 9; between 15 and 20 years, 3; over 20 years, 4. This is a fearful record of the ravages of the dread disease.

—The case of Mary Flattery vs. William Flattery, originating in the Common Pleas of this county, thence taken to the Supreme Court and argued before that body at Pittsburg last October, was disposed of by said Court, now sitting in Philadelphia, on Monday last. The suit was brought by Mrs. Flattery, formerly Mrs. Edward Shomaker, of this place, against Wm. Flattery, Esq., of Johnstown to whom she was married, the marriage being afterwards annulled, however, by Mrs F. procuring a divorce, to recover from him about $2,500, being the value of certain P. R. R. stock which Mrs. Shoemaker transferred to the defendant about the time of their marriage, and for which he subsequently gave her his note. The case was vigorously contested at the trial here on several legal grounds, but the Court ordered a verdict in Mrs. F's favor for the amount claimed. The Supreme Court last Monday *reversed* the judgment, or in other words *set* aside the verdict, thereby necessitating another trial of the action in this county.

—Cambria's new Sheriff, Thomas Griffith, Esq., of this place, who, as our readers are aware, is the first Republican ever elected to that position in this county, took the required oath and entered upon the duties of his office on Monday last, as did also his deputy, Mr. D. H. Kinkead, also a resident of this place, who "swore a swear" in the orthodox way that he would perform his part without fear, favor or affection. On the same day our next door neighbor, Alvin Evans, Esq., was selected as the Sheriff's counsel, and Mr. Evan Griffith, still another Ebensburger, moved into the jail, which he is to preside over during his namesake's term of office, provided, of course, that death or some other cause does not intervene to prevent. The new Sheriff evidently appreciates home talent; yet the probabilities that if he had gone further he would have fared no better in the selection of assistants. All parties have our best wishes for a successful wrestle with the honors so heedlessly thrust upon them, but politically speaking, we trust that we may never look upon their like again.

—It is a fact not generally known that one of the most costly and elaborate monuments Cambria county can boast of is erected to the memory of a man who is still in the flesh. The work and design is the fancy of a rich old bachelor from one of the eastern cities, if we mistake not, and may be seen in St. Mary's cemetery, Loretto, where it stands complete in every particular except that the date of death and age of the man who hopes to be laid to rest beneath it are of course omitted. The monument is a very fine one, and is said to have cost twelve or fifteen hundred dollars. Apropos of this story, it may be mentioned that a well to-do and prominent citizen of this county, now deceased, ordered his coffin some considerable time before his death, but when it came he found that the bottom was made of pine instead of walnut, which he had ordered, or at least desired, and forthwith it was shipped back and another one made to suit him, which was kept on hand and subsequently became the receptacle of his lifeless remains after the dread but in this case prepared for summons came.

LOCAL CORRESPONDENCE.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

EBENSBURG, Jan. 6, 1880.

DEAR FREEMAN:—If you have not already been amply provided with reports of the late Cambria County Teachers' Institute, held in Johnstown, a few *words from me may not be amiss.*

Although the weather was very disagreeable, the Institute opened on Monday, 29th ult., with quite a large attendance. The assemblage was called to order by Sup't Berg, after which the following officers were elected: President, Prof. H. Berg; Vice Presidents, G. E. Marsden, A. S. Brubaker; Recording Secretary, A. Ashton; Assistant Secretary, W. H. McMullin; Corresponding Secretary, Lewis Strayer; Enrolling Secretaries, F. S. Maloy, Jos. Farbaugh.

On motion, the membership fee was made fifty cents. A recess of half an hour was then given, during which the teachers present were enrolled.

Upon again coming to order, the Institute was addressed by Dr. Kirkwood, of Ohio, on "Methods of Teaching," during which address he laid down four fundamental rules to be observed in teaching: 1st. The simple before the concrete. 2nd. The easy before the remote. 3d. The concrete before the abstract. 4th. Processes before rules. His address was replete with practical ideas.

Prof. Fair, of the Indiana Normal School, then delivered a short address upon the importance of the teacher's profession, as also the importance of the right person in the right place. Amongst other instances held up as worthy of imitation—that of a teacher at West Point, whose idea of teaching seemed to be that of confusing and embarrassing the pupil to such a degree that he was unable to tell what he did know. The speaker was gratified to add that such teachers are rare in our common schools nowadays.

The evening session was held in Union Hall, and opened with vocal music by the girls of Mr. M'Feeter's school. Miss Jenkins, a teacher in Millville boro', recited, with great feeling, "Willie's and Annie's Prayer." Another song, by the same class, and a recitation by Miss Lizzie Hughes, of Johnstown, "Searching for the Slain," followed. The orator of the evening Prof. Wallace Brace, of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., was then introduced, and entertained the audience with his lecture on "Robert Burns." Mr. Brace seemed perfectly at home on the idioms of the Scotch language, and his rendering of "Tam o' Shanter" was inimitable.

Tuesday morning opened with an address on "Reading" by Prof. Kirkwood in which the subject, from the primary class up, was thoroughly ventilated.

Prof. Speigel, Supt. of common schools in Westmoreland county, delivered a short address which may be summed up in a few words—"Do all the good you can."

Wallace Brace next addressed the Institute, reciting several Scotch poems, after which he presented us with "a chip of the old block" of the Yosemite Valley in the shape of an original poem, but of which my treacherous memory will permit me to give you the merest fragment:

"And I know that Bethel is everywhere,
For prayer is the host of the golden stair."

Prof. Fair, accompanied by the orchestra, came next with an exhaustive dissertation on the subject.

Prof. Henry Houck, Deputy State Supt., made a short military speech, and was followed by Prof. Speigel who "gave out" fifty words to be written by the teachers.

In the afternoon, after vocal music, Dr. Kirkwood gave us a very pleasant and instructive talk on "Geography." How to teach it. Professor Speigel followed upon Grammar, and presented his system of using diagrams in analysis of sentences. A talk on "Orthography" by Prof. Houck followed by vocal music, closed the afternoon.

The evening session was held in the First M. E. Church, which was well filled by an appreciative audience who listened attentively to the different addresses.

Prof. Fair opened the ball on Wednesday morning by an address on "How to teach Morals." His method was supplemented by pages from the experience of Messrs. Lavers, Parrish, Kirkwood, Fierbaugh and Miss Quinn.

After a recitation by a boy whose name I could not ascertain, which was well and long applauded, Professor Lavers conducted a class on "Language Lessons." Prof. Houck gave class drills in Geography and Arithmetic, and Dr. Kirkwood delivered an excellent address on "Science."

Wednesday afternoon (always known in Teachers' Institutes as Directors' session, and although there were not very many present, they were ably represented by the Directors of Johnstown) opened by a lecture on the proper mode of keeping a school, delivered by Dr. Kirkwood and Prof. Fair.

Thursday morning session opened by Prof. Fair in a very neatly turned New Year's greeting. The same gentleman then gave us a lesson on the metric system, which will doubtless soon be the recognized system of weights and measures in this country.

Prof. Montgomery, of Millersville Normal School, spoke next on "Industrial Drawing," which subject is a special favorite of the recent act of the election of a committee on Permanent certificates was announced, as follows: Misses A. R. Quinn and M. J. Hughes, Messrs. G. Marsden, J. C. McCreary and Lewis Strayer.

Dr. Kirkwood next spoke on "Methods of Teaching History," followed by Prof. Lavers on "Phonetics." The last was a practical exercise.

The names of the successful contestants in the "spelling match" were then announced, with the number of words missed by each: Prof. Lavers, 0; Miss Annie Jones, 1; Prof. Morrell, 1; L. H. Hilton, 8; Miss M. A. Horne, 9; Miss M. A. Shinkle, 9; M. L. M'Cartney, 9; M. Sweeny, 9; Lewis Strayer, 10; F. J. Layman, 16.

The evening session was held principally by Prof. Montgomery on Drawing, and Mr. Marsden on "Discouragement, and How to Overcome Them." The evening session was held in the First M. E. Church, was addressed by Miss A. R. Quinn, Prof. Fair and Dr. Watkins. The lecture of the latter gentleman, though rather lengthy, was listened to with marked attention.

Friday morning was, with the exceptions of short addresses by Prof. Fair and Dr. Kirkwood and an address by Mr. Barry Brownman, "On Turning Points in Life," devoted to closing up the business of the institute. Reports from the auditing committee, and committee on resolutions, were read and adopted. Business was transacted through and after a few remarks by Prof. Berg, the Thirteenth annual session of The Cambria county Teachers' Institute adjourned, *sine die.* N. C.

THE DRAMA IN LORETTO.

DEAR FREEMAN:—On Monday evening, Dec. 22d, the "Newman Literary and Dramatic Society" gave a dramatic entertainment in Pasco's hall to an appreciative audience, clerical and lay, in the Exhibition Hall of St. Francis' College, Loretto. The hall was overcrowded. The entertainment began with an instrumental piece by four members of the students of St. Francis' College, followed by songs and recitations alternately; after which a comedy in two acts, entitled "Ireland As I Saw It," was presented. In the rendering of this comedy the characters were most adequately sustained. Mr. Wm. Phelan represented "Hugh Winslow," a rich Massachusetts manufacturer; Master Willie Geo. Kaylor personated his clerk, an honest, upright and dutiful servant. Nothing could illustrate the Irish character in a large and appreciative audience more than the manner in which they rendered the first act, wherein the merchant tried to win over his clerk by blandishment and "rise of pay" to testify to a certain fact which he refused to do and was peremptorily dismissed. The wicked master had a snare for said clerk (Charles Otis) by sending his sweetheart, his mother and sister dishonest (admirably represented by Mr. Edward Glass), to slip a watch and chain into the dismissed clerk's pocket, which fact was effected, and immediately thereupon the officers were sent for him for theft. This being done, respective officers, Thompson and Quirke, represented in good style by Master Frank Kinsella and Master Willie Carter, arrested the clerk and found the watch in his possession. The most amusing character in the play was Solon Shingle, a teamster, so well rendered by Mr. A. M. Cullen. Solon appeared in a most entertaining manner, just arrived from the country with his team and "slightly under the influence," counsel for the defense, Master Willie Geo. Kaylor, of which he knew nothing. This young gentleman is certainly an adept on the stage. Then came the trial, the Judge being represented by Master Eddie and Charles Sourbeer, Mr. Wm. Williams Lessy. The prosecuting attorney, Trapper, (Mr. Edward Sourbeer), did his work well, and had a clear case for conviction, till Robert Howard, the "people's lawyer," turned the cards by extorting a confession from Elderly as to how (Hiscame by the watch with the following of Grace, while Roger, the foreman of the jury (D. Fogerty) found for the prisoner—"not guilty"—who thereupon met the embraces of his mother, Mrs. Otis, (Master J. B. Blanchard), and sister Mary, (Master Willie Gallagher). Both these feminine characters were represented in a graceful and charming manner.—Master Howard was rewarded for his able defence of Charles Otis by a handsome set of jewelry. Master Winslow was indicted for forgery to Tinnid, a lawyer represented by Mr. J. R. Middleton, and here the curtain dropped.

Master Schwab of Loretto, presided at the piano, and in a very masterly manner, showed his proficiency in the divine art of music.

Judging from the applause and encores of the audience, it is fair to conclude that the entertainment was a success, and that it reflected much credit on the institution as well as the people who participated. I AM WHO WAS THERE.

—Through the thoughtfulness of our genial friend Bob Adams, the one altogether lovely among the gentlemanly clerks at the Logan House, Altoona, we were favored with an introduction the other day to Mr. W. D. Tyler, the popular and enterprising manager of the famous hotel above named, whom we were surprised to find, in appearance at least, on the sunny side of thirty-five, though evidently a man who has little if anything to learn in the way of conducting a first class establishment for the accommodation of the public, as the Logan House is well known to be, not only in this country but throughout the greater portion of Europe, its reputation being little inferior to that of the Tyler, as we took occasion to note a few weeks ago, is to boss the job at the Mountain House, Cresson, during the season commencing in June next, and there can be no doubt but what he will fully maintain if not greatly enhance the well merited fame of that excellent and admirably located summer resort. In the doing of which we wish him abundant success, even though the chals on our hat put there on more than one occasion by our kind friend Col. E. J. Unger, and as frequently renewed by his gentlemanly coadjutor Mr. Wm. H. Mauger, should all be rubbed off in the effort.

—We are sorry to learn that our big bodied and kind hearted friend, Judge N. F. Carroll, of Salina, Kansas, is confined to his house if not to his bed, with asthma—a malady which has afflicted him for many years, but which seems now to be assailing him in a more aggravated form than ever. "Nick," as he is familiarly called, is the oldest son of Mr. Patrick Carroll, whose recent death in Conemaugh borough is noted elsewhere, and is one of nature's noblemen—a devoted husband, a kind father, a worthy son, a true friend, and an honest man. May the pleasure be afforded us ere long of announcing his thorough and permanent recovery from the excruciating but we hope not dangerous disease which afflicts him.

—Dr. Bowers has returned from Philadelphia and will be at the Blair House, in this place, on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 16th, 17th and 18th—three days only. His patients and all others wishing to consult him are requested to call at the above time and place, as it will not be possible for him to visit any of the adjoining towns this month. The Doctor will go from here to Johnstown. [2t.]

LETTER FROM NEW MEXICO.

VERMEJO STATION, N. M., Dec. 16, 1879.

FRIEND MCPIKE:—To send you a communication from this far out and rather wild territory has frequently occurred to me; and indeed, if I mistake not, I promised something of the sort when I last saw you. I left St. Louis about three months ago and sped over the "Great American Plain" on that enterprising road, the A. T. and Santa Fe, to La Junta, where the southern branch strikes off through Southern Colorado to the old Spanish or Mexican town of Trinidad. I was agreeably surprised to find Trinidad something of a place. The old portion, or Mexican part, of the town is, like all Mexican towns, built with adobe, and does not present a very striking appearance, but New Trinidad is really modern in its make up and contains some very handsome and substantial buildings, notably the U. S. Hotel, Bank of Southern Colorado, and numerous business houses and private residences. The town is beautifully situated on Purgatory river, while Fisher's peak looms up in the near distance. Trinidad is destined to be a place of considerable importance.

From Trinidad the road passes over Ratoon Mountains into New Mexico. Here it is worthy to remark the persevering energy displayed by the railroad company in making a temporary road over these mountains by means of what is called the switch-back, which is a series of zig-zags, or, as it were, tacking up and down the mountain. It is considered quite a feat of engineering skill and was attended with great labor and expense. The tunnel, however, is now complete and the switches have been vacated. The road is finished to Las Vegas and is being rapidly pushed on to Santa Fe. Las Vegas is a flourishing town, and knowing ones seem to think it will be *the* place. The hot springs there are growing very popular, and indeed they have performed wonderful cures. The railroad company have just completed a large hotel and bathing houses at the springs. This railroad will be the means of wonderfully developing the resources of New Mexico. Already towns are springing up along its line, and the country is being rapidly filled with men of capital. Reliable and rapid transit invites emigrants to come and see for themselves. A railroad is your true pioneer.

New Mexico, as everybody knows, is a part of the indemnity paid the United States by Mexico at the final settlement of the war with that country. Its history is as old as any part of the United States. Settlements were made by the Spaniards at a very early day, Santa Fe being one of the oldest towns on the continent. Some plazas (towns) and churches still exist which were established over three hundred years ago by Spanish priests and monks. It is astonishing how long the adobe walls will last. They certainly don't become their appearance, for they look ancient enough. Nothing in the world holds a stronger resemblance to another object than does one of these Mexican adobe houses to a brick-kiln when it is about to be fired. So you can imagine what a striking and pleasing effect they must present in connection with their surroundings.

New Mexico will compare very favorably with Colorado in natural features and productions; in fact they are exactly similar. The mineral resources of New Mexico are perhaps greater (it is supposed. New mines are being constantly discovered, but I am of the opinion that prospecting is not carried on to the extent that it is in Colorado. Valuable gold mines are worked at Elizabeth, in this vicinity, but unfortunately water is so scarce that they cannot be made to pay. One company expended over a hundred and fifty thousand dollars in a ditch fifty miles long to furnish water for these mines, but the supply was insufficient and the ditch failed, for the reason that by evaporation and other natural causes the water did not reach the mines. The mines are very rich, and various plans are suggested to furnish water. Should one of these plans succeed, as it bids fair to do, much of an agricultural country, as everything must be raised by irrigation. The streams are not all permanent, and farming by irrigation is attended with great trouble and expense. Potatoes seem to be the only thing grown here without irrigation. Little if any fruit is raised in the northern part of this territory, but in the southern portions considerable quantities of peaches, grapes and melons are grown. The climate is delightful, particularly in the summer and fall months. The atmosphere is pure and bracing, little rain falls, and the nights invariably cool and pleasant. The days are warm and pleasant, but the nights are so cool that blankets are almost indispensible throughout the year. There is no doubt about this being a healthy country, as people who have already become a popular resort for invalids troubled with pulmonary diseases. Imagine the great Mexican Plain, or Mesa, gradually rising from the Mississippi valley to the Rocky Mountains at an elevation of from six hundred to eight thousand feet, till it meets the foot hills of the Rocky Mountain system. These foot-hills, or spurs, extend out on the plain like the fingers of a gauntlet, ending in a line cut off as it were with a huge knife and forming a smooth white surface of fine sand-stone, plainly visible many miles out on the plains. These spurs are cut with a very scrubby growth of pine, pinon, cedar and oak, the latter not growing much larger than an ordinary grape vine, and seldom exceeding a foot in height. Between these spurs are the canyons, some of which have streams of cold, clear water from the mountains, totally impregnated with alkali, running through them, while others are perfectly dry. Perpendicular walls of rock rise on both sides of the canyons from four to five hundred feet high in places. Here and there the rock appears to have become disintegrated by the action of time and the elements, and have tumbled down, forming a steep incline, covered with the above named variety of pinon, cedar and oak. These spurs are from fifty yards to a mile, and in length from ten to thirty and even forty miles. Secondary canyons, or draws, run into these canyons, and so the country is cut up. The formation throughout the whole territory is sandy, with many unmistakable evidences of volcanic action. Generally numberless lava beds are met with in the Territory, and nowhere water is to be found. The streams rise and sink at intervals of perhaps a mile or more, and where the water reappears patches are built. These canyons, hills and portions of the plains are covered with the noted "Gramma" or "Mesquite" grass, which is remarkably nutritious and is the "sweet and sure" of the country.

New Mexico has great facilities for cattle and sheep raising. The mildness of the climate, the excellence of the water and the superior quality of the grass, all combine to make it a stock raising country. The finest beef and mutton go to the eastern market from this country. I see by the Kansas City papers that New Mexico furnishes the very best quality of beef they get. Large herds of Texas cattle are going to considerable expense and taking great pains in breeding. The best of imported thoroughbred Shorthorn bulls are being brought here and crossed with American and Mexican cows. Meanwhile the old Mexican stock is being dispensed with as rapidly as may be. Let the native Mexican alone and he will remain just as much less go to the trouble and expense of improving his stock. It may be the "greatest" something or a philosopher he is, but I think that man wants but little here below, nor does he want that little long," or, as Shakespeare says, "Poor and content is rich and rich enough." I believe these people are the contented people on earth. They appear to be perfectly happy with very little, and if they don't have that little they are still happy. They will steal, yet they are so polite, so simple-minded and clever, yet at the same time improvident, filthy and lazy though very fond of their church, which I suppose they think will cover a multitude of sins. Among the native population is one who call themselves "Penitentes." During penitential times they scourge themselves with sharp cactus thorns, and I have heard they practice on the same plant, and not long since, I am told, one submitted to be crucified head downward. Frequently in traveling through the country you will see crosses in the middle of the road, the spot with which one of these enthusiasts has sweated and labored by way of penance.

The average "greaser" adheres to the most primitive mode of doing everything. The old wooden plow is still used, and the old-time manner of carrying merchandise or the fruits of farm labor on mules and burros still prevails. The burro, or donkey, never, it would seem, give way to the more modern methods. It is almost incredible what these animals endure and what tremendous loads they can carry. It is also quite interesting to see the master thread out his little crop of wheat or barley. The grain is just up in many instances a foot high and a flock of sheep or goats, or both, are trained to traverse round the stack, from whence the sheaves are thrown down from time to time and the animals tramp out the grain, while men, women and children encircle the outside to keep the machine moving. The engineer of our train told me that his engine on a frightened one of these gyrating machines that it broke away, ran across the track, and had some of its gearing badly damaged.

The Utes have been trying to give us some trouble, but matters have been adjusted and we are living comparatively secure just now. Gov. Wallace has lately received a couple of letters informing him that Chief Victoria, who is at the head of a band of Apaches and about one hundred Comanche Indians, are about to combine and make a raid through the territory. We apprehend no great trouble, however. More anon. J. A. S.

OBITUARY.

THOMAS.—Died, in this place, on Friday morning, Dec. 26, 1879, of consumption, Mrs. ELIZABETH THOMAS, wife of Associate Judge John H. Thomas, aged about 44 years.

The deceased was a daughter of David Todd, a former well known and esteemed citizen in this vicinity, who died many years ago. She was a true, faithful wife, and an affectionate, devoted mother to her six young, interesting and obedient children, who mourn her death, their greatest earthly loss, which can never be replaced. A devout Christian from her earliest youth, she performed all the duties of daughter, sister, wife, mother, friend and neighbor, and died in the hope that she goes to the Catholic Church, to the teachings of which she was always faithful. We deeply sympathize with her bereaved husband and children in their great affliction, but trust that God will comfort them in their sorrow. Interment in Holy Name cemetery Sunday afternoon, preceded by the usual religious services appropriate on such occasions by Rev. Father Boyle, which was listened to with marked attention by a large concourse of people of all denominations, who had assembled to pay the last sad tribute of respect to the memory of one whom to know was to esteem and whom to name was to praise. May her soul rest in peace.

HALTON.—Died, in Altoona, on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 27, 1879, after three years' suffering with dyspepsia, Mr. JOHN HALTON, Sr., aged 71 years.

In the death of Mr. Halton his wife and family lose a kind husband and father, Altoona loses one of its most upright citizens, and we, in common with all who enjoyed his acquaintance, lose a firm friend in whom we could place implicit confidence. Deceased was born in County Meath, Ireland, in 1808, and from there emigrated to this country and settled in Altoona about thirty years ago. He was in every respect a good man, and died as he had lived, in the faith he lived, an honest man, the noblest work of God, as well as a sincere and faithful member of the Catholic Church, leaving behind him an aged wife and four grown up sons and daughters who are worthy of his good name and will never cease to revere it. The funeral took place on Monday forenoon following his death, when a solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated and an eloquent and pathetic sermon delivered by Rev. Father Sheedy. May the soul of our good old friend rest in peace eternal.

O'HARA.—Died, in Munster township, on Friday, Jan. 2, 1880, Miss FANNIE O'HARA, daughter of Mr. Henry O'Hara, aged about 28 years.

The deceased was a victim of consumption, although afflicted with another very painful disease, which, for the last few months of her life, grew intense, but she bore them all with the greatest patience and without a word of complaint. She even seemed to know the time she would die, and prepared for the dread summons as if she was going on a long journey. Shortly before her death she wrote the following telegram, to be sent to a beloved sister: "Dear Jen.—Come right away. Fannie." She was a pious and exemplary young woman, having been born and reared in the Catholic faith, and if she does not get to heaven God help some others of us. May she rest in peace. A.

BLAIN.—Died, in the East Ward, on Monday morning, Jan. 5, 1880, of scrofula, with which she was afflicted from birth, ELLA, daughter of Abram and Sarah Blain, aged 14 years and 9 months.

BLAIR.—Died, in the East Ward, on Tuesday, Dec. 30, 1879, of consumption, Mr. WILLIAM WAYNE B