Cambria Freeman.

EBENSBURG, PA.,
FRIDAY MORNING, - FEB. 20, 1880.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

HERE, THERE AND THE OTHER PLACE.

—How about the ground-hog prognostication now?

—The chill winds blow as to press we go to which is on Thursday p. m., as you know.

—Our young friend Buck, we regret to note, isn't the Burgess by a considerable vote.

—What has become of the Ebensburg Silver Cornet Band? And where are the facts?

—The newly-elected School Directors will not enter upon the discharge of their duties till next June.

—A postoffice has been re-established at Belsytown, this county, and Mrs. Bernard Nee is appointed postmistress.

—Money can always be saved by buying dry goods, groceries, notions, etc., at V. S. Barker & Bro.'s cheap cash store, Ebensburg.

—The bluebirds and robins made their appearance here last Tuesday morning, but the probability is that they didn't come to stay.

—"Our Language" is the title of a communication which, owing to its length, came too late for insertion this week. Will appear next week.

—Never let a cough, cold, or croup go too far. On the first symptoms send to your druggist for "Dr. Sellers' Cough Syrup." 25 per bottle.

—A little son of Mr. Patrick Rodgers, of Hillsville borough, fell down stairs last Saturday evening and fractured his right arm near the wrist.

—Cambria county has nineteen representatives in the Western Penitentiary, and still it cannot be said to be exhausted in the matter of material.

—The East ward polled one more vote last Tuesday than she polled at the last general election. The West ward, on the contrary, falls short 14 votes.

—No matter what you may need in the way of merchandise, you can have your wants supplied for less money at Barkers, than at any other store in town.

—Mr. Fred Olmes, of Altoona, visited our town last Wednesday. He is one of the solid men of the Mountain City, and just as genial and companionable as he is solid.

—Daniel Hite, of Roaring Springs, Blair county, is now at the Hite of his glory, a pension and back pay amounting to $1,300 having recently been granted to him.

—The only thing the jurors in the McDermitt vs. Flynn case complained of was that they couldn't get home to vote last Tuesday. To the country was saved, all the same.

—Mr. Michael Clabaugh, one of the oldest, most prominent and most respected citizens of Altoona, died at his residence in that city, on Friday evening last in the 72d year of his age.

—The Sacrament of Confirmation was administered by Bishop Tuigg at St. John's (Catholic) church, Johnstown, on Sunday last, to about two hundred children and adults.

—Housekeepers who want to buy either mackerel, lake herring, or cod-fish, should go to V. S. Barker and Bro., who have the largest stock and sell at the lowest possible prices.

—The Altoona *Advance* is invited to crow a little crow. Mr. Lewis Rodgers, unadulterated Greenbacker, was elected an Inspector of Elections for the East ward of Ebensburg borough last Tuesday.

—People who consult their own interests will not fail to buy their boots and shoes at Barkers as they have double the stock of any other store in town, and are positively selling at old-time prices.

—Happiness and prosperity depend to a very great extent upon good health. All those suffering from Hoarseness, Colds or Coughs, should try Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup. Itemes and costs only 25 cents.

—"Uncle" Joe Gutwald has reason to be proud of the vote he polled for Councilman in the West ward. He ran the highest figure on his ticket, and received the largest majority of any candidate in either ward.

—Prof. Lyte, superintendent of the Ebensburg schools, has a card in our advertising department to which we invite attention. No more successful teacher than Mr. Lyte, we venture to say can be found anywhere in the State.

—The collection for the benefit of the suffering peasantry of Ireland was not taken up at St. Aloysius' church, Summitville, until last Sunday, when the handsome sum of $175 was realized for that greatly deserving object.

—Mr. Joe Heininger, the popular landlord of the popular Heininger hotel, meditates certain additions and alterations to his establishment, which, when completed, will substantially add vastly to its beauty as well as its utility.

—"It is better to laugh than be crying"—suddenly; and to enjoy your baby's laughing society use Dr. Bull's Baby Syrup, which relieves the chief discomforts of babyhood without stupefying the children. Price 25 cents a bottle.

—Supervisors who neglect to keep roads in good order can, according to Judge Pearson, of Dauphin county, be proceeded against criminally. Supervise your work, Mr. Supervisor, and see if you ain't in danger of being picked up.

—Among several private bills introduced in the House at Washington, on Monday last by Hon. A. H. Coffroth, was one for the relief of Terrence Delozier, contractor for carrying the mails between Carrolltown and Talon Timber (now Fiske P. O.), in this county.

—We shall endeavor to make room next week for all lists of borough and township officers elected last Tuesday which have been or may be sent us for that purpose. As for copying them from the record, however, we have too much else to demand our attention.

—Our young friend "Doc" Thompson has accepted the position of clerk in the office of the Mountain House, Ebensburg. Having been a hotel man in other years, and fully understanding how to cater to the wants of the public, he cannot fail to give unqualified satisfaction.

—Mr. Charles C. Hendricks, a freight engineer on the P. R. R. running between Conemaugh and Gallitzin, had one of his arms fractured last Monday, by falling on the track at the former place while walking from his locomotive to the pay-car, only a few steps distant.

—McDonald & Co., of Loretto, are selling wet fish at wonderfully low prices. Note their quotations: Mackerel, per dozen, 25 cents; per kit, $1.00; per quarter barrel, $1.75. Herring, per quarter barrel, $1.50. Codfish, per hundred pounds, $5.00. Also, fine carbon oil at 17 cents per gallon.

—Mr. Andy Condon, telegraph operator at the block signal station at Cresson, informs us that his father, Esquire Condon, of Summit, is in a precarious state of health. It will be remembered that our aged friend was stricken by apoplexy a couple of months ago, from the effects of which he rallied only to suffer this relapse.

—Mr. John B. McFadden has assumed control of the Osceola *Recelle*, and will henceforth publish it on his own book, his late partner having gone South free from the trials and tribulations of a country "print shop." May prompt-paying patrons the boom ever gladden of our friend and confrere, brother John B. McFadden.

—Mr. Evan D. Evans, Republican, for several years constable of the East ward, made a narrow escape from defeat at the hands of Mr. Evan E. Evans, Independent Greenbacker, on Tuesday. The latter received so much of what is styled a complimentary vote that he came within a half dozen votes of being counted in.

—At the election in Huntingdon, on Tuesday last, the Democrats got away with the Republicans pretty effectually, securing the Burgess, a majority in Council and on the School Board, the only Justice of the Peace voted for, and the election officers in the second and fourth wards. The *Globe*, as a consequence, is as mad as a March hare.

—In noticing the death last week of Mrs. Brookbank, of Summerhill township, we inadvertently stated that she was the widow of Mr. Thomas Brookbank, while the truth is that the deceased lady was the widow of Mr. Wm. Brookbank. Her age was 82 years. Interment in the Catholic cemetery at Wilmore on Wednesday of last week.

—Joseph Miller, Esq., of Wilmore borough, and Henry Walters, Esq., of Summerhill township, were elected Justices of the Peace on Tuesday last, the first named for the fifth time and the latter for the third time in succession. Neither Mr. Miller nor Mr. Walters is a Democrat, but it wouldn't be fair to infer from that fact that they don't deserve the honor so persistently conferred upon them.

—It is not true, as reported, that Jas. Feeney, formerly of Wilmore, where his sister, Mrs. John Schroth, resides, was killed by an explosion of nitro-glycerine near Bradford, Pa., on Monday of last week. He was injured, however, and that pretty severely, though his recovery is confidently looked for. A man named Howard Hackett, who was with Feeney at the time, was killed outright.

—The Cresson Springs hotel has not applied for tavern license, and the building until recently occupied for that purpose by Mr. M. B. McLaughlin is to be torn down and carted away. The Callan House, owned and superintended by Mr. John H. Clark, will therefore be the only licensed house in that immediate vicinity. Its prospects for a paying traffic are as a consequence first-class.

—We are sorry to learn that our friend and patron, Mr. Daniel O'Harra, of Munster township, is lying severely ill. What the nature of his disease is we are unable to say, but understand that he fell from a mowing machine last harvest and has been complaining of severe pains in his head and body on several occasions since. We hope soon to hear of his thorough and permanent recovery.

—A young man named Daniel D. Davis died in Cambria township, about four miles south of Ebensburg, last Sunday, 15th inst. His disease was consumption, and his age about 35 years. A brother of his, named William W. Davis, fell a victim to the same destroyer on the 30th day of last December. Both young men were highly esteemed by all so fortunate as to have enjoyed their acquaintance.

—During the past couple of weeks, our people have doubtless noticed large quantities of exceedingly long and heavy sawn timber being hauled through the streets in the direction of the depot. These spars are got out by the Messrs. Davis, at their mill, a couple of miles west of town, and are being shipped to Connellsville, Fayette county, where they will enter into the composition of a new railroad bridge.

—An eight-year-old daughter of Mr. John Donovan, of Millville borough, while on her way home from the Sisters' school in Johnstown borough, on Friday evening last, was drowned in Rinkston's run, which she was obliged to cross on a log, and from which she fell into the water. The stream being greatly swollen at the time, her body was carried down with the current and was not recovered until next day at noon.

—A trio of Lehigh county horse-buyers have been traversing this and Indiana counties during the past week, in quest of superior stock for the Eastern markets. As a rule horse buyers are not to be believed, except on oath, and these declare that better stock may be bought in Indiana county for less money than hereabout. All the same, they took away with them a goodly number of Cambria county horses.

—Judge Dean attended the Parnell meeting in Altoona on Thursday night of last week, and subsequently filled up a check for $25 as his contribution to the famine-stricken people of Ireland, which he sent to the venerable Father Walsh, pastor of St. John's church in that city, knowing as he did that through his hands it would reach the most deserving and needy without having to go through any red-tape process.

—Rt. Rev. J. Tuigg, Bishop of Pittsburgh, &c., paid an unexpected visit to our town on Tuesday last, reaching here in the noon train and departing the same evening. We were glad to find the Bishop in the enjoyment of good health, and seemingly as vigorous and robust as in years agone—and this, too, notwithstanding the multiplicity of duties, onerous and constant, devolving upon him. May it be thus for many years.

—Mr. Louis Plack, of Altoona, who, by the way, is a staunch friend of the FREEMAN, bought, on Thursday last, from the assignees of Wm. M. Lloyd and the heirs of Frank Bell, dec'd, eighteen hundred acres of land in Cambria and Blair counties, for which he paid the munificent sum of $18,100. Said land is known as the "Coal Bank Tracts," four in number, and is located near Lloydsville. The sale was by sealed proposals.

—A youth named Samuel Pennington was shot at Houtzdale, Clearfield county, on Tuesday last, by a young desperado named John Nevlin, seven slugs from a shot-gun penetrating his back and lodging in his lungs. The shooting was the result of an altercation between the two the day previous. Nevlin, who is said to have served a term in the penitentiary, is now in jail at Clearfield, and his victim at latest accounts was thought to be dying.

—V. S. Barker & Bro. have still on hand a large and desirable stock of overcoats and winter clothing, which they bought before the recent decided advance in prices, and are therefore abundantly prepared to sell them at figures which cannot fail to "knock the socks" off of all competitors. Don't forget this all-important fact, and if you want to buy an overcoat or any other article of clothing bear, in mind that now is the time to get better bargains than ever.

—D. M. Zimmerman, Esq., Secretary and Treasurer of the Camden and Atlantic Railroad, has placed us under renewed obligations for a complimentary pass over said road for the current year—the third or fourth favor of the kind that has been extended to us. What business an impecunious country editor like ourself could possibly have at Atlantic City, even with a railroad pass in his pocket, is a question which Mr. Zimmerman probably never took into consideration.

—Capt. Mike Quartz, former conductor of the Ebensburg branch train, and now engaged in the same line of business on the Altoona and Johnstown Accommodation, has, we understand, rented the house recently tenanted by Mr. M. B. McLaughlin, at Cresson, and will remove his family thither at an early day. The Captain's residence in this place will be occupied after the first of April next by Mr. James Myers, watchman for the P. R. R. at the Ebensburg depot.

—A one-story frame house in Newry, Blair county, owned by Adam Wentzell, of Altoona, and occupied by Peter Dumm and family, was burned to the ground on Saturday evening last, involving a loss estimated at $300, which is fully covered by insurance. The origin of the fire is not known to a certainty, but there is some reason to suspect that it was the work of an incendiary, though the probabilities are that a defective flue or something of that kind was the prime cause.

—While Andrew Meyer, of Cambria borough, this county, was engaged the other day in butchering, assisted by his wife, a spark ignited Mrs. Meyer's dress and enveloped her in flames. Mr. Meyer had forethought enough to carry her out and roll her in the snow until the flames were quenched, though the flesh on her right hand and arm was, nevertheless, very badly charred. Mr. Meyer himself was also scorched to some extent, while an infant which his wife had in her arms at the time of the accident was slightly burned about the head.

—We stated last week that Maynard, the convicted burglar, had been on Tuesday sentenced by Judge Dean to three years and three months' imprisonment in the Western Penitentiary. The following Friday he was removed to that institution by Sheriff Griffith, assisted by Chief-of-police Harris, of Johnstown. This Maynard is undoubtedly a great rascal and a dangerous man. He not only admitted his complicity in the crime for which he is now undergoing punishment, but unblushingly took to himself credit for numerous other daring burglaries and robberies. He is now where he will do the most good.

—The independent voter seems to have been exceedingly promiscuous in Altoona on Tuesday last, if we may judge from the fact that the Republicans succeeded in electing their candidates for Mayor and City Treasurer, while the Democrats got away with most of the other city and ward offices. The present Mayor, Thomas Hurd, Democratic candidate for re-election, was defeated by Wm. Howard, the Republican nominee, by a plurality of only nine votes, but Charles J. Stahl, the Democratic candidate for City Treasurer, was Stahl-ed in his political career by a plurality of 153—Dr. W. S. Bitner, Republican, sweeping the board to that extent.

—The vote on borough officers at the late election in Johnstown foot up as follows: Burgess—Samuel J. Royer, Republican, (present incumbent,) 643; Geo. W. Easly, Democrat, 363; Miller, Greenback, 123.—School Directors—Jones, R., 698; Hill, R., 645; Speedy, D., 431; Swank, D., 369. Auditor—Horrell, R., 675; Wakefield, D., 369; Kress, R., 31. The plurality for Royer, 280, would seem to indicate that he was *easily* elected over Easly, but when the fact is considered that said plurality, as the *Democrat* asserts, is about 250 less than the Republican majority in the borough, the failure of the *Tribune* to trot out its old coon and a half dozen chicken cocks to crow over the victory is not difficult to account for.

—While we appreciate the kindly spirit which prompted the Altoona *Daily Sun* to acknowledge the fact that it forgot in its report of the Parnell meeting to name ourself as among the number who occupied seats on the stage, we can assure it in all sincerity that no offence was taken, as we are sure that none was intended. Being in the newspaper business, we are always willing to accept the same kind of puff paste we sometimes administer to others, but if our own feelings were consulted on the subject we are honest in saying that our comings and and goings, especially to Altoona, would never—well, hardly ever—furnish an item for the wide-awake little dailies of that progressive and prosperous city.

—Usually, the election for the East ward of Ebensburg borough comes off in the main room of the Court House. On Tuesday last, however, a special session of Court was being held in that room, and it therefore became necessary to remove the ballot-box to one of the jury-rooms on the second floor. This change of base caused some funny scenes. It was funny, for example, when a certain free and enlightened voter rushed into the wrong place at the precise moment when Col. Linton was on his feet endeavoring to unravel some tangled legal skein. "What the d—l has Linton to do with our local politics!" he ejaculated, and the prompt application of a gag to his mouth is likely all that prevented a committal to jail for contempt of Court.

—S. M. Woodcock, Esq., of Altoona, whose name has been mentioned in connection with the Democratic nomination for State Senator in this district, assured us a few days ago that he had no aspirations whatever in that direction, but at the same time gave us to understand that he was willing—nay, anxious—to represent the Democracy of the Seventeenth Congressional district in the approaching national convention. As Cambria county is not entitled to the honor, R. L. Johnston, Esq., of this place, having been the delegate to the last national convention, and as Blair county has a claim upon it, we shall have no tears to shed should the coveted prize go to Mr. Woodcock, who is certainly as able and efficient, and for aught we know as worthy, of the position, as any Democrat in the district.

—Court convened here last Monday for the purpose of again hearing the testimony in the interminable cause of the McDermitts *versus* Flynn *et al.*—action on trespass. We have heretofore given our readers a history of this case, and will not afflict them with a repetition. Judge Dean having had something to do in an interested capacity with the matter at a former period, Judge Orvis, of Bellefonte, presided. The counsel for plaintiffs were Messrs. Reade, Linton and Sechler, and for defendants Messrs. Johnston and Shoemaker. The following named jury were drawn: Sheridan Wisegarver, Andrew Foster, Sylvester Ferral, Edward Rodgers, Jacob Horner, Charles Ott, Elias Driscoll, Lawrence Schroth, Julius Eger, James Costlow, Henry Yost and Jacob Singer. The taking of testimony is progressing as we go to press.

—Our able-bodied friend Peter F. Collins, whose return from Brazil last September was noted in these columns at the time, gladdened the hearts of his many friends in this community by paying a brief visit to his old home the early part of this week. Peter looks as hale and hearty as if he had never been made a target for Indian arrows, one of which, it will be remembered, was planted in his breast, near the heart, and another in his left shoulder, but neither of which, we are glad to know, inflicted any very serious injury, albeit his escape from death, indeed, if we may be permitted the pun, was *an arrow* one. His experience, brief though it was, in the wilds of Brazil was replete with adventure, and if written up would form a story of the romantic interest. We bid welcome Peter back in the name of a long-standing friendship between us, and trust that his days in the land may be many and joyful.

—Evan D. Evans was renominated for constable by the Republicans of the East ward, whereupon Evan E. Evans conceived the idea of offering himself as an independent candidate for the same office, no doubt imagining that the chances between Evan D. and Evan E. were pretty evenly balanced, with a possible preponderance in favor of Evan E. This matters stood until the polls closed and the vote was counted on Tuesday evening, when Evan E. suddenly discovered to his sorrow that even he, popular though he may be, hadn't a big enough boom to get away with his competitor, although he came within an ace of doing that same. Meantime Evan D. is of course well satisfied—nay, Evan D.-lighted—with the result; though, alphabetically considered, he is bringing in it, as A, B, C, and Evan D., invariably take precedence of all other letters in the alphabet, not excepting Evan E.

—Ebensburg sent a delegation of something less than a baker's dozen to Altoona last Thursday to welcome Parnell, the Irish Home Rule advocate. Amongst the number was Register and Recorder John G. Lake, who inscribed his name on the Logan House register. While sitting in the office of that excellent hostelrie, reading a newspaper, a stranger approached Mr. Lake and inquired: "Are you going to give us another shove on temperance to-night, Mr. Murphy?" "Not to-night," answered our friend Lake, "as I have other engagements; and, besides, Parnell is here." "Then likely we shall hear from you to-morrow night," persisted the interlocutor. "I'll think about it," was the response, whereupon Mr. Lake turned the newspaper and commenced on another column. The stranger mistook the latter gentleman for Francis Murphy, the great temperance champion, a marked personal resemblance existing between the two; and now, Mr. Lake threatens to cut off his mustache to change all that.

—Wm. A. Will, son of our friend and patron, Mr. M. D. Will, of Clearfield township, met with a very severe and what might have proved a fatal accident between 12 and 1 o'clock on last Saturday afternoon. The young man, whose age is about 17 years, was at work in the basement of a water saw-mill owned and operated by his father, and while so engaged a portion of his clothing was by some mishap caught in the cog wheels of an upright and parallel shaft, and the result was that he himself was drawn through between the parallel shaft and a heavy beam under the floor, from whence he dropped to the ground beneath—not, however, until his scalp had been partially torn off and his left arm fractured at the shoulder. He was picked up and carried home as soon as possible, after which a physician was called in and his injuries attended to—the wounded scalp being sewed up and the fractured arm properly adjusted. He is now getting along very comfortably, and has great reason to congratulate himself on his wonderful escape from a horrible death.

"A THING OF BEAUTY IS A JOY FOREVER." —"*The Pictorial Lives of the Saints*," by Rev. Dr. McGlynn, is a thing of beauty, and will prove a joy forever to any one fortunate enough to possess a copy. It is emphatically the book of the century.—*Adv.*

—McDonald & Co., of Loretto, have just received a choice lot of latest style calicoes. Go and see them.

THE ELECTION.—Under the impression that the Republicans and Democrats were pretty evenly balanced in Ebensburg borough, the election for local officers last Tuesday was more than usually hotly contested. As will be seen by the figures appended, though the Democrats performed wonders, they yet failed to win the prize. All the Republican candidates for the borough at large were elected, while the usual result of a Republican victory in the East ward and a Democratic victory in the West ward was achieved. The vote as officially announced was as follows:

BOROUGH AT LARGE.

Burgess.	E. Ward.	W. Ward.	Total.
E. J. Humphreys, Rep.	69	53	122
A. W. Buck, Dem.	20	72	92
School Directors.			
Wm. Clement, Rep.	69	54	123
Robert Evans, Rep.	61	54	115
John L. Stough, Dem.	66	71	97
Dr. F. Lloyd, Dem.	30	73	93
Auditors.			
Wm. A. Gittings, Rep.	65	53	118
Wm. H. Connell, Rep.	65	51	116
John A. Kennedy, Dem.	24	72	96
Fergus Lloyd, Dem.	23	75	98

EAST WARD.

Council.	
F. H. Barker, Rep., (no opposition,)	68
Constable.	
Evan D. Evans, Rep.	42
Evan E. Evans, Independent Greenback	27
Assessor.	
R. R. Davis, Rep., (no opposition.)	63
Judge of Election.	
William Leighty, Rep.	53
R. H. Davis, Rep.	1
Inspectors.	
Isaac Davis, Rep.	34
Joseph McDonald, Dem.	22
Louis Rodgers, Greenback	31

WEST WARD.

Council.	
Joseph Gutwalt, Dem.	77
George Huntley, Rep.	45
Constable.	
James Myers, Dem.	60
John Wherley, Independent Dem.	54
Assessor.	
Morgan Hughes, Dem. (no opposition.)	74
Judge of Election.	
Jesse Bolsinger, Dem.	69
John Kirschner, Rep.	53
Inspectors.	
Thomas McBreen, Dem.	70
E. W. Humphreys, Rep.	53

CAMBRIA TOWNSHIP.

The following named gentlemen, all Republicans, though some of them ran on an Independent basis against the regular ticket, were elected in Cambria township:

Justices of the Peace, Evan J. Evans, Edward Owens—the election of two Justices being necessitated by the fact that no one elected to the position would lift his commission, and a vacancy was therefore the result; Constable, David Edwards; Judge of Election, Edward Owens; Inspector, Philip Jones and John E. Thomas; Auditor, Ross S. Lloyd; Supervisors, John R. Davis, George Pryce; School Directors, David L. Davis, Griffith J. Jones; Assessor, John F. Tibbott; Township Clerk, G. J. Jones.

TERRIBLE DEATH OF A YOUNG EBENSBURGER.—Our people were greatly shocked on last Monday forenoon by the reception of the sad intelligence of the death by violence at Braddock, Pa., of our young townsman, Michael Murphy, only brother of Mrs. M. A. Quartz, of this place, which sad event occurred about 7 o'clock on the morning of the day named. How the accident happened no one at the time seemed able to tell, but from information since obtained through Mr. Quartz, the brother-in-law of the unfortunate young man, as well as other sources, it appears that Mr. Murphy was employed at the Edgar Thomson Works as a brakeman on a shifting engine, and while so engaged stepped from his train, which was standing on a siding, to the main track of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. In so doing he unwittingly placed himself immediately in front of a ballast train which at the time was being pushed backward on the line in question, and the approach of which he failed to notice until it was too late to get out of the way. The result was that he was knocked down and dragged a considerable distance by the caboose car, the entire train subsequently passing over his body, and not only killing him instantly, but mangling the remains in a horrible manner, the latter of which literally being crushed out of all semblance to human visage. The remains were gathered up as speedily as possible, and after a Coroners' inquest had been held an elegant coffin was obtained and all that was earthly of the unfortunate young man was forwarded to the home of his brother-in-law in this place, from whence they were taken Tuesday afternoon per train to Cresson and thence to Summitville, whither they were accompanied from this place by a large concourse of grief-stricken relatives and sympathizing friends, and where they were consigned to their last earthly resting-place in the Catholic cemetery, the grave which received them being in close proximity to those containing the remains of his father, mother and other relatives. As the deceased was in the enjoyment of the most perfect health and vigor, being a young man of stout build and only 20 years old last October, it is sad indeed to think of his having been hurried into eternity without a moment's warning, yours literally to him was so full of hope and promise, and when he enjoyed, as he well deserved, the good will and esteem of all who knew him. It was the intention, we understand, of Mr. Murphy to give up at an early day the situation held by him, and we believe he had already notified his employers to that effect, a more desirable position having been secured for him or by him at the Steel Works in Johnstown. But, alas! it was not to be; and now that God in His infinite wisdom has willed it otherwise, we can only hope and pray that his immortal spirit has found eternal rest.

THE stated meeting of the Dauntless Fire Company was held Monday evening last, when the following named officers to serve during the ensuing year were elected:—President, Edward J. Humphrey; Vice President, Harry Freshcorn; Treasurer, John L. Stough; Secretary, Charles Latterner; Librarian, Jesse Bolsinger; Assistant Librarian, C. R. Myers; Captain of Engine, Samuel W. Davis; Chief Director, Ed. J. Humphreys; Assistant Chief Director, E. C. Parrish; Chief of Hose, Ed. Thomas; First Assistant Chief of Hose, Lewis Swoyer; Assistant of Hose, Charles Latterner; Chief of Hook and Ladder, C. R. Myers; Assistant of Hook and Ladder, James M. Thompson; Trustees, C. H. Latterner, G. W. Oatman, James M. Thompson. The report of Committee with reference to a proposed Fourth of July celebration, to be held here on a grand scale, was postponed for one month. But the celebration, we are assured, will not be postponed beyond the time indicated.

BALLOU'S MONTHLY MAGAZINE FOR MARCH.—The March number of this popular and pleasing magazine has for the leading illustrated article a most timely and interesting sketch of Bermuda, by the author of "Running the Blockade," and so forth: and then there are other articles of a domestic nature, such as "Jessie's Christmas Carol," a description by the distinguished Boston lecturer, George W. Allan, Esq., who has made a study of the cave, and given the public some new facts regarding it. In fact, the contents of the magazine are worthy of attention, and not the least worthy of all is a story by Captain George H. Conner, called "The Greyback on the Coast," a thrilling tale of the sea, which should be read by all. The wit and fun in this number bubbles all over with jollity. Published by Thomes & Talbot, 23 Hawley street, Boston, Mass., at $1.50 per annum, postpaid, and for sale at all the news depots in the country.

WE speak knowingly when we assert that Hall's Vegetable Sicilian Hair Renewer is the best article of the kind sold on the American Continent. Personal trial has demonstrated this, and the article is an elegant and cleanly one, without which we think no toilet complete.—Messrs. Johnston, Holloway & Co., 602 Arch street, Philadelphia, are the agents for the article, and when Philadelphia friends return from Cape May, they should certainly procure some of it. We know of no such article extant for the hair, and thus speak in such decided and emphatic terms.—*Ocean Foam, Cape May, N. J.*

A STITCH IN TIME SAVES NINE.—Any person indebted to me by note or book account can have until the first day of April to call and pay up their indebtedness without any additional cost, and all who do not avail themselves of this opportunity will be called on promptly after that date by an officer for immediate payment, with *costs* added. N. B. Do not call without the money, as I will not be put off any longer.

GEO. HUNTLEY.

Ebensburg, Feb. 10, 1880.

FEES OF DOCTORS.—The fee of doctors is an item that very many persons are interested in just at present. We believe the schedule for visits is $3.00, which would tax a man confined to his bed for a year, and in need of a daily visit, over $1,000 a year for medical attendance alone! And one single bottle of Hop Bitters taken in time would save the $1,000 and all the year's sickness.—ED.

THE OLD PORTAGE RAIL ROAD.—A few weeks ago a Hollidaysburg correspondent of the Altoona *Sun* furnished that paper with a history of the old Portage Rail Road, which we read carefully, and being satisfied of its correctness from our own personal recollection of the commencement and completion of the road, we preserved the paper for future use, and although it contains nothing really new, we lay before our readers a synopsis of its main features, adding thereto a few local and personal references, and also our own knowledge of the subsequent career of most of the persons named by the writer, who originally located and superintended the construction of what was then justly regarded throughout the world as an unequaled triumph of engineering skill.

The commencement of the construction of the Allegheny Portage Railroad was authorized by an act of the Legislature of Pennsylvania, passed the 21st day of March, A. D. 1831. Previous to that time surveyors of the Allegheny mountains had been made by several eminent engineer, and these surveys had thrown much light on the topography of the country through which the railroad was to pass. Sylvester Welch, Esq., was appointed principal engineer of the work by the board of Canal Commissioners, and he organized his locating party and had the tents pitched near Lilly's mill, at the head of the mountain branch of the Conemaugh, on the 12th day of April, 1831. The locating party at the beginning consisted of Sylvester Welch principal engineer; Solomon W. Roberts, principal assistant engineer; Patrick Griffin, surveyor; and twelve assistants, axe-men and cook. The line commenced at the head of the Little Conemaugh and continued down the valley of that stream to Johnstown, a distance of 21 miles where it connected with the western division of the Pennsylvania canal. The western end of the railroad was located on the 14th day of May, 1831. In the month of May, Mr. W. Milnor Roberts joined the corps as principal assistant engineer and traced the line from the turnpike crossing, near the summit of the mountain, to Lilly's mill, a distance of five miles.

The letting for the grading and masonry of these twenty-six miles of the road from the Summit to Johnstown took place at Ebensburg on the 26th of May, 1831. It was emphatically a big day in this place, scores of railroad contractors from all sections of Pennsylvania and many from other States being in attendance. The engineer's office was in the upstairs front room now being occupied by Michael Latterner as a hotel, and the sealed bids for the different sections of the road were received there by Mr. Welch and his assistants. Samuel Jones, afterwards a banker and broker in Pittsburg, where he died several years ago, was superintendent any paymaster of the road, and had his office in the room under the engineer's office, now used by Mr. Latterner as a barroom.

The letting of the road from the Summit to Hollidaysburg, a distance of ten and two-third miles, took place at Hollidaysburg on the 29th of July, 1831—thus putting under contract the whole of the road, thirty-six and two-third miles. The work upon the road was prosecuted vigorously, about two thousand men being employed upon it, and the first track was so advanced as to permit the passage of an experimental car over its entire length on the 29th of November, 1833. On the 18th of March, 1834, the road was opened as a public highway, the State furnishing the power on the inclined planes only. In April, 1835, the section of road completed, and in May the State began to furnish the motive power for the greater portion of the road, locomotive engines having been placed on the "long level," as it was called, being thirteen miles in length, and extending from Plane No 2, through Wilmore, to the tunnel, four miles east of Johnstown.

The road consisted of eleven "levels" or grade lines, and ten incline planes. The ascent from Johnstown to the Summit was 1,171 feet in a distance of 26 miles. The descent from the Summit to Hollidaysburg was 1,399 feet in a distance of 16 miles.

Some of these planes were on the east side of the mountain and five on the west, the longest one being Plane No. 8, on the eastern slope, which was 3,116 feet, and the shortest one Plane No. 3, on the west side, which was 1,480 feet. The big viaduct, built of hammer-dressed stone, over the Conemaugh at "Horse Shoe Bend," eight miles west of Johnstown, and still used by the Pennsylvania Rail Road, had a single semicircular arch of 80 feet span, the top of the masonry being 70 feet above the water—the whole being considered one of the best structures of the kind in the country. Its cost was $54,000. The tunnel was 901 feet long and cost $38,000. All of the iron rails for the road were imported from England to Philadelphia, and transported from there to Hollidaysburg by rail road and canal. The total cost of the entire road was $1,634,357,60.

Sylvester Welch, the chief engineer, was from New Jersey. He made his headquarters in this place, and while here married a daughter of Daniel Stanard, an old and well known lawyer of the town of Indiana. After the road was completed he removed to Kentucky, where for many years he was employed in his professional capacity, and finally died at Frankfort, the capital of that State. S. W. Roberts, the principal assistant engineer, was a native of Philadelphia, and when the Pennsylvania Rail Road was projected went into the service of that company, and for a long time was connected with it, but whether he still remains in a position under it we are not prepared to say. Patrick Griffin, the surveyor, as his name indicates, was an Irishman. We remember him well, but have no knowledge of his after-career in life. Edward Miller, another member of the engineer corps, was from Philadelphia, and we think resides in that city yet. He did so not many years ago, and we do not remember of having heard of his death. With W. Milnor Roberts, who was also from Philadelphia, the writer of this was well acquainted. He married a daughter of Chief Justice Gibson, of this State, and subsequently went to Brazil, where he was employed by the government of that country in locating an extensive line of railway. Returning to the United States, he became principal engineer of the work for the improvement of the Ohio river, making his home for several years in Pittsburg, where he married his second wife. When the Northern Pacific Rail Road was commenced he was appointed its chief engineer, and was engaged as such until about eighteen months ago, when he was again employed by the Brazilian government to locate and superintend the construction in that country of one or more important lines of rail road, at a yearly salary of $25,000 in gold. His age cannot be under seventy-five, and it may be nearer eighty.

During the work on the Portage Railroad, from 1831 to 1835, Ebensburg, small as it then was, was quite a stirring place, owing to the fact that the offices of the chief engineer and paymaster were kept here, and here also on each monthly pay-day all the contractors on the road came to receive their estimates. Take it all in all the construction of the road was an interesting epoch in the history of this county, which is pleasantly remembered by many of her older citizens.

A REMARKABLE RAILROAD ACCIDENT.—An accident which is possibly without a parallel in the history of railroading occurred to a passenger train on the P. R. R., between Mineral Point and East Conemaugh, this county, on Tuesday night of last week. The facts as we learned them from one of the most intelligent and trusted employes on the road are about as follow: A freight train westward bound broke in two about three miles east of Conemaugh, probably one-half the cars being left in the rear, while those in charge of the front section of the train seemingly did not notice the loss until they had proceeded about two miles. Meantime the rear portion of the train moved along at a speed tenor of its way without encountering any mishap until what is known as Conemaugh Bridge No. 6 was reached, when the two front cars broke loose and plunged into the river, going down a distance of forty feet or more. Nothing very remarkable about that, the reader will no doubt say. Well, no, but when the further fact is announced that the two cars which made the plunge went over as "clean as a whistle," leaving the track perfectly clear and giving no sign to the brakeman or fireman that anything whereby their disappearance could be noted—the two cars, singular as it may seem, actually not being missed until the rear part of the train caught up and was again reached by the crew of the front—the singularity of the circumstance will probably be admitted by all who read what has here been written.

PARNELL IN ALTOONA.—The reception accorded in Altoona, on Thursday evening of last week, to Hon. Chas. S. Parnell and his efficient associate in the good work of collecting money for the starving people of Ireland, Mr. Murdoch, editor of the Inverness *Highlander*, the latter of whom appeared in a costume peculiar to Scotland, was one well worthy of that progressive city and the enterprising gentlemen who had the matter in charge. The meeting was held in the Opera House, which was well filled, and the speakers were each in turn introduced by W. P. Forey, Esq., the silver-tongued orator of the Altoona bar, who seemed to have a way his say eloquently and forcibly on all subjects, and who took occasion to pay high tribute to the honor and valor of the Irish people, especially as displayed in the defence of their rights against tyrany. A collection followed the addresses of Messrs. Parnell and Murdoch, the latter of whom amused as well as edified all who had the pleasure of hearing him, and $227.40 were realized, Hon. John Reilly contributing $100 and Hon. John Lemon subscribing $20 to the fund. This added to the several sums obtained from other sources makes Altoona's contribution to the good cause between fifteen and sixteen hundred dollars. Selah!

TWISTING.—When a twister a twisting would twist him a twine, for the twisting a twist he three times doth entwine, and then straightway he goes, the twine perfect has line, for clothing quite cheap this goods very fine, to the store of James Murphy, always obliging and kind, who sells more for less money than other dealers you'll find—and who is particularly anxious to close out his splendid stock of overcoats and heavy weight clothing at figures that cannot fail to induce all people to buy who feel that the best duty to themselves is to save all they can by buying where the best of goods are sold at the lowest prices.

SHERIFF'S SALES.—We have so long been in the habit of publishing the Sheriff's sales by authority, and for a *good per quo*, that we really haven't as yet "got into the hang" of furnishing such information in any other shape. Henceforth, however, we will endeavor to keep our readers posted in such matters, and append the list for Monday, March 1st, proximo, the hour of sale being as heretofore at 1 o'clock in the afternoon:

All the right, title and interest of Andrew Kopp, of, in and to 400 acres of land, 80 of which are cleared, and a one-and-a-half story log house and board stable, in Dean township. To be sold at the suit of David Kessler.

Also, all the right, title and interest of the U. B. Church, of, in and to 2 acres and 34 perches of land in White township. To be sold at the suit of J. C. Gates and Perry Troxell, administrators of Isaac Gates, deceased.

Also, all the right, title and interest of Charles Dunlap, of, in and to 166 acres of land, about 40 of which are cleared, in Susquehanna township, with a two story log house and a log barn thereon erected.

Also, 50 acres in Carroll township, about 20 of which are cleared, with a two story plank house and log barn thereon erected. To be sold at the suit of John Berkey, Sr.

Also, all the right, title and interest of John Beers, of, in and to 216 acres of land in Reade township, about 115 acres of which are cleared, with a two story frame house and bank barn thereon erected. To be sold at the suit of Peter Urban, now for use of Mrs. S. E. Burns.

Also, all the right, title and interest of William Piley, Sr., of, in and to 126 acres of land in Washington township, about 30 acres of which are cleared, and having thereon erected three two story plank house. Also, 40 acres in same township with two coal bank openings thereon erected.—Also 2 acres in same township, with a two story frame house and a frame barn thereon erected. To be sold at the suit of Michael and Elizab