Cambria Freeman.

EBENSBURG, PA.,
FRIDAY MORNING, - MARCH 5, 1880.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

—THERE AND THE OTHER PLACE. Forty hours' devotion at Mt. Gallitzin this week.

—Joseph Sprout, of Altoona, has a quarter dated 1536. Let him Sp(r)out it.

—The croak of the frog has been heard in the land, and Spring, without doubt, is now at hand.

—A steam stave and shingle mill is being fitted in Susquehanna township by Mr. McNally.

—Don't count an argument by denying the idea that Argument Court is to be held on Friday, April 9th.

—The slaughter house and stables of Michael Schanz, in Altoona, were destroyed by fire Friday last.

—Broad gauge, narrow gauge, or no gauge. That's the all-absorbing subject on the tapis for discussion or fall.

—Fifteen prominent citizens of Altoona are petitioned Congress *against* a new post office building in that city.

—The Catholics of this diocese have contributed nearly $10,000 towards the relief of the suffering people of Ireland.

—Dr. Chas. Campbell, of the *Sunday Times*, visited us on Wednesday, and—well, if the Johnstown *News* will forgive us this we promise never to do it again.

—The Court collapsed shortly before 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon, and a special train on the branch road left for Cresson soon after.

—The Cherrytree band and a large number of residents of that vicinity are expected to take a hand in the railroad meeting at Ebensburg to-morrow.

—Dandelions have been in bloom in some places for more than a week past, while others who are not lions have been on the list for a much longer period.

—Some portions of Westmoreland county are said to be in bloom, and all nature of shrubbery is preparing to leave, if it don't intend to move away.

—The Johnstown *Tribune* is "off its eggs" at the members of the Cambria county delegation asking one or more license applications present to court. We know several that don't have any of those in their'n.

—J. M. Burchfield looms up as a probable candidate for legislative honors in this county. A clear field to Burchfield, if he is a Republican has to be put up with.

—A telegram from this place to the Johnstown *Tribune* of Tuesday says that Jake Shoemaker (whose name is Albert) was found not guilty of (attempted) rape, and—"borough news."

—Miss Fannie Myers, daughter of Henry Myers, of Loretto, died of consumption and dropsy at an early hour on Wednesday morning last, aged about 23 years. May she rest in peace.

—Yesterday morning about the hour of daybreak the lightning did flash and the thunder did roll while the wind had a boom and the rain a pour—all which did continue for half an hour or more.

—Mr. John Murphy, of Tunnelhill boro', has cast aside his mind to locate in Ebensburg, and he does we can only wish success to the new "Murphy movement."—May it be more anon.

—The venerable father of Rev. Thomas Cullen, pastor of the Catholic congregation at Connellsville, died in Tiperary county, Ireland, on the 14th of February, aged about 90 years. *Requiescat in pace.*

—A married man named Joseph Bloom on Tuesday of last week from injuries received the previous Saturday while assisting to roll logs on Clearfield creek, near Wm. Hilliert's, Clearfield county.

—Twenty-two applications except six of the new Johnstown against which remonstrances had been presented, went through "like a jiffy" just before court adjourned. We are no wiser, however, than he was before.

—A big flood in the Susquehanna seems to be what all that is needed just now by the lumbermen in and around Cherrytree, the struggle business in that locality being to put nearly if not altogether completed by Christmas.

—We solicit the indulgence and hope for the continued prosperity of Messrs. G. Wolf, Sternthal, Simon & Bendheim, Altoona, and L. J. Murphy, Johnstown, whose local notes have been unavoidably crowded out this week.

—Mr. Jeremiah Kratzer, of Chest Springs, aged 75 years, although in the neighborhood of forty years of age, is credited by the Altoona *Tribune* with having walked from his home to that city, a distance of twelve good miles on Tuesday last.

—The Grand Jury this week sat down in the Court House for a day or two, and then sat down on the Court House. In other words, it condemned the building, and as for the second time the thing has been done a new structure is next in order.

—An Altoona printer named Wm. Brunner became delirious on Tuesday night last while mixing medicines, and made a dash with an open knife at a man who had come to shoot him, but fortunately the intruder got a retreat before any serious consequences resulted.

—Three iron links were thrown through the transom over the bar-room door in Mr. Albert Bender's hotel at Gallitzin, this county, on Sunday night last but who committed the unfriendly act is not known, though a man named Mr. Bender refused liquor the night previous is suspected.

—The Johnstown *Tribune* says there is talk now about putting the Ebensburg Mineral Works once more in operation, but the *Tribune* editor is in the habit of saying whatever comes into his head, we don't advise any one to put up more than a thousand dollars on the above assertion.

—An unmarried man named D. R. Tonner was found dead in his bed, on Monday morning last, at the residence of Mr. Wieland, with whom he boarded, in Susquehanna township, this county. Deceased was aged about 65 years and was in apparent good health when he retired to bed the night previous.

—Mr. John C. McCartney, a gentleman whom to know was to esteem for his many sterling qualities of head and heart, died at his residence in Altoona, on last Tuesday afternoon, aged 35 years, 3 months and 21 days. He was a married man and the father of three small children. Peace to his ashes and honor to his memory.

—To Father John Walsh, of St. John's (Catholic) church, Altoona, was entrusted the contributions made by the citizens of that city, regardless of creed or condition, to the fund for the relief of the famine-stricken people of Ireland, and the entire amount ($1,036 17) is now on its way to where it will do the most good.

—Chaplain Davis requests us to announce that he is in for the new railroad from here to Cherrytree, body, breeches and brains, and that if the folks at the other end will construct that portion of the road between Carrolltown to Cherrytree, he will contribute enough from his plethoric pocket-book to finish the balance of it.

—Austin Shaffer, whose home is at Wilmore and whose occupation is that of a flagman on the Pittsburgh division, P. R. R., had one of his thumbs badly demoralized and nearly cut off in the Altoona yard, about one o'clock on Monday morning last, by being caught between the deadwood of two cars he was engaged in coupling.

—A member of the Clearfield county bar, named Graham, was found dead in bed at the Central hotel, in Dubois, that county, on Saturday morning last. The cause of his death remains a mystery.

—John W. Finney, a freight brakeman on the Pittsburgh division, P. R. R., had one of his arms caught and the flesh shockingly crushed from the hand to the shoulder while engaged Tuesday forenoon in coupling cars in the Altoona yard. The unfortunate man, after receiving medical treatment, was sent to his home in Indiana county.

—The question now seems to be whether Cambria ought to be represented in the next Legislature by two men each of whom has two syllables in his name, or whether two men with one syllable each will serve the purpose just as well. In other words, will Fenlon and Woodruff, or Zahm and King, be nominated by the next Democratic county convention? And if not, why not?

—McDonald & Co., of Loretto, sell good brown sugar at 8 cents per lb.; light brown sugar at 9c.; white sugar at 10c.; granulated sugar at 11c.; good green coffee at 17c.; best green coffee at 20c.; roasted coffee at 18c.; best roasted coffee at 22c.; codfish at 9c. per lb.; mackerel at 20 cents per dozen; carbon oil at 18 cents per gallon; molasses at 35 cents and good syrup at 50 cents per gallon.

—The Curwensville *Times* compliments the FREEMAN by saying that it is one of the newsiest county papers on its exchange list, but administers a dose of pecac with the compliment by adding, "barring its abominable politics." Thanks, Brother Brainard, for what is palatable in the above dose, but henceforth please don't excercise your Brain-(so)'ard on such abominable sentences as at all times.

—A paper published in an adjoining county says that when a certain rival editor over there was a little boy a transfusion doctor came around, and, as an experiment, injected into his veins the warm blood of a jackass; and yet, strange to relate, the editor of the paper from which we quote don't base his knowledge on the fact that he himself furnished the blood, though it may be that he did.

—A tramp went into the press room of the Altoona *Tribune* office the other day, and, strange as it may seem, stole a gold watch (think of that!—a gold watch in a "print shop," from the pocket of a vest hanging in the room, which belonged to the pressman. He was caught five miles east of the city, when he gave up the property and after having administered to him a sound thrashing was allowed to resume his travels.

—The recent assessment made by the Cambria Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and the money now being received from that source by T. W. Dick, Esq., Secretary and Treasurer, is designed to make good the loss of Mr. John Anderson, of Barr township, whose barn and the greater part of its contents were destroyed by fire a little over two months ago, involving a loss which is estimated at nearly six hundred dollars.

—A fifteen-year-old lad named B. A. Wilt, whose home is at Bennington Furnace, attempted to get on a west-bound passenger train at Allegrippus on Tuesday last, but as the cars were in rapid motion at the time, he missed his mark and fell under the wheels, several of which passed over his legs and cut them off below the knees. The unfortunate youth was still living when last heard from, but his recovery is next to impossible.

—The work of making steel for the East river bridge, which is designed to connect New York with Brooklin, has been begun, as we learn from the New York *Sun* of Monday last, at the steel works at Johnstown, whither Col. Wm. Paine, of the Engineer Corps, has come to begin the work of inspection, which is to be carried on where the steel is made as well as where it is to be be rolled into the proper shapes for the bridge.

—William Carney, of Munster township, whose prosecution for an assault and battery committed on Martin Sanders, of Cambria township, was noted in these columns last week, very sensibly nipped the case in the bud by appearing before Esquire Kinkead on Friday last and complying with the conditions demanded by the prosecutor—that is, paying the costs and entering into bonds to keep the peace toward Mr. Sanders for a term of one year.

—The Washington House, a famous hotel at the foot of Plane No 2 when the old Portage rail road was in successful operation, has been purchased by Messrs. Martin & Co., of Portage, and will ere long be torn down. As a hotel it has had a varied and interesting history, which we propose to ventilate some time in the near future. We understand that the price paid for the property was only $100. It has been occupied by Jacob S. Kiehl as a tavern stand for a number of years.

—On Tuesday morning last, Mr. John T. McGough, of Summerhill township, walked from his home to this place, a distance of ten and a half miles, in exactly three hours—a feat of pedestrianism which, taking into account the almost impassible condition of the roads, it would be no easy task to excel. Mr. McGough, we presume, did not come to town specially for the purpose, but while here he gladdened the printer's heart all the same, as did many other staunch friends of the FREEMAN this week, by paying for his paper like the honest man he is.

—So many good men and true called to see us this week, as is invariably the case during the sittings of court, that we must be excused from attempting to classify them, though professional courtesy demands the acknowledgment of a visit from Hon. L. D. Woodruff, of the Johnstown *Democrat*, C. W. Easly, local editor of the *Daily Tribune*, and C. T. Schubert, of the *Freie Presse*—all of whom we were as glad to see, though with quite a different kind of gladness, as the host of friends who dropped in to pay their respects and their subscriptions at the same time.

—After a good deal of wrestling with the English language and the expenditure of something less than a half keg of printers' ink, the Johnstown *Tribune* and Altoona *Sun* and *Call*, all three daily, succeeded some time last week in locating the very spot upon which the house stands that Mike Quartz and his family are to occupy when they move from this place to Cresson on the first of April next. Be ye glad, therefore, and rejoice with exceeding great joy that this all-absorbing question has been settled finally and we hope to the satisfaction of all concerned.

—The name of ex-Sheriff Bauner, of Johnstown, is prominently mentioned in connection with the Democratic nomination for State Senator from this district. Our townsman, F. A. Shoemaker, Esq., is also credited with having started a boom of his own in the same direction, and it is even intimated that Hon. L. D. Woodruff wouldn't object to cross the hall from the House to the Senate chamber at Harrisburg, provided the Democrats of the 35th Senatorial district should esteem him the right man for the place. All which is as it should be, provided, of course, the best man wins in the end.

—Justice Kinkead was summoned on Monday evening to perform a marriage ceremony at the Cambria House, in this place, between Samuel Luther and Sarah Reynolds, both of whom, we believe, hail from Franklin borough. After the ceremony had been duly performed the fair bride was taken to jail to await trial for infanticide, but as the Grand Jury subsequently ignored the bill against her, she was released from confinement the next day, whereupon the newly wedded pair, to use a figure of speech exceedingly threadbare, soon after went on their way rejoicing, or words to that effect. Joy be with them forever and aye.

—As the Carrolltown folks and possibly those beyond, to say nothing of the people living between this place and Carrolltown, are in favor of a broad gauge railroad from here to Cherrytree, and as the citizens of Ebensburg, if interested at all, are only interested in a narrow gauge road, inasmuch as a way station on a continuous line of road from Cherrytree to Cresson is not a boon worth seeking for, there is naturally some considerable curiosity manifested to know what will be the outcome of the meeting to be held at Carrolltown to-morrow afternoon.

—The Curwensville *Times* tells of a woman named Mrs. Keller, *alias* Mrs. Gardner, *alias* several other names, who played the raised check game quite successfully on the bank in that place not many days ago. The check was originally drawn for the sum of four dollars, but by a little scientific manipulation, which the *Times* fully describes, the feminine fraud succeeded in raising the amount to forty dollars, thereby swindling the bank out of the difference between four dollars and forty dollars. Officers were put on the track of the fair swindler, but at latest accounts she had not been captured.

—Michael McGonigle, of Lilly's Station, who was committed to jail not long since for brutally abusing one of his children, but who was subsequently released on bail, his mother becoming surety for his appearance at Court to answer, is once more in durance vile—this time for an aggravated assault committed on his mother-in-law, who resides at Lilly's Station, and whose name we understand to be Mrs. Wyme. Michael evidently stands very much in need of a thorough reconstruction, and it would probably be a blessing to him and all his relatives, to say nothing of the community at large, if he should get all the law will allows in such cases.

—A meeting of the Catholics residing in and about Lilly's Station will be held at Leahy's hall at 4 o'clock on next Sunday afternoon, for the purpose of taking steps towards the erection of a church edifice in that village, the people there having become wearied of traveling four miles every Sunday and holy day to hear Mass at Summitville. The meeting has been called by a committee of St. Peter's Society, and such is the interest manifested by all parties interested in the enterprise that there seems little reason to doubt but what the project will be carried through to a successful completion, and that too at an early day.

—Mr. O. H. Jeffries, traveling agent for the Ohio Valley Mutual Protection Association, paid our town a visit this week, and, as will be seen by advertisement elsewhere, induced our tailor friend, Mr. B. O. Oeschger, to take the agency for this county. On the plan offered by this company there is scarcely any person who can't afford to indulge in life insurance, and we therefore bespeak for Mr. Jeffries, who, by the way, is a thorough gentleman, and, like ourself, sports an illuminated top-knot—we bespeak for him, we say, and the Association he represents the kindly consideration of all who are open to conviction on this very important subject.

—Mrs. Eliza Crabb, or "Old Aunty" Crabb, as she was familiarly called in our young days, a colored woman residing in Hollidaysburg, was awakened from her slumbers a few nights ago by some midnight marauder stumbling over her kitchen stove and after striking a light, the old lady proceeded to investigate, and the result was that she found her bureau drawers had been ransacked, but whether or not anything of special value was taken the *Standard* fails to report. Meantime the burglar scooted out and made his escape, evidently impressed with the idea that Crabb catching wasn't the healthiest kind of business to engage in.

—An Elder township correspondent of the Carrolltown *News* stated last week that a protracted meeting under the auspices of the United Brethern Church was in successful operation at Pleasant Hill, the new name given to that interesting locality long known as Bugtown, and that many conversions had taken place. If this is so, and the hard cases in Bugtown who have been converted will only "stick," the Court of Quarter Sessions of this county will hereafter lose most of its attraction. The conversion of Bugtown, even though it should be only partial, would certainly be a big thing, and one long to be remembered as an important event in the history of Northern Cambria.

—Mr. Anthony Anna, of Chest township, who came here the early part of this week to serve on the Grand Jury, was called home on Tuesday afternoon by the severe illness of his wife, whose condition at that time was said to be exceedingly precarious, but who, we sincerely hope, has ere this experienced a change for the better. Before leaving for home, Mr. Anna, like a public spirited and patriotic citizen as he is, and acting on the principle that our present court house is a disgrace to the county and an eyesore to everybody, voted for its condemnation, in which, as will be seen by an item elsewhere, he was subsequently sustained by a majority of the Grand Jury.

—David Burket and wife, of Plottsville, Susquehanna township were brought to jail here on Sunday morning last and locked up to await trial at the June term of Court for subornation of perjury, inasmuch as they induced a girl named Melinda Bowers, an illegitimate daughter, reports say, of the woman above named, to charge on oath an old and respected citizen of that locality—a man aged not less than 75 or 80 years—with being the father of an illegitimate child to which she recently gave birth. Such, at least, is the story told, the further assertion being made that the child in question is the third one that Melinda Bowers, who is represented as a poor, weak-minded creature, has been obliged to find a father for.

—The referees chosen at Lancaster a few days ago to decide the contest between the widow and sister of James W. Riley, deceased, for over $10,000 deposited in a bank in that city, as noticed in these columns last week, concluded their labors on Tuesday last by awarding the entire amount to the widow. The sister of deceased, as we learn from the *New Era*, refused, however, to give up the certificate of deposit, whereupon the widow brought suit against her and her attorney for trover and conversion. They were accordingly arrested and given a hearing, the defense meantime contending that the refusal to give up the certificate was a mere breach of contract, and that a civil action was all that was necessary. Later in the day the court decided that the custodian of the certificate should give security in the sum of $20,000, which we presume she had no trouble in obtaining, until the matter could be finally adjudicated.

—It has been an open secret for several weeks past that Mr. Geo. C. K. Zahm, of this place, intends, if possible, to get away with Hon. John Fenlon or any other man in this end of the county who aspires to legislative honors, but it has only been developed this week, we believe, that Hon. L. D. Woodruff, of the lower end, is to have "a foeman worthy of his steel" in the person of Mr. John M. King, of Johnstown, who was "hooping it up" pretty lively in this locality on Monday and Tuesday of this week. There can be no doubt about Mr. King's democracy, as there is certainly none about that of his competitor, and if he should be chosen to fill the place to which Mr. Woodruff aspires, there is no fear but what he will do his duty as intelligently and faithfully as any of his predecessors. That is not saying, however, that he will be or should be nominated in preference to Mr. Woodruff, whose record as a legislator is as good as any of them, but who may possibly have to take a back seat all the same. More than that, some facetious folks may think it the province of a King to administer laws—not make them.

WONDERFUL STORIES.—"Uncle" Dave Trexler, of Gallitzin township, never—well, hardly ever—comes to Ebensburg without being loaded up to the muzzle with one or more stories which nothing short of his well-known veracity would induce anybody to believe. True to his record, he appeared in our office on Tuesday morning last, and in reply to the usual query about the news in his neighborhood, staggered us with a few wonderful yarns, not all of which are strictly in season, but all of which will none the less bear telling; and as they are vouched for by Mr. Trexler, who avows his ability to prove every one of them, if need be, there need be no hesitation about accepting them as literally true.

The first of these stories relates to three turkey hens in White township, although Mr. Trexler opened up with only one, which he assured us had been laying eggs all winter. Doubts being expressed by a gentleman present in regard to this wonderful news from Turkey, Mr. Trexler stood not upon the order of his going but went at once and hunted up two reputable citizens of said township, who were in attendance at Court, and who soon after returned with him to our office, and not only verified his statement, but assured us that instead of one turkey they had personal knowledge of the fact that not less than three turkeys owned by Mr. Mathias Kessler, of White township, have at no time failed, not even for a single day, during the last two months and a half to "shell out" three eggs—one for each turkey—every twenty-four hours. More than that, one of the witnesses called bore testimony to still another fact, and that was that a number of geese owned by a certain citizen of White township, whose name has escaped us, commenced laying on or about the holidays, but whether or not they have kept it up ever since he was not prepared to say. This of course left no loophole for our "doubting Thomas," whose name is not Thomas at all, to crawl out at, and the only eggs-planation he had to make was that this is an eggs-ceptional kind of a winter and that such eggs-traordinary proceedings on part of the turkeys and geese aforesaid might in that way be eggs-plained, although it would be eggs-acting entirely too much to eggs-pect any one to believe that such a thing was possible during a regular old-fashioned winter in this region.

So much for so much; and now let us revert to a couple more of Mr. Trexler's wonderful stories, which, as already stated, are somewhat out of season, but none the less worthy of credence on that account. The first of these relates to a remarkable yield of corn which rewarded Mr. T.'s labors during the past summer, the story being that on a portion of his farm, and not a very small portion of it either, the cornstalks averaged fourteen feet in height, the ears fourteen inches to the cob and the cobs averaged in the stalks eight inches in width. That's corns-talk enough, we should say before we *leave* the subject, for all who are willing to give *ear* to the statement, as most of our readers, we have no doubt, will be disposed to do. The next story from the same source, and the last we shall now trouble you with at present public at this time, is in regard to a remarkable yield of oats which Mr. T. gives the figures to verify and claims to be able to produce witnesses to substantiate. He says that last spring, Messrs. John and James Gallagher, of Gallitzin township, sowed seventeen bushels of oats on a farm owned by their mother in Allegheny township, the ground covered being not more than three acres, and when threshing time came he (Mr. Trexler) threshed the oats as it came from the field, and is willing to be qualified that there were two hundred and five bushels of clean oats, or a veritable yield of sixty-eight and one-half bushels to the acre. All which we submit to our farmer friends to believe or otherwise, as the spirit moves them.

DASTARDLY OUTRAGE AT GALLITZIN.—An assault and battery with the undoubted intention of committing an outrage on a German woman named Hough, wife of Mr. David Kough, of Gallitzin, this county, was made by some unknown scoundrel on Friday evening last. It seems that Mrs. Kough, who resides on the outskirts of the borough, was on her way home from the store of Mr. Frank Christy, and when she got within a short distance of her residence she was confronted by a brute in human shape, who struck her a heavy blow on the side of the head with an oak stave, knocking her down and inflicting a wound about two inches in length. Fortunately the blow was not severe enough to render her insensible, and as she yelled lustily her outcries attracted the attention of some of the neighbors, who hastened to her assistance, the instantly wretch who had committed the assault meantime making good his escape, the night being too dark for any one to intercept him, or even for Mrs. Kough to recognize him, if such a thing were possible, the presumption being that he was a stranger and therefore unknown to his victim, though there are those who think he is not so much of a stranger as he ought to be in that locality. However that may be, Mrs. Kough was taken home almost insensible and a physician summoned, who attended to her wound and otherwise administered to her physical comfort. At latest accounts the dastardly scoundrel who committed the deed was still at large, but it is to be hoped that justice will not slumber until it has overtaken and secured for him the punishment he so richly deserves.

MESSRS. JOHN LUDWIG & SONS, of Centre county, came here on Friday last and concluded negotiations with Messrs. Barker, Evans & Evans for the purchase of the Ebensburg Woolen Mill, which they design to take possession of next week. The amount paid for the property was $3,000, which is more than double the sum the mill and all that thereto pertains, including about fifty acres of land, cost the late owners less than a year ago, though since then considerable new machinery has been put into the establishment, while more than enough, probably, has been realized in the way of profits on the work done to cover this outlay. Still the property is worth all and more than all that the Messrs. Ludwig have paid for it, and as they are all thoroughly acquainted with the woolen manufacturing business, and are enterprising, industrious men in every way competent for the work before them, Ebensburg will have ample cause to rejoice at the advent of such worthy citizens. Postmaster James, one of the late owners, tells us that it is the intention of Messrs. Ludwig & Sons—a firm comprising three partners—to run the mill to its fullest capacity and give work to not less than twelve hands, six of whom are members of the Ludwig family. We cordially welcome the gentlemen named to our midst, and hope they will have no reason to regret the investment they have made.

DEATH OF AN OLD CAMBRIAN IN KANSAS.—Mr. Michael Storm died at St. Mary's Mission, Kansas, on the 15th of February last, in the 67th year of his age. He was a son of John Storm, who came here from Adams county at a very early day and settled near where Loretto now stands. For many years after the completion of the old Portage railroad, Mr. S. worked in the "riggers' loft" at the Summit. In the spring of 1868 he sold the place on which he lived, in Allegheny township and removed to St. Mary's, Kansas. He was an industrious, hard-working man while he lived in this county and continued so in his late western home. His character was blameless in every respect and he died as he had lived, a consistent and exemplary member of the Catholic Church. May he rest in peace.

A VENERABLE CITIZEN GONE.—Mr. Michael Skelly, who was one of the very oldest residents of Cambria county, died at his residence in Croyle township on last Wednesday week, at the advanced age of 94. When he was a boy only eight years old he came here from Maryland with his father, who is said to have been the third settler within the limits of our county. Mr. Skelly raised a large family, and during his long life enjoyed the confidence and esteem of all who knew him. His remains were interred in the Catholic cemetery at Wilmore on Friday last. *Requiescat in pace.*

COUNTLESS sufferers find the balm of relief, and the fountain of their health and strength, in AYER'S SARSAPARILLA. It is the most potent of all the alteratives to purify the system and cleanse the blood. It possesses invigorating qualities, so that it stimulates the faded vitalities and purges out the corruptions which mingle with the blood, promoting derangements and decay. We are assured by many intelligent physicians that this medicine cures beyond all others of its kind, and we can fortify this statement by our own experience.—*Punxsutawney (Pa.) Argus.*

THE attention of parties who have unemployed time on their hands, is directed to the announcement of General G. T. Beauregard, of New Orleans, La., in our advertising columns, relative to the agency in this vicinity for the sale of the great work on the war, by the late General J. B. Hood, entitled "ADVANCE AND RETREAT, Personal Experiences in the United States and the Confederate States Armies."

SHREWDNESS AND ABILITY.—Hop Bitters so freely advertised in all the papers, secular and religious, are having a large sale, and are supplanting all other medicines. There is no denying the virtues of the Hop plant, and the proprietors of these Bitters have shown great shrewdness and ability in compounding a Bitters whose virtues are so palpable to every one's observation.—*Exchange.*

DOINGS IN COURT THIS WEEK.—The March term of our county court opened at 11 o'clock on Monday forenoon of the present week, and continued in session until 2 o'clock, P. M., on Wednesday, Judge Dean presiding and Associates Thomas and Flanagan on the bench. The first business in order was the calling of the names of the Grand Jurors, all of whom answered to their names, two of the number, Messrs. Jas. A. Gray and A. J. Haws, being subsequently, however, excused from serving. Then followed the list of Traverse Jurors, five of whom, to wit: Messrs. John Freidhoff, Levi Wingard, Samuel Kuhn, David Creed and James Tittle, were allowed to depart hence the same day, the reason assigned by each of them for seeking the privilege being esteemed good and sufficient by the Court.

After this the various constables of the county made their returns and the several conservators of the peace chosen at the last election presented their bonds and were sworn in, each to serve a term of one year from the first of April next.

These and other preliminaries, such as the reading of the list of attorneys in order to afford an opportunity for the presenting of motions, petitions, etc. Court adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

MONDAY AFTERNOON.

Upon reassembling at the hour indicated, District Attorney Rose moved for *nolle prosequis* in such of the following cases as are not marked continued:

Com'th vs. William Carney, mayhem; settled upon payment of costs by defendant.

Com'th vs. David Watson, surety of the peace, and assault and battery; settled on payment of costs by defendant.

Com'th vs. Henry Peden, Daniel Grubb, and John Bird, surety of the peace; settled on payment of costs by defendants.

Com'th vs. Andrew Leonard; settled upon payment of costs by defendant.

Com'th vs. Samuel White, John Baldwin, and David Layton, affray; settled on payment of costs by defendants.

Com'th vs. Edward Sharretts, fornication and bastardy; settled by the defendant giving the usual bond, etc.

Com'th vs. Mary Durbin, fornication; settled, and county for costs.

Com'th vs. David Burket and Harriet Burket, subornation of perjury; continued.

Com'th vs. Stephen Geoghnour, desertion; continued.

Com'th vs. G. W. Stalb, adultery and bastardy; continued.

Com'th vs. Charles Rice, fornication and bastardy; continued.

Com'th vs. Caron Leahy—assault and battery; Lewis Delahunt, prosecutor. Continued.

This done, the criminal calendar was taken up and the following cases disposed of:

Com'th vs. Patrick Henahan, selling liquor without license. Defendant entered a plea of guilty, and was sentenced to pay a fine of $200 and costs. In default of payment defendant was taken to jail.

Com'th vs. Thomas Kennedy. The defendent was charged with the larceny of a carpet-bag containing clothing from a man named Marcus Haines, a passenger on the P. R. R. This case was tried at the last term of Court, but the jury failed to agree. The evidence developed in the present trial was the same as at the former one. Marcus Haines was seen to alight from the Way Passenger train at Johnstown on the 14th of September last, in an intoxicated condition and having with him an old carpet-bag. The defendant, who employed at the steel works, at this juncture appeared upon the scene, and while engaged in talking to and drinking with Haines from a bottle, which the latter had with him, the train left. A dispatch came soon afterwards to the depot master from the conductor of the train requesting that Haines, whose ticket was held by the conductor, and who was bound for Chicago, should be forwarded by the next train. A search being made for Haines, he was found too drunk to proceed on his way, and was put in the lock-up until he became sober, when it was discovered that his carpet-bag was missing. He was sent west, however, and has not been heard from since. The defendant having been seen about the saloon with the carpet bag in his possession, was suspected of having stolen it, and search being made at his house the missing property was found in a barrel in an outhouse. In defense, it was shown that Kennedy was drunk—that he took the carpet-bag to a tavern at which Haines had formerly stopped, where he asked for liquor, which was refused him on account of his condition—That Haines loitered about and finally started out without the carpet-bag, but the tavern keeper called his attention to the fact that he had taken the carpet-bag, and also in connection of this evidence. The jury found Kennedy guilty as indicted. Sentence deferred.

Com'th vs. Patrick Flynn—assault and battery, on oath of his wife, who also declared that he was, in her opinion, of unsound mind. Several witnesses testified to eccentricities of conduct upon his part. A special verdict was rendered finding that he committed the offense charged, but that at the time he was insane. He was therefore acquitted upon that ground.

Com'th vs. Michael A. McGonigle, assault and battery; Mrs. Ann Wyme, prosecutrix. Defendant entered a plea of guilty, and was remanded to jail for sentence.

MONDAY EVENING.

A special session of Court was held Monday evening to dispose of the several applications for tavern, eating house and quart licenses. This work had scarcely been commenced before Chas. L. Dick, Esq., arose and presented remonstrances against no less than fifteen applicants for license from Johnstown and vicinity. These remonstrances, like the several applications, were read aloud by Judge Dean, but the Court reserved its decision. All the other applications, except that of Joseph Weiser, whose petition was refused because he does not occupy the premises for which license was asked, were thereupon granted.

TUESDAY FORENOON.

Com'th vs. Albert Beam. The indictment in this case charged the defendant with assault and battery with intent to commit rape upon Miss Sarah Jane Pryce, in Yoder township, on the evening of Nov. 30th, 1879. Miss Pryce testified that at the time stated she was living at Cyrus Gindlesberger's—that on the evening in question the defendant, who lived about a mile away, came to request her to go with him to wait upon his wife, who was ill—that she at first refused, but afterwards consented, and while on the way Beam made improper proposals to her, which she indignantly rejected; whereupon he seized her and choked her, declaring his intention to commit an outrage upon her person; she, however, still resisted, and finally succeeded in making her escape. The details of the testimony were of the usual character, and not fit to be published. The defence rested upon the admissions of the prosecutrix as to the nature of the conversation which occurred between the parties previous to the assault, as well as upon the testimony of the defendant himself, who admitted that he made the proposals testified to by Miss Pryce, but that he desisted when he found that the girl was not what he supposed her to be. Although the Court instructed the jury that if they found the defendant not guilty of attempt to commit rape they could find him guilty upon the second count in the indictment, which charged him with simple assault and battery. The defendant was acquitted of both charges, however, though he was required to pay the costs.

Com'th vs. Yost Hochstein, indicted for committing a nuisance. The testimony in this case showed that defendant, who is superintendent of the Conemaugh and Somerset Turnpike Co., placed some finely broken stones upon a bad piece of road on Morris street, Johnstown, contrary to a certain ordinance forbidding the placing of stones, etc., upon any of the streets or alleys of said borough without permission from the authorities. In defense, it was claimed that the portion of the street repaired by Hochstein was a part of the turnpike, which was in existence before that locality had been embraced within the borough limits, and that therefore the franchises of the company owning the turnpike had never been alienated from the company. The object of this prosecution was to test the respective claims of the borough and the turnpike company to said street. The Court held that the Court of Quarter Sessions was not the proper place to try the title to the street, and in this case, where, instead of showing that the defendant had committed a nuisance it was shown that he had endeavored to remove a nuisance—namely, the ruts in the street, by filling them with stones—there was really nothing for the Court to pass upon except to instruct the jury that the body of the offense had not been made out, and therefore the defendant should be acquitted, which was done.

THE CONEMAUGH BOROUGH MURDER CASE.

The trial of the colored man Andrew Mallatt for the murder of Joseph Gibbs, also colored, in Conemaugh borough, on the 14th of January last, was begun on Tuesday afternoon. Thirty-nine jurors and one talesman were called before a satisfactory jury was empanelled. The commonwealth was represented by District Attorney Rose and Chalmer L. Dick, Esq., the defense by Capt. Kuhn and Col. Linton. Mr. Dick opened the case for the Commonwealth, after which the following named witnesses were called to establish the crime:

John Baer, being sworn, testified that Joseph Gibbs and Andrew Mallatt, two colored men, with several other men, employed on the 14th of January last by witness to dig a drain ditch in a street outside the new Gautier works, in Johnstown, had a quarrel about 4 o'clock, P. M., concerning the right to use a shovel which Mallatt was working with and which Gibbs claimed as his own. Witness quelled the quarrel and ordered the men to go to work, which they did, while he went to Freidhoff's shop and thence into a cellar to attend to placing drains. In about ten minutes Wm. McCormick, one of his employes, came running in with the news that Mallatt had hit Gibbs with a shovel, and knocked him down. Witness ran out and found Gibbs insensible. Another of his employes, named Silck, was holding him up in a sitting posture. Gibbs was bleeding profusely from both nostrils. Witness got a basin of water his neighbor's house and washed the blood. Gibbs seemed to revive partially, but it was some minutes before he could do more than utter a few incoherent mutterings. Soon after, however, he was able to stand up, and was taken across to Harbaugh's butcher shop, where he refused to either sit or lie down. Office was made for again taking him, but he said he would mind his own business and wished witness to mind his—he could go home himself. The men then resumed their work at the ditch, and soon Gibbs was seen walking up street in the direction of his home. Before witness left him Gibbs asked for another drink of whiskey, whereupon witness told him he had enough already. In the meantime Mallatt had put on his coat and was walking around, but when Gibbs started off Mallatt took his coat off and went to work again. Witness did not see Gibbs again until next day, when he saw him in the Burgess' office—*dead.*

Cross-examined.—Gibbs was intoxicated and quarrelsome at the time of the first affray, and used very rough language. He told Mallatt that if he would come out of the ditch he would dress him off. Mallatt got out of the ditch, whereupon Gibbs made a rush for the shovel. Mallatt said, "Oh no, you don't do that; you don't take that shovel unless you take me." Then I stepped up and interfered. Saw Gibbs come out of Gearhart's drinking saloon just before the quarrel commenced.—Mallatt came to work next morning and was arrested while at work. At the time of the first quarrel Gibbs used the most offensive language toward Mallatt, calling him a s——, of a b——, a rogue from his cradle up, a thief, liar, etc.

Geo. W. Harbaugh sworn.—I was working in the ditch close to Mallatt—he shovelling and I digging. Gibbs was filling in about twenty-five feet away. After their first trouble about the shovel and Mr. Best had ordered them back to their places again, Gibbs walked away, calling Mallatt all kinds of names—rogue, thief, liar, etc.—and he returned to his work. In about 10 or 15 minutes Gibbs said something more to Mallatt that I don't remember and Mallatt made a reply which I also forget; then Gibbs called Mallatt a black lying s—— of a b——, and the latter replied, "I can't take that, Gibbs." Then he ran up out of the ditch and struck Gibbs on the left side of the head with the shovel he (Mallatt) was using. It was a long-handled shovel and he held it with both hands when he struck. I saw the blow; it fell near the left temple. Gibbs at that time was standing with his shovel down on the ground; he hadn't it raised. He was about 25 or 30 feet from Mallatt when the latter started for him on a kind of a run. When he struck Gibbs, the latter dropped immediately. Mr. Silck got to him first and raised up his head and shoulders. The blood was running from his nose; his eyes were closed and he was unconscious for about five minutes. Mallatt put on his coat, went to a puddle of water and washed some mud off his boots, and then walked about. He didn't say anything that I heard. When Gibbs revived somewhat, Mr. Best and I carried him away to the platform, in front of the butcher shop.

Cross-examined.—I think Gibbs was under the influence of liquor. This happened between 4 and 5 o'clock—near 5 o'clock in the afternoon. When Gibbs walked away from Mallatt after the first affray Mallatt said to him, "Mr. Gibbs, if I had you out I would tap you and let you lay."

Wm. McCormick, Charles Silck, James Kelly and Alexander Horner, who were working near by, testified substantially to the same facts.

Harry Phillips sworn.—About twenty minutes after five o'clock Joseph Gibbs came up to our coal-bank, in Conemaugh borough, from the direction of the Woodvale bridge. The coal-bank is about 600 yards from the ditch where the men were working for Mr. Best. He did not speak, and appeared to be under the influence of liquor; he was staggering around and could hardly keep in the road. There was blood about him, one eye was shut, and there appeared to be a gash in his head above the eye. He turned and went down the way he came. I saw him afterwards about 6 o'clock lying on Helrigel's steps, near the Gautier works. I tried to pick him up, but he was too limber to stand. Policeman Brindle was lighting the lamps and I told him he had better take Gibbs home, and he said he would. Gibbs muttered a little, but I couldn't understand what he said.

Emery West sworn.—I saw Gibbs in front of Helrigel's house about half-past 5 o'clock. He came up to a lamp post, put his arm about it, swung around it, and then fell to the ground, right on his face. I thought he was in liquor. I wanted him to sit down on a stone close by, but he muttered something, and wouldn't sit down. Mr. Cuthbert, who was with me, and I picked him up and laid him down on Helrigel's steps, and then went on to work.

Wm. Cuthbert sworn.—I was ahead of Mr. West and saw Gibbs fall on the street. Phillips' cart was going by and he made a grab for it and fell. Some man helped him up and he came staggering towards the lamp-post.

Cross-examined.—The ground on the other side of the street is very rough, and partly enclosed by curb-stones. There were bonfires around the lamp post where he fell the second time. He fell over the boulders, between the lamp-post and a big square stone about two feet long and ten inches thick. He fell p