Cambria Freeman.

EBENSBURG, PA.,
DAILY MORNING, MARCH 12, 1880.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

THERE AND THE OTHER PLACE.

—Auditor General Schell has very kindly "shelled out" to the FREEMAN a copy of his report for 1879, and we hereby tender him our thanks for the same. It is the most thorough and best gotten up work of the kind that ever emenated from the Auditor General's office.

—The many friends, personal and political, of Congressman Coffroth, at present in Washington, and ex-Congressman Reilly, of Altoona, will be sorry to learn that both gentlemen are on the sick list, though we trust not seriously. Mr Coffroth's disease is said to be pneumonia.

—Scott Stains, an employe at the Altoona Iron Co.'s rolling mill, had two of his ribs broken on Friday evening last by being struck with a pair of tongs by a fellow workman named Samuel Carson, who was subsequently arrested and held in $300 bail to answer at court.

—The people of Cherrytree did not attend the Carrolltown railroad meeting in any great numbers, as was anticipated, and the reason why is that "there's a tide in the affairs of men which, taken at the flood, leads on to"—Marietta and other points along the Susquehanna river.

—The little "Game of Fifteen" played the other day against the new postoffice building in Altoona has brought down anathemas loud and deep upon the devoted heads of the rash but honest gentlemen who had the temerity to sign the protest against the sought for improvement.

—"Dimes and dollars, dollars and dimes; an empty pocket, the worst of crimes, has caused the collapse of the *Sunday Times*, which, like "that good old soul," Mr. Grimes, has given up the ghost and furnished an excuse for the palming off upon a patient public of these shocking bad rhymes.

—Mr. Timothy Farrell, whom we knew for many years as an honest, peaceable and conscientious citizen, died of consumption at his home in Altoona on Friday evening last. The *Call* says he told his family on Friday morning that he would die at six o'clock that evening, and he did die shortly after five.

—About this time of the year, when people are getting ready to clean house, many there are, no doubt, who will want to buy new carpeting, and as V. S. Barker and Bro. have a large and in fact the only assortment of carpets in Ebensburg, it will behoove such persons to give them a call. Stock high and prices low.

—If Brother Brainard, of the Curwensville *Times*, understood us as meaning "such abominable sentences as the last one," instead of "such abominable sentences as at all times," which the types in some mysterious way made us say in our last issue, he got a correct conception of the idea we wished to convey.

—We learn from the Altoona *Daily Sun* that Mr. Charles Simon, the popular clothier, has removed his store from the corner of Thirteenth street and Eleventh avenue to 1306 Eleventh avenue, and has on hand a fine stock of clothing, gents' furnishing goods, etc., which he invites the public to call and inspect.

—Sheriff Griffith and his deputy, Harry Kinkead, started for Pittsburg yesterday morning with Andrew Mallatt and Patrick Flynn in charge, the former (that is Mallatt) being *en route* for the penitentiary for a term of three years, and the latter, who was adjudged insane, being consigned to the county jail for life it may be.

—Lieut. S. A. Shoemaker, the youngest of the well known Shoemaker brothers of this place, who is now in Utah as an attache, if not as chief, of the Paymaster's Department, U. S. Army, in that territory, has placed us under obligations for a bundle of late papers, both Gentile and Mormon, published in Salt Lake City.

—A man named Nicholas Wikenbach fell into the mould hosh at the Edgar Thompson Steel works, Braddock, Pa., a couple of weeks ago, and was so terribly scalded that he died a few days after. Having been thoughtful enough to take out a policy in an accident insurance company, his wife will receive a thousand dollars from that source.

—Col. John A. Lemon, of Hollidaysburg, has once more emerged from his room, to which he was confined for several weeks by a severe attack of rheumatism, and it is fair to presume that he is now, as heretofore, ruminating on his chances for election to the office of Auditor General—as to which chances there is a decided room for improvement.

—Messrs. S. B. Corn & Co., of Altoona, whom we have no hesitation in recommending to the liberal patronage of our readers, knowing as we do that they will deal justly with all who favor them with their custom, have just opened a branch store in Johnstown, where their honest goods and low prices cannot fail to recommend them to cash buyers.

—It is a poor county that can't afford a new Court House every fifty years, provided it needs one, and as Cambria is not a poor county and as the present Court House was built in 1829, she certainly can afford the outlay now, especially as we are assured that the new building is to be a substantial and not a gaudy one—much for use and little for ornament. So mote it be.

—Commissioners Campbell and Davis are in Hollidaysburg as we go to press on Thursday, but whether for the purpose of buying the new Court House in that place and removing it to Ebensburg, or with the intention of examining it thoroughly and modeling our own after it, barring, of course, its imperfections, and it has a few, everybody is at liberty to judge for himself.

—Moung Edward, a Karen, who has been in this country for a number of years obtaining an education, and who intends to sail for Burmah next month, will lecture in the First Baptist church, Altoona, on Thursday evening next, on the subject of "A Bird's Eye View of Burmah and its Inhabitants." If any of our readers are earin' to see and hear a Karen, now is the time to do it.

—The "jay-todd" who dishes up the Ebensburg news for the Johnstown *Tribune* when there is any to dish up, and who draws on his imagination somewhat when there ain't, is a little premature, to say the least, about the future intentions and purposes of the editor of this paper, who may possibly live for many years to come and finally die in Ebensburg for all that is yet definitely known to the contrary.

—The hour for commencing the fourth grand entertainment of the Newman Literary and Dramatic Society of St. Francis' College, Loretto, has been changed from 7 o'clock in the evening till 3 o'clock in the afternoon of Monday, March 29th. Admission price, 25 cents. The exercises cannot but prove interesting, instructive and amusing, and those who have the time to spare and can do so should not fail to attend.

—A young man named Henry Ruff, whose parents reside at George's Station, Westmoreland county, was nearly sawed in two, and of course killed instantly, on Saturday last, at Saltsburg, Indiana county, where he was employed at a steam saw mill. The horrible accident resulted from a misstep made by the unfortunate young man, and which precipitated him against a circular saw which was revolving at the time with lightning-like rapidity.

—An intoxicated man named Douglass was, on Friday last, enticed to what is known as "Gospel hill," in Altoona, by a lad called "Fatty" Ward and two youthful associates just as depraved, and there stripped and robbed of his pantaloons and hat and five dollars in money. Young Ward was arrested next day and after a hearing before Recorder Greevy was required to enter into bonds in the sum of $300 to appear at court and answer for the crime.

—The Clearfield *Republican* says there was a flood in the river at that place on last Friday, Saturday and Sunday, and during those days a large number of rafts passed by on their way to market. The wind on Friday made it difficult to steer, and quite a number of rafts were "stoved" and stuck in consequence. Some landed along the way to avoid disaster and wait until the wind ceased.

—Susan B. Anthony is to deliver a lecture in Johnstown, on Wednesday evening next, on the subject of "Woman Wants Bread, not the Ballot." It may be that she intends to say "Woman Kneads Bread," &c., but whether she does or not, we advise such of our readers as wish to see and hear a lady whose history, falsely we believe, is sometimes spoken of as being contemporaneous with that of the Pyramids, to be on hand at the time and place indicated above.

—Charles Elvin, the chap who robbed Mr. J. D. Hughes, of Johnstown, and who was arrested on Monday last in Lancaster, as noticed in another column, had a hearing before Esquire Strayer of the former place, on Wednesday forenoon, and failing to find bail in the sum of $1,000, as required, was brought here the same night and located in our county jail by Chief-of-Police Harris. Elvin has been a resident of Johnstown for a couple of years past, and has a wife and three children still living there.

—It is to be hoped that the acoustic properties of the old court room, when it passes away, will be transmitted in all its power and purity to the new one, for it is said to be a fact by a gentleman of large experience in such matters, that with the exception of the Senate and Representative chambers at Harrisburg, he knows of no apartment anywhere in which the human voice, and indeed all other sounds can be heard more audibly and distinctly than in the audience room of the Cambria county court house.

—Having been on the farm offered for sale in our paper to-day by Mr. Wm. R. Geis, of Salina, we can say that we were favorably impressed with its location and home-like appearance, and as we are assured that the farm would not be sold were it not for the fact that the owner wishes to give up farming and spend the balance of his days with his sons in Salina, we are confident that any one who has the money to invest and wishes to locate in Kansas, will never find a better opportunity. See notice in another column.

—The banking house of Collins, Johnston & Co., in this place, as will be learned by a card in another column, has passed into the hands of Messrs. R. L. Johnston, F. A. Shoemaker, Dr. M. J. Buck, (of Altoona,) and A. W. Buck, the present and for several years past efficient cashier of said institution. The new firm consists of gentlemen well and favorably known, and that the bank under their management will be conducted on honest business principles, as heretofore, there are few if any, we presume, who will be disposed to doubt.

—A correspondent of the Altoona *Call*, writing from Williamsburg, Blair county, gives our young friend and patron, J. D. Hicks, Esq., of Tyrone, a well deserved boost in the following handsome style: The only candidate the Republicans of this township say they will support for the district attorneyship is Mr. J. D. Hicks. Although he has a local habitation and a home in Tyrone, he is also one of the most prominent farmers in this township, as well as one of the most popular young men that comes to the town. We hope he will get the nomination and know he will be elected if he does.

—A note from Mr. Chas. A. Langkein, of Chest township, informs us of his intention to put in his best licks at the coming Democratic county convention for the nomination for Prothonotary. Charley is an active, energetic and popular young Democrat, and having made his political bow on a former occasion, he comes to the front now fully known to the Democracy of the county. He and Lieut. John Lynch, of Summitville, and who, by the way, is the peer of Mr. Langkein in every respect, are the only gentlemen thus far whom we have been authorized to mention in this connection. Either of them would fill the bill to perfection.

—When a correspondent writes on the subject of education it is to be presumed that he is capable of expressing himself clearly and intelligently without the aid of the "printer man," and while we are far from saying that our correspondent, "X. Y. Z.," has not succeeding in doing that, we don't feel like publishing his communication *verbatim et literatum et punctuatum*, nor do we wish to undertake to change, alter or amend, without such privileges being granted by the author. Hence we hold it over until next week, and in the meantime, if publication is still desired, will be pleased to have more light on the school trouble to which he alludes.

—An old man named Speedy was struck by the engine of the Johnstown Accommodation between Braddock and Hawkins' station, on the P. R. R., a few days ago, and as a consequence made a speedy exit from the track, being knocked a considerable distance, but fortunately alighted on his feet, and, as the Braddock *Times* assures us, sustained no further injury than a broad grease spot on the back of his coat. Considering the age of the old gentleman, about 70 years, the *Times* thinks his escape was truly a marvelous one, though why it would not be equally marvelous if he was twice as old, or wasn't half the age he is, that paper don't stop to explain.

—One of the finest houses in Indiana county, located at Reed's Station, four miles south of Indiana borough, and owned by Mr. J. A. L. McAllister, a former citizen of this place, having come here with Hon. A. A. Barker in the year 1836 and removed to Indiana county in 1864, was burned to the ground, with all its contents, on Friday night last, Mr. McAllister and his family barely escaping with their lives. The flames caught in the rear portion of the building, from what cause is not stated, and as a high wind prevailed at the time the flames soon got in their work. The Johnstown *Tribune* puts the loss at $12,000, which seems a little high, but don't say whether the property was insured or not.

—R. H. Thompson, Bob Thompson, or "Doc." Thompson, (you can pay your money and take your choice,) who for some weeks past has been employed as office clerk at the Mountain House, in this place, has accepted a similar position at the Merchants' Hotel, Johnstown, whither he intends to migrate on Monday next. Bob don't sport a diamond "buzzum" pin, neither does he part his hair in the middle; yet, for all that, if he wasn't cut out for a hotel clerk, and one too who can and will give entire satisfaction, as well to his employers as to the guests of the house which in this case has been fortunate enough to secure his services, we will be willing to admit that we can't guess worth a cent. Bye, bye, Bob; be virtuous and you'll be happy.

—If any honest and disinterested gentleman will make oath to the truth of what "A Bearer of False Dispatches" asserts in a communication to the Carrolltown *News* of last week, and if we fail to produce witnesses to testify that we made a personal appeal to delegates in the county convention to vote for the man whom "A Bearer," &c., flippantly charges us with opposing, we pledge ourself to make a public acknowledgement through the FREEMAN and *News* that he is right and we are wrong. No, no, Mr. "Bearer," &c.; it was not the opposition of the FREEMAN, as falsely charged, but the friendship and support of such guerillas, not "gorillas," in the Democratic camp as yourself, to which the misfortunes of the gentleman of whom you speak can be directly and unmistakably traced.

—The "game of fifteen" citizens of Altoona who remonstrated against the erection of a new postoffice building in that city, has been somewhat of a puzzle to the balance of that progressive community, but when it is considered that all or nearly all of the "immortal fifteen" either own property or do business, or both, in the immediate vicinity of the present postoffice building, it was quite natural that they at least should be opposed to a new departure in that direction. However, as several of the parties say that they signed the remonstrance without acquainting themselves with its contents, and as Altoona is sure to get a new postoffice building when it gets a new postoffice building, the "tempest in a teapot" has finally subsided without any other damage being done than the springing of a mine of invectives in some of the newspapers.

—Our firm and steadfast friend J. Patton Thompson, of Kittanning, Pa., the cherrytree man who occasioned an up-Rohrer two in that place, not long ago, by introducing the writer of this item to quite a number of leading Democrats and business men who seem to think that a new political journal in that place wouldn't be a bad thing to have, was in town on Friday visiting his relatives and reviewing the scenes of his childhood. From here he betook himself to Philadelphia the same evening, and was followed on Saturday evening by our clever and popular young townsman, Thomas L. McNamara. These gentlemen represent two of the most extensive and best patronized wholesale houses in the Quaker City—Mr. Thompson being in the notion business and Mr. McNamara in the dry goods trade—and as the busy season will soon be upon them, they expect to have their hands full for the next three months. May it be ever thus with both of them.

—As will be seen by a card in our advertising department, Dr. John Murphy, of Tunnelhill borough, has bought, as we said he was about to do, the business and taken possession of the office recently occupied by Dr. A. M Keim, the latter of whom notifies all persons indebted to him of his desire to have as early a settlement as possible, his intention being to leave Ebensburg not later than the first of April, proximo. From here he intends to go to Bethlehem, Pa., on a visit to his mother, and from there will go to New York about the first of May and take a steamer for Leipsic, Saxony, where he intends to study for a year or two at the renowned Medical University in that city. Dr. Keim, it is almost needless to add, has by his talents and gentlemanly deportment during the past three years won the good opinion of all our people, and no matter where his lines may be cast in future years, we are sure that all who know him will wish him well. Meantime we trust that our "mahogony-headed" friend who succeeds him will never have reason to regret the step he has taken.

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THE RAILROAD MEETING AT CARROLLTOWN.—The meeting held in Carrolltown on last Saturday afternoon to further, if possible, the construction of a railroad from this place to Cherrytree, a distance of about twenty-two miles, was very largely attended, though for a good and sufficient reason, as will be seen by an item in another column, the northern end of the line didn't do as much as our end to swell the number. The meeting was called to order at the appointed time, when Mr. Henry Hopple, of Carroll township, was called to the chair, P. J. L. Miller, of Ebensburg, and Messrs. T. J. Roberts and John A. Blair, of Ebensburg, chosen Vice Presidents, and Editor Williams, of the Carrolltown *News*, and Postmaster James, of this place, selected to act as Secretaries. The meeting was addressed at considerable length, and very sensibly too, by the President, Mr. Hopple, also less fully though not less practically by C. T. Roberts, Dr. Bradley, Mr. Stiffler, Wm. H. Seehler, D. C. Wetzell, N. J. Freidhoff, and others. At the conclusion of the speech-making, Hon. John Fenlon offered a resolution looking to the appointment of a committee to wait upon the Pennsylvania Rail Road officials and ascertain what they are willing to do, if anything, in regard to the equipment of the new line when it has been completed, if ever—said committee to report at a subsequent meeting to be held at the same place on Monday, April 12th. After having been amended in some way, the resolution was adopted and the following named gentlemen appointed for the purpose indicated: Messrs. Porter Kinports, A. W. Patchin, Peter Garman, Henry Hopple, John W. Sharbaugh, R. L. Johnston and A. A. Barker. This being considered the entering wedge to the new enterprise, and about all that could be done at this time, the meeting adjourned to reassemble on the day and date above given. Fine music was furnished by the Carrolltown Brass Band, which still maintains its organization and is an honor to the community.

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AN ORIGINAL DEPOSITORY FOR ABORIGINAL BOOKS.—While at work Week before last in cutting into shingle lengths a large tree which had been felled on the farm of Mr. Nicholas Shank, in Allegheny township, this county, two or more gentlemen in whose word we place the most implicit reliance were surprised to find part of a human limb, or rather the bones of one, either an arm from the elbow to the wrist, or a leg from the knee to the foot, as well as several smaller bones, firmly imbedded in the heart of the tree and occupying a position one hundred and three growths from the bark, which shows very plainly that the bones had been placed there not less than that many years ago, and possibly ten or a dozen years previous to the time indicated. The tree in which the bones were found measured nearly six feet across its widest part at that particular spot, which; when the tree stood erect, was not less than fifteen or sixteen feet from the ground. That the bones are part of a human body there seems to be no reason to doubt, and that they belonged to the running gear of one of the aboriginal denizens of this region appears to be equally clear, though how they got into the heart of the tree can only be conjectured. It is possible, however, that in pursuance of a well known Indian custom, the remains of one of their dead warriors, or it may have been a squaw, or even a papoose, were deposited in one of the forks of the tree, which in its subsequent growth swallowed up, as it were, the several parts of the original, or rather aboriginal, anatomy to which we refer. Be that as it may, Messrs. A. H. Parrish and Matthias Shank, from whom we have gleaned the above facts, assured us that this wonderful find would be brought to Ebensburg in the course of a few days and left at the FREEMAN office for public inspection.

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THE MINERS' STRIKE IN CLEARFIELD COUNTY.—Under the heading of "False impressions about the strike corrected," the Altoona *Daily Sun* of Tuesday says:

As the days pass by the false impressions created over the country by sensational despatches regarding the trouble in the Clearfield coal regions are being corrected and the murders and outrages being denied by those in the region who are in a position to know. Two miners from Houtsdale who were in this city to-day state that everything remains quiet in that neighborhood, and they expressed the opinion that the strike would succeed. They stated that negotiations are proceeding, and that a conference between the conflicting elements was to have been held yesterday and that another was to be held to-day. Little or no progress has been made, however, looking to an adjustment. It is reported that the operators at Lloyd have begun filling some orders, and that miners there did not follow the example of the Clearfield men they should, if the latter succeeded, be given the same advance as that demanded by the Clearfield men: If the Clearfield miners failed then wages should remain the same.

A despatch sent from Tyrone, dated March 7th, contains the following: "The miners' strike in the Clearfield bituminous coal region, which has been in progress for the last two weeks, shows no sign of abatement. Out of about three thousand miners in the region only fifteen or twenty have been working. These are non-union men and are at work in the Moshannon and Morrisdale mines, out of which from five to ten cars only are shipped daily against five to six hundred brought out when working full. Fully two hundred railroad employes are idle on account of the strike. The prospect here among the striking miners is to compel an increase of 25 and 50 per cent. advance in house rents and the substantials necessary to sustain life going up is anything but comforting. It is reported that the operators are getting miners from other mining regions. Some of the striking miners are in Tyrone to intercept them and advise them to return."

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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.*

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THE VOLTAIC BELT CO., Marshall, Michigan, will send their celebrated Electro-Voltaic Belts to the afflicted upon 30 days trial. Speedy cures guaranteed. They mean what they say. Write to them without delay.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.—Court met at 11 o'clock Monday morning, his honor Judge Dean presiding, and Associates Flanagan and Thomas occupying positions on either side. The list of members of the bar was called, for the purpose of hearing motions, petitions, etc. Two of these petitions asked the re-opening of licenses refused last week, both of which were peremptorily refused by the Court. His honor Judge Dean said: "No licenses refused last week will receive further attention till the first Monday of March Court, 1881."

The list of jurors was called, and only five were found to be missing.

The subjoined causes were either continued or settled:

Murray vs. Ellis—summons in partition. Defendant confesses judgment *quod partitio fiat.*

Rex vs. Ragers—continued.

McGough's executor vs. Boyle's executrix—continued.

Hughes vs. Sechler—settled.

Plummer vs. Plummer—not regularly on list.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Court met at 2 o'clock, when the case of Joseph McDonald, Esq., and Frances McDonald, his wife, in right of the said Frances McDonald, vs. Mrs. Margaret Lake, administratrix of William Lake, deceased, was taken up and a jury sworn, who found for plaintiff.

Blakely and wife vs. Butler et al.—damages asked for alleged abortion produced on Mrs. Blakely thirteen years ago. This case came from Johnstown, and the testimony adduced was of so vile a character that we decline to pollute our columns with a recital thereof. Enough to say that the jury brought in a verdict for defendants.

NIGHT SESSION.

Andrew Malatt, the colored man found guilty last week of murder in the second degree, was brought before the Court and sentenced to imprisonment in the Western penitentiary for the term of three years.

Thomas Kennedy, convicted of the larceny of a carpet-bag at Johnstown, twice tried and convicted each time, was sentenced to pay a fine of $20 and costs of prosecution, and undergo an imprisonment in the county jail for a term of nine months.

Matthew Burns, guilty of the larceny of four chickens, was sentenced to pay a fine of $10 and costs of prosecution, and to undergo an imprisonment in the county jail for a term of four months.

Mike M'Gonigle, assault and battery, two counts, only one being acted on, was remanded to jail to serve out a term of three months.

TUESDAY MORNING.

Four cases of the People's Fire Insurance Company of Blair county against Luther, Dibert, Unversaght and Davis, respectively, and eight cases of the Union Horse Insurance Company of Blair county against Burk, Yahner, Wagner, Maloy, Buck, Burgoon, Ivory and Kratzer, respectively, went by the board, and the case of Kouchs against Smith, action for damages for slander, was taken up. It was a sort of old-woman fight, all the parties being Germans, and their place of residence Johnstown, or thereabout. The verdict of the jury was five dollars damages for plaintiffs.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The case of Krotendorfer vs. John Stoltz, constable of Carrolltown borough, summons trespass, plaintiff becomes nonsuit. Ditts suit against John Stoltz, constable, and Celestine Buck and Joseph Behe, summons trespass, judgment entered for defendants. Borough of Carrolltown vs. Joseph Krotendorfer, appeal, decision of Court as to law and facts held for further consideration.

Philip Hughes was adjudged insane and ordered to be taken to Dixmont.

Court adjourned finally at 4 o'clock after a very short and extremely uneventful session.

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CAMBRIA COUNTY AND THE STATE TREASURY.—From the report of Auditor General Schell for the year ending November 30, 1879, we gather the following facts and figures relative to the amounts paid into the State Treasury from this county, as well as sums paid out on behalf of the county:

Payments.	
Cambria Iron Co. tax on corporation stock	$15,000.00
Johnstown Water Co.	1,320.00
" Mass'.Co.	888.90
" Water and Gas Co.	690.00—$17,898.90
Tax on Loans.	
Ebensburg Borough	$ 32.78
Johnstown "	119.70
Wilmore "	97— 249.48
Tax on Coal Companies.	
Cambria Iron Co.	$826.09
South Fork Coal and Iron Co.	984.51— 1,810.60
Tax on Writs, etc.	
B. McColgan, late Proth'y, tax on writs	$ 8.89
C. F. O'Donnell, " " "	465.33
James M. Singer, late Reg. and Rec. tax on writs	10.16
J. G. Lake, Reg. and Rec. tax on writs	270.38
State tax on personal property	1,802.63
" " " tavern licenses	720.00
" " " retailers' licenses	5,812.95
" " " eating house licenses	191.00
" " " distillers and brewers	42.75
" " " billiard license	66.80
" " " liquor	115.00
Total	$27,883.56
Payments by the State—To Associate Judges.	
John D. Thomas	$522.75
John Flanagan	492.30
To Members of Legislature.	
John Fenlon, salary	$1,500.00
" " mileage	63.20
" " postage	100.00
" " stationery	25.00—$1,688.20
L. D. Woodruff, salary	1,500.00
" " mileage	63.00
" " postage	100.00
" " stationery	25.00—$1,688.00
To Military.	
Capt. S. W. Davis, Co. A, allowance for 1878	$174.76
Armory rent	100.00
Services at inspection	88.56—$363.32
Capt. S. P. Morrell, Co. H, allowance for 1878	174.76
Armory rent	100.00
J. P. Wolstagle, inspections, 1878	95.39—$370.15
Miscellaneous.	
John Downey, Bank Assessor	$ 99.35
Thos. Callan, Mer. Appraiser	34.32
Common Schools	2,098.67
Hartman Berg, Co. Supt.	1,000.00
Cambria Freeman, advertising	2.00—$3,232.32
Pensions and Gratuities.	
James Maloney	$75.00
Abigail Mills	37.50
Thomas Todd	77.50— 190.00
Total	$8,461.84

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ARRESTED ON SUSPICION.—The Lancaster (Pa.,) *Intelligencer* of Tuesday last furnishes the following in regard to the arrest in that city, on the day previous, of a man named Elvine, who is strongly suspected of "going through" the pockets and gobbling up considerable cash belonging to Mr. John D. Hughes, formerly of Ebensburg, but now and for several years past a well known resident of Johnstown. The *Intelligencer* says:

John H, *alias* Charles Elvine, was arrested yesterday afternoon by Officer Lentz on the strength of a telegram received from John T. Harris, chief of police of Johnstown, Pa., who charges him with having robbed John D. Hughes of a considerable sum of money. This morning a letter was received from Chief Harris by Chief Deitchler detailing the circumstances under which the robbery took place. The letter states that Mr. Hughes is a very respectable citizen, but on Saturday last he got on a terrible spree, something very unusual for him to do, and while in this condition Elvine fell in with him and promised to take good care of him and safely see him home. Instead of doing so he took Mr. Hughes, who had become entirely helpless, into an unfrequented alley, where he abandoned him.—Mr. Hughes was fortunately found by one of his friends, and properly cared for, but when he recovered consciousness he ascertained that he had been robbed of a pocket-book containing a considerable sum of money and some valuable papers. Elvine was at once suspected of the robbery, and inquiries were made for him. It was ascertained, however, that he had left Johnstown, having told his friends there that he had received a telegram that his mother was dead.

Before leaving Johnstown he bought a new suit of clothes, and appeared so be "flush" with money. He had not been before he left in with his creditors. He also spent money more freely after his arrival in Lancaster, but no money or papers were found on his person when he was arrested. A search warrant has been issued and the premises of his mother, Mrs. Butt, and his sister, where he boarded, will be searched.

The Johnstown authorities have been notified of his arrest, and the chief of police will arrive here this evening.

Just before his arrest Elvine appeared at Alderman Wiley's office and stated that he had been robbed in Johnstown by a man named Charles Elteline. He told the story of the robbery substantially as it is above told, substituting his own name instead of Hughes's as the victim and Eltelline instead of himself as the robber. He added that he (Elvine) was a policeman of Johnstown, and that Eltelline had come on to Lancaster and was now stopping at Kate Riley's. Aldermen Wiley took his complaint, but before he had finished making out the papers he discovered that he was intoxicated.

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SHERIFF'S SALES.—We are indebted to Deputy Sheriff Kinkead for the following synopsis of sales of real estate, the advertisements for which will appear in our Republican contemporaries this week. The first property on the list will be offered for sale at the Court House, in this place, on Saturday, April 3d, at 1 o'clock, and the other two at Brinker's store, in Johnstown, on the same day, but one hour later:

All the right, title and interest of John G. Wherley, of, in and to a lot of ground situate in Ebensburg borough, having thereon erected a two-story frame dwelling house, frame stable, coal and woodshed. Taken in execution and to be sold at the suit of F. A. Shoemaker.

All the right, title and interest of Samuel Dougherty, of, in and to a lot of ground situate in Franklin borough, having thereon erected a two story frame house and stable. To be sold at the suit of A. & J. L. Custer.

All the right, title and interest of James Coyle and Rose Coyle, of, in and to a piece or parcel of land situate in Taylor township, having thereon erected a two story frame house and stable. To be sold at the suit of Charles B. Ellis.

LETTER FROM CALIFORNIA.

TUELOCK, Stanislaus Co., Cal., Feb. 24, 1880.

DEAR FREEMAN.—We Californians are now a lawless people. The new constitution is all we have to guide us, and very few, even among lawyers and judges, understand that document. The sweeping changes are in the judiciary, the school system, the power of corporations, and the mode of raising revenue. The laws under the old constitution had been codified. There was a criminal code, a civil code, a political code, and a code of civil procedure. These codes are now not worth a solution. The probate courts, the county courts, and the district courts were abolished, and a superior court having general jurisdiction established in every county. The change is so great that there must be new laws and new codes. Equally important changes were made in school matters, in taxation, and in corporate powers.

The constitution limits a session of the Legislature to one hundred days. About sixty days of that time has elapsed, and but one important bill has yet passed. That bill prohibits corporations from employing Chinese. There will be appeals to the U. S. Courts, and the State constitution and laws will be pronounced unconstitutional. This will end that farce. But there can be no schools, no tax laid, no assessments made, etc., until there are laws made, and forty days is not sufficient time in which to pass such laws, even if they should pass thirty per day. There are not less than one thousand acts to be passed in order to start the machine again to run as it "used to did." If the Legislature sits beyond the one hundred days, every act passed during the excess will be unconstitutional. The assessors are waiting; the collectors are waiting; the courts are waiting; the officers are waiting; the school men are waiting; the capitalists are waiting; the railroads are waiting; the cities, towns and boroughs that have been incorporated are waiting; office-holders and office-seekers are waiting; contractors are waiting for appropriations to get their salaries; the supreme court is waiting; and the devil is waiting—for them all. When the Legislature adjourns he will just "scoop them" all in. Miners are waiting to know whether they can dump *debris* into the rivers or not. Farmers are waiting to know if the grain now growing shall be cut with a sickle. Sheep and cattle men are waiting to know if they can follow their respective occupations without a license. Liquor men are waiting. Liquor sellers are waiting. Women are waiting to know if they can't be sole traders under the new constitution. Commercial men are waiting, and the heathen Chinee is waiting to see what he must do and where he must go. There is anarchy and chaos mixed up. As time passes people are getting more anxious. They blame the Legislature and the Legislature blames the Constitutional convention. The convention blames the people, the people blame the courts, and the courts blame the Legislature; and thus it runs around in a circle.

If a criminal is arrested, he is taken before the court on a writ of *habeas corpus*; if the court sends him back to prison exceptions are taken and there are appeals made to the supreme court, which is not sure that it has power to act. Some hold that all the old laws, courts and officers are abrogated by the adoption of the new constitution, while others hold that the old laws, courts and officers are good till the first of July, 1880.

The best lawyers and the best judges differ, for there are no precedents in the new organic law that give both sides a right to form opposite opinions. I could mention some of them, but I have not time now.

We have just had a fine rain—a three day rain—the best of the season, and farmers are jubilant. People now think there will be more wheat raised this year in California than ever before raised in any one year before. The cold spell, which lasted a full month, was followed by a splendid rain.

Yours, truly, BEN ROY.

COMMUNICATION.

OUR LANGUAGE.

Continued from the the Freeman of Feb. 27.

BY PROF. O'GORMAN.

It is said that the North American Indians use the Hieroglyphic System, but without much authority. It is probable they use signs, as do the Indians of the East—in Hindostan and elsewhere.

Before the conquest of the comparatively civilized nations of the new world, as Peru, Mexico and Central America, they certainly had a system of hieroglyphics. Hence we may conclude that hieroglyphic or ideographic writing is the most primitive.

Next, we have the word system as in use by the Mongolian race. Scarcely any foreigner can master the Chinese language, the characters said to amount to from ninety to one hundred thousand—a prodigious number. These characters represent words. By the word system Chinese themselves are represented. Another system is in use in Ethiopia, formerly a very cultured nation, and in Siam. This system is composed of a series of phonetic characters which represent not words but sounds, and which when combined form representations of words. It is called syllable from the characters representing syllables or sounds. It is the next in advancement. Still another system is that of letters—characters representing articulate sounds of the shortest kind, and when combined form representations of words and words. We do not exactly know the origin of this kind of writing. However, we may fairly conclude that it God communicated the invention, it has not been to Adam, or to some of the earliest patriarchs between Adam and the time of Moses.

Now, since we must conclude that language in general is a Divine institution, we will speak of its multiplication. The most original is supposed to be the *Organ from which is descended the Celtic* and most of its cognate dialects. The other languages of the present day in use by the savage tribes of the earth have been produced by degeneracy and degredation.

It is not then to be supposed by any means, as is asserted, that language was perfected in process of time from monosyllables and sounds of emotion to that of full expression, but rather that it was ever becoming less elegant by the degenerate and ever falling, falling, nature of unfortunate man. To prove this we have only to look to the languages of savage nations and place them side by side with extant old Oriental languages at the present day. These savages, like ourselves, are remote descendants of the first happy pair, who had daily communication with God. Their ancestors must have spoken the self-same language that ours did, and lo! how it is fallen.

We will now treat of the origin of the English language. The earliest account of the British we have from Julius Cæsar in his "Commentaries," *De Bello Gallico*. He informs us that the people of Kent were more civilized than the others. This he accounts for by their proximity to Gaul, the modern France. Tacitus corroborates him in his "Agricola." [*To be continued.*]

For Grown PERSONS or the Youngest CHILDREN, use the old and sale

Dr. Fitler's Soothing Carminative.

It can be given with perfect safety to your baby if only two or three days old. It does not stupefy, but the little thing will go to sleep naturally, and get awake laughing. It cures DIARRHŒA and DYSENTERY, no matter how long standing, CHOLERA MORBUS, CHOLERA INFANTUM, SUMMER COMPLAINT, WIND COLIC, fretting and crying of infants (which drives Mother to pills), GREEN STOOL, SOUR VOMITING, SLEEPLESSNESS, and all complaints of the stomach or BOWELS.

Price, 25 cts. a bottle—*a safe and certain cure.* It is the oldest remedy in use, and is recommended by PHYSICIANS. Sold by DRUGGISTS and SHOPKEEPERS.

TRYSIMPSON'S LICORICE WORM LOZENGES. They are pleasant, safe and sure. 25 cts.

Depot, 409 N. Third St., Philad'a, Pa.

Lozenges for sale by N. J. Pitmore and V. S. BARKER & BRO., Ebensburg. [11-23-1m.]

How many sick men wish they were healthy;
How many beggar men wish they were wealthy;
How many ugly ones wish they were pretty;
How many stupid ones wish they were witty;
How many bachelors wish they were married;
How many benedicts wish they had tarried;
Single or double, life's full of trouble;
Riches or stubble, pleasure's a bubble.

And how many pretty women, now that their feet have been deformed by bad shoemaking, wish that they had bought their shoes from S. Blumenthal, 119 Eleventh avenue, Altoona, instead of elsewhere. Blumenthal's ladies and slippers are warranted to fit the foot perfectly, and are sold at Eastern prices. A large stock just received, as well as boots and shoes for men and boys. This stock comprises the highest Spring styles, and special attention will be directed toward suiting all tastes.

A noy arose one winter morn,
He came to breakfast rather late,
Yet raised a fuss because there was
No nice pancake upon his plate;
His father took him o'er his knee;
He raised his hand oft' through the air,
And when the boy came from him
He had his pantaloons in the chair.

Rather bad for the boy, and likewise a bad sort of play on words. We therefore incontinently leave that subject, and come to something solid. Simon s. Bradley, next door to the National Bank, Altoona, are just in receipt of ten thousand dollars' worth of nice Spring goods, which they authorize us to say will be handed to customers at figures only a fraction over first cost. First come, first served, though orders by mail will receive prompt attention.

"STRAYING where she strayed, with stride he strode,
Sad sighed he on the sod and said,
Say, see I your true love anywhere you so,—
She had no heed, but hid her head—
Maud's mood the mind of mead made mad;
No answer knew she now but 'No.'"

That's pretty nearly as bad as 13-15-14. Don't bother about it, but pay attention to a little practical advice. Godfrey Wolff, next door to the post-office, Altoona, well known to our readers, is receiving day by day fresh invoices of Spring goods from the Eastern cities. These are up to the very highest standard as to material, make-up and cut, and will be sold cheap, and to rid his shelves of certain unsalable goods, he will sell overcoats to regular customers at one-third below original cost.

PUT away his crack-brain purzle,
He has climbed the asylum stair;
Number 13, 15, 14
Turned his head and sent him there.

There is yet another puzzle on which many a man has swamped himself. Without multiplying words, we may say that this puzzle is the one having reference to where masculine gender can buy ready-made clothing at lower rates. Unlike 13-15-14, the latter puzzle, if you look at it squarely, is readily fitted with an answer, and it is this: For good, reliable, and therefore cheap clothing, always patronize Jas. J. Murphy, 109 Clinton street, Johnstown.

Strange People.

Do you know that there are strange people in our community? We say strange, because they seem willing to suffer and pass their days miserably—made so by Dyspepsia, Liver Complaint, Indigestion, Constipation, and General Debility—when SHILOH'S VITALIZER is guaranteed to cure them. Sold by R. J. Lloyd, Ebensburg.

OBITUARY.

WOLFE SLAGLE.—Died, in Wilmore, on Wednesday, March 3, 1880, Mrs. MARY, wife of William Wolfe Slagle, in the 38th year of her age, leaving about 28 years. Deceased was preceded to the grave only a few days previous by a newly