Cambria Freeman.

EBENSBURG, PA.

FRIDAY, - - JUNE 15, 1888.

LAWNS AND LINEN DE INDIAS AT GABLE & CO.'S!

June is here and with it comes the warm weather of the first Summer month, and with it comes too a fine lot of beautiful Lawns and Linen de Indias which Gable & Co. have placed in their White Goods Department at 8, 10, 12½, 17, 20, 25, 28, 30, 37½ and 42c. per yard. In the Print Department you'll find some Choice Figured Lawns in black and colors, in neat dark figures on white ground and Plain Lawns in black and colors. Finest Check Nainsooks in the city from 5 to 28c. a yard.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

—The summer visitors are making their appearance.

—Mr. Bat. Hobart, of Clearfield township, dropped in to see us on Thursday.

—Some very fine black bass are being caught in the waters near town.

—Ex-Associate Judge John Flanagan, of Johnstown, visited our town on Tuesday.

—All kinds of job work neatly printed at this office on short notice and at the lowest prices.

—Mr. C. T. Roberts, one of our prominent merchants, visited South Fork on Thursday.

—Mr. John Manion, one of Susquehanna township's substantial citizens was in town on Wednesday.

—Mr. John Schroth, of Wilmore, who has been seriously ill for some time is said to be improving.

—E. Y. Townsend, of Philadelphia, President of the Cambria Iron Company, is stopping at Maple Park.

—Miss Minnie Linton, daughter of Mrs. L. H. Linton, of Johnstown, is visiting friends and relatives in this place.

—Father McEnrue, formerly pastor of the Catholic congregation at St. Augustine, spent a few hours in town on Monday.

—Mr. Lester Larimer, a fireman on the Pennsylvania railroad, with headquarters at Altoona, is visiting at his home in this place.

—Mr. L. Esterline, proprietor of the Mountain House, now runs a free 'bus to and from the depot for the accomadation of his guests.

—Ex-Prothonotaries C. F. O'Donnell, of Loretto; B. McColgan, of Wilmore, and John C. Gates, of Glendale, were visitors to our town on Monday.

—Mr. A. H. Faller who kept a restaurant in this place about twenty years ago was visiting friends in this place this week. He is now a resident of Butler, Pa.

—Patrick Hanlon was stabbed in the left groin by John Canfield in the house of the latter at Braddock on Friday night, and died from the effects of his wounds half an hour later.

—Rupture cure guaranteed by Dr. J. B. Mayer, 831 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa. Ease at once, no operation or delay from business, attested by thousands of cures after others fail.

—Peter Hawn, the last of the noted family of Hawn brothers, died at his residence in Juniata township, Huntingdon county, Wednesday night of last week, aged over eighty years.

—Miss Amelia Bearer and Miss Etta Eckenrode, who have been attending the Normal School at this place for some time past, returned to their homes in Carrolltown on Tuesday last.

—The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania has decided that there is no appeal from the decision of a license court. A Common Pleas Judge has full and entire decretion to grant or refuse any or all licenses.

—The Greensburg *Press* says: "The American Mechanics of Westmoreland, Cambria, and Allegheny counties will hold their annual pic-nic at Idlewild Park, on the L. V. R. R., Friday, June 22nd."

—Pension-agent Barclay, of Pittsburg, during the week ending June 9, 1888, paid 14,114 pensions, amounting to $452,734 27. This is three thousand more pensions than were ever paid before in a single week.

—The merits of newspaper advertising is well estimated by a prominent soap man of Philadelphia when he said that he confined his advertising to newspapers "because the man who does not read the papers does not use soap."

—The Treasurer's sales of seated and unseated lands commenced on Monday and were finished up to-day (Thursday). If the titles should mature there will be a number of free-holders added to the list two years hence.

—Some of the prominent citizens of Tyrone have been trying to make arragements with the Amateur Opera Company of this place to visit Tyrone and play the "Mikado," but what the Company intends doing we have not learned.

—The dwelling and store room of J. H. Haywood, at South Fork, was discovered to be on fire at an early hour on Friday morning and was entirely destroyed. The loss is estimated at $1,500 on which there was no insurance.

—Four thousand miners of the Clearfield region met at Morrisdale and decided to refuse store-order payments for wages hereafter. The men want semi-monthly pays in cash, and until this is guaranteed they will not go to work.

—A vat at Roberts' tannery, in Jefferson, York county, was opened recently for the first time since the war began, and over seventy calf hides which had been there since that time were taken from the vat in a good state of preservation.

—The lately discovered copper mines near Henrietta, Blair county, have been purchased by W. S. Taylor, and the vein will be developed. About 250 tons have already been mined, showing a large percentage of copper, with traces of silver.

—An unfurnished house of seven rooms in the east ward, Ebensburg, will be ready for occupancy and for rent by the 15th of June next, will be rented for the summer or for a term of years. For particulars apply to Henry Byrne, Ebensburg, Pa.

—Two Mormon delegates are holding meeting in Blair township, near Hollidaysburg, and the farmers have threatened them with violence if they do not leave. They are probably the same parties who were in this place a couple of weeks ago.

—We have a speedy and positive Cure for Catarrh, Diphtheria, Canker Mouth, and Headache, in Shiloh's Catarrh Remedy. A Nasal Injector free with each bottle. Use it if you desire health and sweet breath. Price 50 cents. Sold by Dr. T. J. Davison.

—Mrs. Henry Byrne, of this place, had another slight paralytic stroke on Tuesday last, on the opposite side from the former stroke. We understand that she is improving however and it is to be hoped that she will soon be able to be about again.

—Notices have posted at the works of the Central and United coke companies in Westmoreland county stating that either a shut down or reduction in wages will take place on Saturday next. Trouble is feared, as the Slavs employed there are disposed to be ugly.

—On last Friday little Charlie Rider, of Bellefonte, while playing, fell down stairs and bit his tongue. Profuse bleeding followed. Every effort was put forth by the most skilled doctors to stop the flow of blood, but without avail, and the boy died on Sunday morning.

—A very violent rain and hail storm passed over the lower end of Huntingdon county Sunday night, destroying much fruit and grain. Orchard trees were uprooted in Shirley township. The county almshouse at Shirleysburg had the roof blown off, and the southern portion of the building was wrecked but no one was hurt.

—The United States Senate has passed the bill appropriating $75,000 for a public building in Altoona.

—We acknowledge the receipt of an invitation from the Wopsononock Stage Company, of Altoona, to join a delegation of editorial brethern on a jaunt to the celebrated Wopsononock hotel, on the mountain out from that city, to-day, (Thursday) but owing to our numerous duties we are compelled to give up the pleasure of being there.

—William Adams, of East Conemaugh, one of the oldest engineers on the Pennsylvania railroad, was here in attendance at court, as a juror during the present week. He was married forty-four years ago by Rev. Matthew Gibson, whose remains were buried here on Tuesday, and Mr. Adams attended the funeral as a pall bearer.

—The Blair county Republicans on Monday nominated the following county ticket: For Assembly, Capt. C. S. W. Jones, of Tyrone, and A. P. McDonald, of Altoona; Sheriff, John Orr, of Altoona; Prothonotary, Charles Geesey, of Hollidaysburg; Poor Director, A. J. McKee, of Hollidaysburg; Jury Commissioner, J. G. Walters, of Bellwood.

—According to a Boston statistician the cost of the fences in the United States is greater than the national debt. Now add to this the cost of the land rendered profitless and almost valueless by the fences and the amount will aggregate more than twice the amount of the national debt. The day is not far off when at least half the fences must go.

—Rev. Father Davin, pastor of the new Catholic congregation in Cambria borough, announced on Sunday, that the corner stone of the new school and church building will be laid on Sunday afternoon next, June 17th, at 3 o'clock. It is expected that Bishop Phelan will be present and a number of others. The ceremonies will be interesting. —*Johnstown Democrat.*

—The County Commissioners of Erie county were surprised last week to learn from the representatives of the May estate, owners for the device of locking cell doors without going inside the corridor, that the county of Erie was infringing on such a patent and that the royalty of such infringement from 1870 would be $2,850. The Commissioners have no defense.

—The Philadelphia *Evening Herald*, a first class daily paper has been coming to our office for the past week. It is an Independent Democratic paper ably edited and gives all the latest news. Terms, $3 per year or 25 cents per month. If you want a good Democratic daily send in your subscription to the *Evening Herald*, No. 21 South Seventh street, Philadelphia, Pa.

—To-day (Thursday) will be the one hundred and eleventh anniversary of the stars and stripes as the National emblem. On June 14, 1777, Congress resolved that "the flag of the thirteen United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation." This is the first recorded legislative action for the adoption of a National flag.

—A portrait of General Sheridan by Mrs. Darragh is on exhibition in Philadelphia. It is a gift of Mr. Childs to West Point, which already owns Mrs. Darragh's excellent portrait of Grant. Mr. Darragh is well known to a number of people in this place, where she formerly lived, and is a daughter of the late Dr. D. T. Storm, who at one time was Prothonotary and afterwards a County Commissioner of this county.

—A tramp stopped at the residence of David Brown, in Portage township, on Friday last and after behaving in a disorderly manner Mr. Brown attempted to put him out, when he seized a club and dealt Mr. Brown's father-in-law a terrible blow on the head, knocking him unconscious and producing injuries that may prove fatal. The tramp was arrested and brought to jail and gives the name of Oliver Jackson.

—Mr. D. W. McConnell, while working on his farm in Allegheny township on last Friday, killed three large black snakes where he was clearing a piece of ground. The largest of them measured six feet seven inches and the smallest five feet ten inches in length. Dan. thinks that there is a den of snakes around there handy but as he is not the Daniel spoken of old, he would rather meet the snakes on clear ground than in the den.

—A coal miner, whose name has not been learned, was so badly crushed by a fall of slate in one of the Hayward Company's mines, at South Fork, Cambria county Monday afternoon, that he died in about three hours after being rescued from the debris, which buried him out of sight. The unfortunate man had been employed in the mine only about a week, and was working in a heading when death came to him in such a sudden and shocking shape.

—Miss Jane Gittings, daughter of the late Andrew Gittings, of Cambria township, and formerly a resident of Ebensburg, died very suddenly at the residence of her sister, Mrs. Owen Davis, in Johnstown, on Sunday last. She was sitting on a chair nursing one of sister's children, when without uttering a word, dropped the child and fell to the floor and almost instantly expired. She was about 47 years of age and was a sister of Mr. John Gittings, of Jackson township.

—On last Friday morning the dead body of a man who had been struck by a passing train during the night was found alongside of the railroad track near Lilly. The man was well dressed, appeared to be about 60 years of age, and in his pockets were found $7.27. Near by were also found two valises. He is supposed to be John Hanson, of Karthaus, Clearfield county, as a passbook found on his person showed an account in that name with Spear & Cowen, storekeepers, at that place.

—Michael Ryan, who lived at Lilly, where he was employed as a check weighman, was run over by Fast Line east at East Conemaugh on Saturday night. He had been to Johnstown and went to East Conemaugh with the intention of boarding a freight train to ride home. He sat down on the track to await the arrival of a freight train and it is supposed went to sleep, when Fast Line came along and struck him. His body was cut in two and horribly mutilated. His remains were taken to Lilly for interment.

—The result of the Democratic primaries in Westmoreland county is as follows: John A. Marchland was nominated for State Senator. Dr. J. H. Lafferty, of New Florence; J. K. Ellwood, of Adamsburg; Dr. W. B. Cosgrove, of New Derry and James B. O. Cowan, of Greensburg, son of late United States Senator Cowan, were nominated for Assembly; D. A. Mowry, of Derry, for Prothonotary; James D. Best, of Hempfield township, for Clerk of Courts, and Samuel A. C. Criss for Jury Commissioner.

—The most dangerous counterfeit note in this country at pesent, said Detective Scanlon, of the United States Secret Service, to a New York *Telegram* reporter, "is the tendollar United States Treasury note known as the 'Webster head.' It has been on the market for some time and is so cleverly executed that it deceives experienced cashiers. The only noticeable fault about it is that the nose onthe vignette of Webster is crooked. The plate is in the hands of a combination of men, and they put out bills in the most cunning way. They came here and in three days got rid of fifty or a hundred of them. The next heard of them will be in Chicago or some other large city.

—Henry Fisher, a man of about thirty-five years of age and with a family living in Johnstown and in the employ of the P. R. R. Company, was seriously if not fatally injured Saturday afternoon at Everson. The crew were going to side-track several cars at the station. The train was being drilled, when Mr. Fisher was jerked off the car he was standing on, falling on the track between the rails. The car passed over him and the brake bars caught and dragged him along, breaking both his arms and using him up in a frightful manner. He was brought to this place after having his wounds dressed, and sent to Johnstown on Philadelphia Express.—*Greensburg Record.*

—During the storm of Wednesday evening last Mrs. Clawson, who lives within two miles of Clarksburg, in the southern end of the county, was engaged in milking her cow under the shelter of a locust tree, when a bolt of lightning struck the tree. Her little four-year-old boy had cuddled in close to the trunk of the tree and he was instantly killed. The mother was rendered insensible by the shock, and was conveyed to her home and medical aid summoned. She is now nearly well. The readers of the *Messenger* will remember two years ago the account published in these columns of the sad drowning of two boys, in Crooked creek, near Creekside, in Washington township. The Mrs. Clawson referred to above was a sister of the Anderson lads.—*Indiana Messenger.*

—The Hollidaysburg *Standard* says: "The Rev. Father F. A. Kittell, pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church, this place, is the inventor and patentee of a new church collecting box that readily commends itself for neatness and simplicity. By a single turn of the handle the money drops into the receptacle, which is of strong flexible material. The construction is quite simple and cannot get out of order. It is of light weight, and is of elegant appearance, having brass trimmings. The advantages of this invention are that if a man puts a button or a counterfeit coin on the plate the collector, seeing it, can immediately collar him and lead him out of church (and kick him into the bargain). Again everybody will have to give something, and a man who ought to give a dollar will be ashamed to drop a penny or a nickle for his next neighbor will see the amount of his contribution. Again, everybody in a pew will be able to see what those in the forward pew contributed."

Communication.

ST. AUGUSTINE, June 11, 1888.

MR. EDITOR.—I was passing along the road in Clearfield township on a Sunday afternoon quite recently, I was surprised to see a game of base ball going on alongside of the road. The home base was so near the road that the players and the umpire could easily be identified, quite a number of the players wore what I supposed was a base ball uniform and strangest of all, the umpire was an acting *Justice of the Peace*. I always thought when a man took the oath of office, which a justice is required to take, he could not knowingly violate the law and encourage others to do the same without committing a grave crime, perhaps I am mistaken, if so, I ask for light from anyone that knows. P.

Shooting at Hastings.

On Wednesday night the new town of Hastings had its first baptism of blood. Mr. Caleb Gray has a hotel at that place and his son-in-law, Edward W. Jones, a young man about twenty-five years of age is the manager, lives in the house and has general supervision over it. On Wednesday evening Raphael Burns, a somewhat noted character who is very often involved in quarrels put in an appearance at the house and about 10 o'clock when Mr. Jones wanted to shut up the house he requested Burns to leave. Burns refused to go and a struggle ensued which finally resulted in Burns seizing a chair and making for Jones at the same time threatening to do Jones up. Jones seized a revolver that was convenient and blazed away, the ball striking Burns in the side of the mouth and glancing on the side of the jaw, followed the jaw bone around the side of the face and came out at the side of the neck. Burns has an ugly wound but is not dangerously hurt which is a good thing for both men. Jones came to this place on Thursday morning with the intention of giving himself up, but on the advice of his attorney, he concluded that as he had acted in self-defence he would let the law take its course and await a warrant if Burns saw fit to prosecute.

Murder and Suicide.

A terrible domestic tragedy was enacted in Reade township on Monday last which resulted in a murder and suicide. A couple of years ago William Glasgow, a young man residing in Reade township, married the daughter of William Lumadue, who owned a small farm near the village of Glasgow. A few months ago Lumadue bought a house and lot at Glasgow, where he went to reside and his daughter and son-in-law Glasgow, moved on to the farm. Lumadue shortly afterwards made a deed to his daughter for the farm. For some reason Lumadue became dissatisfied with the arrangemement and the relations between the father-in-law and son-in-law for some time have been strained. On Monday Lumadue started for the residence of his son-in-law and Mrs. Lumadue, fearing trouble started for a justice of the peace. What passed between Lumadue and his son-in-law when they met will never be known as there were no persons present, but two pistol shots in quick succession attracted the attention of people near and on going to the spot they found Glasgow dead with a bullet hole through his forehead and Lumadue lying senseless with a bullet hole in his head at the base of the ear. Lumadue had first shot his son-in-law and then placed the pistol to his head and fired, with suicidal intent. He was taken into the house and medical aid summoned but there were no hopes for his recovery. By his rash act Lumadue leaves his wife a widow, his daughter a widow, and a little grandchild about a year old an orphan. Lumadue was about forty-five years of age and a very passionate man when excited.

Death of Father Gibson.

Rev. Matthew W. Gibson died at the residence of Mr. J. A. Shoemaker, a near relative by marriage, in this place, on Saturday, June 9th, 1888, in the 72d year of his age. He was born in Hexham, England, received his primary education at Ushaw College, in the county of Durham, after which he was sent to the Propaganda in Rome by Cardinal Wiseman, where he remained eight years. He came to the United States in 1832 and was ordained a priest in Philadelphia in 1841 by Archbishop Kenrick. His first charge was at Loretto, this county, where he acted as assistant to Rev. P. H. Lemcke, the successor of Father Gallitzin. In 1842 he was appointed pastor of the church at Wilmore, this county, where he remained several years. He was next appointed pastor of St. John's Church in Worcester, Massachusetts, and had also charge of three other congregations in that vicinity. He remained there eight years and then went to Racine, Wisconsin, where he continued his ministrations during the war of the rebellion. After the war he returned to England and was appointed by the bishop of "Hexham and New Castle" pastor of Monkwearmoth, in Sunderland, where he built a large stone church. After some years he was appointed chaplain of Callaly Castle in Northumberland, where he remained until about four years ago when he returned to this country and took charge of the congregation at Beverly, New Jersey. His health having become much impaired he came to this place in the latter end of March last with the intention of passing the remainder of his days with his relatives, Mr. Shoemaker, before referred to, and Gen. Joseph McDonald, who is married to a sister of the deceased. He crossed the Ocean seventeen times and had traveled through Ireland, Scotland, Belgium, Prussia, Switzerland and France. Father Gibson was a highly educated man and spent an active and busy life in ministering to the spiritual wants of the various congregations in this country and England committed to his charge. He was a sincere and zealous priest and was loved and respected by all who knew him. His funeral took place on Tuesday from the Church of the Holy Name in this place, after a Solemn Requiem High Mass had been celebrated by Father Walsh, in which Prior Oulo, of Carrolltown, acted as Deacon; Father McHugh, of Wilmore, as Sub-Deacon; and Father Donnelly, of Gallitzin, as Master of Ceremonies. An eloquent funeral discourse was delivered by Father Donnelly. May his soul rest in peace.

The Wild Man of Mahaffy.

A dispatch from Mahaffy, Clearfield county, to the Pittsburg *Com.-Gazette*, says: "The people of this village are trying to solve a mystery. On Saturday, May 26, a gentleman driving along the road leading from Curwensville to this place, noticed smoke issuing from a pine thicket on the south side of the river a mile below Mahaffy. In the center of the thicket there is an old tumble down log stable, used years ago by lumbermen for their horses. The ground adjacent to the thicket is an open common used as a pasure for cattle. On Saturday last while a Mr. Johnson was looking for his cow, he noticed a man suddenly bound out of the stable and make for the woods as if afraid to meet a fellow creature. On other occasions this same man has been seen but always fled like a wild animal when observed. Yesterday 'Squire W. W. McQuown and Emery Mahaffy made an investigation of the place and found in the old place a rude bed made of hemlock boughs and a fire place a few feet from the couch, where the strange individual cooked his meals.

No person was to be seen, howeve. The hermit had evidently noticed the approach of the party and escaped to the mountain, a short distance back of his lonely habitation. A more desolate place for a human being could not be found. A den of rattlesnakes, only a few hundred feet from his camp, which is the terror of the neighborhood, must certainly furnish weird music for the lone citizen. The hermit is a man about 40 years of age, of all and commanding figure. His hair and board are unkempt, and he looks as though he had been roughing it for months. Who is he? is the question the people of Mahaffy are anxious to have answered.

THE NEW WORK.

Geological, Geographical, Physical and Illustrated Work of Cambria County.

We take pleasure in stating that we have given a careful examination of the illustrated historical works published by this firm in adjoining counties, and we unhesitatingly pronounce it the most perfect and complete work of the kind that we have ever seen.

We at this time have no map of Cambria county. In the last twenty-two years or since the last map was published nine new townships have been formed thereby rendering the present map useless. This new combination work that this company designs publishing contains maps of the United States and county and each township and village thereof; a history of the county and each of its townships; portraits and biographies of its representive citizens; views of residences, farms, places of business and many features that tends to make the work complete in itself, and which at the same time commends it to the special favor of the public.

In binding, engraving, printing and general beauty of design and execution those works have in our estimation no superior.

This is very important work for our county. We have at this time a new coal development that interests every man in the county, and in this new work will be shown all the mineral developments in all parts of the county with a full geological report, If his firm meets with the success, that will warrant them in undertaking the publication of this work, and we hope they will, a it is something the county needs, they will commence at once.

We hope that all our enterprising citizens will give their support to the work to enable its publication.

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The best salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cure Piles or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by E. James and W. W. McAteer, Loretto.

—Messrs. McConnell & Saupp, corner Eleventh avenue and Fourteenth street, Altoona, Pa., have the largest stock of clothing, hats, etc., in Altoona. Bargains in everything in their line.

Court Proceedings.

Court met at 10 o'clock on Monday.

Frank Spada, aged 14 years, charged with being incorrigible was sent to the Reform School at Morganza.

Joseph Bopp vs. Langbein & Thomas and Martin Yahner, Jr. Continued.

Hugh Williams vs. E. D. Vincent. Continued.

Use Hipps & Lloyd vs. G. W. Lloyd et al. Continued.

Same vs. same. Continued.

Esther Rager vs. Ferdinand Degram. Continued.

John Stabler vs. L. A. Craver et al. Continued.

Use of Patrick Comey vs. Edward McGlade et al. Continued.

Newark Machine Company vs. A. J. Walker et al. Settled.

C. Wilkenson & Son vs. A. Recke. Settled.

Henry Scanlan, Lawrence Wyland and W. F. Gooderham were appointed viewers to view the location for a bridge over Brubaker creek in Elder township.

Augustine McConnell, Owen Ingoldsby and James Bradley, Sr., were appointed viewers to view the location of a road in Washington township.

Louise M. Haws vs. A. J. Haws. Libel in divorce.

The jury in this case went out on Tuesday evening and about 8 o'clock agreed upon a verdict which they sealed and left their room. On Wednesday morning when the jury appeared in the box to render a verdict, at the request of the plaintiffs counsel the jury was polled. The first and second jurors when called answered that they found for the defendant and when the third answered that he found for the plaintiff the jury was discharged and the case continued.

Anthony Anna vs. D. E. Notley. Trespass on case in assumpsit. Jury find for plaintiff the sum of $531 88.

James Cassidy vs. D. E. Notley. Assumpsit. Jury find for plaintiff the sum of $300.

Caleb A. Gray, assignee of C. McCombie vs. William R. Hughes. Assumpsit. Jury is still out as we go to press.

James Rodgers vs. William J. Kearney. Replevin. On trial.

—The President has approved the act of Congress providing that pensions heretofore or hereafter granted to widows of soldiers of the War of the Rebellion shall commence at the date of the death of their husbands.

This legislation favorably affects all claims of widows of the late war which have been filed in the pension office on or after July 1, 1880, and which have been allowed to commence from the date of the filing of the claim, but will not favorably affect the cases of such widows as were filed before July 1, 1880, and which have been allowed, having already been allowed in these cases from the date of their husbands' death.

The Commissioner of Pensions gives notice that in the settlement under this law of claims already allowed no formal application will be required, and that the services of attorneys will not be necessary. Widows entitled under said law need only a letter giving a named post office address and certificate number, and the claims will be allowed with as little delay as practicable.

The Blacklick Coal Region.

A correspondent of the Altoona Daily *Times* on Monday last gives this interesting description of the Blacklick coal fields:

"To the southeast of the quaint old Welsh village of Ebensburg—the county seat of Cambria county—there is an extensive and more than ordinarily attractive and valuable district of country, locally known as the Blacklick coal region. Hitherto from uncontrollable causes, chiefly ne railroad development, the merited advancement of this rich and eligibly located mineral field—amongst the most desirable in Western Pennsylvania—has been unavoidably retarded and indefinitely postponed. Believing that the position and natural wealth of this region is only partially known and yet clearly realized, and that intrinsically it deserves more attention and wider knowledge than has heretofore been accorded it, I shall endeavor to describe its topographical and geological features and resources, and the certainty it will afford for the safe and profitable investment of capital when it becomes better known to the general public, as it assuredly will in the near future, under the impulsion of railroad development. Then will it still further advance in interest and value, and unquestionably attract deserved consideration and the proper appreciation of capital and enterprise.

The territory to which I refer extends southwesterly from near Ebensburg, on the head waters of the south branch of Blacklick creek, to the vicinity of the town of Blairsville, in Indiana county, a distance of thirty miles or more, and is embraced within the area lying between the creek of Laurel Hill and Chestnut Ridge ranges, trending northeast and southwest. For the most part it is a wild, unbroken mountain region, the face of the country to a great extent being covered by dense forests of primitive growth. Streams of greater or less magnitude abound, cutting through and exposing to view in many localities the various strata of minerals along their courses. The most important of these are the north and south branches of the Blacklick creek—the three of the first named being near Carrolltown ten miles northeast of Ebensburg—which wind their tortuous courses along narrow valleys bounded on either hand by lofty hills, until their waters unite near the old Ritter furnace, in Cambria county, some twelve miles southeast of Ebensburg. Thence the increased volume of the stream flows onward, still in a southwestely direction for upwards of twenty miles, ultimately forming a junction with the Conemaugh river near Blairsville.

The hills on either side of these contracted valleys teem with mineral wealth. Bituminous coal of superior quality for all the purposes which that class of coal is used, crop out in strata above strata, from water level to the summits, measuring from three and a half to six and a half feet in thickness. Iron ores of several varieties abound, the veins ranging from twenty inches to three feet, while fire-clays, suitable for the manufacture of the best quality of brick, have been developed in beds measuring from three to six feet in thickness. Limestone likewise abounds, as does sand and building stone, in unlimited supply. The total thickness of the coal measures that have been developed on the south branch of Blacklick creek and which have been examined and reported upon by an eminent geologist and mineralogist of Pennsylvania, is 31 feet and 1 inch. Iron ore exposed, 17 feet and 8 inches, and fire-clays nine feet in thickness.

The geologist etc., referred to, who examined several thousand acres of these Blacklick mineral lands, in his report upon them, makes the following statement: "An idea of the great value of these lands may be had by the great exhibition of mineral strata cropping out in the bluff hills on the creek, which runs through them. These strata lie in horizonal position. Opportunities occur rarely in the bituminous coal formation of the Alleghenies for examining so satisfactorily such a large thickness of mineral measures as are developed on Blacklick as above described. The coal is of a superior quality for smith work, and for generating steam it is excellent. It makes the best of coke for manufacturing purposes, and it is believed to be a good gas coal. The iron ores were formerly mined on these lands, and smelted in the old charcoal furnace located at the junction of the north and south branches of Blacklick Creek, and it is claimed worked well in mixtures with the several kinds of ores found on the lands, and make an excellent iron. I have no reason to doubt this fact, as the ores are of good quality. Limestone of good quality has also been developed. In these lands then, the coal, iron ore and lime stone lie in juxtaposition. The three requisites for making iron are in the same hill and above water level, and the inducements and facilities thus presented for the creation of extensive iron works, and the cheap manufacture of iron, considering how cheaply the fuel ore and flux could be supplied and highly favorable."

These then are the visible mineral strata that have been explored and exposed at many points along the Blacklick Valley, and which are known to exist in great abundance, but in addition it is confidently believed and asserted by scientific people that other minerals or mineral substances, at present "lost to view" in the depths of the earth, exist in large supply in the Blacklick basin, and that the geological formation or structure of this region unerringly indicates the existence of natural gas and petrolium in unlimited quantities. With reference to this subject the geologist already quoted in his report says: "Gas and oil springs exist on the margins of the Blacklick and its tributaries, and, geologically, this country presents as favorable indications for petrolium as are found elsewhere where oil is obtained in large quantities. I can see no reason why paying oil wells cannot be had if the proper sites were selected for boring them on the main stream and its tributaries, and abundant yields of petrolium obtained at moderate depths. In the vicinity of the old (Ritter) furnace, heretofore mentioned, about fourty years ago a "bore hole" was put down to a moderate depth, and without the aid of modern appliances, the object being to obtain salines for the manufacture of salt. The well yielded quite a large supply of salt water, but the "bore" also developed a vein or deposit of natural gas, which to this day forces its way to the surface with great power and purity through a large volume of water."

It may be remarked here that the foregoing statements barely do justice to the facts in connection with this remarkable mineral district, but notwithstanding its unrivaled local conditions and advantages, and its vast display of mineral wealth and mineral resources exhibited on every hand, this region has hitherto remained in comparative isolation and obscurity, owing almost wholly, as stated in the outset, to the lack of railroad development and transit facilities, such alone as railroads are enabled to supply. In fact the construction of one or more lines of railroad into and through this mineral district may be said to have become a paramount necessity, as it means the permanent development by affording avenues for exporting its products to the markets of the country. When this shall be accomplished it will assume the importance it justly deserves, and rank with the richest and most productive and durable mineral sections in Western Pennsylvania. The local traffic alone on such a road would be immensely lucrative and of itself would be a profitable investment."

Several railroad lines have been from time to time surveyed and located through the Blacklick territory. The first instrumental survey of this kind was made in the years 1839-40, by authority of the State Board of Canal Commissioners of Pennsylvania, "for a continuous railroad from Harrisburg to Pittsburg," the work being placed under the direction of Charles G. Schlatter, civil engineer, with Messrs. Rabeling and Fox as his principal assistants. The service was thoroughly and scientifically performed, as might have been expected from the professional knowledge and attainments of the distinguished engineers engaged. Their routes were surveyed at that time between the above named cities, namely, Northern or Blacklick route; the Middle, very nearly the present line of the Pennsylvania Railroad, and the Southern, almost identical with the subsequently located and partially completed line of the South Pennsylvania Railroad. Of these three lines, Mr. Schlatter, in his final report to the Commissioners, recommended the adoption of the Northern and Blacklick route, westward after passing the summits of the Alleghenies, as being the most direct and practical as to gradients and economical of construction.

It was supposed that the Pennsylvania Railroad Company in projecting its road from Harrisburg to Pittsburg, some years ago the Schlatter survey would have adopted this northern or Blacklick line, but it is presumed that the acquisition of the late improvements paralleling its present line for a considerable distance westward, after passing the summit of the Alleghenies, coupled perhaps with potent local influences, induced that Company finally to adopt the middle or present route between those cities. Since then several surveys and locations for a railroad traversing the valley of Blacklick have been made, east and west, by independent companies, the last by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and uniformly with the same favorable results attending the Schlatter survey, and reports, viz: direction, low grades and minimum cost for construction. Therefore, if science and the advantage of position are to be considered or any weight, there cannot be a question as to the superior availability of the Blacklick route, for upward of thirty miles, as a portion of the proper line of location for a great short line railroad between the east and the west, not to mention the local inducements (as herein shown) that can be offered for its construction, in the shape of a never failing tonnage traffic from its abounding mineral and other productive resources.

In view then of this solid and durable mineral wealth, and of its unequalled natural situation and advantages, it is to be hoped that the time will not be long deferred when the merited importance and inestimable value of this matchless Blacklick mineral field shall become fully known and appreciated under the quickening impulse of enlightened enterprise and unstinted railroad development. CAMLO.

June 8.

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED.

The following marriage licenses were issued by the Clerk of the Orphans' Court for the week ending Wednesday, June 13, 1888:

Harry M Hay, Johnstown, and Annie Curnow, Summerhill.

Charles Becker and Theresa Hoover, Elder township.

William H. Fry and Lizzie Soreens, Morrelville.

Conrad Mattern and Elizabeth Hesselbine, Johnstown.

James L. Edwards, Johnstown, and Lizzie Shearer, Franklin.

Stephen L. Redfiper, Reade township, and Lovina Catharine Huber, Elder township.

Jacob Kutruff, Chest township, and Mary Catharine Beck, Elder township.

Cyrus Harbaugh and Melissa J. Hammer, Bedford county, Pa.

I Have Had

catarrh for twenty years, and used all kinds of remedies without relief. Mr. Smith, druggist, of Little Falls, recommended Ely's Cream Balm. The effect of the first application was magical, it allayed the inflamation and the next morning my head was clear as a bell. One bottle has done me so much good that I am convinced its use will effect a permanent cure. It is soothing, pleasant, and easy to apply, and I strongly urge its use by all sufferers.—Geo. Terry, Little Falls, N. Y.

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ADJOURNED

Orphans' Court Sale!

BY virtue of an order issuing out of the Orphans' Court of Cambria County to me directed, I will expose to Public Sale at Exchange Hotel, in the Borough of Cassit Springs, on

SATURDAY, JULY 7, '88,

at one o'clock, P. M., the following described

Valuable Real Estate.

A certain piece or parcel of unseated land situated in Clearfield township, Cambria county, Pa., bounded on the East by land of John Durbin and and Michael Wrock, on the South by land of John Karthorn and others, on the North by land of Hugh Hagan and John Durbin, containing 120 acres more or less. This land is densely covered with valuable timber.

TERMS.—One-third of the purchase money to be paid at the confirmation of the sale, and the remainder in two equal annual payments, with interest, to be secured by the judgment bonds and mortgage of the purchaser.

CELESTINE McMULLEN,

Trustee to sell certain Real Estate of Matthew McMullen, decd.

June 15, 1888.-3t.

Assignee's Sale

—OF—

Valuable Real Estate!

BY virtue of an order of the Court of Common Pleas of Cambria County, to me directed I will expose to public sale on the premises on

SATURDAY, JUNE 30, '88,

AT TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.,

the following described real estate, to wit:

All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in Allegheny township, Cambria County, Pennsylvania, adjoining lands of Mary and Ann Fury, George Lentz, Edward Bradley and heirs of Dennis Bradley, deceased, containing fifty acres more or less, having a two-story house, a new frame barn and the necessary outbuildings thereon erected.

TERMS OF SALE.—Ten per cent of the purchase money to be paid when the property is sold, the balance of one-third at the confirmation of the sale and the remainder in two equal payments in six months and twelve months from the confirmation of the sale. The deferred payments to bear interest, and to be secured by the judgment bond and mortgage of the purchaser.

M. D. KITTELL,

Assignee of Francis Maley, et ux.

Ebensburg, Pa., June 8th 1888.-3t.

ASSIGNEE'S NOTICE.—Notice is hereby given that John H. Fiske and Mary his wife, of White Township, Cambria County, have made an assignment of all the estate, real and personal, of the said John H. Fiske to me in trust for the benefit of his creditors. All persons indebted to the said John H. Fiske are hereby notified to make payment to me without delay, and those having claims against him will present them to me properly authenticated for settlement. M. D. KITTELL,

Assignee of John H. Fiske, et ux.

Ebensburg, Pa., June 8, 1888.-6t.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.—Whereas, letters testamentary to the estate of Catharine McAteer, late of Washington township, deceased, have been granted to the subscriber, all persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make immediate payment and those having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent will make known the same without delay. F. M. GEOGHE, Executor.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.—Whereas letters administration on the estate of David Stiles, late of Blacklick township, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make payment without delay and those having claims against said estate to present them properly authenticated for settlement. MARY STILES,

Admr'x of David Stiles.

Blacklick township, May 30, 1888.-6t.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.—Letters of administration on the estate of Elizabeth O'Hara, deceased, late of Munster township, Cambria county, Pa., having been granted to the undersigned, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make payment without delay