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Charlie Stough, of this place, gave the goddess of justice on top of the court house tower a coat of paint on Thursday. She is at the rate of having her appearance improved with a coat of paint.

The boiler of a steam threshing machine, owned by J. G. Mears, exploded on the street in Jeannette, killing one of the horses and injuring the driver, James Morgan. Several large plate glasses in the vicinity were broken. The boiler was literally torn to pieces.

Harry Sick, of Derry, aged 15 years, met with a shocking and fatal accident at place one day last week. The unfortunate boy attempted to jump on a train, when he fell to the track and had both legs mangled. The injured limbs were amputated, but the victim only survived a few hours.

It is stated that the newly discovered beetles that kill potato bugs are unusually plentiful this season in some parts of the state. The beetle is as large as the common house fly, and its color is blue, with a brown head. It attacks the potato bug on the back and kills it while holding it with its feet.

The school directors of Ebersburg have selected Miss Alice Lloyd, Miss Annie Jones and Miss Maggie Shenko as three of the teachers for the coming term. Two more teachers are yet to be selected and we understand that they are no applicants for the positions. There will be one more teacher this year than heretofore.

A. W. Bacon, a member of the Democratic county committee of Westmoreland, was killed at the railroad station at Greensburg, on Thursday night after the convention in attempting to board a car. He was ground to pieces under the wheels. He died at Greensburg, Pa., on Friday. He was 45 years of age and was married to Mrs. E. M. Bacon.

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Ella Reihinger, who was committed to the Reformed School at Morgantown about eighteen months ago, from St. Boniface, Cambria county, and who was placed in the Reformed School at Morgantown, Pa., left her place some weeks ago and could not be found. Officer Cannon, of Latrobe, where she lives, who knew her well, was notified, and on Saturday found her in Pittsburgh and returned her to Morgantown. Miss Reihinger is said to be good looking, and not particularly vicious. -Johnston Tribune.

On Friday night Mr. John Bloom, who resides in Richland township, was struck by lightning. He was lying in bed with his wife and baby boy when the storm came on. A flash of lightning struck the chimney and ran down the line to the kitchen and passed through the roof of the house. Mr. Bloom's cheek near his eye, passed down over his face, singeing his moustache. It then continued down his chest, down his groin to his knees, scarring it all the way as it went. He was unconscious for twenty minutes. The gale of the house was also wrecked by a second flash. -Johnston Democrat.

Mrs. Apol, wife of Justice Apol, of Cambria township, died at her home on Monday, July 16th, 1892, aged about 82 years. Mrs. Apol was born at Hanover, Hessen, Germany, in 1810, and came to this country in 1836, landing in New York, where soon after she married her husband. The couple came to Cambria county the same year and have been residents of the county ever since. Besides a large family, she leaves four sons, Ernest, of Pueblo, Colorado; John, of Broadhead, and Herman and Albert, of Ebersburg, and one daughter, Sophia, who is unmarried and resides at home.

Owing to some changes and improvements made necessary in our office for the reception of a new press purchased while in New York, the FREEMAN is a day later next week and it may be possible we will be a day late in getting out our next issue. After that with our increased facilities the FREEMAN will be out on time and we trust our readers will bear with us for causing the unavoidable delay. Our new press is a Potter, manufactured at Plainfield, New Jersey, and capable of turning out twenty papers per minute. With this big addition to our office the FREEMAN will be one of the best equipped county newspapers of this section.

Among the many friendships formed during the editorial excursion to Scranton are none valued more highly by our better half and myself than that of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Lazarus, of Kingston, Pa. They were both former residents of New York city, and on our arrival at the Metropolis, it was to their kindness that our first night's lodging was in a large measure so pleasant and agreeable. It was assuredly a deep regret to see the party severed by the receipt of a dispatch by Mrs. Lazarus, while in the city, announcing the sudden death of Dr. Reynolds, her father, at Scranton, and necessitating her return. Our hearts went out in sympathy for her in her bereavement and in sorrow for the parting that had come so suddenly to our little party.

The Pennsylvania railroad has placed an order with the Pennsylvania Steel Company for 2,000 tons of steel rails, weighing 100 pounds to the yard. The heaviest rail now in use weighs 95 pounds per yard and it was laid by the Reading railroad, which also has considerable of the 90-pound rails in use. Some of the New England railroads are using ninety-pound rails. The heaviest rail now in use on the tracks of the Pennsylvania railroad weighs 85 pounds. The new 100-pound rails will be laid on the mountain division of the main line. The order just placed will provide for nearly four miles of track. The price is at the same rate per ton as the lighter rails are. The new rails will be a great improvement on the old ones. It is estimated that the Pennsylvania railroad will save \$100,000 by the use of the new rails.

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Our letter last week was written after reaching Scranton. We reached that city at 1:30 P.M. on Tuesday, hungry and travel-stained, and taking a chance on the committee of the Press club and Board of trade and escorted to the different hotels, most of the excursionists finding quarters in the Westminster, Wyoming and Lackawanna Hotels. After a wash and a hot bath, we washed, (some with a wash-down) and partaking of a good dinner we rested until four o'clock, when the entire party was driven through the city, passing by the principal streets, and viewing the fine buildings for which Scranton is noted. It is a city of one hundred thousand population, is the chief city of the anthracite coal region, and ranks as the fourth city in the state in population and business. The Court House at Scranton is one of the finest in the state and its fine chandeliers and public buildings are a credit to the enterprise and public spirit of its people. The streets are all paved and the pleasant reception and helpful drive gave the excursionists a great impression of the city and its surroundings. In the evening we were treated to a complimentary concert by the Scranton Board of Trade at the Academy of Music, and it is to be regretted that the music was superb. The Scranton Choral Union consisting of 120 voices, made the Academy resound with a program of the choicest selections that it has ever been able to perform. The concert was well attended until the applauding singers reappeared, made the program a long one, but all felt sorry when the finale was reached.

The next morning at 8:30 we started for Homestead, the county seat of Wayne county, thirty-two miles distant over the celebrated Gravity Railroad. The following description of the road we take from a circular handed out by the excursionists on the train on our way over.

Travelling from Carbondale to Homestead on the Gravity there are twelve planes, eight up-hill and four down-hill. The up-hill planes are numbered 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

The following marriage licenses were issued by the Clerk of the Orphans' Court for the week ending Wednesday, July 26, 1892:

Elmer E. Davis, Johnstown, and Susan M. Custer, Stoneboro, Pa.; Edward Erice and Mary Thomas, Johnstown.

George Glebehart and Ellen McGee, Johnstown.

Anthony J. Baker, Hastings, and Stella G. Platt, Susquehanna Mills, Pa.; Thomas Ross and Mary Ann Townsend, Hastings.

William Messenger, Johnstown, and Andrew Drusilla McClester, Conemaugh Township.

Ezra Custer and Harriet Bralier, East Conemaugh.

M. Schmitt, Lloydsville, and Dossie Bledar, East Conemaugh.

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