

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. J. E. Shields, of Loreto, was in town on Thursday.

Mr. J. L. Cassidy, of Delano, was a visitor to town on Thursday.

Miss Annie Horner, of Wilmore, is suffering from an attack of erysipelas.

Mr. Sherman Tibbitt has purchased the R. L. Davis property on Julian street.

A child of Herman Apel, of this place, died on Wednesday evening of spinal meningitis.

Mr. Englebert F. McConnell, of Allegheny township, spent a few hours in town on Friday last.

Squire W. S. Smy, of Summerhill township, suffered a paralytic stroke of the left side, on Saturday evening of last week.

There are two hundred and seventy-seven applications for liquor license filed in the prothonotary's office this year.

Twenty last year.

Albert F. Egor died at his home in Altoona on Friday, August 21, 1919.

There were a number of relatives in the north of the county.

Mr. Oliver Evans, of Cambria township, has purchased a lot in the East ward from Mr. C. T. Roberts.

Rev. Father Kittell, of Loreto, delivered an able and eloquent lecture in the Catholic church, in Wilmore, on Sunday evening last on the subject of temperance to a large and appreciative audience.

While coupling cars at Gallitzin on Sunday afternoon, J. C. McLaughlin, had his left hand mashed, necessitating the amputation of one finger.

Charles Gosel, a miner from Gallitzin, was found in Altoona on Tuesday morning in an engine in the upper round house nearly frozen to death.

He was taken to the hospital where he is being cared for at present.

One hundred and thirty-six applications for liquor license have been filed in the Clerk's office at Greensburg.

The largest number in the history of the non-union county.

Twenty-four applicants at Jeannette, and twenty-eight at Kensington.

The jury in the Beatty case returned a verdict of "guilty as indicted" after only leaving out seven minutes for deliberation.

Beatty, it will be remembered, is one of the men who is charged with the poisoning of the non-union men during the strike at Homestead.

During the heavy wind-storm on last Friday night the roof on one side of the Carrolltown church was blown off.

Men went to work on Saturday morning putting on paper roofing in order to protect the building from the inclement weather until the roof is completely replaced.

Hon. Daniel McLaughlin, died at the Memorial Hospital, in Johnstown, on Wednesday aged 68 years.

Mr. McLaughlin was a well known member of the Cambria county bar and a member of the legislature from this county in 1884.

At the time of the Johnstown flood Mr. McLaughlin lost considerable property and being in failing health and well up in years he never returned to active practice at the bar.

Hon. Nathaniel Horne, a well known citizen of Johnstown, died at his home in that city on Wednesday aged 72 years.

Mr. Horne was born in Altoona and resided in Johnstown on 12th of January 1884, and was a resident of that county until his removal to Johnstown in 1885, where he engaged in the millinery and sewing machine business for several years.

He was elected a member of the legislature from this county and re-elected in 1884.

On Tuesday afternoon about 7 o'clock, Benjamin Phillips, agent for E. M. Southern & Co., merchants at Conemaugh, boarded a freight train at that place for the purpose of going to Johnstown.

After proceeding about half way jar three Phillips off his feet and he fell on his back in front of an approaching freight train, the wheels of which passed over his head, cutting it off.

His remains were taken to the home of his mother who is a widow residing at Conemaugh.

An electric light company has been formed at Gallitzin, and all preliminary arrangements are now completed.

A charter will be applied for immediately, and within thirty days the street lights and residences will be illuminated.

Among those whose names are identified with the movement are Dr. Ferguson, Hon. M. Fitzhugh, Mr. Thomas Bradley, and Coal-towner, J. L. Mitchell.

A capital stock of \$12,000 has been subscribed. Last night the borough council granted the franchise.

An exchange says another swindler is working the county.

He is one of the many who have taken advantage of the honest and hard-working people of the county.

Correspondence

February 8th, 1920.

Editor Cambria Freeman:

SIR:—The auditors' settlement published in your valuable paper is so suggestive that as a taxpayer I may be allowed to specially call the attention of the tax-payers of Cambria county to some of its features.

At first when the FREEMAN published the statement I thought that possibly there might have been an error in setting up the type, but when the Hastings Tribune corroborated the same figures, it may safely be put down as correct.

Let us compare the figures and judge for himself.

The first item reads "To balance in hands of treasurer at last settlement, \$18,381.80."

Now run down the column to where the balance is struck, we find in hands of treasurer \$58,927.35.

Now examine the entire statement and then ask yourselves if there is any evidence to show illegality on the part of the officials who were placed in the several offices they now hold by the votes of the taxpayers of the county, and who are responsible to the people for their official actions.

The statement throughout looks as if an heroic effort had been made to spend the taxes collected from the people and that the effort failed miserably.

Can any other construction can be put upon it.

It is a well known fact that the townships elect assessors for the express purpose of making a just valuation of property made taxable by law.

They are first found in an on-road old to perform their duties in a stipulated manner.

Well, they do every taxpayer in the county the same and actually do go back and make a second assessment.

Some others refused giving as a reason that they had "made their assessments under oath and could not change them."

What then? They are ordered to go back and value property higher.

Lawful? I am not sure, but if they do, they are actually doing so, for example they are ordered to go back and value property higher.

Why this balance reduce our taxes next year? Answer, wait and see. I suggest one remedy.

Abolish the office of assessor. This will save \$1,400.00. The commission of this cost is not enough for all practical purposes.

Taxpayers of Cambria county, have you been sleeping? Are you still sleeping?

Your attention has been called to this matter before. It really looks as though you are not getting on.

If you do not suggest a remedy, I offer one. Cut off all the salaries and watch the evilies fleeing from the county seat, to which after sacrificing all their private interests they reluctantly "go in the interest of their taxpayers."

One of the most successful local institutions of the season was held in the school house in Wilmore, on Friday and Saturday nights last.

Rev. M. O. T. Sahn, of Wilmore, made the opening address and acted as an able and eloquent moderator.

Prof. L. E. Gibson, of Johnstown, presided and Mr. L. E. Gibson, of Wilmore, acted as secretary.

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The Blacklick Railroad

A correspondent of the Altoona Times on Monday, in writing about the railroad down the Blacklick gives the following:

It is announced from Harrisburg that a charter has recently been granted by the state department to a corporation styled the "Ebensburg and Blacklick Railroad Company" with a capital of \$500,000.

The object being, it is alleged, to construct a railroad thirty-five miles long, from connection with the Cambria and Clearfield railroad at Kaylor's and Ebensburg stations, in Cambria county, through Blacklick valley to a connection with the Indiana branch of the Pennsylvania railroad near Blacklick station, etc.

Now this information is in some respect quite definite, particularly in not naming, it is known, the precise point where a junction of the projected road will be made with the Cambria and Clearfield railroad.

Now, whether the line will actually pass through Ebensburg, and thence down the south branch valley of Blacklick or not, the inference, therefore, is that the connection with the line of the Cambria and Clearfield railroad may be effected at a point north of Ebensburg, and somewhere between Kaylor's junction and Carrolltown, thus abandoning the line from Ebensburg to Ebensburg.

Should such a course have been decided upon by the Pennsylvania railroad company in the construction of this thirty-five miles way, of doubt has been done after careful and systematic investigations were made of the several routes leading through the Blacklick valleys, based upon accurate surveys of the country and the construction of instrumental surveys, including aneroid, altimeter, and leveling.

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Tours to the South

The advantageous season of the year and the attractive destination of the trip have made this one of the most desirable of pleasure trips.

The territory traversed is the most attractive and historical portion of the Union, and it does a picturesque route, the military post of Old Point Comfort, the beautiful resort of Virginia Beach, and the cities of Richmond and Washington.

Further information in passing apply to Tourist Agents, 849 Broadway, New York, 809 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, and 233 South Fourth Street, Philadelphia, or Ticket Agents, Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

A fatal boiler explosion occurred in the planing mill of Frank B. Granger at Somerset on Friday last, at 11:30 by which Samuel Houpt was instantly killed.

Haupt was at work on the boiler of the mill when the accident occurred. The boiler was lifted bodily from its foundation and hurled through the second floor. It passed directly over the bench at which Houpt was busy, and fell upon his skull as if it had been an egg shell.

Mr. Granger the proprietor, escaped a similar fate by but a minute. An instant before the explosion he had been standing off in the proper direction from the vicinity of the mill when the accident occurred.

He was hurled through the air, but escaped with his life.

The boiler had been in use for some time and it is said, had been considered dangerous. The mill was today wrecked, the machinery being buried far and wide.

After the explosion there was the perfl of fire centered with, but the flames which had started in two places were subdued by the efforts of the crowd which quickly gathered. The loss is considerable.

The dead man was forty-one year old, and still further on towards Nietkown and Carrolltown, and also with reach connection with the Cambria and Clearfield line and the valleys of Morrison's Run, Elk Lick Run, Dutch Run, etc., tributaries of the north branch of Blacklick creek and valley and with the last named stream and valley, which is the most valuable and valuable coal territory as abounds in Cambria county.

The remarkable natural and material resources and advantages that would be gained to any one of these last mentioned routes for the construction of this proposed railroad, in regard to directness and consequent saving in distance, light grades, and cheap construction, in connection with the vast deposits of coal, immense forests of valuable timber, as well as the miscellaneous traffic such a road would develop render its importance incalculable, if wisely located, and therefore, meriting more than ordinary consideration by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company before taking final action.

Such a connecting link, too, would probably eventually constitute part of a short line over which to operate fast trains between Blainville intersection on the main line of the Pennsylvania railroad and Cresson, and view versa. It has been shown that it need not prove a difficult task to "pick and choose" a suitable and profitable route through Cambria county, and if this link is to be built, the presumption is that the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will view the matter in the light of its soundest judgment and best interests, materially, and without in the least being governed by sentiment or sympathy for individuals, religious, political, or otherwise.

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BALTZELLS

If you are wide awake you will not wait until the last moment before taking advantage of the great bargains we are going to give you this pay-day week.

In domestic we have several brands that we will sell at less than we can buy them to-day.

The household department is full of bargains, as you will see by the tickets displayed on goods.

In the Men's furnishing department we have decided hold a great SHIRT SALE this week, shirts of every description, Flannel, Outing, Cheviot, Madras, Percale, laundered and un-laundered, anything you want at prices that will surprise you, but only for a few days.

Again we call your attention to our carpet stock. If you will glance at our south windows you will see an indication of new spring styles in Brussels and Tapestries, with or without borders.