

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Brief Mention—Home-Made and Sober.

The fellow who usually carries the pokers and smoothing irons out and places them in a secure place and then goes back and throws the looking glass out of the window, was at the fire.

Al. Ryan, of Bedford county, was convicted in the United States District Court last week for attempting to remove liquor from his distillery without having paid the government duty.

Mrs. Hartly, an aged lady, fell down stairs when her house was on fire, on Wednesday morning last, and bruised her head, face and other portions of her body severely. No bones were broken.

One of the ways of keeping up the excitement of the Agricultural Society is to cut down printers' bill. It is a small business but then there are, now and then, those who are equal to it.

The new Williamsburg branch of the P. R. R., from Altoona, via Hollidaysburg to Philadelphia, was thrown open to the public on Monday of last week. Two passenger trains will run on it daily.

The Mt. Union Times says its going to wade through the "Legends of the Juniata." Why are they not published in pamphlet form? Hundreds would read them if they were put up in an attractive style.

The rats in Henry & Co's. establishment have a great fondness for wine. One of the clerks has lost several gallons. He is quite sure that it was the rats, as there is no wine-bibber about the place.

A rumor has been circulated that Messrs. Thomas Burchfield & Son intended to suspend business, at the Planning Mill, until money matters ease up. Upon inquiry we find there is no foundation for the rumor.

A petition, numerously signed, will be presented to the Council, praying them to purchase another Sibley "Fire Engine, of the second grade." The people are aroused at last. They seem to sneer at our warriars.

"Which?" is the mild form in which the Altoona Tribune put it. Quite laconic, indeed. It may not exactly know which is which, but we are quite sure that we do know what is what. Does such a poor "Crism" of comfort.

There is an article at the top of the third column, on the first page, of the July and October number of the *Typographic Advertiser*, to which we would call the attention of our Altoona contemporaries. It might do some of them good.

Everybody who is not the lucky owner of a residence is looking for a house. Why cannot some of our capitalists build up several blocks of cheap houses for rent? They pay 12 or 15 per cent. This certainly ought to be an inducement.

When one gentleman promises another a new hat to keep the coat clear to enable the former to steal a keg of beer, he ought to sock up when the party of the second part fulfills his part of the contract. One good turn deserves another, you know, Sir, six and seven right.

The Kambie Coal and Iron Company, at Riddleburg, has suspended upwards of sixty hands and has blown one of their furnaces out of blast. The principal portion of the suspended men have found employment in the mines. Inability to sell their iron is the cause assigned.

The freeman who concluded that he was in a condition to take his weary comrades home from the fire, and who on their arrival at their tents had an hour searching over the front side of the house for the apartments to inroduce the night key, means now that he was never so much excited in his life.

The other morning while some excited individual was hasting down the street, proclaiming, far and wide, that the Court House was on fire, a small conflagration was plainly illuminating the eager countenances of the crowd from the back of his coat. It was extinguished without the aid of the Sibley.

The jurymen and witnesses in attendance at the Adjourned Court, last week, asseverate that Judge Hall, of Bedford, is a gentleman in the strict sense of the term. He is one of the few judges in the State who will not permit ignorant lawyers to browbeat unsuspecting witnesses. He made hosts of friends in Blair county last week. May he long live.—*Altoona Tribune.*

We now and then meet an individual who wants to measure our corn by somebody else's half bushel. We want it distinctly understood that we do business for ourselves, from our own pocket, and charge such prices as will enable us to live and pay our debts without becoming the objects of charity.

The man who runs a business that will not support him and itself is a fool.

Since the fire there appears to be a much more healthy sentiment in regard to Water Works. It is a great pity that this important project has been postponed, as a large number of laboring men could have found employment during the coming winter, at fair wages, and that put in circulation a considerable sum of money, as well as afforded them a means for supporting themselves and families.

Twenty-three years ago, on last Friday evening, while the writer hereof was a green cub in the Bedford *Inquirer* office, and while east reading his usual evening's task, some process-less unceremoniously opened the door, and buried a large cabbage head across the room. He no doubt thought that two heads were better than one, and he was a cabbage head. It was our first introduction to halloves, and from that until the present we have never forgotten the occasion, and never fail to associate it with heads of cabbage.

THE FAILURE OF LOYD, HAMILTON & CO.—Messrs. Lloyd, Hamilton & Co., bankers, extensively connected with the banking interests of this county, suspended payment yesterday afternoon. The writers prominent and presumably conservative, but representing fully fifty large banking institutions of the Iron State—all of them more or less in the P. R. R., one day last week.

Mrs. Rebecca Gorsuch has been bound over to answer the charge of burning the barn of Mr. Andrew Decker, in Henderson township, on the morning of the 18th of October.

The various manufacturing establishments here have not cut down the number of employees, but some are contemplating cutting down the time, and consequently the wages.

Eight new caboose cars, manufactured by Orbison & Co., have been delivered to the H. & B. T. R. Co. The brakemen on that road intend to live like lords in the future.

We understand that the friends of one of the successful Democratic candidates at the recent election, are sending in heavy bills for campaign expenses. How is it, "Cozy?"

Some one should keep boats to hire for a row on the Huntingdon dam. It would become quite a resort and would pay well. There is no finer body of water in the mountains.

Huntingdon is doing the clever thing in a few years ago there were not a half dozen carriage makers to be seen; now we have them by the score.

John Bowers, esq., cashier of Wm. Loyd's Bedford Bank, was in town the other day. He is a most excellent financier, and his bank is in no wise responsible for the suspension.

The bridge on the Lewisburg, Center and Tyrone Railroad, over the little Kanawha, below Tyrone, has been completed. Soon the iron horse will be heard in the land of the Warriors.

The West Huntingdon people are complaining mightily against the wretched condition of the board walks. Here is a chance for a member of the Council to distinguish himself.

A DESTRUCTIVE CONFLAGRATION.

Three Buildings and five Families Burned Out—A Perfect Hurricane of Fire—All but Portion of Town Destroyed.

On Wednesday morning, about half past four o'clock, an engine running an eastern loaded freight train, gave an extraordinary alarm of fire, and in a few minutes the lurid rays of the devouring element shot up to the heavens and were reflected from the clouds and surrounding objects. The wind was blowing a severe gale from the west. The air was cold and biting. When we reached the scene of conflagration the "Huntingdon" boys had their engine in position, the hose attached, and were waiting a sufficient steam pressure. A large number of persons had already assembled and their numbers were being rapidly augmented. The Cincinnati west had thrown a spark which had lodged on the roof of a weather-boarded log building, owned by John W. Matter, esq., which was not discovered until the wind had fanned into an incalculable blaze. When first discovered a single bucket of water would have extinguished it, but there was no means of reaching the fire until the inmates could be aroused and made sensible of their peril, which took some time. The wind, meantime, drove the fire across the roof and into the adjoining brick building of Andrew Johnston, and in a minute the wind as it were, it lapped back and made a furious onslaught upon the frame weather boarded log building of Mr. Joseph R. Carmon. Up to this time the engine had not got up a full head of steam, while the wind was blowing a perfect hurricane. The flames leapt across the Johnston building and communicated to the roof of the brick building of Andrew Johnston, and in a few minutes later the steam began to throw two splendid streams upon the devouring fiend. The fire on Mrs. Hartley's house was wiped out almost by a single sweep of the nozzle, and this section of the hose was passed into the rear of the burning buildings and two powerful streams, one from the front and the other from the rear, were poured upon the burning buildings. The whole town was in its fury, and the air became one blinding, scorching, hissing ball of sparks, until it became necessary to hold your breath to avoid inhaling them. It was a magnificent sight.

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