

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Brief Mention—Home-made and Stolen.

Reading covers an area of six miles. Subscribers for the Journal and is happy. Our ice dealers are fearful of a short crop.

The weather is as fickle as a girl in her teens. The season for the legal killing of deer has closed.

A streak of sunshine brings the loafers to the front. The season of Lent commences on the 15th of February.

The knights of the nippers are operating in Juniata county. How about the Opera House? We hope it will be put up.

Our friend Whiteside, late of Dudley, has located in Orbiscola. Rev. M. K. Foster is building a new house in West Huntingdon.

The Pilgrim is domiciled in its new quarters in West Huntingdon. Richard Langdon, esq., is now operating in the Clearfield region.

The new school house, in West Huntingdon, is almost ready for pupils. No head of a family should think of doing without their country paper.

Dr. A. J. Deaver, of Warriorsmark, is spending the winter in Harrisburg. Thos. Long has been pardoned by the Governor and has arrived at home.

Dr. G. W. Thompson, of Mt. Union, has purchased the Harmony farm for \$4,000. Harry Fisher's "Gem" is neat and attractive. Harry knows how to tickle the palate.

Under the New Constitution women may be elected and serve as school directors. David Over, esq., of the Hollidaysburg Register, smiled on us, a few days ago.

The first Pilgrim, from the new location in West Huntingdon, was issued last week. Frank H. Higgins is employed as a night reporter on the Pittsburgh Commercial.

Benj. Jacob will, in a short time, occupy the room now occupied by Fisher & Sons. A gentleman in Williamsburg, Blair county, proposes to go the Centennial in "Cannal boat."

Squire Potts was on the sick list last week, but we are glad to learn that he is out again. "Chicken pox" have come to town. What a scratching there will be among the juveniles.

Read the interesting letter from Snake Gap. We will be glad to hear from our friends frequently. The carrier of the Bellefonte Watchman cleared the snag some of \$75.00 on his annual address.

A new board walk has been put down, on Thirteenth street, to Burchinell & Son's Planning Mill. Our ex-tyo friend, J. A. Steward, is fat and sleek, and looks as though railroading agreed with him.

Money is becoming quite plenty again. Pay up your old scores. Pay us and we will pay everybody we owe. The marriage mania is raging terribly. Some hebdomadists announcing as many as twenty "noose" items.

Henry & Co., have adopted the cash system, and their store is crowded with customers from morning till night. The Pennsylvania Railroad is carrying passengers from Pittsburgh to Baltimore, via Harrisburg, for four dollars.

Wm. A. Orbinson, esq., has been appointed paymaster to the new Car Works. He will make a popular cashier. The agent of the Rouse Combination left an unpaid bill, at this office, which we would suggest be frank better be settled.

Dr. Frank Leong, esq., will please consider our hat tipped in a salute. He is the clerk in the office of sundown. John Brewster, esq., is "sandy tickled" with Maj. Nevin, in Philadelphia. He is a "true blue" of the "nobler sort."

Henry & Co. have marked their goods down to panic prices. They sell for cash, and are satisfied with small profits. Messrs. Robert Wells and George Lot are now the proprietors of the Bass Line. Success attend their "Enterprise."

"Timon Walley" and "Christy" have a monopoly of the Dutch and we don't propose to leave others break in upon them. "Dennis O'Rafferty" is popular with every body. By the way, that was very unfair in you quoting that last stanza.

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J. J. Cromer, esq., of Fulton county, has been assigned the important position of deputy-keeper of the Senate. He went in by a Lenoir squeeze.

The Board of Auditors were engaged in adjusting the affairs of their last week. We will lay the result of their labors before our readers in a week or two.

The schedule of the Reading Railroad will be found in another column. It is the first Railroad schedule published in the Journal, as a regular advertisement.

The drummers brigade has thinned out. The panic played havoc with its ranks. "Commercial travellers" do not jostle you every where, at this time, by a jug full.

Our friend Will, Longenecker, late of the Broad Top, dropped in the other day. He thinks of visiting the south west in the Spring. He makes an obliging conductor.

Rev. O. M. O'Leary, formerly of this place, but for a number of years pastor of the Presbyterian Church, at Lewisburg, has had his salary increased from \$1,300 to \$1,500.

A dog fight, near the corner of Fifth and Washington streets, on Saturday afternoon, brought fourteen men and two boys away from the various stores in that neighborhood.

The agent of "House's Combination Troupe," succeeded in diddling us out of \$9.50 worth of printing. We warn printers, everywhere, to beware of Josh W. Stewart, the agent aforesaid.

Some of the streets, in West Huntingdon, are navigable for larger-sized craft. When will the authorities macadamize them? They are now impassable, for vehicles, at a number of places.

The Pittsburgh Commercial says that Rev. Mr. Plannett, formerly of this place, pastor of the Baptist Church, Sharpburg, is an earnest minister, and is meeting with success in his congregation.

Those of our town subscribers who fail to receive their papers will please refer to this office. We have a new carrier, and it is more than probable that some of our patrons have been missed.

The weather for the last week has been extremely variable. Now we have had the mildness of May, and then the severity of December. "Old Probabilities" has been extremely mixed.

A very fine Maltese cat found its way to our domicile, last week, where it was kindly cared for until it scratched everybody about the house. This was too much for flesh and blood, and it was turned out.

In most other towns landlords are bringing down rents, but in this place they seem to have no conscience, and do not consider that the wages of mechanics and laboring men have been reduced to scarcely living prices.

One of the things that the Legislature should do at once is to repeal the law making it a penal offense to sell a railroad ticket that has been partly used. A man ought to have the right to do with his own property what he pleases.

Several married men talk of breaking up house-keeping in the Spring, owing to the scarcity of houses and the unreasonable rents. This is bad. Why can't a sufficient number of houses be built and rented at a reasonable figure?

Thos. W. Montgomery, esq., has been induced into office and A. W. Kenyon, esq., has retired. "Tommy is a brood of a boy" and will make every inch—and there are not a few of them—a treasurer. The "pondulicks" will be safe in his hands.

The death of Augustus B. Carver, of Bedford, on the 1st inst. was one of the most sad that has been our day to record. He was working on the rail road and was struck by an engine and fearfully mangled. He leaves a wife and several children.

An Altona female, the other day, took laudanum, in too large a quantity to be fatal, because an adolescent youth of the Mountain City took a fair one from the Smoky City, and carried her, and returned to his home to live with her and be happy.

On the first of April next, the Journal will occupy Port's three story brick building, from attic to cellar. We expect to put in a small steam engine, which will complete our office outfit, and it will then be second to none in the interior of the State.

We read in our exchanges of surprise parties, the victims of these surprises always being poor preachers; but we never heard of poor editors being surprised with presents of gold watches, printing presses and other useful articles. Why is this thus?

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company are building a new station at Barree. Since the destruction of the old one by fire, Mr. J. Swoope has entertained everybody who has come to the station, in his shoe shop. The whole community feels grateful to that gentleman.

An individual wrote to us the other day, to stop the Journal, but we can't do it. There are over 1700 active subscribers absolutely clamoring for it, and we can't disappoint them to oblige this one poor unfortunate. We would like to do something for him, but his request is preposterous. Stop the Journal? No, not for Joe.

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