

DIRECTORY.

DISTRICT AND COUNTY OFFICERS. Congress, Hon. J. PATTON. State Senator, Hon. W. W. HEYTS, Clearfield. Representatives, Hon. J. A. WOODWARD.

LODGES.

Belleville Lodge No. 238, A. Y. M., meets on Tuesday night at 8 o'clock every Friday evening. Belleville Chapter No. 241, meets on the first Friday night of every month.

CHURCHES.

Presbyterian, Howard street, Rev. Wm. Laurie Pastor. Services every Sunday at 10:30 A. M. and 7 P. M. Sunday School (Chapel) at 2:30 P. M. Prayer Meeting (Chapel) Wednesday at 7:30 P. M.

THOSE MINERS HOSPITALS

General Hastings has something to say on the Subject.

General Hastings returned home Saturday last and his attention having been called to several newspaper articles reflecting on the hospital commission for the erection of Hospitals in the bituminous coal regions, he has seen fit to address a letter to the Philipsburg Ledger explaining his connection with the location of these institutions, and to give the people of Philipsburg some very sensible advice on the subject.

Bellefonte, Pa., Sept. 3, 1888.

HARRY C. WILLIAMS, Esq., Editor Philipsburg Ledger.

Dear Sir: In order that the people of Philipsburg, Osceola and Houtzdale, who are interested in the location of Miner's Hospitals provided by law may not be deceived by newspaper correspondents and others who misrepresent the truth, and attempt to make political capital against the promoters of this charity, I desire, through your paper, to state some facts and make some suggestions on the subject:

The Act of Assembly approved 14th of June, 1887, appropriated \$60,000, for the erection of three Miner's Hospitals in the bituminous and semi-bituminous coal regions of the State comprising the counties of Allegheny, Bedford, Fayette, Green, Somerset, Washington, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Indiana, Westmoreland, Cameron, Clarion, Crawford, Clearfield, Elk, Erie, Forest, Jefferson, Lawrence, McKean, Mercer, Venango, Warren, Blair, Bradford, Cambria, Centre, Sullivan, Clinton, Huntingdon, Potter, Lycoming and Tioga.

The Commission appointed to select the locations for these hospitals is composed of one commissioner from each of (then) six inspection districts of the State. Their names are Col. Spearman, of Mercer county, Chair-

man; Hon. H. D. Tate, of Bedford county, Secretary; David Cameron, Esq., of Tioga county; Colonel Coburn, of Centre and Mr. French, of Allegheny county.

The fourth section of the Act provides for the donation to the State of tracts of land of suitable area and character whereon to erect said hospitals, and the Commission has wisely decided not to erect a hospital at any point where sufficient land is not donated for that purpose. The Commission has been engaged for about three months in examining sites offered for the erection of these hospitals in different sections of the bituminous regions. Their meetings and proceedings have been advertised extensively through the newspapers. Delegations of citizens representing coal mining centres have waited on the Commission offering to donate lands and presenting arguments in favor of their respective localities. The Commission went wherever it was invited and examined the lands offered.

I was in Philipsburg when the Commission sat there to listen to delegations from Mercer, Fayette, Beaver, Butler and perhaps other counties. Upon inquiry, I found that no donation of land had been offered the Commission from Philipsburg, Osceola, Houtzdale, Punxsutawney or any other point in Centre, Clearfield, Cambria or Jefferson counties. I was informed that up to that time there had been received by the Commission no communications from any one in Philipsburg, Osceola or Houtzdale on the subject. There was no offer received by the Commission to donate land for the hospital from any of these localities. There was nothing from your region on the subject excepting a private letter, as I was informed, from one of your most enterprising citizens, Mr. Wm. P. Duncan to Colonel Coburn making some inquiries on the subject.

The Commission, at the Pittsburgh meeting, decided to erect the hospitals in the Third District, composed of the counties of Butler, Lawrence, Mercer, Beaver, Clarion, Armstrong and part of Westmoreland; in the First District, composed of the counties of Washington, Fayette, part of Westmoreland and Green; in the Sixth District composed of Cambria, Indiana, Blair, Huntingdon, part of Clearfield, Bedford and part of Westmoreland.

The Commission did not, at the Pittsburgh meeting, nor has it since fixed the places within the several selected districts at which the hospitals will be built. That question is open and still to be determined. I have no doubt that if it shall be convinced that there is more necessity for the hospital in the Eighth District, composed of Centre and part of Clearfield counties, than in the Sixth, the change will accordingly be made.

I appeared before the Commission and offered to donate five acres of land in the village of Hastings in Cambria county for a hospital site. This place is in the sixth district. My reasons for making the offer were: First, it is nearer to Philipsburg, Osceola, Houtzdale, Punxsutawney, Gallitzin, Coalport, Irvona and the Cambria and Indiana coal developments than any other point at that time offered to the State. Second, it is in the centre of the largest bituminous coal field in Pennsylvania, containing more than twice the coal area of the Houtzdale, Osceola and Philipsburg regions combined. Third, because this field is comparatively new and is developing rapidly, while the Philipsburg, Osceola, and Houtzdale region have over half of their coal worked out and cannot, it is thought, stand the present enormous output many years longer. Fourth, because before the hospital can be erected, there will be ample railroad connections to Hastings. The Clearfield & Cambria Railroad now passes through it; a line has been surveyed from Hastings to Cresson fifteen miles distant which will be built within a year. The Beech Creek road has pushed its way to within seventeen miles of this new territory, and has its proposed extension already surveyed. These conditions assure a mining population which should be sustained by a hospital.

But, the Commission has not decided to locate a hospital at Hastings, or any place else. It has not yet visited that place. None of its members have, to

my knowledge, promised to vote to locate there. Some members informed me that they would not vote to locate it at Hastings. I have had no communication with any of its members since the Pittsburgh meeting. I understand that a meeting of the Commission will be held at Altoona on the 11th or 12th inst.

I now volunteer to give you people some friendly advice on the subject. This, I think, I have a right to do because I, as a coal owner in your region, am financially more interested in its success than the irresponsible parties who seek to make political capital by abusing me, and the members of the Commission over my shoulders. If you want the hospital at Philipsburg, select a suitable site for the same, and secure a liberal quantity of land. Tender the land to the Commission; make up a delegation of your citizens bona fide interested in the project, and wait on the Commission at its meeting next week at Altoona; present your argument in favor of Philipsburg; invite the Commission to visit your town; show them the land; offer, if they ask it, free water supply; and show them you are in earnest. Remember that you can get along with the Commission better, and they will have more confidence in you if you don't write articles in the newspapers reflecting on their integrity before you know them. They are gentlemen of the highest character and a majority of them are or have been practical coal men. If you convince them that Philipsburg is the best place for the hospital and donate the land for that purpose, you will get it. These suggestions will apply to Osceola, Houtzdale, Punxsutawney or any other point that wants a hospital. The coal miners themselves are most interested. The hospitals are erected for their benefit. Give them a voice in this matter. Why should they not be represented by committees at the Altoona meeting? I have already suggested to members of the Commission to visit the Clearfield region whether invited or not.

Very respectfully,
D. H. HASTINGS.

The Railways of Germany.

The railroad stations all over this country are models of convenience and pretension. The meanest local train on a German railroad receives a degree of consideration and honor that would stagger the engineers of the Chicago Limited. The railroads are run entirely by the government, and everything connected with them shows the impress of military rule. The stations are surrounded by small parks, in which there are fountains, flowers and artistically arranged hedges. The station building is often the most pretentious one in the town, and there is usually attached to it a large restaurant with several waiters in the conventional claw hammer coats. Broad walks made of granite and marble and relieved from monotony by designs in mosaic stretch along on either side, and there is an air of spick and span brightness about everything in sight. As the train draws into the station the waiters stand in an orderly row at the entrance to the dining-room. They have all been soldiers—every man in Germany has served a number of years in the army—and they stand in a military attitude with their hands at their sides and their chins up.

Directly in front of the main entrance stands the captain of the station. His rank is indicated by a red cap. His uniform is exceedingly showy, and often becoming—for the men as a rule are stalwart and well formed. He wears high heeled boots, dark blue trousers, relieved by a red stripe, a double breasted military frock coat, with a gold belt and rows of brass buttons. Ranged behind him are the guards, who are also in uniform, but whose caps are dark blue. After the train comes to a halt the chief guard jumps to the ground and salutes the station master. Then the other men step forward, and the work of loading and unloading the train goes on with conventional Teutonic stolidity. It is the duty of one of the guards to walk along the train and rub all the dust from the door handles and other brass work, so that in the course of the journey the metal becomes brilliantly polished. When the train is ready for departure the guards salute the station mas-

ter again, and he takes a whistle from his belt and blows it twice. Upon this another guard, who is stationed at the further end of the platform, rings a huge bell three times, and then with another salute by way of courtesy, the train moves on its way. This is only an indication of the military spirit which prevades Germany in every direction.—Bakely Hall's Berlin Letter in New York Sun.

Additional Locals.

—Judge Orvis is attending court in Clearfield.

—We are always thankful for fresh locals. Send them in or telephone the office.

—Mr. W. R. Teller and wife left for Cresson Springs last night. They will be gone several days.

—Miss Lillie Wallerton, who had been visiting Miss Morris, departed this morning for her home at West Chester.

—This morning Mr. Edmund Shortlidge, of Wilmington Del., started for home. His many friends will miss him very much.

—Mrs. J. H. Meyers, formerly of this place but now of Rochester, left for her home this morning. She had been visiting Mrs. D. G. Bush.

—To-morrow is show day. Send in your business locals. Fifty cents' worth of advertising is often worth fifty dollars to the advertiser.

—James McSherry, a veteran of the late war, was killed at Reno Monday. The G. A. R., of that place, have taken charge of the remains.

—Send in your name as a subscriber for the EVENING ITEM. Help your local papers, they help to boom the town and increase your business.

—A party of Tyro boys are camped on the upper Bald Eagle. They are small boys and if they don't get some fun and a few scares before they get home there is no use in being a small boy.

—Tyro indulges in soap bubble parties in which the main object is to see who can blow the biggest bubble. Now there may be lots of fun in that kind of amusement but it is a great waste of soap.

—Milesburg is making great preparations for the Veteran's re-union on Saturday, and when the old village sets herself to do a thing she always gets there in good style.

—Miss Jennie Shortlidge, of Bellefonte, Mr. and Mrs. George Shimer, of Milton, and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Calderwood, of Tyro, are the guests of Ex-councilman Moore, of Bellefonte Avenue.—Express.

—We are requested to announce that a castle of the Knights of the Golden Eagle will be organized on Friday evening at the Odd Fellows hall in the McClain Block. An invitation is extended to all who wish to join.

—Council did a wise thing in electing Mr. Yeager to the position of Second Assistant Marshal of the fire department. Mr. Yeager is a veteran fireman, a property owner and a respected citizen, and his election will meet with general approval.

P. M. Lytle, yesterday nominated for Assembly by the Huntingdon Republican Convention, had to run the gauntlet of the temperance ladies of that county. They worked hard for Mr. Lytle's scalp but failed, and Lytle is now the Republican nominee, but not so sure of an election as it is said the ladies will carry their fight from the primaries to the general election. When the ladies go for a fellow there is no let up until they either make a husband of him or a victim of their vengeance.

New Advertisements.

Rochester Clothing House.

M. FAUBLE.

REYNOLDS' BANK BLOCK, Allegheny Street.

The largest stock of READY-MADE CLOTHING

in the county always on hand at prices that DEFY COMPETITION.

You can secure as perfect a fit and as fine goods at half the rates charged by your tailor. Before buying call at the ROCHESTER CLOTHING HOUSE and inspect the goods and get prices.

Bellefonte BOOK BINDERY

J. B. KUNZ, Lesse.

I AM PREPARED to do all kinds of Plain and Fancy binding at the most reasonable rates.

BLANK BOOKS MADE TO ORDER.

Bindery in Conrad House Block—second floor.

Second Special Excursion to Niagara Falls via Pennsylvania Railroad.

The first excursion of this season run to Niagara Falls under the auspices of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company proved so popular and the demand for others of like character is so widespread, that the company has arranged a second for Thursday, September 13th. This excursion will be conducted on the same high grade as the one previous. It will be run under the direction of the Tourist Agent, and the party will go by special train of day coaches and Pullman parlor cars through to Niagara. The date is without doubt well chosen as the ten days contemplated in the limit of tickets will cover the most delightful portion of the early autumn season. Stop off at Watkins, with an opportunity to visit the famous Glen, will be allowed either going or returning. Excursion tickets good for ten days will be sold from Washington and Baltimore at \$10.00, and from principal stations in the following territory at extremely low rates: Stations on the main line between Lancaster and Altoona, both inclusive; stations on Columbia and Port Deposit Branch; Frederick Division between Littlestown and Wrightsville, both inclusive; stations on the Cumberland Valley Railroad; stations on Sunbury and Lewistown Branch and Lewisburg and Tyrone Branch; stations on the Northern Central Railway between Harrisburg and Williamsport, including Sunbury and Shamokin Division; stations on Philadelphia and Erie Railroad between Driftwood and Williamsport, including Tyrone and Clearfield Branch. The special train will leave Washington 7.10 A. M., Baltimore 8.15, Harrisburg 11.15 A. M., stopping at principal stations and at junction points, where connection from stations off the main line may be made by regular trains. For rates and detailed information consult ticket agents.

Nominated for Congress.

ALLENSTOWN, Pa., Sept. 3.—The Democratic conferees of Berks and Lehigh counties met here this afternoon and nominated Professor D. B. Brunner, of Reading, for congress.

Reduced Rates to the Buffalo International Fair via Pennsylvania Railroad.

The International Fair will be held at Buffalo, September 14th, 1888. The exhibition is to be held in the new building just erected for that purpose, which is said to be the largest fair building in the world. It will embrace in its display not only the exhibits from the entire industrial, mechanical, and agricultural field, but an art department, a domestic section, and an unusually fine horse and cattle show. Special features in the shape of running races, bicycle races, under the auspices of the League of American Wheelmen, which will hold its annual meeting there, and other attractions of absorbing merit.

In order to accommodate visitors the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets to Buffalo, September 3d to 12th, inclusive, good to return until 15th, inclusive, from all principal stations at a rate of a single limited fare for the round trip, with 65 cents added for transfer and admission. Tickets will be sold to wheelmen on and after September 1st, with same limit as to return trip.

The Picnic next Saturday.

The Veteran Club of Centre county will hold its fourteenth annual picnic in Green's woods, Milesburg, on Saturday, September 8, beginning at 11 o'clock a.m.

Such speakers as Col. Chill W. Hazard, of Huntingdon county, Gen. J. P. S. Gobin, of Lebanon and Dr. W. D. Hall, of Altoona, have been invited and are expected to be present to address the meeting. By a guarantee that one hundred passengers can be brought over the Bellefonte and Lewisburg railroad, from Lewisburg and intermediate points to Milesburg, the railroad managers agree to run a train, to return as far as Coburn, leaving Milesburg at 5:30 p. m. The same terms have been obtained from the Buffalo Run Railroad Company except by that Company a guarantee of only 65 has been asked and accepted in order to secure the train to return at 6 p. m. On the Bald Eagle Valley Railroad the regular evening train going west will take excursionists to Lewistown, Tyrone, Philipsburg, etc.

For those going east to Lock Haven, Beech Creek, Howard, etc., an extra train will leave Milesburg at 5 p. m. No guarantee is asked for that train. The regular morning train from Philipsburg, Tyrone, etc.; from Lock Haven, Howard, etc.; from Snow Shoe, from State College via Buffalo Run Railroad; from Lewisburg, Coburn etc., will arrive to bring the excursionists to the picnic. Regular excursion rates from all points between Mifflin, Lewisburg, Huntingdon, Philipsburg, Tyrone, and Milesburg; between Lock Haven and Milesburg; between Snow Shoe and Milesburg; and between State College via Buffalo Run railroad and Milesburg.

Every arrangement has been made for the comfort of visitors. It is a basket picnic as usual with the club. Coffee for the use of soldiers will be furnished free of expense. All soldiers and friends cordially invited to attend.

COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS.

A HOLOCAUST IN WISCONSIN.

Six persons lose their lives in a Burning Hotel.

WEST SUPERIOR, Wis., Sept. 3.—About 2 o'clock yesterday morning fire was discovered in the American House, on the corner of Third and Towers avenue. The entire building was enveloped in a mass of flames, and the screams of frantic men and women escaping from the building, some in only their night clothes, lent horror to the scene. The fire was finally gotten under control and confined to the hotel.

The cause of the fire was attributed to a lamp explosion in the second room from the corner on Third street, occupied by three intoxicated persons. Tom Tagney, the landlord, lost \$500 worth of household goods, on which there was not a cent of insurance. Jack Jones, who owned the building and furniture, estimates his loss on the building at about \$5,000, on the furniture \$2,500, with about \$1,800 insurance on the former and none on the latter. The proprietor of the bar lost about \$1,000 on stock and fixtures, with no insurance.

At one time the entire block seemed in imminent danger, but by the brave and heroic efforts of the firemen and many citizens the flames were gotten under control. The girls who were employed in the hotel were so horrified by the awful death that confronted them that it was with difficulty that they were forced to leave the doomed house.

The charred bodies of three men were found this morning, one of which is supposed to be that of Pat Claire, a Canadian. The others have not been identified. It is thought that at least three more perished in the flames, as a number of boarders were known to have been intoxicated when going to bed, and it is hardly probable that they escaped, as they were asleep in the third story of the building.

Knocked Stiff for Half an Hour.

CHICAGO, Sept. 3.—During a prize fight for \$500 a side in a room not half a block from a down-town police station, Frank Skinner, of Chicago, last night knocked out Ed Mullen, of New York. Mullen lay still for nearly half an hour. The fight was witnessed by twenty-five persons. Three rounds were fought, all bloody.

Baker's Horrible Revenge.

AOEN DIA, Kan., Sept. 3. A horrible affair is reported from the neighborhood of Guide Rock, a small town just over the Nebraska line. John Baker, while feeding a thrashing machine on a farm, was accidentally cut on the hand by the band cutter, a boy.

In a rage he grasped the boy and deliberately fed him into the machine, feet first. The boy's screams attracted the attention of the other hands, but before they could interfere the boy's body had half disappeared in the machine. The men seized Baker and hanged him to the straw carrier.

Three Negroes Lynched.

RALEIGH, N. C. Sept. 3.—Yesterday morning Henry Tanner, John Tanner and Alonzo Smith all colored were taken from the jail at Oxford and hanged by a crowd of masked men both white and black. The Tanners were charged with the murder of a negro, and Smith with burglary and arson, a capital crime in this state.

Fell out of a Window While Drunk.

YOUNGSTOWN, O., Sept. 3.—Thomas McKenney, proprietor of a hotel at Petersburg, Ohio, nine miles from here, came to the city yesterday, and early this morning was found on the sidewalk in front of the hotel Windsor, having fallen out of the third-story window while intoxicated. Several of his ribs were broken, and internal injuries render his recovery doubtful.

A Circus Tiger Creates a Panic.

WILKESBARRE, Sep. 1.—While one of the tigers of a circus was being transferred from one cage to another to-day he fell off the ladder. He gave a great howl and the attendants became panic-stricken. Six men in trying to get out of the way were trampled on and badly injured. By great presence of mind the tamer succeeded in muzzling the animal before he could get away.

The Cork League Boycotted.

DUBLIN, Sept. 3.—The Parnellite members of parliament have refused to have any further connection with the Cork branch of the National league on the ground that the Fenian element in it controls its action.

Charters Granted.

At the state department the following charters were granted yesterday: The Demorest fashion and sewing machine company, of Williamsport; capital, \$300,000. The Demorest publishing company, of Williamsport; capital, \$5,000. The Demorest fashion company, of Williamsport; capital, \$5,000. The Morris box-lid company, of Pittsburg; capital, \$5,000.

OLD New England will have to look to her laurels, lest the new south filch them. During the last few months the passionate contributions to literature from that section have set the literary world fairly aflame.