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CITY AND SUBURBAN.

From Yesterday's Evening Gazette

Coal Digging Machines.

At a meeting of the Coal Exchange, held yesterday, the subject of coal digging machines was under consideration. The machine invented by one of our ex-citizens [illegible] on exhibition, and the Coal Exchange, through their committee, proposed to make a thorough practical test of its utility, but the inventor, weare informed, has not accepted this proposition in a gentlemanly manner, refusing in the [illegible] Steubenville, who has been engaged for some time in perfecting a machine for digging coal, was also present at the meeting and announced that he would be ready to exhibit a model in a few days. We understand this apparatus to be essentially different in its construction from the one invented here, and the inventor seems sanguine of success.

The Coal Exchange is desirous of extending every facility to inventors, and encouraging them in their efforts, in the hope that the extortionate demands of the diggers may be successfully resisted; and the public relieved from the necessity of paying double prices for their fuel. There is certainly no obstacle in the way of constructing a coal digging machine which, mechanically ingeniously cannot overcome. There is an immense fortune awaiting the successful inventor, as the present high prices of digging would induce every pit owner to purchase the machine at whatever cost. The consideration of this subject will be resumed at the next meeting of the Exchange, when it is expected that the new machine alluded to will be ready for exhibition.

Railway Matters.

A preliminary survey of the Chautauqua Central Railroad has been made from the landing at the head of Chautauqua Lake, at Mayville, by way of Fredonia and Dunkirk, to the Erie Road and the A. & G. W. Railway. The connection can be made between Dunkirk and Erie Road and the A. & G. W. Railway. The road which has been examined, is less than thirty-1½ miles, and with such an easy grade that it would seem needless to look for a more favorable route. The large amount of [illegible] which would find transportation over the road, if constructed, in addition to the local business and travel, cannot but make such a link in the railroad connection an important one.

A change of grade is proposed on the Sandusky, Mansfield & Newark Railroad, whereby it should be made to conform to that of the Michigan Southern, Cleveland & Toledo and Central and Baltimore and Ohio roads, thus to secure a uniform grade between Chicago and Baltimore. The Toledo Monroeville, Newark and Wheeling. The *Toledo Blade* says: "The importance of this arrangement is seen at a glance. The connections by Cleveland and Pittsburgh, Baltimore, New York, and we may expect the new route to take the traffic."

Desperate Encounter, with Burglars.

On Friday night last, Mr. Benjamin Blandy, of Zanesville, who had been up till midnight, heard a strange noise down stairs, in the back of the house, and knowing that no members of the family could be up at that hour, put his pistol in his pocket and went down. Upon entering the door leading from the front hall to the dining room, he discovered a man [illegible] ting on the back stairs with a dark lantern in his hand. The fellow immediately threw the light into Mr. Blandy's face, and, at the same instant, fired a pistol at him, the ball passing through two folds of his shirt collar just grazing his heart, struck the door, and, glancing off, buried itself in the wall. He then made tracks out the door which was thrown open, and escaped. Upon hearing the report of the pistol another robber came rushing down the back stairs, when Mr. Blandy fired at him. The fellow stumbled and fell, and before he could rise another shot was fired, when he sprang out the door and was "off." The robbers left two others behind, which, in their haste, they neglected to take with them. It is not known whether the man was injured or not, as he did not stop long to afford the exhibition.

Lawrenceville Election.

An election for Burgess, Councilmen, etc., was held in the borough of Lawrenceville, yesterday, under the act recently passed, dividing the borough into two wards. But a small vote was polled, and very little interest was manifested in the result. S. M. Kier, Republican, was elected Burgess over his Democratic opponent, A. H. Allibone, by a majority of forty votes. For Councils, Messrs. Samuel M'Mahon, A. D. Anderson and G. W. Irwin, Republicans, and Philip Barger and A. Hoevler, Democrats, were elected. School Directors—R. H. Stowe, James Irwin and George M'Kee, Republicans. Justices—Wm. Jancey, J. J. Cleary, Republicans. Judge, First ward—J. Keller, Democrat; Inspectors—Daniel Rode, Dem.; and Ed. Davidson, Rep. Second ward—Judge, Edmund Wilkins, Rep.; inspectors, Mr. Dwyer, and Wm. Potter, Dems. Assessor—Samuel Gilly, Rep. Assistants—J. T. M'Clure, and D. S. Williams, Rep. Auditor—Thos. Douglas, Rep. Constable—Joseph Hay, Rep.

Bank Note Quotations.

Corrected especially for the Gazette, by Messrs. Field & Lare, of the *National Bank Note Reporter*. Rates uncertain at present:

	Discount.		Discount.
New England States—	½	North Carolina	—
New York State	½	South Carolina	—
New York City	½	Georgia	—
New Jersey	½	Alabama	—
Penna.—Philadelphia	par	Louisiana	—
" —Pittsburgh	par	Mississippi	—
Ohio—Cincinnati	par	Tennessee	par
" —Cleveland	par	Kentucky	par
" —Wayne Co., Pr.	45	Indiana, Free	—
" —Monongahela Bank	45	" —Bk. of State, Spc.	—
" —Brownsville	45	Illinois	1 to 2
Pa. Country Banks	½	Wisconsin	1½ to 2½
Delaware	½	Iowa	1
Dist. of Columbia	½	Michigan	—
Maryland, Baltimore	par	Missouri	par to ½
" Interior	½	Canada	par. to ½
Virginia—Wheeling	1		
Wheeling Branches	par		

Exchange—Selling rates on New York and Philadelphia ½ to ¾ c. over bankable funds.

Gold—Sold, buying rates 46, and Silver at 43 over bankable funds.

Another Cotton Mill.

This morning, between six and seven o'clock, an alarm occurred at the Pennsylvania Railroad depot, which narrowly escaped resulting seriously to one of our city watchmen. It appears that a newly recruited soldier, named Thomas Grady, alias Thomas Gray, was placed on the passenger platform at Lollaying Station, the night watchman, James Mc Dargan, when the night watchman, James Mc Dargan, when the night watchman, James Mc Dargan, when