

The Bloomfield Times.

Tuesday, January 28, 1873.

LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

To Correspondents.—We wish our correspondents to remember that we go to press Monday afternoon, and consequently letters intended for publication which do not reach us Saturday evening are too late to be of any service.

Sales.—We call attention to the following sales, bills for which have been ordered at this office:

February 8th—Peter Low, of Penn township, will sell live stock, wagons, hogs, farming utensils and household furniture.

February 15th—Levi Sellars, will sell on the farm of Elizabeth Rathfon in Wheatfield township, horses, colts, cows, 1 heifer, two wagons, plows and farming implements generally.

March 6th—Wm. Glenn, of Carroll township, will sell live stock, wagons, farming implements and furniture.

March 12th—Samuel Briner, of Tyrone township, will sell live stock, wagons and a great variety of farming implements.

March 13th—Jacob Billow, of Carroll township, will sell horses, cows, young cattle, wagons and various farming implements.

Probable Fatal Accident.—A lamp containing Rose burning fluid exploded at the Dauphin co. almshouse on Monday night, and burned Mrs. Lightner, who has been an attendant at the institution for ten or twelve years. The lamp fell from the socket as she was placing it on a table, and breaking, her clothing was soon in flames. Her hands, neck and arms are severely burned, and little hope is entertained of her recovery. The woman has since died.

A Railroad Meeting.—A railroad to this borough is acknowledged by every one to be an absolute necessity, and yet it will never be made, if each individual waits for some one else to do the work. At the present time there is a good offer made to the citizens of this vicinity and one which will insure a railroad if persons here will do their share towards it. A comparatively small amount of money is required to be subscribed at this end of the route, or above here when responsible parties agree to see that the balance of the money is raised and the road built. A meeting is therefore to be held in the Court House, on Wednesday evening of this week, to see what amount can be raised, and to take such other steps as may be necessary, to further this project. It is hoped that every one who has an interest in the matter will be present and will come with the determination to do his share in the work required, when the success of the much desired road will be made certain. WILL YOU COME?

The Inauguration.—The day for the inauguration of Gov. Hartranft, was very unpleasant, and yet quite a number went to Harrisburg, from this vicinity. The trains from every direction came loaded all day Monday and Tuesday forenoon.

The procession was the finest that has been had on a similar occasion for years. The number of military organizations in line was about twenty-eight—embracing about 2,300 men—the number of bands 23 and the number of soldiers' orphans between 700 and 800. In the aggregate about 4,000 men participated in the parade.—Among the bands were three of the most celebrated in the country—the Marine of Washington, Fisk's Ninth regiment band and Beck's, of Philadelphia.

Among those present from this county, were the scholars from the orphan school at Loysville. The boys in their blue uniforms appeared remarkably well, but would have looked more comfortably had they been provided with overcoats. On their return they made a parade in this borough preceded by their drum corps, and went through with a short drill, in an exceedingly creditable manner.

A Western Hermit—He Proves to be Bannister Gibson, of Perry County, Pa.

The following letter which refers to Bannister Gibson, son of Francis Gibson, Esq., nephew of Gen. George Gibson, will be read with interest by many persons in this county. Bannister Gibson has been absent from this county for about 20 years, and at the present time he is again among the Indians, information to that effect having recently been received.

"On the 1st day of June, 1870, I began the United States census in the 84th subdivision of the northern district of Illinois, for which I had been appointed Assistant U. S. Marshal, said sub-division being situated in Rock Island county. Of the many strange and interesting phases of human life with which I was necessarily brought in contact during the progress of my enumeration, it is not my intention now to write, but one incident came under my observation, the first day of my work that may not be uninteresting to your many readers. While crossing what is known as the Muscatine slough, in Drury township, I came upon a man sitting by the roadside, and upon making inquiry as to his place of residence, the following information was obtained, which, though it savors strongly

of romance, is no doubt in the main points strictly true. The man's name is Bannister Gibson; he was born in Perry county, Pa. His parents were wealthy and well connected, and the son enjoyed unusual facilities of education. In the spring of 1854 he moved to the State of Illinois, and worked at his trade in Rock Island county. Being a millwright, he assisted in the erection of several mills in the county. In the year 1860 he moved to the state of Minnesota, and on the breaking out of the Indian war he enlisted in the state militia for the protection of the frontier against the depredations of the savages. In an engagement with them he was shot down and left for dead on the field, and was so reported by the commanding officer. Gibson, though shot through the head and shoulder was not killed, but was made prisoner by the Indians, who transferred him from one tribe to another, using him in the capacity of a servant, and in any way that they could make him useful to them. After many weary months of captivity, he was sent to Alaska, in which region of intense cold, and many hundred miles away from any white settlement, he succeeded in making his escape, and after many perilous escapes from death by wild beasts and starvation, he succeeded in reaching the route of emigration to California, to which state he went; but being unable to work at his trade on account of the lameness of his hand, or to engage in any other employment that would support him, he came to the conclusion to return to his native State. He traveled slowly. Several years were passed among the mountains and in crossing the plains, during which time he lived in true Indian style, mixing with them freely, and learning to speak their language, and becoming much attached to their mode of life. In the fall of 1869 he arrived at Muscatine, on the Mississippi river, and crossing at that point took up his residence in a hollow maple tree on the river bottom, where he spent the winter, subsisting on muskrat and mink, and from the sale of the furs getting some other necessities of life. It seems strange that a man who had once enjoyed the comforts of life should be willing to endure the privation and hardships of such a home; yet Gibson seemed to be perfectly satisfied with his condition, and showed but little disposition to seek for a change. In the spring the high water drove him from his domicile in the tree, and he took up his abode in a straw stack on the farm of Henry Murdock, where he was staying when I saw him. He spends most of his time in fishing, in which employment he is quite successful, and in exchange for his fish receives many little articles, provisions, clothing and an occasional newspaper from the farmers, among whom he is regarded with much favor. Gibson has been a fine looking man, six feet in height, with a pleasant expression of countenance, and pleasing address: is well informed on all subjects of general interest, and would, no doubt, if once more surrounded by the refining influences of civilized life, become a useful citizen. But such has been the influence of the wild life he has led for the last ten years, that it is doubtful if he will ever return to his friends, who he thinks believe him to be dead, as he has never written to them. At the time of my meeting with him he promised to write me a sketch of his life for publication, but as I have never heard from him since, I give these few items as nearly as I can remember them, and should they ever meet the eye of any of his friends in the East, I will cheerfully give them all the information in my power."

GEORGE M. KELLER, Asst. Marshal.

How is This?—The following which we copy from a Cumberland Co., paper is not very complimentary to the citizens of Perry. Let us build the railroad which this Newville "fellow" thinks will save our people the trouble of seeking a market over the mountains where evidently they are not properly appreciated:

"PERRY DENIZERS.—The recent good sledding has brought a comparatively new and strange race of people from the 'fastnesses' of Perry county. They are known by their general squalid look, and the peculiar commodities which they deal in. The team generally consists of a horse whose bones stand out in sharp outline with a good back ground, hitched to a sled of the most primitive construction, loaded generally with pine knots, hoop poles, bark or some other production of the forest.—The driver can be known by the intense curiosity with which he views everything. Easy transit bring these fellows to a better market. When Perry gets a railroad, we will see no more of them. Perry at present is but the frontier of Cumberland county.—Newville Star.

For the Bloomfield Times, DUNCANSON, Jan. 18, 1873.

Mr. Editor.—The topic of discussion now is, License or no License. Shall we, or shall we not, endure the traffic in intoxicating liquors? Are we as an intelligent God fearing people going to cast our ballots in favor of this infamous business? All voters will have an opportunity of expressing their opinions at the ballot box next March, and we sincerely hope that all will vote in accordance with the dictates of conscience. The sky looks clear and notwithstanding the whiskey dealers' money, (from what we learn from different parts of the state from private sources) there is no doubt there will be an overwhelming majority in March in favor of closing the sinks of iniquity.

A great many are made to believe by the dealers that certain rights are to be wrested from them. What are those rights we

would ask? Are they the right to get drunk and lie in the gutters, and causing their friends to blush with shame? Or the right to spend for drink the money earned by hard labor, in order to keep those who are too lazy to work, in ease and luxury.

The Bible says: "Woe unto him that putteth the bottle to his neighbor's lips, and maketh him drunken also," and certainly God will call those who by selling liquor, lead so many to temporal and eternal destruction, to a fearful account.

An objection advanced by some is that there will be no hotel for travelers to put up at, that it will not pay to keep hotel unless liquor is sold in connection with it.

The traveling public need have no fear that such will be the case, as the profits of the business without the sale of liquor are large enough to induce many to engage in it.

"We are going to have a paper," These are the words that greet you at every corner. It is to be called the "Duncannon Record," and will be published by Mr. Houck formerly of Mechanicsburg, we wish him success.

A party of Good Templars from Marysville visited Perry lodge on the 10th of Jan. had their horses put up at one of the hotels here, and were fed 16 quarts of oats for which they were charged the small sum of \$3.50. Any persons visiting this neighborhood will please recollect oats are oats here.

The ice has broken in the Juniata and the river is rising rapidly.

The puddler's strike is at an end, they resumed work last Wednesday morning.

From the Juniata county papers we copy the following:

A young man named Jacob Bear, a resident of Tuscarora township, was in Millin on last Friday with a sled and two horses. In the evening when on his way home he attempted to cross Tuscarora Creek, about a mile below McCoyville. The ice broke, and he was drowned, as were also the horses. Nothing, however, was known of the distressing circumstance until Saturday morning, when the body of the unfortunate man and the dead horses were discovered among the broken ice.

The residence of Mr. Joseph Towsey, of Turbett township, was entirely consumed by fire about 9 o'clock on Thursday evening last. It is supposed the fire originated from a defective fire. His household goods were all burned, as the fire had gained too much headway before it was discovered to remove any goods from the house. The loss falls heavily upon Mr. T. as he loses all his earthly possessions. Let a helping hand be extended toward this unfortunate and needy family.

About half-past five o'clock on Tuesday evening a sad accident occurred near Patterson, whereby William Keppell, one of the hands engaged in digging away an embankment for the Railroad company, north of the town, was instantly killed. It appears, from what we could learn of this sad affair, that Keppell was undermining the embankment and before he was aware of it the ground fell on him, instantly killing him. As the bank fell in he was heard to give a deep groan, and when taken out the vital spark had fled. He commenced working for the Company about the 6th of last December. He came here from Mount Holly, Pa., where he was previously employed. He was a single man, aged about 35 years and a German by birth.

A Deer in Saville Township.

Editor of THE TIMES:—To-day, about 2 p. m., a large deer put in its appearance in front of, and a few rods from the mansion of Mr. Henry Bixler. Mr. Bixler's dog caught and threw down the buck, and Mr. Bixler and Mr. Delancy "took him up tenderly," placed him on a sled and conveyed him to Mr. Delancy's stable. In a few minutes the "Eschcol Fur Company" was on the ground to see that his buck-skin should have justice. The surgeon of the company, "Dr. Hornbook," assisted by private "Blow-horn," made examination of the prisoner, and reported that three bullets had made the same number of deer wounds,—one in the left side of the face, one in the left ear, and the third in proprius spinchter anni. (Doctors know.) The wounds were fresh. "Capt. Steuben" kept at a distance, fearing a sudden rise in deer, and a corresponding depression in spirits. By and by six hounds and two hunters came from the north, following in the tracks of the buck. The hunters claimed the deer—wondered if they could lead it home; but notwithstanding a considerable amount of noise "Ahab's" Mr. Delancy didn't scare worth a cent; and—the deer didn't lead. Presently "Capt." and "Boss" of the Ickesburg infantry were at the scene of excitement, and pledged their military to prevent the recapture of the buck. Some time after dark the deer was surrounded by admirers, who, "good-Samaritan"-like, were ready to pour in oil and wine. Tell "Harry Fatty" (now of your town) that the patient is doing well.

Brief Items.

The "Union Brick Church" in Liverpool township, erected mostly by the Barner family, was dedicated on Sunday a week.

A new post office has been established at Mattawana, opposite McVeytown, Mifflin county.

Rev. S. P. Orwig is now holding a series of revival meetings in the Lutheran church at Beavertown. Upwards of forty conversions are reported.

Samuel Baker, of Buffalo township, Union county, made an attempt at suicide on the 8th inst., by cutting his throat, but botched the job all to pieces. He is in a fair way of recovery.

A little girl in Carlisle named Sarah Kents, has been suffering some months from what was supposed to be an incurable dropsy, but took the small pox a few weeks since and having recovered from that disease finds that it has cured the dropsy.

The Manheim Sentinel, Lancaster county, boasts of sausages 69 feet in length. What a whopper that is. We mean the sausage not the story.

A party went from here to Landisburg again on Wednesday, and express themselves much gratified with the entertainment furnished by Maj. Shuman. This time the water had no bad effect, and everything passed off smoothly.

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MARRIAGES.

SMITH-THOMAS—In Millersdown on the 14th inst., by the Rev. H. C. Cheston, Mr. G. W. Smith to Miss Rebecca Thomas, both of Blain, Perry county, Pa.

JOHNSON-JONES—On the 10th inst., at Mr. Henry Hoffman's, in Prout's Valley, by Rev. H. C. Cheston, Mr. Albert Johnson, of Northumberland, to Miss Louisa Jones, of Greenswood township, Perry county, Pa.

ERRY-HOSTETTER—At Blain, on the 2nd inst., by the Rev. H. H. Clark, Mr. Geo. A. Ebert, of Loyville, to Miss Mary E. Hostetter, of Centre township, Pa.

DEATHS.

WERTZ—On the 23d inst., in Oliver township, after a protracted illness, Martha E., daughter of John and Mary Wertz, aged 19 years, 7 months and 7 days.

FRANK—On the 14th inst., Annie Elizabeth Frank, of Newport aged 6 years, 1 month and 9 days.

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