The Post.

MIDDLEBURG, December 3rd, 1874.

J. CROUSE, Ed'r. & Prop'r.

Congress will meet on the 7th inst. Its session will end on the 4th of March. Unless there be a called session, the Congress last elected will not assemble until December, 1875.

The Legislature of this State will convene on Tuesday, Jan 5, 1875. Two weeks from that date, viz: Jan 19th, the vote for choice of U. S Senator will be taken in each House. As each House will probably select different men, a joint convention will be held the day following, the 20th of January.

On Friday last a week, two men named Aaron Hall and Wm. Lucas, of Unionville, Centre county, proceeded to the Moshannon Hill for a hunt, and after having been separated for some time, Hall supposed he spied a bear wadling through some laurel bushes and fired, but from the groaning was satisfied he had shot a man, and upon proceeding to the spot found his friend Lucas, dead. The reader, in his imagination, can comprehend the rest as well as we can. Despite these sad warnings which occur frequently, men take no heed to prevent accidents of this kind — *Altoona Tribune.*

The question of the reduction of the President's salary to the time-honored sum of twenty five thousand dollars per annum is being discussed by a portion of the newspaper press of the country, and the matter will probably be brought promptly before Congress at this coming session. Public sentiment seems to demand this reduction, and it would be folly to disregard the wishes of the people, when plainly expressed. The increase, when made was looked upon unfavorably by a large class of citizens, and the opinion seems to have gained strength with the hard times that the old salary of twenty-five thousand dollars is sufficient.

The Chicago *Tribune*, referring to the nomination by a Milwaukee paper of Mr. E. B. Washburn as the next Republican candidate for the Presidency, says: "The Republican party will elect the next President; that much is as certain as any future event can be. Whether the President's name will be Washburne, or Conkling, or Blaine, or Wilson is a question for future discussion. An early nomination will not help a man if he is not secure of the affections and respect of Republicans throughout the country; and one who has these can afford to wait for the recognition of his merits at the proper time."

The Williamsport *Bulletin* says those who felicitate themselves that the Pennsylvania legislature will not this winter take any action upon the local option law, will find themselves seriously mistaken. Too many members have been elected to the Legislature on pledge s to secure its repeal to permit the session to go on withl out on agitation of the question. All those elected from this county were pledged to do their utmost to expugne the law from the statute books, and the prospect is that it will receive attention very early in the session. An act of repeal will have little trouble in getting through the Democratic House of Representatives, and the slight Republican majority in the Senate will afford no formidable opposition.

The question of war in Europe is now agitating the French press. The parties to the supposed approaching contest are Germany and Russia, and the *casus belli* will be a demand by Prince Bismarck, supported according to the German manner, by the opinion of jurists, for the restoration of the German Baltic provinces. How soon the great struggle is to begin is not stated positively, although conjecture places it within three or four years. Russia is quietly but rapidly preparing for the rupture which must follow the expected demand. Nor has Germany been idle. The veteran strategist who controls the destinies of the armies of the Teutonic empire has taken his precautions, and is prepared for the contingency. The provinces of Livonia and Courland have been covered with German spies, the Russian language has been taught to the German officers, the railway cars adapted to the gauge of the Russian roads, and a plan of campaign thoroughly studied by Von Moltke, even to its minutest details. With two such immense powers—the heavy weights of the European political system—so amply prepared for business, and with such a vital principle of governmental existence as the object of attack and defence, the outside world may prepare for a war such as has been seldom recorded in the history of the past. When the Teutonic and Slavonic races, as represented by the two most powerful empires of modern Europe, meet in the shock of battle, the world will witness a spectacle of stubborn bravery and destructive carnage which will put to shame the most daring deeds and bloodiest conflicts of the Franco-Prussian war of 1870. For the sake of the husbands, wives and children of these two people, and for the sake of humanity in general, we hope time may prove the unreliability of the French prophets of evil, and that the world may be spared the sight of these two powerful empires rushing to arms and deluging the earth with rivers of blood to decide the ownership of a few petty provinces on the frozen shores of the storm-tossed Baltic.—*Harrisburg Telegraph.*

—H. L. Smith, of Fayette township, Juniata Co., had a herd of 28 shoats to die, a few days ago, of some unknown disease.

—The filly, Lady Stout, owned by Richard Penistan, of Philadelphia, is said to be the fastest three year old in this country. She has trotted three consecutive heats in 2:30¼, 2:28¾ and 2:28.

—Four tons of silver were sent recently from the Assay Office to the United States Mint in Philadelphia to be coined into half-dollars. This is the largest quantity ever sent at one time.

—A fire in Brookville, Jefferson county, Pa., on Friday morning of last week, destroyed property to the amount of $250,000. The Opera House, Oak Hall Hotel, Franklin House, Masonic Hall, Odd Fellows' Hall, and a large number of stores and dwellings were destroyed.

A FORTUNE OF $125,000.—On Tuesday the wife of Jacob Wilhelm, a nailer employed at the Chesapeake works, in the lower end of the city, received the sad intelligence that her father had died in California. Coupled with the information, however, was the announcement that he had left her a fortune of $125,000.—*Harrisburg Patriot.*

—Petroleum is now selling, delivered at points on the railroad, for a cent a gallon. Yet the infatuated miners still keep digging for it, and in the face of a diminished export demand, we learn from the Titusville *Courier*, the usual number of new wells are being sunk. The surplus production now on hand is estimated at 4,000,000 barrels.

—The Bellefonte Watchman says that a valuable horse belonging to C. Munson, Esq., of Phillipsburg, refused to eat, although exhibiting no symptoms of any disease peculiar to horses. At last it was discovered that by some means a boot heel had become fastened in the roof of the animal's mouth, preventing mastication. It is stated that the heel was in the lay upon which the animal fed, and the nails, by action of the mouth, were forced into the roof, holding the heel until discovered and removed.

—On Wednesday Mrs. Mitchell vomited the third black lizard from her stomach. She is the wife of Mr. John Mitchell, who resides in Cumru township, and is employed as a machinist in the Phila. & Reading Railroad Company's shops, and yesterday morning her husband brought the reptile along to this city, when he came to work, and presented it in a bottle to Dr. Dundore, who is preserving it alive. It is four inches in length, and is dark on the back and spotted very similar to a trout on the stomach.

Last spring when returning home from this city in a carriage she vomited something alive, whilst she was leaning over the side of the vehicle, but did not stop to examine it.

About two weeks ago she felt a choking sensation and threw up into a basin at home a live lizard about 4 inches in length, and on Wednesday another one. About an hour thereafter she felt a choking sensation again in her throat, which has led her to believe that there are more lizards in her stomach.

Mrs. Mitchell is about 33 years of age, weighs over 200 pounds, and is in good health, excepting that occasionally she is afflicted with weak spells and a choking sensation, but these are of short duration. One evening last summer a year ago she drank water from the spout of the pump, and remarked to her husband at the time that she believed she drank something alive with the water.

Mrs. Mitchell intends taking some drug to destroy the reptiles in her stomach.—*Reading Eagle* 18th ult.

Two Old Men Robbed of a Large Amount in Specie.

SNOWDENVILLE, Pa., Nov. 24.

The want of employment resulting from the stagnation in business in this region is bearing fruit in an alarming increase in crime. The lawlessness that is prevailing in the coal mining districts is spreading through out the State, and local prints are filled with the particulars of crimes of every nature. There is a growing feeling of uneasiness in every quarter, and in this section it has been greatly increased by the frequent bold and successful robberies that are being committed. Since the express robberies at Manunka Chunk, particulars of the following daring outrage have been received:

Near Frankfort Springs, Beaver county, live two brothers, named respectively John and Samuel M'Guire. They are bachelors, and have lived alone for years, during which time they have been engaged extensively in the wool business. They were known to have on hand about $12,000 worth of wool, and on Tuesday of last week a stranger called at their house and made inquiries about the wool, saying that he wanted to buy a lot, and that he would take all of theirs if they would sell it at a reasonable price. The M'Guires set a price on their wool which the stranger thought was too high, and he took his leave without purchasing. The actions of the man made the brothers rather suspicious of him. It had been the belief that they had secreted about their house large sums of money in gold and silver, which they had been accumulating and hoarding for years. The sequel proved the general opinion on the subject to be well-founded.

Two days after the stranger had been to M'Guire's, Samuel, who is sixty-nine years of age, was alone in the house, his brother John having gone to Frankfort Springs postoffice. About three o'clock in the afternoon four masked men entered the room where he was sitting. Without any introductory ceremoney they bound the old man, and then demanded to be informed where the money belonging to the brother was hidden. He refused information, when a pistol was placed to his head, and the robbers swore they would take his life unless he gave them the desired information. There being no possibility of summoning assistance, the frightened old man revealed to them the spot where about $800 in gold was concealed. The robbers secured that, but believing there was more treasure in the house returned to their victim, and endeavored to force him into telling where the balance of his money was. M'Guire, however, declared that he knew of no more about the house, and protested that he was speaking the truth in such an earnest manner that the robbers evidently believed him. They determined to search the premises, nevertheless, and placing M'Guire on the bed and securing him there, went to ransacking the house.

While thus engaged they were interrupted by the return of the other brother, Jno. M'Guire. He was seized at once, and an effort made to tie him, but although over sixty years of age, he made such a vigorous resistance and such an uproar that one of the robbers knocked him senseless with a hatchet. He was then bound on the same bed with his brother. The latter thought that John had been killed, and thinking that a like fate was reserved for him, begged of the plunderers to spare his life and he would tell them where all the money was. He was accordingly released, and led the gang to the cellar. From various nitches in the wall he took out small bags containing coin, and from beneath an upturned barrel in one corner of the cellar dug a box containing $2,700 in gold and silver. The whole amount of booty obtained from the M'Guires was about $4,500—all in specie.

After securing the money the robbers took the old man up stairs and bound him again to the bed. During their absence down cellar the other brother had recovered consciousness, and had nearly succeeded in freeing himself from his bonds. They were both firmly secured, when the gang left them. About nine o'clock at night one of the brothers freed himself and loosened the other. Samuel started at once for the nearest neighbor's, a mile distant, and related the particulars of the robbery as above. Although the men came and left in broad daylight, no one could be found who had seen them, nor has any trace of them been found up to this time. That the man who had collected the proceeding Tuesday was connected with the bold crime there is no doubt, for when the robbers took leave of the M'Guires one of them asked, "Will you take less than $1 25 for your wool now?"

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Nov. 19, 1874.

NOTICE.

Robert M. Cummings has filed his application in the Surveyor Generals office at Harrisburg for Four Hundred [4 res (400 acres) of unimproved land in West Perry township, Snyder county, Pa., adjoining lands of the heirs of John Mussel on the south and surveyed to Charles Hall on the West, and land of William Ellenberger on the north.

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NOTICE.

Wesley Auten has filed his application in the Surveyor Generals's office, at Harrisburg, for two hundred acres [200] of unimproved land in West Perry township, Snyder county, and lands of the heirs of Jacob Hall on the South and lands of William Wilson and others on the North.

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Nov. 19 '74. H. A. HUMMEL.

EXECUTORS' NOTICE.—Letters testamentary on the estate Peter Anker late of Perry township, Snyder county, Pa., deed. have been granted to the undersigned. All persons knowing themselves indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment, while those having claims against said estate will present them for settlement to

Nov. 19-74, JOHN S. AUKER, Executor.

COURT PROCLAMATION.

Whereas the hon. J. C. Bucher, President Judge of the Judicial District composed of the counties of Snyder, Union and Mifflin and J. G. L. Shindel and B. L. Bandenbush Esqs Associate Judges in and for Snyder county have issued their precept bearing date the 28th day of September A. D. 1874, to me directed for the holding of an Orphans court, a court of Common Pleas, court of Oyer and Terminer and General court of Quarter Sessions of the peace at Middleburg, for the county of Snyder, on the 2d Monday, (being the 14th day of December, 1874,) and continue one week.

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EXECUTORS NOTICE.—Letters testamentary on the estate of James Fender late of West Perry twp., decd. having been granted to the undersigned, all persons knowing themselves indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, while those having claims will present them, duly authenticated for settlement to

JOHN KEPLER,

Nov. 5, '74. pd JONATHAN LOUTZER, Executors.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that I have bought the following named articles of Jessee Weider of West Beaver township, Snyder county, Pa., since he left the same in his possession, all persons are hereby cautioned not to interfere or meddle with the same, viz: 1 Gray Mare, 1 Brown Mare, 1 Colt, (horse) 2 Red Cows, 1 white spotted Cow, 1 Yoke Oxen, (1 Black spotted and 1 White spotted,) 3 Hogs, 7 Pigs, 2 Sets Chains, 1 Cultivator, 1 Harrow, 1 Plow, 1 Two Horse Wagon, 1 Horse Spring Wagon, 1 Thresh machine and horse power, 9 acres grain in ground 32 Bus. wheat to Granary, 20 Bus. thats in Barn, 3 Acres Corn in Schoch and Bolder thereof, 4 Tons Hay, Straw in barn, Potatoes to Bus. 2 Beds and Bedding, 1 Bureau, 1 Desk, 2 Tables, ½ dozen Chairs, 1 Cooking Stove, 1 Room Stove, Lot Queensware, 1 Set Blacksmith Tools & Bellows, Lot Carpenter Tools.

Nov. 19, 1874. ABRAHAM WEIDER.