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FOREIGN NEWS.
THE PRODUCE MARKET.
LITERARY MATTER.
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☞ Recently on his own responsibility, Gen. Sickles occupied Matamoras. For this serious misconduct Gen. Grant has removed him. Unless he can give very good reason for his course, dismissal from the service is likely to be his fate. He is expected to come to Washington, where he will, if he can, enter into the proper explanation.

Miners' Journal.

POTTSVILLE, PA.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1866.

"Be just and fear not:
Let all the ends thou aim'st at be thy country's,
Thy God's and truth's."

HASTENING ITS FALL.

The tenor of European news indicates that the temporal power of the Pope is hastening to its fall, and that the prophecy of which we spoke in a late number, is likely to be fulfilled within the month in which we are. The last defiant effort of the expiring Papal power came in the shape of the Allocution lately published. It is not likely that there will be another struggle before the temporal power of the Pope finally gives up the ghost. Deserted by every power in Europe it will soon be laid with other relics of barbarism of the Middle Ages, most notable for having survived until the enlightened nineteenth century.

In Russia an Imperial ukase has been issued declaring all the relations of Russia with the Pope of Rome abrogated, and annulling all the special laws of the Empire which have heretofore been made in accordance with such relations. On Wednesday last Rome was evacuated by the French.—This removes the last obstacle to the national unity of Italy. Venetia has been annexed, and the Papal dominions will come next.—The people will effect it by revolution, if no other way is feasible, and the Pope in all likelihood, will soon be a fugitive. It he would accept the situation, in other words, bow gracefully, to the irresistible power of the national sentiment, we have no doubt that the Italians would be glad to have him remain among them as the spiritual head of the Church. But he is an obstinate old man. Like the Bourbons, he learns nothing and forgets nothing. And the prophecy must be fulfilled in regard to his downfall as a temporal prince; and he will be.

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Local Affairs.

Weekly Almanac.

1866.—Dec.	SUN RISES	SUN SETS	MOON'S CHANGES.
15 SATURDAY,	7 17	4 33	New M. 7 0 29 mo.
16 SUNDAY,	7 18	4 33	First Q. 14 11 47 evng
17 MONDAY,	7 18	4 33	Full M. 21 3 38 evng
18 TUESDAY,	7 19	4 34	Last Q. 28 2 27 evng
19 WEDNESDAY,	7 20	4 34	
20 THURSDAY,	7 20	4 35	
21 FRIDAY,	7 21	4 35	

Temperance.—A lodge of Good Templars has been established in Tamaqua.

The Tamaqua Zouaves anticipate parading in their new uniforms on Christmas day.

Several men were arrested in Tremont last week for peddling jewelry without a license.

S. J. Dampman has been elected Chief Engineer of the Good Intent Fire Company.

To-morrow.—Fifteenth Sunday of the year, and third in Advent. Day's length, 9 hours and 15 minutes.

Cold.—At 8 o'clock on Thursday morning last, the thermometer marked fourteen degrees above zero.

Rev. W. Graves of this Borough, delivered his lecture on Matrimony in Lebanon on Wednesday evening last.

Holidays.—The public schools of Pottsville will be closed from the Friday before Christmas till Wednesday, 2nd January.

The good people of Tremont are resolved to note the fleeting moments. They will become in the New Year with a new town clock.

Mahanoy City has five plugs, a hose carriage, and will soon have five hundred feet of hose. That is right. Put yourselves in shape for fire.

On the 5th inst. at Suffolk Colliery, near Mahanoy City, a miner named James Montdowley had his back seriously injured by a fall of coal.

On the 4th inst. at St. Nicholas, a boy named Ryan had one of his arms severely cut by an axe in the hands of a butcher. It was an accident.

On each evening during the Fair of the Good Intent Fire Company, there will be several tableaux, which will be attractive and interesting.

The night schools of Pottsville working so well, it is not improbable that the Tamaqua School Board will follow the example and establish one or more there.

A miner named Jonathan Negley had one of his arms so severely injured at Heil's Colliery near Tremont, last week, that amputation was deemed necessary.

Harriet Riddle, who was sentenced to five years imprisonment at hard labor, for the murder of Dennis Haggerty, at Mount Carbon, has been pardon ed by Governor Curtin.

Annie Monahan, a young girl, employed in the store of Mahlon Lavan, Pottsville, died suddenly burned on Saturday night last by the explosion of a coal oil lamp, that she is not expected to recover.

Drowned.—On Sunday last an inquest was held at Mahanoy City on the body of Michael Driscoll, who was drowned by accidentally falling into the North Mahanoy Creek. Verdict in accordance with the facts.

As a proof of the great abundance of all kinds of game this season, the editor of the Tamaqua Journal says that he noticed a young *dear* walking leisurely down Broad street the other evening. Wouldn't she object to being made game of?

Mrs. Dunston of St. Nicholas, was injured on the evening of the 4th inst., by the explosion of a coal oil lamp. She will recover. Some attempt to fill a coal oil lamp while it is burning. Hundreds of valuable lives are lost yearly in this country by this dangerous practice.

THE BOUNTY DEBT OF THE BOROUGH.—In our last by a freak of the types we were made to speak of this as the County debt. We will therefore, state again, that the Jefferson Davis Democrat of this Borough—good authority in this matter, as it is the organ of the County Treasurer and Commissioners—says that three years longer will be required to pay off the Bounty debt of Pottsville. This is a sorry prospect for the tax-payers, who were under the impression that this debt was nearly paid. It has been onerous upon all classes, enhancing rents, and adding materially to the expenses of living. Under a more economical administration of county affairs, this debt would have been paid by this time. In other counties where comparatively, an equally large indebtedness was incurred for County purposes, this debt has been extinguished.

In view of the startling statement that our tax-payers have yet three years' burdens to bear before the Bounty debt will be paid, we believe that in the interest of the tax-payers, it would be the duty of the Borough Council to investigate the matter and see how it stands. Our tax payers should know if everything in connection with it is right. We trust that Council will move in the matter.

THE RIGHT OF WOMEN TO VOTE.—In the ladies' Sociable room on Tuesday last, there was a lengthy discussion on the right of women to vote—a side question, which Mr. Cowan of this State interjected into the debate on suffrage for the District of Columbia. The New York Tribune says:

Mr. Cowan chooses to represent himself as an ardent champion of the claim of women to the elective franchise. It is not necessary to question his sincerity, but the occasion which he selects for the exhibition of his new-born zeal subjects him to the suspicion of being considerably more anxious to embarrass the bill for enfranchising the blacks than to amend it by conferring upon the women the enjoyment of the same right. Mr. Cowan was once a Republican. He abandoned his party, has been repudiated by his State, and may well be casting about for some new issue by which to divert attention from his faithlessness on the old. We have heard that Mr. Cowan affects the classics; we are sure, therefore, that he will thank us for reminding him of that familiar story out of Plutarch respecting Alcibiades. When the dissolute Athenian had cut off the tail of his dog, which was the dog's principal ornament, and all Athens cried out against him for the act, Alcibiades laughed and said: "Just what I wanted has happened. I wished the Athenians to talk about this that they might not say something worse of me."

We are not to be suspected of indifference to the question whether women shall vote. At a proper time we mean to urge her claim, but we object to allowing it a measure of urgent necessity, and on which the public has made up its mind, to be retarded and imperiled.—Nor do we think the Radical majority in the Senate need be beholden to the enemy's camp for suggestions as to their policy. We want to see the ballot put in the hands of the black without one day's delay added to the long postponement of his just claim.—When that is done, we shall be ready to take up the next question.

CONGRESS is very properly asking for information concerning the pardon of the Rebel Gen. J. E. Pickett, who sanctioned the hanging of a number of Union men in North Carolina. Gen. Pickett admits the main charges, but sets forth that the men hung were deserters from the Southern army, and hung as such. Gen. Grant recommends Pickett to the clemency of the President, but it is doubted whether the public verdict upon these murders will agree with the official exculpation.

If it is true as is stated by a cable despatch, that Maximilian has telegraphed to some of the physicians attending to the Empress Carlotta to meet him at Gibaltar by the middle of December, the Mexican Empire may be considered in fact, defunct. Mr. Seward with his whimsical foreign policy, has been endeavoring to embroil us in a difficulty with France on this Mexican business. The American people on the other hand, want no difficulty with France on this question, and they will look to Congress to see that no Mexican complications, however urged by political intriguers and reckless speculators, shall be allowed to interfere with the accomplishment of the national will. Napoleon was it is true, somewhat curt when he said that he would withdraw his troops from Mexico, and take his own time and way of doing it. But he is going to withdraw his troops very soon, and we can overlook pettishness when we remember how he has been thwarted in a pet scheme of establishing a monarchy on this continent.

THE UNION LEAGUE OF PHILADELPHIA.—On Monday last this effective organization held its annual meeting, at which a report of its operations for the year was read. The League now numbers nearly thirteen hundred members, and of local patriotic associations it is doubtless surpassed by none in the point of wealth, intelligence, and decided and active power. More thoroughly than almost any institution in Philadelphia, it represents the ideas and public spirit not alone of the city itself, but of Pennsylvania. The efforts of the League to sustain the late war are part of the best history of a city that boasts its Hall of Independence of 1776 and its Union League of 1864. Its fine house on Broad st., almost destroyed by a late fire, is now quite rebuilt.

REDUCTION OF INTERNAL TAXATION.—A Washington despatch to the Philadelphia Press states that the theory of Secretary McCulloch, which looks to the payment of our colossal debt by the generation which has sacrificed so much blood and treasure, is almost universally repudiated by the Republican majorities in both Houses. Especially abhorrent to them is the argument upon which this bill is maintained, that the debt should be paid because it is a humiliation to our beloved brethren in the South. Hence, the people may anticipate a very thorough reduction in many of the burdensome internal revenue taxes. Every day's experience shows that it is the part at once of statesmanship and of humanity to lessen these heavy loads. Nothing depresses business more than these taxes. In many cases they invite fraud and give color to the grossest oppression.

THE Secretary of the Treasury is considering the expediency of dismissing all the female employes of the Treasury Department. Alleged reasons—disadvantages attending the employment of women; the continued pressure for appointments, and the consequent annoyance.

Fine skating at the Park. Ample building accommodations for comfort. Many very pleasant evenings will be spent there during the Winter, as the facilities for lighting the Park have been increased. The Park will be illuminated this evening.

Death of an Old Citizen.—On Monday morning last Captain William Wolcott died in this Borough, aged 85 years and 8 months. His remains were interred on Wednesday afternoon last in the Presbyterian Cemetery of this Borough. He was a native of Connecticut, but had resided in this Region since 1830. He was up to within the past two years very active, being capable of walking from twenty-five to thirty miles a day. Thus are the pioneers of the Coal Region dropping off, one by one.

Highway Robbery.—On Tuesday, 27th ult., as Frederick Hieber, a respectable German shoemaker of Mt. Pleasant, this County, was returning home from Pottsville with a small quantity of leather which he had purchased here, and when he was about four miles beyond Minersville, he was attacked by three young Irishmen, who demanded his money. He replied that he had none. One of the ruffians then presented a pistol to his breast, when he delivered up his purse which contained one dollar and sixty-five cents. The robbers then let him go. They have not been arrested.

Acidity for Office.—On Monday last before the remains of Mr. David Foley, late County Commissioner, were deposited in the grave, there were as we have been credibly informed, twenty-seven applications to the remaining Commissioners for the office made vacant by the death of Mr. Foley. This was so annoying to the Commissioners and Judges, that to prevent a further influx of office-seekers they filled the vacancy on Monday evening by the appointment of Mr. Edward Kerns to the position. We can see no reason for this avidity, except the fact that the successful applicant expected to make at the present exorbitant rate of pay, at least a thousand dollars out of the office between this and the next election.

Death of David Foley.—On Saturday morning last Mr. David Foley, one of the Commissioners of this County, died at his residence in New Philadelphia, after an illness of two months. His remains were interred at Minersville on Monday afternoon last, attended to the grave by a large concourse of friends and relatives. Mr. Foley was a native of Ireland; about 65 years of age at the time of his death, and was a resident of this Region about twenty-five years. At the October election in 1862 he was elected County Commissioner to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Robert Wall. He was re-elected for three years, in October, 1864. His term had he lived, would have expired in October, 1867.

On Monday evening last his surviving Commissioner, attended before the Judges of the Court appointed Edward Kerns of North Manheim Township, to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Foley's death.

The Port Carbon Literary Association.—At a meeting of the progressive citizens of Port Carbon, held on Tuesday evening, Dec. 4th, the above named association was organized as follows: Rev. H. H. Muller, President; H. M. Quinn, Prest.; Michael Scanlon, Vice Prest.; J. H. Cawley, Sec.; John Mullen, Treas.; and O. J. Gorman, Librarian. The object of this association is the improvement of its members, and the discussion of popular questions and events. Their meetings will be held on Monday evening of each week, in the school room attached to the residence of Mr. Thos. Cormas.

The association being young and their means limited, will be very thankful for any generous donations of books, magazines, or work papers of any description. Their object is moral and intellectual culture, and anything tending to the advancement of this object, will be gratefully acknowledged. Any persons wishing to assist them, will address the association at Port Carbon.

The Education of the Freedmen.—This is a work of the highest importance to the interests of the country and to the welfare of the millions of slaves who have been released from degrading bondage. The American Freedmen's Union Commission is now engaged in this philanthropic work, and asks the assistance of the people of the North. It is confidently believed that Pottsville will cheerfully consent to contribute the money necessary to support one teacher among the Freedmen. A meeting for the purpose of taking action in this matter will be held in Mechanics Hall to-morrow (Sunday) afternoon at 3 o'clock. Addresses will be delivered by the following gentlemen, who are distinguished by their eloquence and earnestness in this cause. Gen. H. D. Mussey, Judge Pitman of New Orleans, Rev. A. Calhoun and Col. Carson, Corresponding Secretary of the Commission.—We trust that there will be a large attendance at the meeting on Sunday afternoon at Union Hall to hear these able speakers.

The pastors of the churches of this Borough are respectfully requested to give notice of the meeting to-morrow morning before their respective congregations.

It will we hope, be very generally remembered that the Fair to be held in the Masonic Hall, for the payment of the debt incurred in getting its steam fire engine, will commence in Union Hall on Wednesday next, 19th inst., and continue until Saturday night the 29th inst. We earnestly hope that the public will devote some of their time to assisting the Company in its enterprise. It is a matter in which everyone in the Borough is more or less interested. It will be remembered that a beautiful and valuable tea set will be voted for during the progress of the Fair—the minister receiving the highest number of votes to be the recipient. Every effort will be made by the Company to render the Fair attractive and interesting to those who attend.

Mr. Leonard Shearer, manager of the Fair, hopes that the ladies of Pottsville will make contributions of pies, cakes, &c., to the cooking department. A gift of a single pie, cake, or other article that would be useful, from each lady, would meet almost every want of the department without being a heavy tax on the donor. Those who will make donations of the articles referred to are requested to send them in to Mrs. S. on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday afternoons of next week.

Trial of the New Steamer of the Good Intent Fire Company.—An engineer from the Amoskeag works having arrived this week, the new engine of the Good Intent was tried on Thursday last, first at the canal basin and afterwards on the Centre street. Steam was raised in seven minutes, and the engineer threw a stream through a 1½ inch nozzle, 237 feet. The engine worked finely and gives satisfaction. Hose was led out from the engine for a square and a good stream played at Centre and Mahantongo streets. The hose being defective however, leaking in a large number of places, the full capacity of the engine was not demonstrated by that trial.

Pottsville now possesses two excellent steamers, but the hose in the possession of the companies is unfit for steamer purposes. It will not stand any considerable pressure. Property holders generally, are favorable to an appropriation for the purpose of supplying these companies with good hose, and would cheerfully sanction such action on the part of Council. We trust that there will be no hesitation in this important matter, and that the companies may be placed speedily in good and effective condition. We are confident that every tax-payer will cheerfully pay his proportion of the expense.

Schuylkill County Enterprise in Virginia.—Our citizens will remember that Messrs. William Milnes and Thomas Johns of this Borough, went to Virginia last Spring, for the purpose of engaging in the lumber business. We are glad to hear that they are doing well and are pleased with the section in which they have settled.

The editor of the Rockingham Register, published at Harrisonburg, Va., recently visited their works, and thus notices their enterprise:

We had the pleasure to visit the Shenandoah Iron Works near Grover's Depot, on Monday last. Messrs. Milnes & Johns, an energetic, sagacious, intelligent firm hailing from the iron and coal regions of Pennsylvania, through their agent, Mr. Lewis, are carrying forward numerous and important improvements of their valuable property purchased less than a year ago of Messrs. Porter. Buildings of different kinds are now going up, and others are under contract. They are also increasing their facilities, which are already extensive, for the production of the quantities of the splendid iron which abounds in the hills a short distance from these works. We visited one of their furnaces the one in Rockingham County, and found it excess busily occupied in getting out and melting this valuable metal. The furnace we saw will turn out this week, forty-four tons per day, and represented as inferior to none made anywhere in the world, and the ore being very rich, yielding not less than 70 per cent. of iron. It always pays to go where we learn, in the Baltimore market, where it is sold, at least $10 or $15 per ton more than most of the iron sold and used in this country. The firm employs regularly and pays promptly, every month, not less than three hundred hands; a large majority of whom are native Americans, and Pennsylvanians. These employes are generally sober, correct, industrious men, and are doing well under the system of management adopted by the proprietors of the works.—Amongst other buildings erected here, we were pleased to see a chapel going up at the expense of the firm, for the special benefit of their employes.

With the infusion of just such enterprise all over the South, we shall have the rightful work of reconstruction among the "chivalry."

School Convention at Harrisburg.—In accordance with the request of Professor J. P. Wickersham, State Superintendent of Common Schools, a Convention of the County Superintendents of Pennsylvania was held at Harrisburg on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of last week. Prof. Wickersham called the assemblage to order and stated the object of the meeting, as we set forth in his circular of recent date. Most of the County Superintendents were present, and letters received from those who were absent. Mr. A. T. Dunthet, of Allegheny county, was chosen President. The first report read was one by S. S. Overholt of Bucks county, upon School Legislation, that subject having been assigned to him by the State Superintendent. Some amendments were made by Messrs. Clubhuck of Bradford, Ermentrout of Berks, Newlin of Schuylkill, Woodruff of Chester, upon various educational topics, and Mr. Allabaugh of Westmoreland, moved the attendance of pupils should be made compulsory, by legislative enactment. A report recommending that normal schools be established by professional teachers and superintendents, be used throughout the State, was rejected by 25 in favor to 25 against it. A report in favor of the allowance of $1 per week to pupils of Normal Schools, and $50 on graduation, was adopted. Propositions that the school fund should be raised by equal taxation throughout the State, and that the State appropriations for the support of schools should be apportioned to the counties of school districts, and appointing officers who should also act as clerks for boards of directors and insure accuracy in reports and give more system to the general plan. Another plan is for a closer union of the several educational institutions throughout the States into one grand column, so as to require colleges, academies and similar institutions to report to the State authority, and entitle them to fair and liberal appropriations from the State, without in the least attempting to deprive them of any vested right. The report could be liberal and liberal, and afford to all the people the means of thorough education. Professor W. did not propose any such measure upon the Legislature at this time, but only to submit the idea for the consideration of the friends of education throughout the State, confident that, upon thorough investigation and discussion, it will be embraced in the end. Professor W. also embraced the opportunity to deny a report that he wished a particular series of books adopted for the entire State; on the contrary the matter is where it properly belongs, with the directors of the several school districts or county school authorities.

The Sunday School at Fishback now held in St. Johns' Chapel, was established some eight or ten years ago under the auspices of Rev. D. Washburne, and has since enjoyed the interest and aid of Rev. Mr. Lewis, and now numbers some eighty scholars. Instruction has been given to a great number of pupils, some of whom, without the existence of this school, would have grown up in entire ignorance and vice. Some of the pupils, both male and female, having finished their instruction there, are now acting in the capacity of teachers, and do great credit to the school and themselves by their correct and exemplary habits and lives.

The population of Fishback is large, comprising families, whose male members work in the extensive and prosperous rolling mill of Messrs. Atkins & Bro., and at the mines beyond Fishback; and it may be said, that owing to the influence of this Sunday School, and other good and healthy influences, the population is orderly, and well behaved.

Such a population of industrious, hard working and for the most part, respectable people, whose time is devoted to labor to aid in benefitting and enriching in their sphere, the whole country are entitled to a liberal provision for the education of their children, that they may grow up to be useful and intelligent citizens. It is true also, that the education of the children reacts with the best results upon the character of the parents.

This school is the only one of the kind in Fishback, and thus far its good effects are very marked and decided. Similar schools everywhere in the County are exerting a powerful agency in saving many youths of both sexes from vice and ruin, and preparing them for all the duties of good citizens, to perform well their parts as members of our great Republic, whose main dependence is on the virtue and intelligence of her people.

Instruction in music has also been connected with this school and the success of this department has been very decided, and now every pupil has his or her own copy of "Happy Voices," and joins heartily and happily in singing its beautiful hymn and melodies.

The Library of this school is now nearly *read* to pieces. It has been read and re-read very often and a new one becomes indispensable. The old Library has done its good work. Into how many families and into how many hearts it has carried its light and its cheer, who can tell? A new Library must now be purchased, and the means must come from those who can afford to give a few dollars each, for this laudable object. The school is open for all pupils without regard to religious denominations, and hence all who are disposed to aid in this Library are invited to do so.

Within the last six or eight weeks a Free Night School has been opened in the Chapel, for such persons who are engaged through the day in labor, and therefore cannot attend day school. This school is filled to its utmost capacity, and is under the able and successful tuition of Mr. J. Cake, very favorably known as a prominent teacher in the Pottsville Night School, assisted by Miss Shoener, also favorably known in her profession.

Many of the pupils are adults, and belong to all religious denominations—Protestants and Catholics. The instruction is confined to reading, writing, arithmetic and music. The earnestness and diligence with which these scholars devote all their leisure hours of each day of their toilsome lives, snatched from daily labor, to improve and elevate themselves, and to share with others that knowledge which is power, and which gives so far to constitute the true dignity of manhood—is very full of interest.

This Free Night School is a decided success, as it must be a decided blessing, not only in the immediate good it gives, but in wooing so many away from the haunts and influence of evil men.

Messrs. Atkins & Bro., in the spirit of true nobleness, to reward those who labor for their success, and to elevate the character of their workmen, met the first proposition of this enterprise with the liberal donation of one hundred dollars, without which, the attempt would probably have been a failure. This was followed by liberal contributions from Messrs. Snyder, Huntzinger, Harris, Boyer, Morris, and a number of other gentlemen, whose names deserve to be preserved on the honored list of the contributors to the first Free Night School in Fishback.

The good result of this successful movement is not only its immediate benefit for this season, but it establishes the claim of Fishback, (which will be cheerfully responded to) on the School Board to make it a permanent institution, not only for this or for all time to come, and still better, the example will appeal successfully to all the School Boards in the different sections of the County, to establish the same blessing in their districts, and the good effects on the population of our County?

To avoid the necessity of calling for contributions, all persons disposed to contribute to either or both of the above objects will please leave name and amount with Rev. Wm. Lewis, Messrs. Farquhar, Hayes, Heffenstein or Morrison.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

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December Term—Quarter Session.

(Continued from report of last week.)

John Delaney was charged with larceny, by Mrs. Delaney. Bill ignored—Prosecutor to pay costs.

Michael Kelley—Surety of Peace, on oath of Margt. Lynch. Count heard the parties, and directed each to pay half the costs.

Mary Manly—Surety—Margt. Lynch, the prosecutrix. Each party to pay half the costs.

John and Michael Delaney, were charged with assault and battery, by Patrick Delaney, were acquitted, and costs divided between the parties for payment.

Judy Delaney—Surety of the peace of John Delaney. Each to pay half the costs, and to give $500 bail for future good behavior.

Patrick Delaney—Surety—on complaint of John.—Same disposition as last.

Frank Barron plead guilty to an assault and battery on Pat. Delaney. Fined $1 and costs of suit.

George W. Rodgers was convicted of a charge of false pretences, preferred by Mary Keisler.

Sebastian Terpack was convicted of assault and battery on John Frick, and sentenced for the costs.

James Mullen, Tamaqua, was convicted of fornication and bastardy with Margt. Maguire; and was directed to pay $34 for lying-in expenses, and to give the usual security for the support of the child.

Paul Beares was convicted of fornication and bastardy with Sarah Ann Neifert, and sentenced to pay $40 for lying-in expenses, and to secure the child's maintenance, &c.

Rudolph Boehmer, Pottsville, was convicted of a similar charge with Catharine Rinderknecht. Not yet sentenced.

Edmund Lloyd plead guilty to an assault and battery on Anna Hinkel, and was sent to prison for 30 days.

The same defendant was further directed to pay the costs and to give $500 bail for his future good behavior on a surety of the peace, instituted by the same prosecutrix.

Wm. Edwards was charged with malicious mischief, by Barbara Reilly. Nol. pros. entered—County for costs.

This week has been wholly occupied with the trial of civil causes, as will also be next week.

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