

Notes.

Several rafts were "stuck" on the late flood. Plant your tomato seed on St. Patrick's Day. Charles Mead will be seventy-three years old next August.

Services in all the churches last Sunday. The fine weather induced people to turn out. The firm of Barbour & Allen of the McKean Miner has been dissolved.

Next Sunday is St. Patrick's Day, and the fifth anniversary of the editor's wedding day. The next thing will be the first potato bug. He will be around to see who are buying seed potatoes.

Rev. W. H. Swartz has returned after an absence of several weeks. He seems much improved in health. The next Presbyterian Sociable will be held at the house of Hon. George Dickinson, Wednesday, March 20. All are invited.

There was an unusually large number of ladies on the street Saturday and Sunday. Sure sign of a storm. Send in the money for your subscription, wood, rags, and old iron gratefully received and applied on account.

The pigeons fly too high for our nimrods, and, although the weather is well suited for hunting, no game is bagged. Sheriff Oyster has planted some peas, and now he don't know whether to blanket them or build a shed to protect them.

Read the article headed "Ridgway" which we copy from the Warren Ledger. It contains a good hint to our business men. The McKean Miner credits the Elk Democrat with an item, laudatory of the Miner, which appeared originally in the ADVOCATE.

The "boys" had a bonfire on Main Street Monday, and consumed all the loose barrels they could lay hands on, and lots of fun thrown in.

The Ridgway Silver Band were out on Monday night long enough to play "Home Sweet Home," and then took their accustomed snooze in Rip Van Winkle.

Notes.

Send us local items. Onion sets are selling for ten cents a quart. For a nicely fitting suit of clothes call on M'Fee the tailor.

"Bub" Taylor is in town. He is as long and looks as well as ever. The show window in W. S. Services tin store looks neat and tasty. Lawyer Bailey has painted a neat sign for W. S. Hamblen, Attorney at law.

We put a quart of onion sets in the ground last Tuesday. Now, let the snow and the wind blow. That fearful snow storm out west makes a fellow feel like building a fire in the stove and getting up some wood for winter.

We learn that Sidney Alma was badly squeezed last week, between two freight cars on the Daugueschonda Railroad at Earley. There is a family in town that killed and ate a sick calf which was only a few days old.

Horace Little has bought the five acres of land west of Grove Messenger's land on South street, and formerly owned by Mr. McNulty of New York. The watch drawing at the Ridgway House, week ago last Saturday, resulted in No. 12, held by Oren Bedell, drawing the watch.

The watch was worth about \$40.00, and the chances were sold at fifty cents each. Paper books neatly and cheaply printed at this office. We guarantee satisfaction in this kind of work and will make the prices as low as possible.

Thanksgiving Sermon by Rev. J. M. Gillette, with Remarks and Criticisms by 'A Catholic' as published respectively in the Elk Democrat and ADVOCATE. It is the title of an eighteen page pamphlet, which we have for sale at this office for 25 cents a copy.

A fire at Spartansburg, Pa., last Thursday morning destroyed every business house in the place, including the Masonic Lodge Hall, Post Office and depot. The loss is estimated at \$50,000; insurance, \$25,000. The fire is supposed to have been the work of an incendiary.

Late advice says that the loss will reach \$100,000; insurance probably \$50,000. Suspicion of incendiarism rests strongly upon W. M. Jacobs, in whose store the fire originated, and who has sought the protection of the authorities to avoid threatened lynching.

Several days ago while Harry Wilson and Alva Malhorn were digging a well on the line of their lots on Zion's Hill, an accident occurred which came near proving fatal.

Ridgway.

From the Warren Ledger. After plodding on foot through mud and snow all winter, the sensation of a ride of a few miles on the cars is pleasurable. Hence last Friday we took the cars for Ridgway, partially on business principally for pleasure.

A run of three hours takes one from Warren to Ridgway. All along the route there are evidences of thrift in the lumbering business. At Ludlow they have immense piles of lumber and logs. The mills at this place are owned by Hoffman & Co., and the Curtis mills, with which is a tannery.

As we strike the Clarion river, the mills seem to be well stocked, and the work of rafting in the boards had begun. Although the winter has been a mild one, with but little snow, the lumber trade seems to have been driven with a zest seldom equaled.

Should our lumbermen in this region be lucky enough to get their stock to market, they will bring back a large amount of money, and then there will be a revival of business throughout the lumber region.

For while our lumbermen have been fortunate in getting in stocks, the fact does not hold good the country over, and those who have the lumber will most likely be rewarded with good prices. Ridgway, Elk Co., has a population of from 800 to 1,000.

Among them are a goodly number of substantial businessmen. The firm of J. S. & W. H. Hyde is perhaps the heaviest firm in that county, and for ought we know, the heaviest in this part of the State.

We are told that J. S. Hyde is worth in these times of depression, fully \$400,000, and yet is not quite happy. Mr. Hyde has been an indefatigable worker, a good calculator, and a money-saver, and before old age has taken a firm hold, has amassed a fortune he can call his own.

The firm of J. S. & W. H. Hyde, dealers in general merchandise, occupy the most magnificent retail store in this part of the State, and with but one exception, Philadelphia, the largest in the State. Their building is a new one, three stories in height, the upper story being a Hall, or as it is styled, Hyde's Opera House.

The size of the building is 95x265 feet. On the first floor is their dry goods, grocery, hardware and stove departments with a tin shop. On the upper floor is the clothing and carpet department, and private offices. All these departments are well filled with goods suitable to the wants of the people.

W. H. Hyde son of J. S., presides here, in his quiet, but thoroughly business way. He has the confidence of his customers and the people who know him. They call him "Will," to which he responds with as much alacrity to the least of his customers as to the largest.

Judge by looking over the pages of the papers.

Among the number at the Hyde House we noticed Judge Wetmore, who was holding an argument Court. The Judge is popular with the Ridgway people—all speaking of him in the highest of terms as a Judge, and for his social qualifications; and he certainly uses his spare time in the discussion of such subjects as the people are interested in who come in contact with him.

Being a lumberman and a farmer, being a practical man, as well as theoretic, and being a close reader and a good thinker, his conversation partakes of the useful. So far there have been no failures in Ridgway, and although business is comparatively dull, all the business men are considered sound.

There are a large number of fine dwellings there, denoting a high order of culture among the inhabitants. There are two banking houses—Ridgway Bank and Elk County Bank. The people are social and orderly, but few leaders being visible.

In short, Ridgway has nothing to be ashamed of in the way of enterprise or intelligence. She compares favorably with any town in the State in these respects. Her county officials are counted the best. On our way home we saw Gen. Thos. L. Kane, of Kane, who claims to be an invalid; but his keen, piercing eyes are evidence that he has a stock of vitality that will carry him along many years yet.

He suffers from wounds received in battle, and occasionally concludes they will shortly terminate his life. However, the pure air of Kane keeps life's current moving, as he thinks it would not in any other locality. State Notes. In Warren county 400 barrels of oil are produced per day.

Lawrence Heinman, an Allegheny pauper, has fallen heir to \$40,000. One hundred men of Braddock's, Allegheny county, will leave soon for Brazil to work on the new railroad. A well known member of the Pittsburgh bar has disappeared, and it is said his accounts are \$10,000 short.

A Pittsburgh residence, erected at a cost of \$127,000 was sold a few days ago for \$10,000, subject to a mortgage of \$17,000. The number of pieces of coin turned out by the Philadelphia mint during the month of February was 3,734,570, the value of which was \$1,083,394.

The Williamsport Gazette and Bulletin says: "It is understood that some of the principal producers of the Bradford oil district are developing a project for laying a pipe line, the eastern terminus of which shall be this city." C. W. Kline of Hazelton has entered suit against Lewis Landmesser, republican candidate for sheriff of Luzerne county, for the recovery of \$381.85 for expenses incurred by him as chairman in running his representative district in the interest of Landmesser.

The quantity of coal produced by the Schuylkill region for the week ending March 2 was 70,251 tons, as against 1,657 tons the previous week and 68,931 tons for the corresponding week of last year. The total production of anthracite, as shown by the summary, is steadily falling off from that of last year. The Philadelphia Ledger says: "The State Senate is respectfully notified that the select and common council of Philadelphia have passed, by unanimous votes in both branches, a resolution requesting the defeat of the 'Recorder's bill'—which is a bill to compel the milliners, trimming store keepers, small tradesmen, mechanics and others in Philadelphia to return tribute in the shape of compulsory fees towards making a lucrative salary for an utterly useless office."

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.—This morning (7th, inst.) about 7 o'clock, a genteelly dressed young man made his appearance at the Franklin house in this borough, and stated that he had been shot by two men, who afterwards robbed him. He represented that the crime had been committed about a mile west of town, a little before dark last evening. The one side of his face was covered with blood and his general appearance indicated exhaustion. He stated that he was shot in the left ear and in the stomach. He was taken to a room, and placed in a bed. Upon examining the wound in the stomach it was found that the shirt and undershirt were burned with powder, and upon being questioned he admitted that he had made an attempt to kill himself. He then gave his name as J. H. Kitchen, his father lives in Columbia county, his last office address is Central P. O. Columbia Co. Pa. His age he states is 21. He refused to give any reason for the rash act, and begged that no one should write to his father. The doctors are attempting to remove the ball from his head this afternoon. The other ball has not been found. It is believed he will recover. Gazette (St. Mary's).

Notes from our Exchanges.

BY COUNTIES. Jefferson. From the Republican. Mr. Lewis L. Mohney, a young man in the employ of Mr. K. L. Blood, while unloading oil in front of Mr. Blood's building last Friday, met with quite a severe and painful accident. He was in the act of letting a barrel down on the skid, when the team moved forward, letting the barrel down on his foot, almost severing the great toe, necessitating the services of a surgeon.

The funeral of William Thompson, killed by falling from his engine at Mix Run, on the eastern end of the Law Grade road, on Monday last week, took place Thursday last, his remains being buried in the graveyard at Jefferson church, near Dowlingville. Many of his comrades on the road were present to pay the last sad rites to a dear and respected friend, a large concourse of people, friends and neighbors, also following the cortege to his last resting place.

The dwelling house of Mr. Richard Bedell, of Warsaw township, was entirely destroyed by fire on the night of Wednesday last. He was successful in rescuing most of his household effects, excepting that contained in the kitchen, where the fire originated and where it had gained such headway as to preclude all efforts to save the contents. We have no estimate of Mr. Bedell's loss, or knowledge whether he had any insurance or not.

The other evening two men entered the house of Mr. Rinnard Anthony, of Union township, in his absence. Mrs. A. invited them to be seated, but, paying no attention to her, they kicked over a bed that was in the room, and going to the cradle one of them lifted the babe up in his arms. The mother now being greatly alarmed, ran and took the child from him, when they commanded her to "clear out." She ran some distance to where Mr. A. was working, and he hurried back to the house, but found that the scamps had gone, having in the meantime broken open a trunk, and taken therefrom a small amount of silver, and also carried away a ham and some flour. By this time it was snowing quite fast and was so dark that Mr. Anthony found it impossible to track the thieves, so they escaped with their spoils. Our farmers ought to keep a rifle, loaded and primed, for such customers, and in this way administer a kind of "speedy justice" to them.

Clarion. From the Republican. Mr. James L. Manson, of MILLCREW township, sends his claim for hauling the biggest load with one team, of the season. On February 4th he hauled six hundred feet of oak square timber, a distance of two miles. If any body can equal this, now is the time they can be heard from. From the JACKSONIAN. An inhuman father, of Jefferson City, this county, while under the influence of liquor, recently attempted to hang his own daughter, a young girl about sixteen years of age. She had been sick for several days, and on Friday of last week, being sufficiently recovered as to be around the house, the drunken father went into the room where she was sitting in another department, caught her by the waist, and placing a rope around her neck, tried to hang her. The young lady's screams brought her mother to her assistance, and the neighbors coming in she was rescued and her father secured.

McKean. From the MINER. A great deal of interest has been manifested in the case of Commonwealth vs. P. R. Cotter, which was tried at the last term of court. It is happily an infrequent occurrence for the prosecuting attorney of the court to be himself arrayed as a defendant in a criminal action at the bar of the court. The history of the case can be briefly stated. Some weeks ago the Burgess of Bradford borough found it necessary to cause the arrest of the inmates of a well-known house of ill-fame in that borough. The parties arrested at once applied to Mr. Cotter for assistance, and his enthusiasm in behalf of his "fair" and, as he seemed to consider, persecuted clients outran his discretion. He visited the chief of police and demanded their release or the surrender of the keys to the lock-up. Failing there, he visited the officer in whose charge the prisoners were, and by means of various and divers threats induced that officer, who confessed to be very much panic stricken, to surrender the keys. Having the keys in his possession he unbarred the prison gates and bid the "soiled doves" once more to spread their wings under the free air of heaven. For this he was arrested and bound over to court. A true bill was found by the grand jury, he was tried and found guilty. O. A. Hotchkiss was appointed District Attorney pro tem. to conduct the case on the part of the Commonwealth, assisted by J. C. Sturgeon. The prisoner was ably defended by his counsel, W. A. Williams, J. R. Clark, and ex-Judge Williston. The Court House was well filled during the trial, as it was one of those dirty cases that seem so peculiarly attractive to the masculine mind. It is unnecessary to state that there were no ladies present, with the exception of one of Mr. Cotter's witnesses. The evidence was very conclusive, and showed on the part of the prisoner a degree of recklessness and utter disregard of personal or official dignity and self-respect that could not but have caused his own friends to hang their heads in shame. The jury brought in a verdict of guilty without delay and on motion of defendant's counsel the sentence was reserved until April term.

Store Orders.

REMARKS BY HON. C. R. EARLEY, OF ELK COUNTY, IN THE HOUSE, FEBRUARY 26. MR. EARLEY, I do not desire to discuss this bill at length, but I must confess that I am somewhat astonished at this motion being made today on the ground that the bill may be passed and sent to the Senate to see if that body cannot make a good bill out of it. I am astonished to see lawyers—gentlemen whom I know to be well informed in the law, advocating the passage of a bill which strikes at the very foundation of the right of contract. From the time of the formation of our government to the present time that has been held as a most sacred right between man and man. I will admit that at one time when we had a class of laborers in this country who were owned by those who worked them as they pleased, this class of laborers were denied the right of contracting and were only subject to the will of their masters. But that condition of manhood passed away and forever. Human slavery is wiped from our statutes and no longer curses our country. But now we are asked to pass a law prohibiting freemen who earn their bread by the sweat of their brows from going to their neighbors and making a contract for their labor. We are now asked to pass a bill to prohibit a man who depends for his livelihood upon his daily labor from taking, if he sees fit to do so, a bushel of potatoes or any other commodity for his service. Sir, it is striking a death blow to labor. It is establishing a system which the laboring men do not ask for. They say, "for God's sake allow us to make our own contracts." I know that, in some portions of the Commonwealth there are abuses, but I also know that there is no law upon the statute books of this Commonwealth to-day that is not evaded—that is entirely efficacious in preventing mischief. The bill which we are now asked to pass is evidently unconstitutional. Every lawyer upon this floor must be aware of that fact. It is a bill which violates the fundamental principles of justice. If, indeed, these laboring men have had a jury pass upon their condition of mind, which has declared them incapable of making contracts, then let them have guardians appointed, for this bill proceeds upon the theory that the laboring men have not sufficient intelligence to make contracts. But, I tell you the laboring men of this Commonwealth are fully as competent to make a contract as any other class of people in this State or any other State. I have had miners working for me—I am not interested in mining now, although I employ some men—and I have had a committee of laboring men wait upon me and implore me to furnish them the necessaries of life, for the reason that they could not wait until they received their pay; that they must have something upon which to support their families. It is not my purpose nor my motive to oppress the laboring men. On the contrary, I would make it a misdemeanor for any merchant to take one farthing more for goods on an order than he would sell for cash. I would vote for any law calculated to put a stop to that abuse, but I will not vote for a bill which robs the laborer of his privileges as an American citizen—which takes from a man who earns his daily bread by the sweat of his brow the power of making such contracts as he sees fit. This bill I know is not desired in any portion of this State, unless it may be in some of the anthracite regions. If you wish to do so you can pass a law remedying the evil which exists there, but do not, for God's sake, pass a bill which will strike such a blow at the laboring man as this bill does, for there are many cases where the laborer could not get work unless he made some contract to take his pay in something besides money, at least part of it. The introduction of this bill is an insult to the intelligence of those who swing the ax and handle the pick.

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The Elk Democrat is printed here, edited by E. J. Miller, a young man, a gentleman, although a Democratic editor. Our stay was rendered pleasant by the kind attentions of Mr. Miller. THE ADVOCATE is edited by Henry A. Parsons, Jr. Both papers have fair circulations, but the business men of the place are too careful about advertising. In a great measure, a paper depends upon its advertising patronage, and many are too thoughtless, or too penurious, to do justice to themselves, or the editor, to whom all more or less good specialties are needed and when a gratuity is desired. The business men of Ridgway are not as generous with their newspapers as they are deserving of patronage, as we