

Notes.

Cool mornings and evenings now. A heavy rain storm here yesterday. It is lawful to shoot squirrels after September 1st. Veal was plenty at the wreck on Saturday night. Elderberries are ripe. It is not yet time to cut elders. Apples are likely to be a scarce and dear article this season. Croquet is not played to an alarming extent in Ridgway this season. The Ridgway borough petition will not be presented until the November term of Court. The potato tops are nearly all dead, and the yield of this necessary crop promises to be very light. There is considerable sickness in this village, although we hear of no cases of a dangerous character. About these days our farmers are busy plowing their ground preparatory to sowing the winter wheat crop. Another railway article appears in this issue. These articles will be continued until the subject is written up. There is some talk now of killing all the Indians and all the Indian agents, after which our Indian wars will be a thing of the past. Company H went to Lakeview, Chautauque lake, on Tuesday last. The boys will have a pleasant time, and we regret our inability to go with them. The Democratic politicians are very busy at present. Next Saturday is the time for the primaries, and the Tuesday following the convention will be held. There is in Philadelphia a baby, not a very remarkable thing, but when it is known that the baby only weighed sixteen ounces when fourteen days old, the wonder is complete. Such is a fact. The Ridgway Dramatic Society will give an entertainment at Hyde's Opera House on Tuesday evening, September 3d, 1878. Two plays will be given, "The Last Leaf," and "The Boys of 1776." The performance we have no doubt will be well worth hearing. Admission 25 cents; reserved seats 35 cents. The new county of Lackawanna, which has been cut off from Luzerne by the popular vote of last Tuesday week, has a population of 87,000, and includes 20 boroughs—Scranton and Carbondale—10 cities, 18 townships and 72 election divisions. Its extreme length is 57 miles and extreme breadth 22 miles, while its area is 340 square miles. Its assessed valuation is \$10,545,478. Supt. Black, of the Cascade Mines, near St. Mary's, and another reliable gentleman, state that there is apparently a great commotion in the bowels of the mountain about one mile east of St. Mary's. The sound, like heavy thumping, is spasmodic, and during the sound there is a perceptible trembling of the earth. Many people have visited the place and agree in the statement there are no mining excavations in this mountain, and what causes the strange commotion is unaccountable.—Cameron Press. The new fee bills for sheriffs, prothonotaries, clerks of the several courts, registers and recorders, passed at the recent session of the Legislature, applies to all counties having more than ten thousand and less than one hundred and twenty thousand inhabitants. It makes a universal reduction of the fees, and will lessen the value of the several offices to a considerable extent. The reduction in the sheriff's fees will be 30 to 50 per cent., those of the prothonotary 30 to 40 per cent., and those of the recorder and register 20 per cent. In the twenty-fifth congressional district, composed of Clarion, Armstrong, Indiana, Forest and Jefferson counties, the Democrats have nominated J. M. Guffy, of Clarion, and the Greenbacks James Mosgrove. As Harry White has been endorsed by all the counties, and has no opposition, he may fairly be considered the Republican nominee, although he has not yet received the formal ratification of the district conference. Four years ago Geo. A. Jenks, Democrat, was elected in this district over White by 11,627 to 11,100. In 1876 White received 15,156, and Jenks 13,397 votes. A freight train was wrecked between Shawmut Station and Daguchahonda on Saturday night. The train broke in two pieces. The engineer of the front piece discovering something wrong sent a brakeman back to ascertain the cause. As soon as the brakeman discovered the train had uncoupled, he signaled the engineer to stop. The engineer of the pusher on the back piece not knowing anything was wrong, went ahead as usual, and when he reached the front part of the train the cars commenced piling up at a fearful rate. Eight or ten cars were thrown from the track, containing wheat, corn and merchandise. One car contained fifty-seven veal calves, fifteen were killed outright, and five wounded so badly that they were killed to put them out of misery. We are unable to give a very close guess as to the loss, but fifteen hundred to two thousand dollars would no more than cover it. Some butchers from St. Mary's bought the calves at two cents a pound, thereby making a little money, as the hides are worth in the market from eight to ten cents.

Personal Notes.

Sam is back. J. B. Johnson is home again. Rhines has opened his billiard hall. He carried a bundle of cloth under his arm. Horace Little is spending a few days in our village. Charles Holes has some very large and fine tomatoes. Doc Fullerton's swing cost him just ninety-five cents. A man told us the other day that our garden was weedy. Powell & Kime have adopted the ready-pay system in their store. Charley Matthews' fence has taken a mechanical lean toward the sidewalk. The cricket sings a sorrowful tune as he thinks of summer's lengthening shades. A dog stole Capt. Schoening's Sunday roast, and the Captain was not pleased about it. Miles & Noon have finished plastering the Sheffield school house, and came back here yesterday. J. S. Powell has made a new top for a hack for the Brockwayville stage line, now owned by Jacob McCauley. Gen. R. C. McGill, of St. Mary's, called in to see us last week, and is looking hale and hearty as ever. Miss M. Frank Stout, for some time in the employ of James McAfee, tailor, is on a visit to Lock Haven. Nothing like keeping bachelor's hall. We have tried it a couple of weeks now, and speak from experience. Mrs. Miles has been away from home three weeks, come back again, and we never knew a breath about it. Those weeds in J. Powell's lot had been cut down several days—in fact, were down when our article was written. Hagerty has sold his stock of goods to McGloin & McGeehin, and purposes retiring from the mercantile business. Nelson Jackson, bar tender at the Ridgway House, is now minus a shirt and three gold studs, all taken by a chap representing himself as one of Custer's soldiers. That poetry we received from a certain correspondent last week is not of sufficient general interest to admit of publication, although full of point and pith to those unfortunates who were there. On the wall in a certain merchant tailoring establishment in this city is displayed a sign "Positively All Goods Sold on Time." We presume that tailors are like printers and shoemakers, with plenty of hard cash, and sympathy for a moneyless man. Ten cent pieces appeared to be plenty on our streets the other day. Several parties, ladies as well as gentlemen, stooped to conquer, but, on reaching the shining treasure, were reminded of the trite old adage that "all is not gold that glistens," as the tin foil of which the piece was made crumbled in their grasp. Those were naughty men that originated that joke. Edwin Crayston, miller, was shaved on one side of his face in quick order last Monday. He was working around the smut machine, when his whiskers came in contact with part of the gearing, completely stripping one side of his face before letting go. He was not aware that he was caught until the machine loosed its hold; and, probably, had the whiskers been a little stronger, the result would have been much more serious. Thomas H. Rhines did some tall pipe fishing last week. Monday forenoon he caught four; Tuesday forenoon two; Wednesday all day two; Thursday afternoon two, making ten pipe in all, weighing on an average five pounds each, would make fifty pounds of fish. He has caught two turtles, one weighing fourteen and the other sixteen pounds. Altogether, he caught this summer seventeen pipe, four between rock eddy and Spring Creek eddy; the rest between Bear Creek and Spring Creek eddies. We call this good fishing, and if any one can beat it, we would like to see their score. To finish up with, he killed a large rattlesnake on Tuesday. Hearing a terrible racket on the street on Friday evening last we poked our head out the window and discovered Page Prindle and the editor of the Democrat having a very animated conversation about an article which the aforesaid editor had written, to which Page had taken exceptions. At first the conversation was very loud on the part of the party of the first part, but as a large crowd of men gathered around to witness what all thought would result in a fistfight, the tones became gradually lower and lower, like the girl's lamp that turned down, down, until you could scarcely see a light at all, this conversation grew weaker and weaker, and finally winked out. Verily, the editors have a hard row to hoe. PREPARED COCOANUT IN TIGHT, Tin Package, at the WEST END.

State Notes.

Henry Wonders, of Indiana county was fatally kicked by a horse. Some Erie parties are trying to raise \$3,000 to bore a test well for oil near that city. Wm. Phares, aged ninety-five years, died in Bucks county recently. Three years ago he went on a gunning expedition. Johnny Steel, (Coal Oil Johnny) at one time a millionaire of the oil regions, is now clerking in a grocery store in Dennison, Ia. Mary Ann Bradley, aged seven years, was burned to death at Pothole Saturday afternoon, by the explosion of an oil can, while trying to kindle a fire. The property of the Messrs. Boas, of the late Reading savings bank, is pledged for the \$219,000 note given by them and fifty-five per cent. dividend. At Pittsburg on Saturday James Egan, an ex-policeman, shot himself accidentally through the heart while cleaning his revolver, and died instantly. A wooden canal is to run through the Pittsburgh exposition building in order that the various models for improving the Ohio river may be advantageously displayed. The farmers of Somerset county are complaining of tramp outrages. Reapers and mowers are the chief objects of attack, and a number have already been destroyed. A David F. Caldwell, of Tyrone, formerly of the firm of Lloyd, Caldwell & Co., bankers, filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy recently. His liabilities are \$192,000 and his assets nominal. His creditors number 469. Milton Allen, an old farmer of Canton township, Bradford county, recently left the country, and his whereabouts are unknown. His wife has been bed-ridden for thirteen years, and it is thought he left in order to avoid supporting her. Twenty persons filed petitions in bankruptcy at Pittsburg on Thursday. This is the last month for going into bankruptcy. The repealing act passed at the last session of Congress goes into effect on the 1st of September, and then the petition mill will cease to grind. Hugh P. Sheller, cashier of the bank in Lewisburg, Union county, for fifteen years, was arrested recently at Mount Joy, on a charge of embezzling between \$50,000 and \$60,000. In default of \$20,000 bail he was committed. He had been residing for some time at Charleston, West Virginia. The Standard Oil Company are laying a pipe line from the Cosmos oil works along the Allegheny Valley railroad to the Standard works, in Pittsburg, a distance of nearly three miles. This line is to draw the refined oil of nine refineries to the Standard works, where it will be barreled for shipment. James E. Brown, of Kittanning, is the fortunate purchaser of one of the most elegant mansions in the west—that of S. Dune Karns. The sheriff of Greensburg sold on Monday this residence, which is stated to have cost something like \$100,000, for \$10,015. Thursday last Peter McMannus, a Mollie Maguire on trial at Sunbury on a charge of murdering Frederick Hesser, at Coal Run, Dec. 18th, 1875, was found guilty of murder in the first degree. He is the twenty-first Mollie Maguire convicted, and will doubtless suffer the extreme penalty of the law. Wm. H. Madden, Philadelphia water department, charges six clerks with systematic robbery by making false entries. Fifteen thousand dollars have been traced. Chief Madden says the amount will probably reach hundreds of thousands, and that the robbery has extended over a period of ten years. The clerks have been arrested. Mr. J. E. Hawker is going to fight the department of public instruction with a mandamus for refusing his commission as superintendent of schools of Hyde Park. His examination has been written, and will be printed for the information of the public. Hawker's orthography is said to be very defective. On Wednesday night while Dr. W. B. Dewees, of Myerstown, was on his way home from a trip to Shaefferstown, his team was stopped, and a dastardly attempt made on his life by a masked man. The doctor spurred his horse forward and escaped, the highwayman firing several shots at him as he retreated. This is the second attempt made on the doctor's life. Mrs. Margaret Graham, of West Chester, aged 102 years, went to Oakland cemetery the other day and spent several hours in cleaning up the tombstones marking the graves of her departed friends. After scouring and cleaning them thoroughly the old lady picked up her implements and wended her way back to West Chester at a lively gait. Application was made recently to Judge Cadwallader on behalf of William H. Blumer, of the firm of Blumer & Co., of Allentown, for leave of absence sixty days to visit Nebraska, but the Judge would not assent to it. William H. Blumer & Co. were bankers, doing business in Allentown. Their liabilities at the time of suspension amounted to about \$800,000, yet the assets which have fallen into the hands of the assignee have not yielded more than enough to pay the court charges and other necessary expenses. All the money found in the banking house was less than one dollar, and it was wrapped up in a corner of a drawer. Fancy note paper and envelopes in boxes at this office.

Pennsylvania & Erie Railway.

It has been already shown that the distance from Buffalo to Falls Creek by the line of this road is 156.8 miles. From Falls Creek a route has been examined following the Sandy in a southeasterly direction to the summit between the Sandy and Anderson Creek, and thence down Anderson Creek to Curwensville, making the distance from Carrollton to Curwensville 110 miles, and from Buffalo to Curwensville 178 miles. At Curwensville the line connects with the Tyrone and Clearfield railroad, by which road it is 44 miles to Tyrone on the Pennsylvania railroad. The distance from Buffalo to Tyrone would be by this route 222 miles. The distance between the same points by way of the Buffalo New York and Philadelphia railroad, the Philadelphia and Erie railroad and the Bald Eagle Valley railroad, is as follows: Buffalo to Emporium, 121 miles; Emporium to Lock Haven, 74 miles; Lock Haven to Tyrone, 55 miles, or, in all, 250 miles, a difference of 28 miles in favor of the Pennsylvania and Erie railway. Curwensville is placed in the second coal basin, which runs parallel with the other bituminous basins of this region. The natural outlet for the coal of this basin, and also for the first basin, is to the east, from which it may be inferred that this road, even if built to Curwensville, would carry little or no coal north from that region. The deposits of bituminous coal which this road crosses, and which lie to the west and south of it, have been compared to the human hand—the solid continuous portion to the southwest forming the palm; while, as we go toward the northeast the strata rise and partly disappear, leaving what remains in the shape of long strips, or "Basins," represented by the fingers of the hand. Still further toward the northeast, the strata still rising, one coal vein after another disappears until finally near the line of New York even the lowest workable ones are no longer found. These basins are curved and nearly parallel, and have been numbered from the east toward the west, the earliest one being called the First Basin. The Phillipsburg, Snow Shoe and Farrisville coal fields are in this basin. The Phillipsburg, Clearfield, and Karthaus are in the second basin. The dividing line between the second and third basins would cross the proposed line of this road probably on Warrant No. 2002. Reynoldsville, Fall's Creek, Dubois and nearly the entire length of Bennett's Branch, of the Sinnemahoning are in the third basin. The dividing line between the third and fourth basins is crossed by the line of the railroad on the ridge between the Rattlesnake and Fall's Creek. St. Mary's, Centerville and the entire valley of the Little Toby down as far as Galusha's and most all of its tributaries are in the fourth basin. The dividing line between the fourth and fifth basins crosses the Little Toby and the line of the railway between Galusha's and Blue Rock, crosses the Shawmut railroad in Warrant No. 4392; crosses Elk Creek and the Philadelphia and Erie railroad near the mouth of Mohan Run, and continues northeasterly, passing nearly midway between St. Mary's and Johnsonburg. The coal fields about Portland, Johnsonburg and New Flanders are in the fifth basin. The dividing line between the fifth and sixth basins is not as well defined as the divisions east of it; it crosses the Philadelphia and Erie railroad, the Clarion river and the line of this railway not far from Wilcox, thus leaving all the remaining coal fields to the north of this point, along the line of the railway, in the sixth basin. The divisions between the various basins have been treated as "lines," but in reality the separations are in some localities so wide that there are large tracts of land lying between the basins, in which no coal is found. The important streams run sometimes lengthwise and sometimes across the basins in deep, and, in some instances, quite wide valleys, from which the coal has nearly, or quite all, disappeared. It, therefore, becomes necessary, when estimating the quantity of coal in a certain district, to make very liberal deductions from the entire area in order to allow for these valleys and separations. The hills and ridges, in some instances only a few feet wide on top, widen out as we go down toward the streams; consequently, the first vein of coal which we meet in going down will be considerably less in extent than the vein which lies below it and the second one, in turn, will spread over a smaller area than the next one below it and so on down to the lowest which will be the largest in area of all. If, by any process, the tops of these hills were worn away, of course the uppermost strata and veins of coal would disappear first, leaving only the lower veins in the hill. From all of which it will readily be seen that, in the absence of actual measurements, there is ample room for a diversity of opinion as to the amount of coal that may be contained in any particular tract or locality. Yellow fever still rages with terrible violence in Grenada and Vicksburg, Miss., and Memphis, Tenn. Cases are reported at Washington, Pittsburgh and Philadelphia. The horrors in the Southern cities are beyond description, and hundreds of people are dying for want of medicine and nursing. The disease is spreading with terrible rapidity, and still coning North. The great dailies are filled with columns after column of the names of victims in the different Southern cities.

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Jury List.

Table listing names of jurors for the September term, 1878, including Grand Jurors and Travelling Jurors.

VIOLATING POSTOFFICE LAWS.

Probably the greatest excitement which is created now-a-days among our people—especially the ladies—is caused by a violation of one of our postal laws. This law provides for the sending of packages and parcels through the mails at very low rates, but excludes all written matter. Half a dozen words, or even less, enclosed in a book, a parcel of worsted work, or in any other like manner, makes the whole package liable to letter postage. It is not very comfortable to receive a small parcel, generally of exceedingly trifling value, and be obliged to pay fifty to seventy-five cents on it, because it contains a line or two of writing. Several decisions have recently been made regarding writing, pencil marks, etc., which should be heeded. We hope that those who have not heard of the law excluding all writing from packages sent by mail, will now take notice of the fact—and the thoughtless will also spare their friends much annoyance by remembering it. [EX.]

DISINFECTING FOUL PLACES.—The Advocate would call attention to the importance of this season of getting rid of all vile smells about dwellings, and make this practical suggestion: "The article commonly used to disinfect foul places is chloride of lime, but in reality it is not of much value. It may and generally does remove bad smells, but the cause still remains, as the chloride simply destroys the gaseous emanations. The much advertised disinfectants are usually catch-penny nostrums, and unworth of notice. One of the very best known disinfectants is old-fashioned 'coppers,' or sulphate of iron, which can be had very cheap. A barrel of coppers would weigh probably 300 pounds, and can be purchased at wholesale price for a cent and a half per pound. And every family ought, especially in warm weather, to have a supply of it on hand. A couple of handfuls of coppers thrown into a bucket of water will soon dissolve, and it can then be used freely, and it is a valuable disinfectant. The best plan is to fill a half barrel or keg with water and suspend within it a moderate-sized basket full of coppers. In this way it dissolves more rapidly than when thrown to the bottom of the wooden vessel, and thus a supply is always at hand ready for use. The Lehigh car and wagon company of Stenton has received an order for the construction of 500 house cars for the Erie railroad. While Mrs. Wm. Hake, mother of a two year old child, was drawing water from a well in York county the infant fell to the bottom and was drowned.

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