

Neighboring Counties.

NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

Julius Dubeck of Freehold, had an eye badly injured, a blank cartridge being discharged in his face from a target rifle the hands of a companion.

Rev. J. R. Merriman of Lewisburg, aged 76 years, jumped at Bloomsburg from a train running at a high rate of speed and was seriously, if not fatally injured.

The name for Wilkes-Barre's new theatre will be the Nesbitt, in honor of Abraham Nesbitt, president of the board of directors and one of the largest stockholders.

An attempt was made to burglarize the cafe of Benjamin Dilley early Monday morning. In their operations the burglars alarmed the family and escaped without booty.

While working in the boiler house at Luke Fidler colliery Edward Roth, of Shamokin, stepped into a heap of hot ashes and sank into the burning fuel to his knees. Both legs were badly burned.

Mrs. William Stealy, of Beaver township, Columbia county, aged about 40 years, committed suicide at her home Monday by cutting her throat. Previous to this attempt she had taken three ounces of laudanum. Insanity from illness was the cause.

Commissioners Wheelock, Chase and Brown of Wyoming county, have made a contract for a \$5,000 soldiers' monument of granite, with four bronze tablets, with Edward Gallagher, Jr., of Philadelphia. The monument is to be erected on Court House square within six months.

William Patterson, of Stroudsburg, recently came near meeting death in a peculiar manner. He fell while engaged in his work and landed on a lathe machine, his back striking the iron frame of the machine and his head falling directly across a sharp knife. The blade cut a deep hole in the back part of the skull.

A large number of the unemployed residents of Mount Carmel held an indignation meeting the other day against the Mount Carmel Water company and Contractor Cleary, for employing Italian laborers on the new reservoir to the exclusion of naturalized residents. A committee was appointed to wait upon the water company directors and the board of directors and one of the largest

COUNTY OFFICERS UNDER FIRE.

Charged with illegal expenditures and misdemeanors.

Pottsville, June 8.—The Taxpayers' association of Schuylkill county, an organization banded together for the purpose of lowering the expenditures of the county, so as to lower taxes, has filed a bill in equity to restrain the commissioners from the further expenditure of county funds for public improvements. The bill makes the commissioners, the controller and county treasurer respondents.

The petition is sworn to by William L. Sheaffer, first among other allegations, that a petition purporting to have set forth certain matters as required under an act of the legislature to secure the approval of the court for the erection of an hospital, steam-heating and electric light plant, and a dry dock at the almshouse, cannot be found after a diligent search for it among the records in the clerk of court's office, where it should have been filed, and upon further inquiry of the commissioners, controller and solicitor, all have failed to discover or bring to light the petition or a copy thereof.

There is a box in the clerk of court's office, labeled "Petition of County Commissioners for Almshouse Improvements," which is empty.

The petition further sets forth that the bids were asked for the construction of the several buildings and improvements, and the proposals aggregated \$16,229.33, which were approved by the court.

Subsequently further bids, amounting to \$11,515.30, were asked for, but which, the complainant is informed, have never been submitted to court for approval, as required by law whereby, it is alleged, the commissioners have committed a misdemeanor in the execution of said contract.

Furthermore, in addition, the county commissioners have, with the approval of the controller, illegally set apart and appropriated from time to time, for sundry unauthorized and illegal expenditures in connection with the almshouse, improvements aggregating \$7,049.91, all of which, it is alleged, is in direct violation of law. The complainant also avers that County Surveyor Geary, who is drawing a salary of \$500 per annum, was paid \$1,659 in addition for alleged services as surveyor for erecting public works. The charges are also made that the respondents paid out \$1,294.50 illegally to William D. Hill, architect; also \$1,204.47 for excavation.

FOREST CITY.

P. H. Burns, the Great Bend insurance man, was among the business visitors in Forest City on Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs. Hugh K. Vaughn is visiting friends at Thompson.

Henry F. Manzer, of Susquehanna, who will probably be the nominee of the coming Republican county convention for the office of prothonotary, spent yesterday among his many friends in Forest City.

George Maxey, who has just returned from Mansfield Normal school, where he has been taking a post-graduate course, is very ill with typhoid fever at the home of his parents, on North Main street.

A boxing tournament will be held in Davis Opera house on Friday evening, June 18, commencing at 8 o'clock. The affair will be under auspices of the Forest City Athletic association, which is composed of gentlemen who will see that all that is advertised will be performed. The principal event will be a fifteen-round bout between "Black" Chambers, of Forest City, and "Reddy" Connolly, of Philadelphia, for a purse

of \$125. A number of other contests will precede the chief attraction of the evening. According to agreement Connolly is to stop Chambers inside of the fifteen rounds, but the Forest City contingent are betting their westerers that he hasn't the motive power to do it. The youth who bears the very appropriate cognomen of "Reddy," however, is said to be a "bad man," if he is from Philadelphia, and his friends, of whom he is not destitute, even in this vicinity, claim that his staying powers and slugging qualities will make him the easiest kind of a winner. Among those who will take part in the preliminary bouts are James Doolittle, a young man of more than ordinary athletic ability, and John Boyle, who a little more than a year ago fought the redoubtable Jack Waltz to a draw in Fleming's hall, this borough. No doubt Jack would enjoy being present, as a participant, or any other way, at the coming carnival of knuckles, but just at present he is in seclusion at Montrose, awaiting his trial on the charge of knowing more about the death of James E. Lemon than he cares to say. Much interest is being taken in this set-to by the sporting fraternity from Scranton to Forest City, and a large concourse of the admirers of the "manly art" is expected on the 18th of June.

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