

FEBRUARY'S early blizzard was worse than that of January. It reached all over the country and the reports of intense cold and heavy snowfalls coming from all directions. It has brought with it destruction to vegetation in some places, loss of cattle in western cattle countries, and sacrifice of life in some instances.

It is difficult for any careful thinker, accustomed to consider the influences which rule the minds of intelligent men, to understand how the present great telephone scandal can pass away without compelling a reconstruction of the cabinet. Mr. Garland, the Attorney General, and Mr. Lamar, the Secretary of the Interior, are very deeply implicated in this scandal; and it is incomparably the greatest scandal by which any members of any president's cabinet have ever been affected.—N. Y. Sun.

The report that recently appeared that our Sam Randall has virtually surrendered his protectionist views will only strike with utter astonishment those who do not know Sam intimately, and the means the Free Traders can avail themselves of to convince him when they really want him. They will be more astonished at the fact that the proposed new tariff bill is being prepared by Englishman J. S. Moore, regarded as one of the most facile talking machines the Free Traders have in this country. There is nothing in that to be so much surprised at, though, considering that it is a purely English job they have on hand, and is very properly intrusted to an Englishman.

GOVERNOR FORAKER, of Ohio, has dismissed from office the Cincinnati Board of Police Commissioners. The grounds for dismissal were stated as official misconduct in keeping on the force men of notorious characters and wholly unfit to hold any kind of place on the force. Upon the hearing of the charges, the defense was, that the pardon of the Policeman Mullen had condoned his offense, and he stood as if no such charges had ever been made against him. The counsel of the Board also plead that the Governor's jurisdiction did not extend to the removal of the Board except on the judgment of the courts. The Commissioners refuse to recognize their removal and have issued orders to the police inspectors to refuse to obey any orders but what come through the Board. What is called the "boodile gang" and the "coal oilers," seem to be determined to do as much as in them lies, to hold on to power, and prevent purification, even to the extent of riot and bloodshed.

If Mr. Cleveland has decided to stand by his Attorney General, as report says, so much the worse for Mr. Cleveland. The latter mistakes greatly if he thinks there is a disposition to hound down Mr. Garland. The exposure of the telephone scandal which was made in a Democratic paper which aided in electing the present Administration, and the severest things that have said concerning Mr. Garland have appeared in Democratic papers. The Republican papers have contained no more urgent demands upon the President to free his Administration from the scandal by asking for Mr. Garland's resignation than have appeared in such Democratic organs as the New York Sun, the Utica Observer and the Rochester Union. Many other Democratic papers also have frankly admitted that if a prompt and complete denial was not made of the facts already published the scandal was a grave one and compromising to the Administration. So if Mr. Cleveland decides to keep Mr. Garland in his Cabinet he will be giving only another instance of his contemptuous disregard of advice from his own party organs.—Phila. Press.

EDUCATIONAL.

There was a Local Institute held at Whig Hill, Pa., Feb. 6, 1886. Many valuable thoughts were brought forth, showing that the teachers are fully awake to their duty. During the evening there was an educational meeting held. Prof. Hillard spoke upon the educational advantages of today, and closed with an earnest ap-

peal to directors to increase the school term, and also the teachers' wages. R. Z. Gillespie spoke upon Physiology and Hygiene, giving reasons why it is necessary for children to know the use and abuse of their bodies, showing the advantage of a liberal education, and hoped the young people would profit by the blasted lives we are able to see on every side of us.

All who attended went away feeling that the time spent at the school house was profitable and pleasant. The next local will be held at Whig Hill on the second Saturday of June, 1886.

List of Patents.

W. Brown, Duncan, fire escape; W. Burnley, North East, telephone transmitter; S. B. Butz, Easton, shirt; J. Cash, Thurlow, governor; J. Cooper, Lausdahl, strap clamping and stretching device; A. C. Daugherty, North Bellvernon, siding for buildings; J. Forsyth, Pittsburgh, rotary steam engine (3 patents); T. James, and C. B. Schaub, Bradnock, heating and melting furnace; J. Kelly, Pittsburgh, nut lock; J. Kellow, Pen Argyl, railway joint; O. Kelsey, Pittsburgh, steam generator; Wayne Kratzer, Allentown, anti friction bearing; A. J. Lenox, and J. Krepp, Allegheny, furnace; J. McCormick, Pittsburgh, system for conveying gas under pressure; J. McLain, Indiana, attachment for grain drills; L. Murton, Erie, water indicator for steam boilers; F. H. D. Newhard, Hokendauqua, car brake (4 patents); D. Phillips, Cochran, sheep feeding rack; L. Roll, Wilkes Barre, grate bar; C. H. Schar, Scranton, speed and time recorder; M. A. Sheldon, Corry, pinch bar; J. A. Silverman, and J. Redman, Frackville, scorp; W. S. Taylor, Huntingdon, reciprocating harvester knife; M. R. Thurber, and R. B. Brockway, Scranton, car axle lubricator; W. L. Voelker, Morton, dynamo electric machine (2 patents); A. P. Yarnall, Eagle Station, convertible chair.

Mercantile Appraiser's Notice.

Return of Mercantile Assessment of Forest County, Pa., for the year 1885: BARNETT TOWNSHIP.

Maple Creek Lumber Co., General merchandise.....14 \$7 00 J. B. Pearsall, general merchandise.....13 10 00 J. M. Pierce, groceries.....14 7 00 A. Cook, general merchandise.....13 10 00 GREEN TOWNSHIP.

T. D. Collins, general merchandise.....13 10 00 G. J. Lacy & F. C. Lacy, general merchandise.....14 7 00 HARMONY TOWNSHIP.

J. B. Macheoney, general merchandise.....14 7 00 Dunn & Turner, general merchandise.....14 7 00 Kemble & Wheeler, patent medicines.....4 5 00 HICKORY TOWNSHIP.

T. J. Bowman, general merchandise.....12 12 50 Walter Crouch, general merchandise.....14 7 00 Wheeler & Dusenbery, general merchandise.....14 7 00 Whitmore & Hall, 2 billiard tables.....40 00 HOWE TOWNSHIP.

T. W. Corah, hotel.....5 50 00 T. W. Corah, 2 billiard tables.....40 00 C. W. Hawks, general merchandise.....13 10 00 J. L. Saxton, groceries.....14 7 00 Ira B. Murphy, hotel.....5 50 00 O. Hoyt, hotel.....5 50 00 L. O. McLane, hardware.....14 7 00 Forest Tanning Co., general merchandise.....12 12 50 Wagner, McClune & Co., general merchandise.....14 7 00 W. E. Brown, groceries.....14 7 00 Peter Mahoney, groceries.....14 7 00 W. H. Frost, general merchandise.....13 10 00 J. B. Harmon, 2 billiard tables.....40 00 Dunbar & Co., groceries.....14 7 00 Blue Jay Lumber Co., groceries.....14 7 00 JENKS TOWNSHIP.

W. Byrom, general merchandise.....14 7 00 John S. Caldwell, hotel.....5 50 00 Jackson, Matson & Co., general merchandise.....14 7 00 Ansley, Bross, & Co., general merchandise.....13 10 00 T. J. Ryner, general merchandise.....13 10 00 S. S. Towler, patent medicines.....4 5 00 Hoover & Green, flour and feed store.....14 7 00 M. G. Carringer, groceries.....14 7 00 F. M. Rock, 2 billiard tables.....40 00 Curli, Campbell & Co., general merchandise.....14 7 00 KINGSLEY TOWNSHIP.

COUNTY AUDITOR'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1885.

Table with columns for items and amounts. Includes entries for WILLIAM SMEARBAUGH, Treasurer, in account with the Commissioners of Forest County. Total amount: \$24,964 90.

Table with columns for items and amounts. Includes entries for WILLIAM SMEARBAUGH, Treasurer, in account with the State of Pennsylvania for the year ending January 4, 1886. Total amount: \$2,842 09.

Table with columns for items and amounts. Includes entries for WILLIAM SMEARBAUGH, Treasurer, in account with Redemption Fund, Forest County, for the year ending January 4, 1886. Total amount: \$2,850 15.

Table with columns for items and amounts. Includes entries for J. R. CHADWICK, Commissioner, in account with Forest County. Total amount: \$192 70.

Table with columns for items and amounts. Includes entries for OLIVER BYERLY, Commissioner, in account with Forest County. Total amount: \$237 20.

Table with columns for items and amounts. Includes entries for W. D. SHIELDS, Commissioner, in account with Forest County. Total amount: \$223 70.

Table with columns for items and amounts. Includes entries for CURTIS M. SHAWKEY, Prothonotary, &c., in account with the Commissioners of Forest County. Total amount: \$217 83.

Table with columns for items and amounts. Includes entries for LEONARD AGNEW, Sheriff, in account with the Commissioners of Forest County. Total amount: \$276 12.

Table with columns for items and amounts. Includes entries for FOREST COUNTY, ss: County Commissioners, Collectors' Commission, Express charges, Stenographer, Refunding orders, District Attorney, Western Penitentiary, Merchandise, Clerk for Court Room, Court Auditor, Insurance, Stoves, Cleaning Court House, Washing bed clothes for Jail, Exchange on State Draft, Acknowledging County Deeds, Livery, Telegraph, Auditors, County Treasurer's Commission. Total amount: \$10,414 70.

Table with columns for items and amounts. Includes entries for FINANCIAL STATEMENT of Forest County for the year ending January 4, 1886. Assets: Balance due on County account by William Smearbaugh, Treasurer, \$13,430 39. Liabilities: Due W. W. Lewis, \$1,060 00. Total amount: \$14,497 02.

FOREST COUNTY, ss: Pursuant to law we, the undersigned Commissioners of Forest County, publish the foregoing exhibit of the receipts and expenditures of said County for the year ending January 4, 1886. Witness our hands and seals this 15th day of January, A. D. 1886. J. R. CHADWICK, [L.S.], OLIVER BYERLY, [L.S.], W. D. SHIELDS, [L.S.], County Commissioners.

Appeal Notice. Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners of Forest County will be at the following places, at the time designated, for the purpose of holding appeals for the triennial assessment for 1886: Harmony township, Allender School House, Tuesday, February 9. Hickory township, East Hickory, Wednesday, February 10. Kingsley township, Newtown, Thursday, February 11. Howe township, Balltown, Friday, February 12. Howe township, Brookston, Monday, February 15. Jenks township, Marienville, Tuesday, February 16. Barnett township, Clarrington, Wednesday, February 17. Barnett township, Cooksburg, Thursday, February 18. Green township, Nebraska, Saturday, February 20. Tionesta township, Commissioners' office, Tuesday, March 2. Tionesta boro, Commissioners' office, Wednesday, March 3.

CHARTER NOTICE. Notice is hereby given, that in pursuance of an act of the general assembly of the State of Pennsylvania, entitled, "An act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of natural gas companies," approved the 29th day of May, A. D. 1885, application will be made to the governor, at Harrisburg, Pa., on Thursday, February 25, 1886, at ten o'clock a. m. of said day, or as soon thereafter as may be, for the incorporation of a company to be known as "United Natural Gas Company," whose character and object shall be as follows: The principal office of the company will be at Oil City, Pa. The names of five of the subscribers to the capital stock of said company are: BENJAMIN BREWSTER, DANIEL O'DAY, WM. F. SCHEIDE, C. N. PAYNE, JOSEPH SREP.

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