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CLEARFIELD, PA., APRIL 21, 1858.

Mr. VERNON HOUSE.—This hotel, situate in Lumber City, Clearfield county, has been taken by our friend L. W. Ten Eyck. The house is large and well adapted for the accommodation of guests, and as Lew. is a clever, attentive and accommodating fellow generally, we have no doubt of his making an excellent landlord, or that he will keep the best kind of a hotel, and that all who stop with him will fare well. We direct attention to his card in our advertising columns.

The LUMBER TRADE.—The great bulk of the lumber prepared during the past winter in this county, passed down the Susquehanna last week. There are some rafts back yet, but their number is small. The number that will reach market this season will be a little short of last year's product. In consequence of the general depression of business during the last eight or ten months, it is not to be expected that great activity will manifest itself in the market, and it is altogether probable that prices will be low. Still, if the sales are generally for cash, times will soon brighten up in our county.

For the RAFTSMAN'S Journal.

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CLIPPINGS AND SCRIBBLINGS.

Unsettled—the weather.
Ditto—the opinions of some men.
Small beer—is water bewitched.
Wanted—a lot of good butter, in town.
A wife—a man's best fortune or his worst.
Running round loose—strychnine, last week.
Likewise—a large number of stray hogs.
Friendship—trying to carry favor with all parties.
Open—the canal, between Huntington and Columbia.
Fact—Lowell has over nineteen miles of girls' endwise.
Still progressing—the "daxseed" Senate, at the Town Hall.

Only skin deep—beauty. Vel, it looks first as far as it goes.
Sealed proposals—as the chap said when he kissed his sweetheart.
In town—Col. Alexander of the Clarion Democrat. He looks fine.
Improving—the mud-holes in our streets. Getting deeper every day.
Sunday—the golden clasp that binds together the volume of the week.

Shant-clear, as the chap said when he was making a road with a fat rooster.
Passed over the Penn'a Railroad—1696 emigrants, during the month of March.
Sold—at Berlin, Wisconsin, a load of hay judged to weigh a ton, for eighty cents.
Made a contract—Col. Colt, with the War Department for \$150,000 worth of his arms.
Have fixed—both houses of Congress, on the 7th day of June for the adjournment, sine die.

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THE RAFTSMAN'S SALE OF UNSEATED LANDS FOR TAXES FOR THE YEARS 1856 AND 1857. NOTICE is hereby given, that in pursuance of an Act of Assembly, passed the 12th day of June, A. D. 1815, entitled "An Act to amend an act directing the mode of selling unseated lands for taxes," &c., the following tracts of unseated lands in Clearfield county, will be exposed to public sale, on or after the 1st day of May, and unpaid thereon, at the Court House in the Borough of Clearfield, on the Second Monday of June, 1858:

BECCARIA TOWNSHIP. No. Ac. Per. Owners & Warrantees. Thomas Weston. 151 50 Thos. Keatland, \$23 75 162 16 Abram Wimer, 25 51 162 16 M. M. Wimer, 25 51 162 16 M. M. Wimer, 25 51

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COURT PROCLAMATION.—WHEREAS, the Honorable JAMES BURNIDE, Esquire, President Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of the twenty-fifth Judicial District, composed of the counties of Clearfield, Centre and Clinton—and the Honorable WILLIAM L. MOORE, and Benjamin Gensell, Associate Judges of said District, county, have issued their precept, to me directed, for the holding of a Court of Common Pleas, Orphan & Term Court of Quarter Sessions, Court of Year & Term Court, and Court of General Delivery, at Clearfield, in and for Clearfield Co., on the Third Monday, the 16th day of MAY next.

NOTICE IS, therefore, hereby given, to the Coroner, Justices of the Peace, and Constables, in and for said County of Clearfield, to appear in their own proper persons with their Rolls, Records, Inquisitions, Examinations, and other Remembrances, to do those things which to their offices, and in their behalf, pertain to be done, and Jurors and Witnesses are requested to be then and there attending, and not to depart without leave, at their peril. GIVEN under my hand at Clearfield, this 7th day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight, and the eighty-first year of American Independence.

JOSHUA R. REED, Sheriff. CLEARFIELD COUNTY. No 48 Aug. T. 1857. No 83 Nov. T. 1857. term tenant. Summons and alias Summons an ejectment to enforce specific performance of contract for 110 acres of lands in Pike township Clearfield County, bounded by lands of E. Fenton, John P. Dale, J. Thomas, Chas. Cleaver and others. J. Crans Esq., Atty. for Plff., on motion of L. J. Crans Esq., Atty. for Def., and there attending, to appear and plead and order of publication awarded. Certified from the record. GEORGE WALTERS, Prot'y.

To doff's above named—you will take notice of the above rule and that you are required to appear and plead by the 2d Monday of May, or judgment will be entered. L. J. CRANS, Atty. for Plffs. MARCH 17th, 1858. The undersigned keeps constantly on hand at his Saloon in Merrell & Carter's Basement, 1 door south of Moore's store, Fruits, Confectionaries, Tobacco and Segars of every description, and other Articles usually kept in an establishment of the kind. He will furnish articles to persons in large quantities, on the most reasonable terms. R. B. TAYLOR, Sept. 29.