

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

LOCAL EPIDEMIC.—A prevalent disease just now—spring fever. What we kneel—breakfast. Suggests a companion to "what we want."

Was placed in nomination—a Loco-Foco borough ticket last night. The present session of the public schools of this borough will close with a public examination to-day.

To-day is Valentine's day—the occasion when, according to tradition, the birds choose their mates for the coming summer. Real "Ye'er's" Johnstown correspondence. It contains all the news from that quarter, and is interesting throughout.

This week's installment of Jonathan O'Beck's history of Cambria county has reference to Johnstown. Read it. Cathcart, confined in the Clearfield county jail under sentence of death, recently made an unsuccessful attempt to kill himself.

We forgot to notice last week that the house of Mr. Michael O. Skelly, of Summerhill township, was burned to the ground on the 1st inst. The loss was large.

The Hollidaysburg Register says that it is in bad taste for persons to make enigmas of their own names, and adds that if young ladies desire to see their names in print they must get married!

A horse attached to a sleigh ran off through Centre street on Monday. The occupant, Mr. William Richter, was thrown out and dragged a considerable distance, but was not seriously injured.

An Abolition preacher, named A. M. Milligan, was recently burnt in effigy in the vicinity of Eldersridge, Indiana co. Our young friend, Mr. Ellis Williams, fearfully a type in this place but latterly of Cincinnati, is home on a visit.

The Standard, after mentioning our late donation for the relief of the Kansas sufferers, asks if the citizens of Ebensburg have no Greeks at their own door! We are happy to say that we have not—unless, indeed, you would call such as are in the Grease business by that name.

Godey's Lady's Book for March is already to hand. This is undeniably the best fashion magazine now published. Indeed, we cannot see how the ladies get along without it. One noticeable fact in connection is this: all the unmarried ladies that subscribe for and read Godey become so cultivated and refined that they are sooner or later picked up as helpmates by sensible young men. Which is a great inducement for other young ladies to send three dollars to the publisher and become members of the happy sisterhood.

We are moved even unto tears and grieved deeply to be obliged to say that our excellent sleighing—that friend of many days—is no more. From various causes, the chief of which were several copious rains on Sunday and Monday and a warm sun ever since, the hills and valleys have been divested of their mantle of white and the streets metamorphosed into vast mud puddles. It is much too early to think of Spring beginning; her mild reign, so we would suggest the propriety of not becoming too elate over the de-thronement of the frost king—for the end is not yet.

It gives us much pleasure to present to our readers this week another poem from the charming pen of Miss Louise E. Vickroy. It will be found on our first page. Thursday of last week was decidedly the stormiest and most disagreeable day we have been favored with this winter.

The wind blew a perfect hurricane, piling the falling snow up in great drifts, and making it almost impossible to venture out of doors. On Friday morning the thermometer stood at 20° below zero—the coldest snap since "the winter Kossuth was here," when, we believe, the thermometer stood at 22° below zero.

We learn by private letter that Col. James M. Swank, junior editor of the Johnstown Tribune, has been appointed Superintendent of the Common Schools of this county, vice Thomas A. Maguire, Esq., resigned. This is a first-rate appointment, and one that will give general satisfaction.

See new advertisements elsewhere headed "valuable real estate for sale," and "Sheriff's sale." Have given out—those segars recently presented us. Who's the lucky man that will replenish the stock? Easter occurs this year on the 31st day of March.

A new post office has been established at Warm Springs, Huntingdon county, and App E. Rankin appointed P. M.

BEULAH GHOST STORY.—Last week we made brief mention of the fact that the deserted village, Beulah, bears the unenviable reputation of being "haunted."

Below we give one of the legends upon which this reputation is based. The article in question, which is given in the language of the favored mortal unto whom appeared the ghostly visitant, is taken from the Democrat & Sentinel, of date 1858. With regard to its verity we cannot vouch—it may, or may not, be a true bill; but taking everything into consideration, we are inclined to the belief that the "Spirit of the troubled waters of Beulah" is only the offspring of some sickly imagination. Beulah is sufficiently gone to rack and ruin to entitle itself to the consideration of the most fastidious ghost in search of a country residence, out the superlative wisdom of this nineteenth century has demonstrated to a certainty that the entire breed, seed and generation of disembodied spirits are visionary—having their "boration" in a rush of spirits to the brain. Under which belief we pronounce the story, in advance, to be all a demitition humbug. But read for yourself:

"Some years ago I had been roaming over the surrounding hills in search of game, and like the larger portion of sportsmen had been unsuccessful. I had climbed over precipices and through ravines until weary and exhausted, when I sat down beside the ruins of a house in the deserted village to rest. The sun was fast sinking in the West, but the evening was pleasant. I felt no fear; in fact the solitude for me had charms. How long I remained musing I know not, but my eyes gradually closed, and I slept and dreamed. Dreamed of the many busy feet that had once trod the spot where I reclined; of the many voices that had broken the stillness of the valley and awakened the echoes of the surrounding hills; and of the many forms that now mouldered in the old graveyard near by. My slumbers became restless. It seemed that a form bent over me—that a cold hand pressed my brow. I tried to turn away, but could not; that icy hand held me fast. In my efforts to release myself I awoke, and I saw the form of a woman; her face was pale as death, and her eyes fixed and immovable, rested upon me—the cold hand pressed my brow. I tried to speak but could not—turn from its gaze, but in vain. Still that immovable figure remained beside me—still that deathly countenance beamed over mine. I attempted to pray for deliverance, but my thoughts would not leave the horrid image. A cold perspiration oozed from every pore of my body, and I felt myself sinking into a swoon, when those pallid lips moved. It spoke: "Mortal! be not afraid! I seek not to harm thee nor trouble thy spirit. I am lonely and weary. Many years ago, when these fields were tilled and the houses which have rotted away were inhabited, I dwelt in the tenement beside where I ruined wall thou reclinest. I was happy. I greeted the morning sun with a smile, and watched it sinking behind the western hill with a happy heart. But I loved gold more than God. I sinned and God cursed me. The crops failed and my friends died or abandoned their homes. But I could not die—could not leave this spot. For one hundred years I was doomed to roam over these hills and linger round my one loved home. Time, with me, passes slowly. O, would to God that my probation was over! "It was gone. I breathed freer, my heart thrummed quicker, and I arose. My limbs were benumbed with fear, and it was with difficulty I reached my home. When there, I fell into a fever, and for weeks those words seemed ringing in my ears—that cold hand pressing my brow. I recovered slowly, but even now, when my usual health and buoyancy is restored, that form visits me in dreams, and at midnight, when all is silent, I hear again those words—"O, would to God that my probation was over!"

Such, reader, is one of the tales told of the "Spirit of the troubled waters of Beulah." How do you like it?

REPUBLICAN BOROUGH TICKET.—On last Thursday evening, the Republicans of this borough met at the Court House and placed in nomination the following excellent ticket:

Constable, George W. Brown. Burgess, David J. Evans. Town Council, Evan Griffith, John J. Evans, Wm. D. Davis, E. J. Mills, E. Roberts. School Directors, Hugh Jones, David J. Jones. Judge of Election, Meshac Thomas. Inspector, Robert Evans. Assessor, Richard T. Davis. Assistant Assessors, Clinton R. Jones, Edward I. Evans.

—We might add that to-morrow is election day, and that the above ticket should by all means be "chosen."

THE REASON.—Friday of last week was decidedly the coldest day of the season. We noticed as a something curious that while some of our people who were obliged to be out that day went around shivering and shaking from the effect of the cold, others there were who appeared as jolly and comfortable as if seated before a fire. The mystery was quite dispersed, however, when we were informed that these latter always bought their clothing, boots and shoes, etc., from C. R. Jones.

Over 18,000 bales of cotton have been shipped via Pennsylvania Railroad, within the last three months, destined for Eastern and European manufacturers.

A CARD.—As there are a number of different reports in circulation in reference to the fate or destiny of Mr. DAVID BOLGER, who suddenly left his home in Martinsburg, Blair co., Pa., on the night of the 7th of November last, it is deemed proper, on the part of his friends, to publish the following card:

The disappearance of Mr. Bolger is still a matter of profound mystery. The family have, as yet, no positive or reliable information as to his fate or destiny. Mr. Bolger is a man of 50 years of age, some six feet in stature, of spare features, prominent forehead, straight dark hair, mixed with gray, and a little thin on the top and when he left his home was dressed in dark clothes, low shoes, and a dark straw hat. In point of morality, Mr. Bolger stood high in the community in which he lived, and his habits of industry were exemplary. His business profession is that of a house carpenter. He also had cultivated a high taste for Church music. Any information in reference to his fate or locality will be thankfully received by the undersigned, or by any of the citizens of Martinsburg, Blair co., Pa.

Respy signed, J. HASSLER. Jan. 26, 1861.

LIST OF CAUSES.—The following are the Lists of Causes for the March Term of our County Courts, 1861:

Table with 2 columns: Plaintiff/Party and Defendant/Party. Includes cases like Wm. Carr & Co. vs Palmer, et al., John M'Keage vs Moyer, etc.

FIRST WEEK. Wm. Carr & Co. vs Palmer, et al. John M'Keage vs Moyer. Wm. Williams, Jr. vs Darbin. Lloyd & Hill vs same. McManamy vs E. & C. R. Co.

Table with 2 columns: Plaintiff/Party and Defendant/Party. Includes cases like Peat et al. vs John Murray, Moore et al. vs Fisher, etc.

SECOND WEEK. Peat et al. vs John Murray. Moore et al. vs Fisher. Penn. R. R. Co. vs Moyer. Paul vs Riddle & Horebaugh, vs Paul. Rex et al. vs King et al., vs Roberts, vs Lytle et al., vs Sweeney, vs Thomas, vs Hohman, vs Lye. Insurance Co., vs Freeman et al., vs Tiley, vs Glass, vs Luther, vs Moore, vs Tiley, vs Kaylor, vs Fete et al., vs Lye. Insurance Co., vs Bradley, vs Neff & Well, vs Scott, vs Same, vs Ivory, Metz for use vs Diamond, Sharbaugh & Co. vs Edwards' Adm'r.

DIED.—On Wednesday, 13th inst., LAURA FRANCES, daughter of I. C. and E. Singer, aged three years and one month. We weep to part with thee, dear child, Thou wast gentle, meek and mild; But we hope in heaven again to meet. No more to part, no more to weep. [Com.]

MARRIED.—At Summitville, on Sunday, 10th inst., by the Rev. Mr. Ryan, Mr. WILLIAM DURBIN, of Chest Springs, to Miss CARRIE WATT, of Summitville.

OUR JOHNSTOWN LETTER.

To the Editor of The Alleghenian: I have been making some little inquiry relative to the oil excitement in our town, and I find that it has not for a moment abated. On the contrary, the epidemic has been steadily upon the increase, and should the malady not assume a chronic form, it bids fair to carry off all the loose capital in our midst. At least a half dozen new companies have been formed since my other letter, some of which have chosen very euphonious titles. To instance: We have "The Hope," "The Rose," "The Rough and Ready," and "The Sabbath Rest," all of which intend trying their fortunes in the oil regions of Ohio, Virginia and Pennsylvania. There has also been a company organized here for the purpose of boring for the unctuous fluid in the Fifth Ward. This company elected officers as follows: President, David Hamilton; Treasurer, D. Dibert; Secretary, P. Fisher; Directors, Charles B. Ellis, Joseph Layton and John Peden. I will send you a bottle of the grease as soon as we "strike."

THE WORKINGMEN'S MEETING A FAILURE.—The attempt to get up a Workingmen's Meeting on Saturday night proved to be a signal failure. The workingmen of this vicinity seem disposed to allow Old Abe a chance to settle the present difficulty in his own way, without any directions from them.

MAN KILLED! Mr. Samuel West was killed at Cone-maugh station on Thursday morning last. It appears that the unfortunate man had just come out of the station-house and was crossing the railroad track, when an engine which was backing down to connect with a train of freight cars struck him, knocking him down and passing over the lower part of his person. He was horribly crushed, and survived only about an hour and a half.

LITTLE GIRL SCALDED TO DEATH!

A little daughter of Mr. Samuel Monaher, of the Fifth Ward, was scalded so terribly on Friday last, in consequence of upsetting a boiler of hot water over herself, as to cause her death on Saturday night. She was about three years of age.

ACCIDENT. I also learn that a Mr. Bone was hurt in one of the Company's ore mines by a quantity of slate falling upon him, but have failed to ascertain the extent of his injuries.

RELIGIOUS. The District Meeting of the M. E. church meets here to-day. This association convenes yearly to discuss such matters as may tend to the good of the church. It is entirely composed of ministers. The session will continue until Friday.

BOROUGH ELECTION. Our borough election comes off on Friday. There is little excitement attending it, still enough of disinterested patriots can be found to serve the dear people in official capacity. The only contest will be in the First Ward for a Justice of the Peace, where there are three Richmonds in the field. In politics they stand, one Believer, one Breckinridge, and one Republican. Party lines are never very clearly defined in our charter elections, and we can't say who will win.

COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT. The long and closely contested campaign for the County Superintendent has been decided at last. The lucky man is Col. James M. Swank, of the Tribune. We feel assured that the Colonel will make an efficient and able officer.

FANCY DRESS BALL. As an evidence of our progress in civilization, I may state that we are to have a fancy dress ball here on Tuesday evening. Should you make it convenient to attend, you will find your correspondent in the costume of a fine old country gentleman, that is to say, with long grey beard, broad brimmed hat, and an overcoat of the most skirt, least body, and the greatest abundance of pocket you ever did see.

YODER. JOHNSTOWN, Feb. 11, 1861.

FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PROTECTION MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF CAMBRIA COUNTY.

Table with 2 columns: Description of insurance and Amount. Includes annual property insured, premium notes in force, and other financial details.

Total amt. property insured, \$180,937 87. Amt. premium notes in force as per third annual report, \$16,100 47.

STATEMENT SHOWING THE OPERATIONS OF THE COMPANY AND ITS PRESENT CONDITION. Amt. recd. on premium notes since third annual report, \$148 90.

Total assets of the Company, \$18,268 03. R. L. JOHNSTON, President. A. C. MULLIN, Secretary.

Great Excitement Down Town!! Although the Union is about to be dissolved, Wm. DAVIS has just received and offers for sale (not the largest, but) the most varied assortment of Goods ever offered to the citizens of Ebensburg and vicinity: consisting in part of: DRY GOODS, QUENSARS, HATS AND CAPS, GROCERIES, BOOTS AND SHOES, NOTIONS, etc., etc. In fact, every article commonly kept in a country store can there be had, all of which he offers at REDUCED PRICES. Call and examine for yourselves. Goods exhibited free of charge. Grain, Lumber, &c., taken in exchange for goods. Persons indebted to me are respectfully requested to call and settle on or before the first day of January, 1861.

Persons indebted to the late firm of Davis & Lloyd either by note or book account are requested to make immediate payment, as further indulgence will not be given. Ebensburg, December 6, 1860. Wm. DAVIS.

DR. R. A. WILSON'S PILLS. A never failing Antidote for Spleen, Headache, Dyspepsia, Fever and Ague, Liver Complaint, Constipation, Biliousness, Neuralgia, Colic, D. proved Appetite, Disordered Stomach, Febrile Obstructions, &c.

Latest Arrival!! J. EVANS & SON have this day received from the East and are now offering to the citizens of Ebensburg and vicinity, a well selected assortment of MEN AND BOYS' CLOTHING, also a large lot of Dry Goods, consisting in part of the following articles: Suits, Velvets, Cloths, Cassimeres, Doerings, Sattinets, Tweeds, Jeans, Tickings, Flannels, Brown & Bleached Muslins.

DRESS GOODS, of every style, Notions, &c. We have also on hand a large assortment of BOOTS, SHOES, HATS, CAPS, BONNETS, HARDWARE, GROCERIES, FISH, SALT, TRUNKS, CARPET-SACKS.

THE NEW YORK TRIBUNE!! We trust that those who do not now receive THE TRIBUNE will subscribe for it without delay. The club price of THE WEEKLY TRIBUNE and THE SEMI-WEEKLY TRIBUNE is so low that there are but few in any community unable to take it. Henceforth, THE TRIBUNE, as the principal paper supporting the new Administration, will be peculiarly interesting, while outside of politics its reliable Foreign and Domestic News, its Commercial and Agricultural Intelligence and its Literary Department, give to it interest and value which no other paper on this Continent can boast of.

Terms: DAILY TRIBUNE, (311 issues per an.) \$6.00 SEMI-WEEKLY, (104 " " ") \$3.00 WEEKLY, (52 " " ") \$2.00 TO CLUBS—SEMI-WEEKLY: Two copies for \$5; Ten copies to one address, \$20, and copies or over at address of each subscriber, \$2.20 each. For a Club of Twenty, an extra copy will be sent. For a Club of Forty, we send the DAILY TRIBUNE gratis one year. WEEKLY: Three copies, \$5; Five for \$8; Ten for \$12, and any larger number at the rate of \$1.20 each per annum, the paper to be addressed to each subscriber. To Clubs of Twenty we send an extra copy. Twenty copies to one address for \$20, with one extra to him who sends us the Club. For each Club of One Hundred THE DAILY TRIBUNE will be sent gratis one year.

THE TRIBUNE, No. 164 Nassau st., New York. FOR RENT.—The large and commodious Store and Ware Rooms, formerly occupied by Wm. H. Gardner & Co., situate on Railroad street, in the borough of Wilmore. Location for business is the best in town. Rented for one or more years. Terms moderate. LLOYD & HILL, Wilmore, Feb. 7, 1861.

TAYLOR & CHEWEL AT THE HUNTINGDON NURSERIES

Sell Fruit & Ornamental Trees, Vines &c., of better growth, larger size, and at lower prices than any of the Northern or Eastern Nurseries and warrant them true to name. Standard Apple trees at 12 1/2 cents each—\$16 per 100. Peach trees, 15 to 20 cts each—\$12.50 to \$15 per 100. Standard Pear trees, 50 to 75 cts each. Dwarf Pear trees, 50 to \$1 each—20 to \$50 per 100. Dwarf Apple trees, 50 to 75 cts each. Standard Cherry trees 37 1/2 to 45 cts. Dwarf Cherry trees 25 to 32 cts. Plum trees 50 cts. Apricot trees 40 to 50 cts. Nectarine trees 25 cts each. Grape Vines 25 cts to \$1. Silver Maple trees \$2 to \$1. European Ash, 75 to \$1. European Larch, 75 cts to \$1.50. Norway Spruce, 50 cts to \$1. American Balsam Pine, 75 cts to \$1.50. American & Chinese Arbor Vite, 50 cts to \$1.50. Strawberry Plants, \$1 per 100, &c. &c. Huntingdon, Jan. 25, 1860.—3m.

A CARD.—WITNESS THE BRIDGE.

LANCASTER Tp. July 30, 1860. Messrs. EVANS AND WATSON: GENTLEMEN—The small size No. 1 Salamander safe which I purchased from your agent, Mr. Adam R. Paer, in Lancaster City, on July 24th, 1858, has been subjected to a very severe test, with a result which stands in most satisfactory manner. This safe, containing all my books, together with valuable papers belonging to myself and some to my neighbors and friends, and representing a value of over Twenty Thousand Dollars, (\$20,000) was in my Mill which was destroyed on the night of the 27th of July, 1860, and passed through the fiery ordeal unscathed. The safe was on the second floor and fell to the basement of the Mill, and was subjected for six hours to an intense heat among the ruins, which was greatly increased by the combustion of a large quantity of grain confined within the brick walls. After the fire the safe was opened and the books and papers taken out in a state of perfect preservation, the paper not even being discolored. This fact was, however, to many bystanders a better recommendation of your Safes than could be expressed in any other words from me. Yours Respectfully, SAMUEL RANCK.

A large assortment of the above quality of Fire and Thief Proof Safes always on hand and for sale at as low rates as any other firm, at EVANS & WATSON'S, No. 304 Chestnut st., Philadelphia.

WINTER GOODS. WHOLESALE AND RETAIL. Just received and now opening, a large and complete assortment of GOODS for the season, consisting in part of Prints, Shawls, Blankets, Gingham, Alpaca, Carpets, Coburgs, Modina Cloths, Oil Cloths, Carpet Chains, Cotton Yarns, DeLaines, French Merinos, Woolen Cashmeres, Merino Plaids, Hosiery, Notions, Sattinets, Cassimeres, Jeans, Tweeds, Flannels, Hardware, Queensware, Gloves, Tickings, Brown and Black Muslins.

READY-MADE CLOTHING, 50 CASES BOOTS AND SHOES. The above goods have been bought with care at low figures, and will be sold at reduced prices. E. HUGHES.

WANTED:—100,000 feet good Cherry Boards, 100,000 feet good Poplar Boards, 100,000 feet 1 inch Poplar Boards, 100,000 feet good Ash Boards and Plank, 100,000 feet clear Pine Boards and Plank. For which part or all Cash will always be paid. ALSO—200,000 feet good common Pine in exchange for goods. E. H. Ebensburg, Nov. 8, 1860.

Watches and Jewelry. J. STAHL respectfully informs the citizens of Ebensburg and vicinity that he is still engaged in the Watch and Jewelry business, immediately opposite the store of E. Shoemaker & Sons. All kinds of watches, clocks and jewelry now on hand, which will be sold very low for cash. Watches, clocks, jewelry and musical instruments of all kinds repaired with neatness and dispatch. All work warranted and charges low. The ladies are invited to call and examine his large stock of jewelry. Ebensburg, April 5, 1860.

Boots and Shoes. The undersigned continues the manufacture of BOOTS and SHOES of every description at his establishment in Ebensburg, immediately opposite the Post Office. Employing none but the best workmen, he trusts that he has been and still is at all times able to give entire satisfaction to his customers. He hopes that the same liberal patronage heretofore given him may be continued, and that more may be added. He has also on hand a large assortment of French Calf-skins, and Morocco of all kinds, suitable for fine Boots and Shoes. Ready-made BOOTS and SHOES always on hand, and prices moderate. MESHAC THOMAS. Ebensburg, August 25, 1859.

DISSOLUTION.—The partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned, under the firm of W. H. Gardner & Co., was this day dissolved by mutual consent. The business will be settled by Lloyd & Hill. The books will be left at the office of the firm, in Wilmore, for a limited time, where all having unsettled accounts will save costs by calling soon. G. I. LLOYD, ARTHUR HILL, Wm. H. GARDNER. Wilmore, Dec. 8, 1860-3t

1861. DAN. C. MORRIS, 1861. DEALER IN FASHIONABLE HATS & CAPS, Main Street, OPPOSITE THE MANSION HOUSE, Johnstown, Pa.