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Local and General.

—Albums, at J. F. T. Stehle's.

—Go in. This is the last week of the sweet buy and buy.

—Hobby-horses, at J. F. T. Stehle's.

—California Canned Goods, at M. REIBER, Sr.

—A Clearfield county man recently killed three bears in one day.

—Toy-cars, at J. F. T. Stehle's.

—Moody and Sankey are to go to Ireland; and Ben Butler, too!

—Toy-wash sets, at J. F. T. Stehle's.

—The latest styles in Hats and Caps at Chas. R. Grieb's.

—There will be some more cold weather before spring.—Fennor.

—Handsome foot stools for ladies, for Christmas gifts, at Ketterer's.

—A fine selection of Confectionery for the Holidays, at M. REIBER, Sr.

—Toy-bedsteads and willow cradles, at J. F. T. Stehle's.

—The smart boy has already entered his name in several Sunday schools.

—Figs, Currants, Oranges, Lemons, Malaga Grapes, at M. REIBER, Sr.

—Handsome foot rests, with slipper case, for Christmas gifts, at Ketterer's.

—A large line of men and boy's Gloves at Chas. R. Grieb's.

—The best time to buy Christmas presents is when you have the money.

—A splendid violin for one dollar, at J. F. T. Stehle's.

—A Solid Silver Case and a Genuine American Movement as low as \$10, at E. GRUBER'S.

—Wool and Cotton Half Hosiery from 3c a pair up, at Chas. R. Grieb's.

—The amount now at risk in American life insurance companies is \$2,705,000,000.

—Dolls, Toys, Wagons and Sleds, at J. F. T. Stehle's.

SPECIALTIES in woolsens at William Aland's Merchant Tailoring establishment not to be had elsewhere in the county.

—Hon. John M. Greer will likely be the next president, protom, of our State Senate.

—Dry Raspberries, Blackberries, Currants, Raisins, Peaches and Apples, at M. REIBER, Sr.

—WANTED.—Cherry and Poplar lumber, Incense of George Ketterer, Furniture dealer, Butler, Pa.

—Leases pay Thompson \$25,000 per year. A pretty good salary for an amateur mariner.

—Dr. Beaver's Lung Pad cures Coughs, Colds and all affections of the Lungs. Sold in Butler by D. H. Waller. [sep22-3m]

—Beautiful suits of parlor and bedroom furniture, for Christmas gifts, at Ketterer's.

—A constable or policeman in Ireland just now is certain to have a steady run of business.

—The largest and finest line of Silk Handkerchiefs in Butler at Chas. R. Grieb's.

—For the cure of Consumption, Bronchitis, Catarrh and Asthma, see Dr. Beaver's Lung Pad, sold by D. H. Waller, Butler, Pa. [sep22-3m]

—The Jury Lists for the January special Term have been drawn. We publish them in another place.

—A lot of Heating Stoves suitable for hard and soft coal, for sale very cheap, at Joseph Rokenstein's Saddle and Harness establishment. [dec-3w]

—Do not forget the fine display of silverware at E. Grieb's, if you intend making a handsome Christmas gift.

—Grain speculators in the West will spend an unhappy Christmas. The cereals are all shrinking in price.

—Beautifully cushioned and carved patent rocking chairs, for Christmas gifts, at Ketterer's.

—The largest stock of men and boy's Underwear in Butler county, from 45c a suit up, at Chas. R. Grieb's.

—Beware of the man who pretends to laugh when he comes down on an icy pavement. He is a hypocrite.

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—Clover seed is likely to be unusually high-priced next year, as the crop seems to have been short nearly everywhere.

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—Revive our commerce! say representatives of various boards of trade to Congress. It sounds like a battle cry.

—The best selection and largest stock of Foreign and Domestic canned and bottled goods, at M. REIBER, Sr.

—A man always abandons the worse than foolish habit of walking on the railroad track the first time he doesn't hear the train.

—If you want to make a handsome and useful present stop in at Chas. R. Grieb's and examine the largest line of Neckwear in Butler.

—Dr. Beaver's Absorption Lung Pad a positive and permanent cure for consumption, Bronchitis, Catarrh, Asthma and all disease of the Lungs, Throat and Hoarse. Sold by D. H. Waller agent for Butler county, Pa. [sep22-3m]

—Trains out of Baltimore are carrying more than usual loads of livestock, notwithstanding the fact that election bets are nearly all paid.

—Six women in another column, near Speer's Vineyards with a bunch of grapes from which Speer's Port Grape wine is made, that is so highly esteemed by the medical profession as one of the invalids, weakly persons and the aged.—Sold by all Druggists. [28day]

—When drilling at the bald-head oil well last Saturday, gas commenced issuing from it, which indicates that there is oil in that vicinity.

—ADVICE TO PRESENT SEEKERS.—Stop in at Chas. R. Grieb's and examine his stock of Hats and Caps and Gents Furnishing Goods.

—A good chance, if you want to make a handsome Holiday Gift, a solid gold ladies' watch, which was selling heretofore at \$15.00, can be had at \$7.75, at E. Grieb's.

COURT NEWS.

A special Court for the trial of civil cases has been appointed for the weeks commencing with the 3rd, 4th and 5th Mondays of January next, and week commencing with the 4th Monday of February. The Jury Commissioners and one of the Judges, will commence next Monday, to fill the wheel for next year.

TRIAL LIST OF LAST WEEK.

The cases of the Commonwealth vs. the following persons were disposed of last week.

W. H. Curran, false pretense. Settled and nolle proes. allowed in payment of costs.

R. G. Thompson, larceny by bailee. Not guilty.

William Steinbock, false pretense. Not guilty, and prosecutor and defendant to each pay one-half the cost.

John Hockenberry, larceny. Nolle proes. allowed in payment of costs by defendant.

William Wood, obstructing private road. Not guilty, and prosecutor, William Leckie to pay one-half the cost, and defendant to pay the other half.

Same, destroying a bridge across a private road. Same verdict.

Joseph Saylor, aggravated assault and battery. Found guilty of assault and battery.

Joseph Green, larceny. Not guilty.

George Cummins, horse stealing. Guilty, and sentenced to 3 years and 11 months in Penitentiary.

James D. Lewis, larceny from the person. Guilty as indicted, and sentenced to the penitentiary for 2 years and 11 months, or until November 15, 1883.

Crawford Rankin, F. & B. Guilty, sentenced to pay \$25 to Poor Board of Fairview township, and \$25 to prosecutor, and \$1 per week from September 1, 1880, to September 1, 1885, for maintenance of child, and costs of prosecution. Security in \$500.

Joseph Flick, assault and battery. Settled, and nolle proes. allowed on payment of cost.

M. J. Miller, selling liquor without license. Pleads guilty, sentence suspended for 3 months.

J. A. Mißner, assault and battery with intent to kill. Defendant enters a plea of nolle contendere, agrees to pay prosecutor \$25 and is sentenced to pay a fine of \$10 and costs.

Ellen Deoley, larceny. Guilty, and sentenced to the work house for five months.

A. Vogan and J. Honeywell, keeping a bawdy house. Found guilty, and A. Vogan sentenced to Work House for 6 months, and J. Honeywell to Work House for one year and 11 months.

Same, selling liquor without license. Not guilty, and county to pay costs.

THIS WEEK.

The Court adjourned over on Saturday until Monday morning of this week, when the following cases were tried:

Commonwealth vs. William Schockey, indictment larceny of a shawl. Verdict, not guilty.

Same vs. Joakim Snyder, and same vs. John Shoaff, assault and battery, and both tried together. Verdict, Snyder guilty of simple assault and battery, and pay the cost. Shoaff not guilty.

All the jurors except those on the last above case were discharged on Tuesday morning. Court rose on Tuesday evening.

Some of the cases tried were of more than usual interest, and the verdicts meet with very general approval.

—Twenty-five or thirty men are believed to have perished in a burning wall paper factory in Buffalo, New York, last Friday.

—A week old baby in this town is afflicted with both the chickenpox and measles, an unusual circumstance and an unusual combination of diseases.

—King Lost.—In the borough of Butler on Thanksgiving day, a large sled going with a team, representing the bust of a knight wearing a helmet, the same having a mask, and the stone apparently having two faces. The finder will be liberally rewarded by returning the same to Grieb's Jewelry Store, Butler Pa.

—The New York Commercial Advertiser says that the popular apples, apples, strychnine and belladonna.

—Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound revives the drooping spirits; invigorates and harmonizes the organic functions; gives elasticity and firmness to the step, restores the natural lustre to the eye, and plants on the pale cheek of beauty the fresh roses of life's spring and early summer time.

—Complaint is made in many of our exchanges that poison can be bought too easily at drug stores, by irresponsible parties.

—A factory has been discovered at Milwaukee from which 12,000 pounds of oleomargarine are sent out every day, with no marks to distinguish it from genuine butter.

—All the jury men of last week were held over for this week, although a part of them were allowed to go to their homes and report again on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

—The imports of coffee for the year ending June 30, 1880, were over \$60,000,000 in value. One-half of this could have been saved at home by growing and using chicory instead.

—The Butler County Poultry Association will hold its second annual exhibition at this place, on the 5th, 6th and 7th days of next month. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

—When a man walked out of the grocery store of John Berg & Son, last Saturday afternoon he closed the door between himself and his dog, and the dog jumped through a large pane of glass.

—Toldo, O., is troubled with cholera, and an ordinance has been introduced in the Common Council to provide for the hourly ringing of the City Hall bell as a signal to the population to take quinine.

—We are under obligations to Charles A. Sullivan, Esq., for a fine fat turkey for our Christmas dinner, and hope that every poor man in the county will be the fortunate recipient of as good a one, for his Christmas dinner.

—The remarkable blockade of freight on the New York Central Road, near Albany, has never been equaled in the past. It is being taken advantage of by the promoters of new trunk lines, and in a day or two announcements of new lines of railroad to the seaboard may be looked for.

Santa Claus.

The funny looking old man, who travels through the air on his reindeer sled, and puts candies in the stockings hanging by the fire place, and leaves packages of toys and other nice things lying on the table, will be around again next Friday night, and as he has to collect all his good things and nice things before distributing them, and as he will likely deem it his duty to collect in Butler about the town, we have made the following brief directory for his use when on his collecting tour:

Dry Goods, Trimmings, etc.—Ritter & Ralston, corner of Main and Jefferson streets, have made some special preparations for the holiday trade. There can be no more appropriate Christmas gift for a lady than a good dress, cloak, dollman hat or set of furs, and articles suitable for gifts can be found in every corner and on every shelf of a first-class dry goods store.

Dr. Redick is expecting some handsome goods, in his usual line, that he has ordered for the season.

Toys' jewelry, gents' furnishing goods, valises, sleds, hobby-horses, fur caps, etc., at J. F. T. Stehle's.

Books, toys, fancy picture frames and boxes, sleds and many other things for Christmas gifts, at J. Kock's.

Beautiful fur caps, buffalo and wild-cat robs, and gents' furnishing goods of all kinds can be had at Harvey Colbert's.

Jewelry, table and toilet silverware, procured especially for the season, silver thimbles, gold rings, necklaces, watch chains, crosses, etc., at E. Grieb's.

Fine furnishing goods for gents, underwear, newest patterns in hats and neckties, fancy silk handkerchiefs, fancy hosiery, etc., at Charles R. Grieb's.

Kalo Meda ware books, toys, sleds, gold pens and pencils, fancy boxes, also picture frames, and thousands of other useful and useful things, at H. C. Heinenman.

Messrs H. Beil & Co., have received a selection of Tin Toys for Christmas gifts for children. They have also on hands some handsome coal-beds and other articles suitable for presents.

Dry Goods, Groceries, Queensware, etc.—A Troutman, corner of Main and Mifflin streets, in a store containing a great variety of goods you will have no trouble in finding something suitable for a present.

Beautiful slippers can be had of either of our three enterprising shoe dealers, Sir Santa Claus, and when selecting your gifts for the poor remember that a pair of good boots or shoes would be as acceptable as anything you could get for them.

Our three grocery firms have laid in ample supplies of mixed and fancy candies, dried and fresh fruits, nuts and raisins, canned and bottled goods. You know where these stores are and you will have no trouble finding them. Be sure to get enough here to go all around, so that no human being need go hungry on Christmas day.

At our hardware stores many things suitable for Christmas presents can be found, such as skates, sleigh-bells, fancy fire sets and coal boxes, also knives, and there is no more useful Christmas present than a good pen-knife. Mr. J. S. Campbell, of the firm of J. G. & William Campbell, made us a present of one of the other day which we think is a little the best pen-knife we have ever used. They have a fine selection of them of the best makes, in stock.

You will find that all these firms, Sir Santa Claus, have made special preparations for your approaching visit, and you will be enabled to collect the novelties and luxuries for the rich and the necessities for the poor. And if when on your travels Sir Santa Claus, you come across any men and women who have enough and to spare of this world's goods, and who having Faith in the American nation, Hope for the eternal liberty and equality of its individual members, teach them that "The greatest of these is Charity."

At 10 Cents, Best Lonsdale Bleached Muslin, Lancaster Ginghams, Fancy Drug Dress Goods. You will find bargains in everything, at RITTER & RALSTON'S.

Wanted. All kinds of grain for which I will pay the highest market price in cash. GEO. REIBER, Nov. 3, 1880. Butler, Pa.

The largest hog in the country is a Poland China, 4 years old this spring, landed on exhibition at Junction City, Kas. His length is 7 feet; girth of neck, 6 1/2 feet; girth of chest, 7 1/2 feet; girth of center, 8 feet; width across his hips, 30 inches; weight, 1,532 pounds. Furnished with chain at the lowest wholesale prices, at RITTER & RALSTON'S.

The Nicaragua Canal project having at last been fairly launched in Congress, the war of the rival canals will be one of the features of the immediate future. It having long been doubted whether one canal could be built and made to pay, we shall begin by trying two canals.

For the Holidays. A very full assortment of all kinds of Fancy Goods, at RITTER & RALSTON'S.

The failure of the great New York coffee houses was brought about by speculation. They risked their fortunes on a rising market, and the market fell. They were ruined.

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—Mr. B. W. King, "who has been a Professor of Eloquence in the highest colleges and academies of our State," will give an entertainment in the Court House, to-morrow (Thursday) evening. The entertainment will consist of recitations, reading, imitations, ventriloquism, polyphonism, etc. Admission 25 cents, children 15 cents.

American Wines.

But few persons are aware of the great amount of grapes raised in New Jersey. Alfred Speer is known to be the largest wine grower east of the Rocky Mountains. His Port Grape wine is the best and is considered by physicians and chemists as the best wine to be procured. For sale by D. H. Waller.

Children's Coats.

For all ages from 4 to 14 years, at RITTER & RALSTON'S.

—The board of directors of the P. N. C. & L. E. R. Co., have given a first mortgage on its road to Conrad Jordan, Trustee, to secure coupon bonds to the amount of \$10,000 per mile, which they propose issuing in order to enable them to finish their road. These bonds will be payable in the year 1920, and the interest is fixed at 6 per cent.

Haunted We.

A Wokingman says: "Debt, poverty, and suffering haunted me for years, caused by a sick family and large bill for doctoring, which did me no good. I was completely discouraged, until one Sunday, an old workman engaged in clearing about ten acres, and will shortly commence the erection of a large and extensive pulp works."

Living Witnesses.

The hundreds of strong, hearty, rugged and healthy looking men, women and children that have been rescued from beds of pain, sickness and well nigh death by Parker's Ginger Tonic, are the best evidences in the world of its sterling merit and worth. You will find such in almost every community. Read of it in another column.

Ladies' Cloaks.

At \$1.50, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.50, \$5.00, \$6.50, \$7.00, \$7.50, \$8.00, \$8.50, \$9.00, \$10.00, \$12.00, \$15.00, \$18.00, \$20.00, and \$25.00, at RITTER & RALSTON'S.

—Albert Stoughton, an aged gentleman, was attacked by highwaymen near Petrolia on the night of the 14th, inst., terribly beaten and robbed of \$150, all the money he had about him.

Since writing another report says it was Luke Stoughton who was thus attacked, on his return home from Court here, and after the case against Jim Lewis was decided, in which he was the prosecutor.

NOTICE REGARDING POOR HOUSE.

—There will be a mass meeting of the citizens of this county, at the Court House in Butler, at one o'clock, p. m., of Wednesday, December 29, for the purpose of discussing the propriety of buying a farm and building a poor-house, in and for Butler county. All are invited to attend and every effort is requested to be made at least two delegates.

Many Citizens.

—The opening of the Conservatory of Music of this place, by Dr. Louis Von Meyerhoff, last Saturday night was a grand success. The audience was greatly pleased with the Dr.'s music, and his amusing and instructive discourse on music was well received. The Germania Orchestra, deserves the thanks of the community for its efforts to increase its knowledge of music. They have rented the building used last Saturday evening, and have purchased three fine instruments, two pianos and one organ.

—The price of rye in St. Petersburg has fallen very considerably of late, and a similar decline is expected in Germany. In Russia the Government it seems following the advice of Joseph of old to Pharaoh, is accustomed to purchase, in years of abundance, large stocks of that cereal, so as, in times of war or short crops, not to be deficient in a commodity which is so extensively used by the masses of the people. In such reverses that is old as the hills, but the poorer classes, the Government has thrown a large supply on the market, thus depressing prices, much, no doubt, to the disappointment of those who were speculating in public distress.

—LITTLELL'S LIVING AGE.—The numbers of the Living Age for the weeks ending December 11th and 18th, contain the following, among other interesting and valuable articles: Nature and Law, by Dr. Wm. B. Carpenter; Modern Review; Maria A. Follen; Cobdenism, translated for the Living Age; The Procedure of Deliberative Bodies, Contemporary Review; A Religious Poem of the Nineteenth Century; Fraser; Political Socialism, Macmillan; Jomini, Moreau and Vandamme, Fortnightly; The Works of Sir Henry Taylor, Nineteenth Century; Insect Conservatism, Spectator; Science for Babies, Saturday Review; Erasmus Darwin, Temple Bar; A Successful African Expedition, Nature; together with instalments of two serials, and the usual amount of choice poetry, etc.

The new volume begins January 1st and contains, for 1881, the intervening numbers sent gratis. For fifty numbers of sixty-four large pages each (or more than 3,300 pages a year), the subscription price (\$8) is low; while for those who prefer to buy by the number the price is only 15 cents.

any one of the American 84 monthlies or weeklies with the Living Age for a year, both postpaid. Littell & Co., Boston, are the publishers.

—Philadelphia newspapers report that the American Union Telegraph Company are about to try in the city the experiment of putting their wires underground. The plan works well enough in European cities, and there would seem to be no reason why it should not succeed here, save the indisposition of the companies to bear the first cost of making the change.

These Prices are only up to January 1st, 1881.

At 10 cts., Best Stair Oil Cloth, at 15 cts. Best Hopp Carpet, at 25 cts., Best Cottage Carpet, at 25 cts., Best Ingrain Carpet, at 45 cts., Extra Heavy Ingrain Carpet at 35 cts., Good Rag Carpet, at 25 cts., Good Stair Carpet, at 25 cts., Yard Wide Oil Matting, at 50 cts., Good Hall Carpet, at 75 cts., Extra Fine Hall Carpet, at 90 cts., Extra Super Carpet, at \$1. Higgin's Best Brussels Carpet, at \$1.25, Best 3 Ply Carpet. Any person needing Carpet in the near future, will save money buying during this month at the above prices, at RITTER & RALSTON'S.

Notice.

The committee appointed to prepare a constitution for the "Woman's Christian Temperance Union" for Butler county are ready to report, and the ladies of the county interested in such an organization are requested to meet in Butler at the M. E. Church, on Thursday the 30th day of December, 1880, at 3 o'clock p. m., to hear the report, and permanently organize. Mary E. Sullivan, President, N. D. Black, Secretary. dec15-2t

—It is possible that there may be a sequel to the discovery of the skeleton of a man in the woods in near Millerstown last fall. A man named Vaughan, a Frenchman, who was convicted last week of keeping a house of ill repute in Petrolia says that on a certain day he saw a "Jim" Lewis, and is universally acknowledged as being that Lewis, who was convicted of larceny last week, agreed to follow and rob a peddler, and that when the peddler left town he and Lewis started out after him; that he got tired and returned to his home or place of business, but that Lewis continued the pursuit, and that when he returned he had plenty of money, an unusual thing for him, and may be something in the story but the source of it must be taken into consideration. The peddler, it is said, has never been heard of since.

—Mr. C. B. Porter, Druggist, Towanda, Pa. For several years I have been troubled with Catarrh; have tried many remedies, without much relief. Ely's Cream Balm has proved to be the article desired, having wonderful results in my case. I believe it to be the only cure. L. B. Coburn, Towanda, Pa., May 14, 1879.

Messrs. Ely Bros., Druggists, Owego, N. Y.—The supply of Cream Balm I purchased of you sold rapidly. Such is the demand I have had occasion to duplicate my orders no less than five times within three months. My customers have found this is no humbug, but a preparation of real merit and evidently a sovereign catholicon for the cure of Catarrh. An article that will prove such results will prove a blessing to any community. Wm. Tuck, Druggist, Wilkesbarre, P., Jan. 28, 1880.

The case of the Commonwealth versus George Cummins, for horse stealing, tried in our county Court last week, had some very curious features. The facts of the case are about as follows: Mr. Kellerman, of Venango township, this county, had a horse stolen from his premises on the night of the 18th of August last. He gave a description of it to detectives, who found it in the possession of a man named Burkey in Clearfield county, who said he got it from Cummins. The horse was returned to Mr. Kellerman and Cummins was arrested. Soon after a man named McElwain, said to be a respected citizen of Clarion county put in an appearance and claimed that he had lost, on the night of the 30th of August, a horse whose description answered exactly to that of the one stolen from Mr. Kellerman. McElwain found the horse in the possession of Kellerman and sued out a writ of replevin. Kellerman gave a property bond and kept the horse. At the trial Cummins' folks swore that he was at home on the night of the 18th of August, and that he was away on the night of the 30th of August, and he himself acknowledged that he had stolen McElwain's horse. McElwain and a crowd of Clarion county men were here at the trial aiding in the defense of Cummins. The jury must have regarded this action of theirs as being suspicious, for they found Cummins to be guilty as indicted, and he was sent to the penitentiary. McQuiston and Vanderlin Esq's aided the District Attorney in the prosecution. A board of arbitrators next day, awarded the horse to Kellerman.

DEATHS.

ROCKENSTEIN.—At her residence, in this place, on Tuesday, 21st inst., Mrs. Frances Rockenstein, widow of the late Anthony Rockenstein, aged 69 years.

Notice to Creditors of Francis Conley.

In the estate of Francis Conley Assessor. In pursuance of an order of the Court of Common Pleas of Butler County, on petition of Perry Smith and J. C. Vanderlin to be discharged.

30th day of August. Court direct notice by publication, on the creditors of Francis Conley, that they are to appear at the office of the undersigned on Monday, January 3d, 1881.

Now, Dec. 9th, 1880, by the creditors of Francis Conley, that they are to appear at the office of the undersigned on Monday, January 3d, 1881.

PERCY SMITH, J. C. VANDERLIN, Assignees.

Executor's Notice.

Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary have been granted to the undersigned in the estate of John Forester, of the late of Penn township, Butler county Pa., dec'd. All persons therefore knowing themselves indebted to said estate will please pay or tender to me, or my having claims against the same, will present them properly authenticated for settlement. JAMES A. FORSTER, Executor, Brownsville, Butler county, Pa.

Notice Regarding Fox Sculp Law.

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made at the next meeting of the Legislature, for the repeal of an Act, entitled "A further supplement to an act providing for the collection of the bounty on foxes," approved the 27th day of March, 1869, extending the same to the County of Butler, approved the 27th day of April, 1878.

JAMES R. BIRD, JAMES