BUTLER CITIZEN.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

—The Elba Iron Works of Pittsburgh, were partially burned last Monday night.

—We are selling all Black Coats and Dolmans at cost at L. STEIN & SON'S.

—Maine and New Hampshire are now enjoying a mid-winter drouth.

—Fur Trimming in all widths at L. STEIN & SON'S.

—The mercury in the thermometer, early last Friday morning, stood at ten degrees below zero.

—Ladies' Black Coats and Dolmans at cost at L. STEIN & SON'S.

—Red hair, real red hair, not auburn or anything of that kind, but orange-hued, brick-colored red hair, is coming into fashion. Let our fashionable lady readers get ready for it.

—At Griebs. A handsome line of Gold Spectacles for presents.

—A New Hampshire man has invented a machine for making cloves out of bass-wood and is disposing of his manufactured spices in large quantities. Of course it is a real delicacy and a decided improvement on the natural article.

"I have attended some of the best New England schools and completed a full college course in a N. E. College But I have received more good in one term at the Normal School Edinboro than in the same length of time at any other school.

—Yarns, Zephyrs, Knitting Silk Canvas and all Materials for Fancy work at L. STEIN & SON'S.

—The editor of the Freeport *Journal* is a smart young man, without a single hay seed in hair. We know it because he says it himself, and the "year 2,000" item that lately appeared in this paper didn't puzzle him for a moment. We congratulate him.

—A full stock of Blankets, Flannels, Canton Flannels, Bed Comforts, &c., at L. STEIN & SON'S.

—An exchange says you must never set your lamp upon the table cloth; if you cannot find time to make a green lamp mat put a piece of green cardboard under the lamp, and you will find the reflection upon your work much more agreeable to the eye than that of the red cover.

—Largest stock of Dress Goods in Butler county and lowest prices at. L. STEIN & SON'S.

—A charter has been granted for a new railroad, called the New Castle and Salamanca, to run from the New York, Pittsburgh & Chicago road at Wampum, thence through Lawrence, Butler, Mercer, Venango, Forest and Warren counties to Salamanca, New York, and connect with the Erie road.

—Large assortment of Fine Neck wear suitable for Holiday Gifts at L. STEIN & SON'S.

—Mr. Geo. W. Lowry, a son of Col. Lowry, of this place, is engaged in the drug business in Milwaukee and was boarding at the Newhall House, which was destroyed by fire last Wednesday, but got out of the building unhurt. Another man named Geo. Lowry, an employee of the hotel is reported among the missing.

Call at J. F. T. Steble's before purchasing your toys—prices to suit the times.

—The Pittsburgh *Dispatch* is one of the liveliest and most interesting journals on our exchange list. It is a Republican paper of decidedly independent ideas, and any of our readers wishing a journal of this class, whether daily or weekly, will do well to try the *Dispatch*.

—Lunches and meals can be had at all hours at Morrison's City Bakery, Vogely House block. "

—The Census of 1880 has not yet been officially completed, and Congress is called upon for another appropriation that the work may be more successfully prosecuted. Of course the making out of a United States census is a gigantic undertaking; but if it cannot be accomplished in less time than this, the figures are valuable only as historical statistics.

—Silk Handkerchiefs, Lace Handkerchiefs, Fancy Handkerchiefs for the Holidays at L. STEIN & SON'S.

—There are twenty-two and a half miles of sewers in Pittsburgh on both sides of the Monongahela, which were laid at a cost, in round numbers, of nearly a half million dollars. The largest sewer is six feet square. There are also 121½ miles of water pipe, which have been laid at a cost of $1,750,000. There also are 144 miles of gas pipe worth about $1,000,000.

—Silk Handkerchiefs, Colored Border Handkerchiefs, Fancy Handkerchiefs, Immense Stock and low prices, at L. STEIN & SON'S.

—Passengers on the P. & W. trains cannot help but remark the numerous large ice houses along Pine creek. At several points the creek is dammed and the water turned into low-lying field having embankments around them. Here it freezes and the ice is cut into cakes three feet square by an ice plow, and taken to the ice house. The Pine creek ice is perhaps the purest put up about Pittsburgh, as there are no towns along the stream the drainage from which would taint the water.

—Silk Handkerchiefs, Silk Handkerchiefs, don't forget to see our stock before purchasing. L. STEIN & SON.

—The terrible holocaust in Milwaukee, last Wednesday, by which some 50 persons lost their lives, either by suffocation and burning or jumping from the upper stores of a high hotel, should remind all owners of buildings three stories high, or over, of the act of Assembly of this State, approved June 11, 1879, which makes them liable to a penalty of $300, for not providing such buildings with a permanent safe external means of escape therefrom in case of fire. The act refers to all buildings three stories high or over no matter for what purpose used—hotels, school buildings, tenement houses, etc., and in districts having no Fire Marshall or Commissioners, the school board of the district are made a board of examiners to approve of or condemn such fire escape.

Dolls of all kinds at J. F. T. Steble's. You will be surprised to see the stock that J. F. T. Steble has in toys—baby dolls a specialty.

—The morning train North on the branch read last Saturday morning met with an accident which rendered it necessary for the whole train, with the exception of the engine and one lumber car to be left at Saxon station. The train consisted of one lumber car, a box-car loded with lime and the two passenger cars, and some distance below Saxon station, one of the axles of the rear truck of the box-car broke. One of the wheels rolled down the embankment, but the other, in some way, jammed into and through the floor of the car. The engineer dragged the train to the station, expecting to be able there to run the box-car on to a switch, but it was found impossible to uncouple it from the passenger car. The passengers then jumped on the engine and lumber car and were hauled to town.

—Wm. Aland, merchant tailor, Butler, Pa., has just received from first hands all the leading novelties in French and Domestic fine woolens for men and boys' wear, and solicits the patronage of all lovers of fine and well fitting garments. oct11-3m.

—There will be preaching in the Baptist Church next Sabbath moring and evening.

Hats, Caps, and Gents furnishing goods, at low prices, at J. F. T. Steble's

—Our merchants are paying 28c for butter, 25c for eggs, 12c for lard, and 55c for potatoes.

—Large line of Collars, Ties, Fishus and fine Neckwear at L. STEIN & SON'S.

—The new Democratic State Committee met in Harrisburg, Monday. Jno. S. Campbell is the member from this county.

Go to J. F. T Steble for your toys—best selection in the town.

—The doors of a large circus building in Russian-Poland opened inward, and 70 men, 120 women and 60 children were roasted in it last Saturday.

—A lot of second-handed Watches cheap for cash at E. Grieb's

—Mrs. Miller, widow of the late George Miller, of this place, fell upon the floor of her house last Friday and dislocated one of her hip bones.

—Send or leave your order for a Sewing Machine, of any make, at Grieb's Jewelry store. may31-tf

—We direct attention to the card of the Powell Brothers of Springboro, Crawford county, Pa. They claim to have the most extensive pure bred, live stock establishment in the world.

—Fresh oysters received twice a week at the City Bakery, Vogely House block. "

—The spring elections take place on the third Tuesday of February. Now is the time to be looking around for good men to fill the different offices.

—See a woman in another column, on horseback, picking grapes from which Speer's Port-Grape Wine is made, and that is so highly esteemed by the medical profession, for the use of invalids, weakly persons and the aged. Sold by Druggists. Nov. 1 y.

—Mrs. Hayes, wife of County Commissioner Geo. W. Hayes, Esq., fell upon the icy pavement of Main street in this place last Friday and severely sprained one of her wrists.

—At Griebs. An elegant stock of Silverware is offered at lower prices than ever sold before.

—A boy named Baringdon of Brady twp., aged about fourteen years, is in jail, charged by a citizen of that township with the larceny of a pocket-book containing five dollars.

—Fresh bread and cakes always on hand at the City Bakery, Vogely House block. "

—Canada has abrogated her extradition treaty with this country, on account of alleged bad faith on the part of this State in the "Shoe-box Miller" case. Dukes will now be safe in Canada if he chooses to go there.

—Corsets, Hosery and Gloves very low at L. STEIN & SON'S.

—On last Sabbath Rev. Kerr, of Harrisville, preached the 30th anniversary of his pastorate of the U. P. Congregation of Harmony, and on the following Tuesday the congregation through Joseph Brown, Esq., as their representative, presented him and lady with one hundred dollars in gold.

—Sewing Machine attachments and repairs of all kinds, at Grieb's Jewelry store. may31-tf.

—Some eight years ago a man named Chas. Stafford was convicted in the Erie county Court of brutally outraging a Miss Wood, and was sentenced to the penitentiary for 20 years, but a man named Moore, who died a few days ago, acknowledged that his testimony, upon which Stafford was convicted, was false and that he had been hired to do it. Two other witnesses in the case have acknowledged the same thing and it is more than likely that Stafford will now be released.

—A bill has been introduced in our State Legislature to prohibit dealing in "futures," whether in stocks, bonds, securities, grain, food, provisions, cotton, sugar, oil or any other article of merchandise, and it declares all such contracts null and void and provides for the recovery of the money paid. Sales for future delivery are now recognized as legitimate transactions at all our business centres, and are considered a safeguard to legitimate business, but this putting up of "margins," and buying, not the article itself, but the control of it for an indefinite time, short or long, as the market goes up or down, is gambling, and if the Legislature can put a stop to it, it ought to do it.

—By an act of Assembly approved in April, 1872, it was made unlawful to transfer or negotiate a note given for a patent right, unless the words "given for a patent right" were on the note, but the Supreme Court of the State is said to have lately declared this act unconstitutional on the ground that the national government alone has control of the patent right business. A man named Forsythe, of this county, had a man named McKee of Allegheny county, arrested last Saturday for transferring a note given by Forsythe to McKee for the right of using a patent blind fixture in this county. McKee plead ignorance of the law and gave bail for Court. The act still stands on the book, and it seems to us that all acts of the Assembly should be passed upon by the Supreme Court before they are put in the book.

—The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania has decided that colored children have the same right to attend the public schools as white children. The case arose in Uniontown, Fayette county, being Kaine et. al. vs. the Commonwealth, at the relation of John Manaway. Mr. Manaway, the relator, was a colored man, a resident and taxpayer in the school district of the borough of Uniontown, Fayette county, and his child, Springer Brown Manaway, who was over six and under twenty-one years of age, was denied admission into the public or common schools of the district, a separate school for the tuition of colored children having been established in the East ward of the district, remote and not easy of access from the residence of the relator, he being a resident of the West ward, and adjacent to the main public school building. His child being refused admission to the main public school in the West ward by reason of his color, Mr. Manaway, in the name of the Commonwealth, caused a writ of mandamus to be issued to compel the admission of the child to the main school, which was the one most convenient to his residence, and set forth the facts as stated in support of his rights. The school directors, in answer to the writ, averred various reasons for assigning the child to another school building than the one into which he sought admission, and made no distinct denial that he was excluded therefrom by reason of his color, but denied the right of the relator to inquire into the reasons or motives of the school directors in assigning his child to the one school house or the other. To this answer a demurrer was filed on behalf of Manaway, and the Court of Common Pleas adjudged the answer insufficient, entered judgment in favor of the Commonwealth, and directed a writ of peremptory mandamus to issue commanding the school directors to admit the minor son of the relator as a pupil in the public school under their control, in the main school building in the west ward, and to proceed to determine into which grade of said school the minor child should be admitted as a pupil. The school directors removed the case to the Supreme Court and assigned this order of the Court of Common Pleas as error. The Supreme Court, however, have affirmed the decree of the Court below in an opinion by Mercur, J.

A druggist in New Richmond, O., Mr. E. J. Donham, writes us the following: "I consider Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup one of the very best things made. I use it altogether in my own family and can therefore recommend it.

The Auditor General's Report And Other Matters.

From the report which State Auditor General-Lemon sent us, for the year ending with the 30th day of November last, we take the following facts, some of which are of interest only to the people of this county: The total receipts of State during the year and not including the new loan, were something over seven millions of dollars. The total expenses of the State for the same time and not including loans redeemed were something over five millions of dollars. The amount of the new loan was $9,450,000, and the total amount of loans redeemed during the year was $10,265,104.77, leaving the public debt on the first of December last amount to $20,225,083.28, although there are nearly eight millions of dollars in the sinking fund. The bulk of the receipts of this State come from the different taxes on the different corporations in the State, the taxes on which for last year amounted to nearly four and one-half millions of dollars. Tavern, eating-house and liquor licenses brought in over $600,000, the taxes on collateral inheritance, wills, deeds and personal property over one million, and foreign insurance companies $234,939. The U. S. government paid $94,561 to the State, and some fellow whose conscience smote him sent $16 to the State Treasurer—the Commonwealth can again renew its faith in itself.

Quite a number of corporations doing business entirely or partly within this county are taxed, but it is not necessary to enumerate them. The tax on wills, deeds, writs, etc., remitted from this county to the State Treasury during the year amounted to $1809.99, the tax on collateral inheritance from this county was $1365,48, tavern licenses $1643, retailers licenses $865,85, eating-houses $76, billiards $352.35 and circuses $28.50.

The expenses of the State government, including both houses of the Legislature, judiciary, the departments, commissions, boards, etc., amounted to $1,151,000. Common schools $1,093,000, charitable institutions $683,654, soldiers orphans $366,670, National Guards $242,395, and penitentiaries $216,998. These are but the largest items. The common schools of Butler county got $12,242.65, Murtland's salary was $1170. The Orphan's Home here received $1447.33; Co. E. of 15th Reg., W. E. Ensminger, Capt got $1451,85, and three female pensioners got $286,00.

According to the report there is not a brewer, a broker, an auctioneer, a distiller, a peddler or a patent medicine manufacturer in this county. Gov. Hoyt in his late message to the Legislature said that larger sums now go into the Sinking fund than are necessary for the payment of the interest on the State debt and estinguishment each year of the "at least $250,000 of the principal" provided for by the Constitution, and recommends that the State revenue now derived from tavern, retailers, eating-house and billiard licenses be retained in the county treasuries. The Governor, also, says that none of the State debt matures until 1892, that the bonds of the State are selling at a premium of from 6 to 19 cents on the dollar and that the State Treasurer has no authority to go into the market with the sinking fund money and buy these bonds. The $8,000,000 in the sinking fund consists of something over two millions of money and nearly six million in Pennsylvania R. R. bonds (afterwards changed to Allegheny Valey R. R. bonds guaranteed by the Pennsylvania railroad company) acquired by the State from the sale of the old State canal and railroads to the Pennsylvania R. R. Co. These bonds are not yet due and bear interest at the rate of 6 per cent., while the bonds of the State bear interest at from 3½ to 5 per cent. The two million in cash is the accumulated surplus of the fund over the expenses—interest on the State debt and redeemed principal. The "commutation of tonnage-tax" $460,000 a year, some other special taxes, the interest on the railroad bonds, and principal when due go into the sinking fund. When the Pennsylvania R. R Co. was relieved of the tonnage-tax—three mills per ton per mile—some years ago it agreed to pay half a million yearly into the State treasury in lieu of it, and this half million per year, and the bonds of the railroad for State property, were by act of Assembly made a fund for the payment of the debt of the State and called a sinking fund.

By a statement published in the daily papers of last Saturday we see that this sinking fund money as well as other moneys of the State to the amount of nearly three and a half millions are deposited in different banks in the State. The Allegheny National Bank of Pittsburgh has over $522,000 of it—a large sum to trust to any one bank, and the Butler County Bank, of Millerstown, has $10,000 of it. These banks, we suppose, pay the State a small interest for the use of this money, and it seems to be the general impression that the State Treasurer makes a few cents by letting the banks have it.

PETROLIA.

EDITORS BUTLER CITIZEN:—In my peregrinations through the oil regions I had occasion to pass through Petrolia in your county, and was surprised to see so much evidence of life and permanent business prosperity which still characterizes the town. Unlike many other oil towns in your county Petrolia "has come to stay." No better evidence can be adduced in proof of the fact than the existence of the various branches of business and industry carried on by its enterprising population, among which may be mentioned some of the leading features, to-wit;

MERCHANTS.

Dry Goods—E. P. Chesebro, J. Benedict & Sons.
Grocery—H. A. Clingensmith, J. B. Kilroy, John Burns, J. M. Hawk, James Lizenby, John Dill, J. C. Lanahan.
Confectionary—H. Hollenfreud.
Variety—Geo. M. Jemison.
Drug—J. A. Foot, R. H. Kerr.
Clothing—L. Rosenburg, Freemen & Marks, Geo. Killchenstein.
Millinery—Mrs. J. B. Hill.
Feed—James Lazenby, J. M. Hawk.
Hardware—H. A. Clingensmith, A. W. Root.
Boot & Shoe—J. Benedict & Sons, E. P. Chesebro.
Jewelry—R. J. Bottner.
Junk—Levi Burwald & Co.
Furniture—John Irvin, Israel Aaron.

MANUFACTURERS.

Boiler Works—Ireland & Hughes, J. C. Lyon Bingham & Quin.
Machinest—A. C. Price.
Harness Maker—R. Doyle
Valve Cups—A. W. Root.
Boots & Shoes—Joseph Burkhart, John Meinhart, Riddle & Co.
Bakery—J. B. Kilroy, John Burns.
Dealers in Pianos and Organs—L. Butler, G. B. Squier.

HOTELS.

Hotel Brunswick, James T. Clarke, proprietor.
Petrolia House, W. H. King, proprietor.
Oriental House, Wm. H. Jillison, proprietor.
Central House, J. B. Daugherty, proprietor.

SECRET SOCIETIES.

Argyle Lodge No 540 F. & A. Y. M.
Clipper Lodge No 59 A. O. U. W.
Virgil Council No. 170 R. A.
Florence Union No. 435 E. A. U.
Campbell Post No. 107 G. A. R.

LIVERY STABLES.

W. W. Baird, J. A. Gibson, Edward Jennings.
Meat and Fish Markets—Frank Grief, John Dill.
Barber—Frank Adams, John Will, G. W. D. Parker.
Photographist—L. P. Cross.
Dentist—A. A. Anderson.

Among other permanent institutions of the town may be mentioned the Argyle Savings Bank (H. L. Taylor, President, and Edgar A. Taylor Cashier.) The Petrolia Oil Exchange, numbering about one hundred members, (Richard Jennings President and M. C. Gifford Secretary.) The offices of the Union Pipe Co., United Pipe Line Co., Roberts Torpedo Co. and the Standard Oil Co. are models of comfort and convenience. The hotels are well appointed and conducted, and seem to be doing a thriving business. Three church edifices and two school buildings bear a sufficient index to the morals and intelligence of the citizens of this wide awake town. The Petrolia Opera House has recently been purchased by an enterprising company who are not sparing in their efforts to gratify the tastes of the admirers of the Drama. The town is incorporated under the provisions of the general borough laws of the Commonwealth, and is admirably governed by its corps of efficient corporate officers. Two thoroughly organized fire companies afford ample protection from the ravages of the destroying element. The Petrolia Water Works Company, Limited, is systematically conducted and affords an inexhaustable supply of water. I have noticed that Postmoster Wm. Gibson, and his gentlemanly assistant, F. M. Campbell, are deservedly popular, not only for their urbanity, but for the efficient discharge of their official duties. I have thus hastily penned a few leading characteristics of the town and time admonishes me that I must flit. Yours In Transitu,

PEREGRINATOR.

Heartily Recommended.

Don't condemn a good thing because you have been deceived by worthless nostrums. Parker's Ginger Tonic has cured many in this sections of nervous disorders, and we recommended is heartily to such sufferers.—*News*

OIL NOTES.

Another Good Well at Bald Ridge.

The Forest Oil Co.'s well on the Dodd's farm was completed last Thursday, when she commenced flowing at the rate of perhaps 600 barrels per day. A 250 barrel tank was filled in a few hours, and several hundred barrels ran on the ground before more tankage could be procured The well was still flowing yesterday at the rate of 250 barrels per day.

The Philips Bros. well on the Wallace farm is flowing 20 barrels per day. This well has 30 feet of good sand, while the McCalmont well has but 20.

Bald Ridge Co.'s well No. 7, on the Weber farm, was three bits in the white sand, Monday, and the oil was bubbling over the top of the hole.

The Sullivan well, on the Slater tract, was in the stray sand Monday. It will be completed in a few days. Another serious accident happened at this well last Thursday, A strong vein of gas was struck in the stray sand. This rushed up and filled the derrick and becoming ignited from the stove, burned Mr. Leidecker, who is contractor and part owner, badly about the face and hands. The rig did not take fire.

LARGE SALE OF BUTLER COUNTY OIL PROPERTY.

A dispatch from Karns City to the *Dispatch* of last Monday stated that Messrs. H. L. Tayler & Co. sold forty wells in this county, last Saturday, to various parties, the considerations for which aggregated over $100,000. The purchasers are residents of this county. Twenty-six well situate on the Brown, Jenkins and McCafferty farms, within one mile of Karns City, were sold to R. McClung, N. Pontius, M. A. Lupher and D. R. Rodgers. The exact consideration is unknown, but as the wells average about five barrels per day, and as the sales were made on a basis of over $500 per barrel the total for the 26 wells would be about $70,000. It is said the terms were one-third cash and balance in oil to be paid in monthly instalments.

Taylor & Co. at one time owned 300 producing wells in this county, several of which became famous. The "Boss" well, on the Parker farm, near Criswell, was struck in July, '74, and gushed forth 2,000 barrels per diem. It yielded over one hundred thousand barrels. Then there was the old Divener, which created great excitement in 1873, and populated Millerstown. It is, perhaps, one of the most remarkable wells ever found. Beginning with a daily production of 1,400 barrels it declined steadily to 700 barrels, which amount it yielded daily, month after month, gradually declining as the years went by, and though almost 10 years old, "she is still pumping nine barrels per day." Oil was then $2.50, and for five years thereafter averaged nearly $2, showing that a man owning a well like the old Divener should indeed be an oil prince.

COURT NEWS.

CIVIL CASES DISPOSED OF LAST WEEK.

Wm. Lewis vs. Wm. Crookshank, appeal from justice—verdict for plantiff for $12.00.

G. W. Watters vs. Gallagher and Tebay, verdict for plaintiff.

W. L. Graham vs. Henry Korn—defendant confesses judgment for $50, out of which sum the record costs are to be paid.

Joseph Cooper vs. J. Dambach & Son, discontinued.

Poor Board of Worth twp. vs. Sam'l Wimer, verdict for plaintiff $660.25. Motion for new trial entertained.

M. A Snyder vs. Geo. & J. Baer, Administrators—verdict for defendants.

Ithaca Organ Co. vs. D. A. Renfrew—verdict for plaintiff.

Jos. Blakely, et al. vs. James Porter, Sr. & Jr.—verdict for defendants.

Hannah Harvey vs. James Harvey—verdict for plaintiff for $44.40.

W. S Boyd vs. J. H. Miller—defendant confesses judgment on mortgage for $2,174.61 and costs.

C. Kelly vs. J. F. Timminey and Jas. McGrath—verdict for plaintiff for $117.52.

J. Y. Foster vs. John Berg & Co.—verdict for defendants.

Grove & Bair vs Geo. H. Graham—verdict for defendant.

All other cases on the list were continued.

Holocaust at an Oil Well.

About midnight of Tuesday last, a boiler house connected with an oil well on the Jackson farm between Karns City and Angelica, took fire by some means, and two boys named Leonard who were sleeping in it, burned to death. The building was entirely destroyed, and when the remains of the boys were taken from the debris, their heads and limbs were burned off. They were sons of [William] Leonard, were aged 13 and 15 years, and had taken charge of the well some weeks before. They were in the habit of digging the coal necessary for running the well in a neighboring bank, and on the night of the fire had returned so much fatigued from hard work, that the fire did not awaken them till too late for their escape. The father is said to be a dissipated man and the mother and eight small children were dependent on the boys for support. The fire is supposed to have originated from a lamp in which crude oil was used. It is a very sad case.

Card of Thanks.

MR. EDITOR:—We desire, through your paper, to return thanks to the good people of Emanuel's and St. John's Lutheran congregations, who recently gave us so many tangible and substantial manifestations of their good will. So hearty and vigorous has been their co-operation in the general and special activities in which we are engaged, that such a demonstration on their part was needless to prove their devotedness to their pastor. With hearts brimful of encouragement and gladness for previous kindness, we can find no words to fitly express our gratefulness for the last. We appreciate the gifts, and more, the good will that prompted them.

G W. CRITCHLOW AND WIFE.

Coal Miners Organizing.

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 8.—There is shortly to be held here a convention to effect a general organization of the bituminous coal miners of the United States. The call has not yet been issued, but will be in a few days. The idea is to get the 110,000 miners of the United States under one head for mutual protection and the prevention of strikes. Each State will have its separate organization.

If I had any skin or blood disease, like tetter, itch, scald head, pimples, sore eyes, scrofula, etc., I would take "Lindsey's Blood Blood Searcher," sure.

What Weinberger Says.

Martin Weinberger who is now in the Allegheny county jail convicted of murder in the first degree says that he first became acquainted with Guttfreund at a farm house in this county. When being interviewed regarding the murder he stated that "the people have been given the detectives' side of the mystery, and I want now to give them my side. Pete Dressler, the detective swore my life away in perjury. On the Friday night Louis Guttfreund was killed, he and I drove through Sewickly. I wanted to stop at a hotel, but Guttfreund was more economical, and said there was a farmer's house some miles down the road, where we could stop and be under little expense. We both drove on together until it became so dark and the road so uncertain that I got out of the wagon and acted as a guide. I was about a quarter of a mile ahead of Guttfreund, who still drove the wagon, when I heard two pistol shots. I didn't know what was the matter, and after hesitating a little pulled out my revolver and shot once. Then I turned back, went to where I supposed Guttfreund was, but found the horse and wagon standing on the narrow road without a driver.

One satchell was missing from the wagon when I took charge of it. The first city I drove to was Youngstown. I peddled in Ohio for a few days when I read about Guttfreund's death and saw that I was accused of the crime. Then I went right off and sold the horse and wagon, so I could get to Pittsburgh without delay and surrender myself to the authorities."

"Did you expect to be found guilty of murder?" asked the reporter.

"No, I would not have been satisfied to go a year to the workhouse, because I am innocent."

"Why did you keep driving all night after the murder?"

"Because the shots were fired about ten o'clock, and would have been too late for me to get lodging at a decent place. Country people are always suspicious of peddlers."

The European Floods.

The floods which for several months have been drowning various parts of Europe have been unprecedented in volume and destructiveness. The devastation began in Lombardy, where the plains are overflowed nearly every year since the southern slopes of the Alps have been stripped of protecting forests. The streams which head in the Apennines also swell into torrents every season, and Government engineers find occasion to use all their skill in building dikes and opening artificial channels. But the problem grows more difficult every year as the mountain slopes are gullied out and the river beds filled up. The Po has gradually been lifted up above the plains, and a broken dike, even when the water is low, will turn miles of cultivated fields into one vast lake. During the autumn, rains were unusally abundant, and the structures which had stood for centuries were torn away by the rushing water. The peril of drowning was followed by the fears of starvation from the destruction of the crops. A deposit of stones and mud, in many places a foot thick, was spread over miles of farms and gardens, converting fertile fields into barren wastes.

This devastation was repeated later in Franco Austria, and now from the valley of the Rhine comes tidings of a destruction more sweeping and a distress unprecedented. Every freshet lays bare a large area of rock upon the mountain slopes. The soil remaining grows thinner and less absorptive and the water will continue to flow down more swiftly until the thin skin of earth is stripped clean from the rock skeleton of the mountains, just as the white bones of the hills of Palistine now glitter in the hot sun where the slopes were once clad with olive groves and vineyards. The degradation goes steadily forward. The "everlasting hills' crumble into powder and are swept down to build up new plains, just as the Alps themselves have been built from the destruction of older mountains. The only safe guard against this sudden and dangerous disintegration is a growth of old forest on the mountains. This is well known in Europe, and the various governments have planted hundreds of square miles of trees for this very purpose. But the remedy was not begun early enough. It will require centuries to clothe the Alps as they once were clad—for it is not trees only that are needed, but the thick coating of leaf mould and other porous matter which soaks up the rain or melting snow and delivers it slowly to the deep reservoirs and fountains of the springs.

Accident.

Dr. S. H. Matheson, of this place, met with a very severe accident on Monday last. He was about leaving town in a sleigh with a gentleman named Thompson, from near Sunbury, and they had hardly entered the sleigh when the horse frightened, ran away, and the Doctor was thrown upon the curb stone of the pavement, near Esq. Pringle's store, at corner of Diamond and Main street, opposite Court House. His head and face, right side, are very severly cut and bruised. As soon as possible he was removed to his office in the Brady building where he now lays. Doctor Graham was called and every attention is being given him possibly by friends. Mr. M. was lately from Michigan but we understand some of his family are at present in Saxonburg, this county. The wounds are not thought to be fatal.

A Drunken Doctor.

On Wednesday a number of gentlemen from this city went to Mercer where they were to appear before an examining Board of Physicians as applicants for pensions. They were terribly disgusted on entering the room to find that one of the members of the board was so drunk he could not stand. He rolled about the table and succeeded in making himself so disgraceful a sight that the other two members left the room and conducted the examination without him. This is hardly the kind of a man that ought to be appointed to an important position.—*New Castle News.*

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The mail train for Allegheny, leaves Butler at 11:07, Butler time, and connects at Callery Junction at noon with the Callery accommodation, which arrives at Allegheny city at 1:46, P. M., city time.

The evening train from Butler for Allegheny leaves at 6:03, Butler time, and runs through to Allegheny, arriving there at 8:16, P. M.

Through trains from Allegheny to Butler and Foxburg, leave Allegheny at 7:41, A. M. and 4:15, P. M., arriving at Butler at 9.46, A. M. and 6.21, P. M., Butler time.

The Callery accommodation leaves Allegheny at 10.01, city time, and connects with the mail on the Foxburg division, which arrives at Butler at 12.56, local time.

Trains leave Butler for Foxburg and intermediate points, at 9.53, A M. 1.46 and 6.21, P. M., arriving there at 11.59 A. M., 4 20 and 8.25, P. M., R. R. time, and connect with the trains on the Pittsburgh, Bradford and Buffalo R. R.

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