

THE OBITUARY

FRIDAY, MAY 26, 1888.

PUBLIC NOTICE: The public is hereby notified that heretofore all Resolutions of the Board of Commissioners...

New Advertisements: Form for Sale—John Wallace, Esq., and Prospect Normal, Decatur, Ga., Teacher's Examination, Mosey to Loan.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

—Benefit has no church building.

—The Exponent has become a very valuable little paper.

—North Washington now has no resident physician.

—Frank Parvance, Esq. has money to loan. See notice.

—"Mother Weaver" of Washington twp., aged 91 years yet attends the M. E. Church at North Washington.

—Samuel Graham and Curt M. Harper of North Washington started on a trip to Wyoming Territory last Tuesday.

—The views on the opening of Clay St. will be given by the city council on Tuesday.

—There are just 173 known species of mammals that are blind, without counting the young man who is in love.

—It is quite as fashionable this Spring to have last year's hats and bonnets done up as in any former season.

—The Washington, Pa., papers say that Mr. J. H. Chatham, of Petrolia intends removing to that town.

—The carpenters and joiners Union will give a festival in the Brick on Decoration Day. See notice.

—There are now two nitro-glycerine fairs on the Brown farm about a mile south of town.

—Mr. Frank Johnson of Harrisburg, formerly of this county, was visiting friends in Butler this week.

—Those who come to you to talk about others, are the ones who go to others to talk about you.

—To kill cabbage worms, sprinkle sulphur on them in the morning, while the dew is on the best time.

—It has been decided by the Supreme Court in some instances that a bicycle has as much privilege as the right of the road as any other vehicle.

—The State Editorial Association will hold its summer meeting at Erie during the week of June 25th. An excursion to Niagara will probably be a feature of the trip.

—The Grove City correspondent of the Exponent says that the Hon. D. McKee of that town will shortly occupy it.

—The Democratic primaries will be held June 5th next, and there are no announcements made excepting for Jury Commissioners.

—Somebody says that the man in the moon has no advantage over his terrestrial brethren—the fuller he gets the more brilliant he becomes.

—Butler talent will be in demand next Wednesday, J. M. Galloway, Esq., will come as Counselor and S. F. Bower, Esq., as at Harrisville.

—It is said the first gas well at Murraysville, Pa., which was drilled in 1873, is still showing an strong up surge. This fact goes to show that the best of the best of gas is not likely soon to be exhausted.

—The parade of the Knights Templar in Pittsburgh last Tuesday was a grand affair, and it was noticed that the members of the Pittsburgh and Allegheny Commanderies were the best put up and most intelligent looking men in the parade.

—Mr. Joseph H. Adams is now conducting the "Markets of the West," a new and interesting work by Wm. M. Sawyer. He is a son of Ephraim Adams of Slippery rock twp.

—A wedding took place at St. Paul, Minn., last week where the groom was over six feet tall and the bride a little over two feet tall. The bride's weight was 120 lbs., all coming with the P. & W. to Allegheny.

—Dr. McAlpine left Petrolia for Cleveland, and will be joined there by Messrs Leaver and Glass, of Parker, and together with several other Cleveland gentlemen the entire party will go on a summer's excursion to Alaska.

—Nothing all parts of the toilet is again being used. The best-dressed women this spring have their dress, wrap, bonnet, gloves and parasol to match, and this mode is steadily gaining ground.

—The man who never patronizes a barber shop except when he wants his hair cut afterwards, is a fool. The man who never goes to a barber shop except when he wants his hair cut afterwards, is a fool.

—The abolition of slavery in Brazil is the subject of the "Continuum of America" is concerned. The proceeding in Brazil was somewhat less rapid than it was in the United States, but it was less costly as well.

Corner Stone Laying. On next Sunday, the 27th, the corner stone of the new Catholic school building, in this place, will be laid.

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Prospect Normal. A six weeks' Normal Term will begin in Prospect Academy, Tuesday June 26, closing August 4, with an examination by County Superintendent.

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LEGAL NEWS.

Mr. Frank Miller, of Butler, who lives in the Ritter house on the hill south of town, came out ahead in the suit of Bedford heirs against him for the Bedford farm in Sugar Creek twp., Armstrong county. The case was tried at Kittanning, on Monday of this week, and the jury, Judge White taking it from the jury, and finding a verdict in favor of the Bedford heirs. The facts of the case are said to be as follows: Bedford, a blind and aged farmer living in Sugar Creek twp., made a contract with his son, Abram, to care for him. The son failing to please the father, was discharged. Old Mr. Bedford then visited a neighbor farmer, Frank Miller, who offered to care for him and his aged wife if they would deed their farm to him. Mr. Bedford accepted the proposition, and in February, 1873, he received a deed for the farm against which the Bedford heirs have brought the suit. The Bedford heirs, and Mr. Miller, paid the funeral expenses. Three years later and at the age of 84 years, farmer Bedford died, and was buried by Miller's son, Frank, who was then a short time Miller's son's operator. The old Bedford farm and stock and in 1881 a suit was begun at Kittanning by the Bedford heirs vs. Frank Miller. The heirs attempted to prove that David Bedford had not completely made a deed to Miller, and that he had made a deed to Miller in 1873. Defense showed that, though he was blind and quite deaf, his mind was vigorous. Over 150,000 barrels of oil have been pumped from the Bedford farm, and Frank Miller has already received \$25,000 in royalty, and continues to enjoy a handsome income each year. Col. Thompson assisted Bedford and Paten of Kittanning for the defense.

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES.

John Koebel, of Lancaster county, who was captured as a "wild man" a few months ago, is at present in the county hospital undergoing treatment for one of the most remarkable cases of cataplexy known. He cannot close or open his eyes, cannot move an arm or turn his head, is speechless, but can eat and can walk in an awkward way. His head, arm, leg, or eyelid is moved it remains so until changed to another position by some person. It is placed in a chair he cannot move from it.

The Parker Phoenix of last week said: The past week two more petty robberies have taken place in this town on the flat. The shoe store of W. L. Taylor and the Stationery store of T. J. Blair's were broken into and a few articles purloined. The boy thieves entered the shoe store through a window in rear of the building and retired by unbolting the door. Only a few things were taken. At the stationery store the boys were a little more bold and smashed a large pane of glass in the front door, by which opening they entered. Only a few small articles were taken. Both money drawers were rifled but the youths failed to secure even a nickel. Suspicion rests upon a party of three, who a former resident of this town, and two cronies. Should they be seen by the officers they will be arrested on sight.

A correspondent, signing himself "Observer" writes as follows to the Mercer Dispatch of the 11th inst.: "I generally noticed and believed that the Catholic Church of St. Augustine, Fla., is the oldest church in America. If any reliance is to be placed in inscriptions, this is a mistake. On the front of a brick church in New Castle, is placed the inscription: 'B. O. 1848.' From this it would appear that New Castle is entitled to the honor usually accorded to St. Augustine."

There are no licensed bars in Kittanning and the thirty dozens of that burg have invented a great scheme to secure liquid refreshments. A club has been formed and a portion of a house leased. The entrance is on the first floor and beyond that none but a very select few are permitted to go. The searcher for a phlegm cutter enters the bar down stairs and on a table finds a number of small cards. He takes one or two and writes on it "one beer" or "one whiskey" as he may desire, and putting it on the shelf of an elevator, accompanied by the requisite amount of cash, rings a bell. Instantly the shelf disappears up the elevator and in a moment comes down with the desired drink which the customer swallows and goes out. He sees no person during the operation and cannot swear who conducted the upper end of the transaction and all is lovely. The fellow who invented this plan has a great head and will look through the bars of the county jail if he lives long enough.

Mr. John Brackin, and the firm of Brackin & Co., merchant tailors, Greenville, have made an assignment to the National Bank of Pennsylvania. The Progress says their property will be more than cover their indebtedness. Mr. Brackin is largely interested in undeveloped oil territory in Kentucky upon which he failed to realize his hopes. He was found in Mercer county. Judgments were filed at Mercer on Saturday against them for \$12,142.64.

Some fellow who recently operated in Lawrence county seems to have a great idea of a practical joke. He represented himself as a horse buyer and contracted to buy a horse on a certain day. He paid no money, however. He engaged cars at Lowellville to ship the horses east, and contracted with the landlady of the hotel there to furnish dinner for the men who brought horses for him at his expense. On the day appointed the horses were taken to the place for delivery, but he was not there. Some thirty or forty took dinner at somebody's expense—probably the landlady's—and took their horses home again. Just how the sharper gets recompensed for his time and trouble it would be hard to say, but perhaps he got paid in fun.

About a dozen persons were called before the Burgess of Indiana on Saturday last, charged with shooting in the borough. They had been shooting sparrows with Robert rifles and it cost them three dollars each.

The luting machines which are to be erected at the Dicksburg Glass factory at Beaver Falls and which were invented by Mr. Harry Woods of that establishment, are said to be a wonder in their way. None of the kind is known to be made except in Germany, and this is greatly inferior to the one at Dicksburg inasmuch as the last mentioned machine will do the required work in one half the time. It is expected that a barrel of money will be made by Mr. Woods and the Dicksburg Bros. who control the invention.

William Fawcett, of the firm of Flyn Bros. and Fawcett, of Emlenton died last Saturday night from the effects of injuries received at the mill some weeks ago. He was buried at Episcopal cemetery at Foxburg.

Lemuel Andrews was a member of Co. K, of the famous 100th Regiment. He was probably received the wound in battle ever given a man who subsequently recovered from the effects of the same. At the second battle of Bull Run, Mr. Andrews was shot through both lungs, and he lay in a field for nine days without receiving any attention, as his comrade believed that he had been killed. He was afterwards taken to a hospital where he ultimately recovered, and is now enjoying comparative good health. His old comrades in arms were glad to see him. He lives at Sandy Lake, Mercer county.

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