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OIL and POWDER, \$1.50 per keg.  
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Is complete. Call and see them. We are selling a good

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For \$1.00 a Sack. TRY IT.

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One of the Largest Hotels in Northern Cambria; Constructed in modern style.

Good Tables and Bar Supplied with Choicest Brands of Liquor.

The Popular House of Patton.

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### A Modern Hotel.

Twenty-four Sleeping rooms, All new furniture, Heated with steam throughout, Hot and cold water on every floor.

Cooking and dining department in Skillful hands.

MAGEE AVE., NEAR R. STATION. PATTON, PENN'A.

### A DAMAGING HURRICANE.

#### The Gale Pricipally Through the West and South.

### HARD ON PEDESTRIANS

Many Houses Blown Down—A Town Reported Being Wiped off the Earth.

Chicago was visited Monday by the wildest hurricane ever experienced in that city. The wind was strong all night, but along toward 4 o'clock it suddenly increased in force and an hour later a small cyclone was on the city. By 6 o'clock snow was falling, and with snow and wind and a falling thermometer Chicago was treated to a wild blizzard. The force of the wind as it rushed through the streets was fearful. One woman was caught by the storm and dashed against a water plug and two of her ribs broken.

The lake was like a tempest at sea in a tempest. The gale from the northwest piled the water in tremendous waves on the shore. The billows beat over the breakwaters and piers. Along the south shore the spray was carried inland hundreds of feet and fell in drenching showers on the Illinois Central cars. At Lincoln Park the sea wall was practically under water. A tide was created in the river by the immense volume of water forced into it from the strong westward current.

Seventy men, with blankets strapped about them, were huddled together in the third story of the water works crib off Sixty eighth street. Waves filled with ice dashed savagely against the structure and windows through the lower stories whose windrows were smashed in by the storm. A fruitless effort to reach the men by tug Rosalie nearly resulted in the wreck of the boat and the loss of five brave men.

Telephone and telegraph wires suffered. Many wires were torn from their fastenings and poles were blown down, while other wires were rendered useless by being crossed.

In New York travel of all kinds was greatly impeded and the inconvenience to pedestrians was so great that none but those who were compelled to venture on the streets. The storm was the most severe one of the season. The thermometer dropped to 29 degrees and the wind blew from the northeast at the rate of 30 miles an hour.

Railroad traffic was demoralized. All trains were behind time and the mails from the south and west were greatly delayed.

Reports from all points throughout the state indicate that the storm has been general and severe. Dispatches from New Jersey report a similar state of affairs.

The storm along the New Jersey and Long Island coasts was particularly severe. A high northeast gale prevailed and the air was full of flying snow. Mariners of the coast had a hard night of it. The life saving crews doubted their patrols so as to promptly answer signals of distress.

A cyclone swept over Louisiana and Mississippi and left in its wake many casualties and a vast amount of destruction. The most alarming report is from Newtown, which place is said to have been wiped off the face of the earth.

In Illinois the snow is 19 inches on the level and is badly drifting. A passenger train on the Big Rock stuck in a snow drift near Tremont. There are drifts at Bloomington five feet deep.

Throughout Kansas and Missouri the snow averages from a foot to two feet on the level. At some points in cuts it is 20 to 30 feet deep.

List of Unclaimed Letters. The following letters remain in the postoffice at Patton for the week ending Saturday, February 10, 1894:

Ed. Barger, Peter Guild, Mrs. C. Leibhart, Thos. Price, John Roffner (2), Charley Stigart, Austin Stigart. Persons calling for the above letters will please say they are advertised.

E. A. MELLON, P. M.

Legal Market Report.

For the special benefit of the farmers in the vicinity of Patton the COURIER publishes the following local market report, revised each week:

Butter	25 cents per pound.
Eggs	18 "
Potatoes	80 "
Apples	75 "
Oranges	75 "
Turnips	35 "
Corn	30 "
Wheat	80 "
Barley	75 "
Beckweat.	85 "
Rye	80 "
Alfalfa	3 to 5 cts. per head.
Hay	14 to 15 cts. per ton.

WANTED.—Three or four rooms for light housekeeping. Inquire at this office.—37.

### PRISONERS ESCAPED FROM CLEARFIELD.

One Captured at Kermooer and the Other Heading for Cambria.

Saturday evening Chas. Haller and Milton Berringer broke jail at Clearfield by scaling the jail yard wall. They succeeded in getting into the yard and noticed while the closets were being scrubbed. Haller had been sentenced to the penitentiary for a term of five years and six months for having attempted to kill his wife at DuBois. He resided at Punxsutawney. One day his wife left for DuBois without any particular business there and was followed by her husband. Haller found her at an opera with another man. The following day he followed her to the house where she had been stopping and assaulted her with a hatchet. With the blade of the hatchet he cut her head in three or four places and left her for dead. He was caught by Officer Blair the following day and the woman singularly recovered. At the trial at Clearfield last week Haller pleaded guilty, upon the advice of his attorney, Sheriff Cardon, of Clearfield, offers \$100 reward for the capture of the prisoners and furnishes the following description: Charles Haller is an American, late of Punxsutawney, Pa.; aged 35 years; 5 feet 8 inches tall; a front tooth or two out; scar on cheek; thin, light hair; weighs about 160 pounds. Milton Berringer is an American, lived at Burnside, Pa.; aged about 38 years, 6 feet high; stout-shouldered; dark hair; dark suit, pants a little short, weighs about 180 pounds.

I will pay \$100 reward for the arrest of Charles Haller or any information that will lead to his arrest. Advice FRED M. CARDON, Sheriff, Clearfield, Pa.

Sunday it was learned that the escaped prisoners had started up the river, towards Berringer's home, and early Monday the sheriff received word that Berringer had been captured, at Kermooer. Haller was a stranger in that section and the people had not yet learned that he was an escaped prisoner. By the time they learned that fact he had again disappeared, headed in this direction. It would be well for officers of Cambria county to keep a look out for him.

Haller Captured.

After the above was received information of the capture of Haller at New Millport reached here. The COURIER was not able to learn any particulars, however. It is reported that Berringer and Haller were both suffering from injuries, not serious, which they received in their hurried escape. They were following the line of the Beech Creek road towards Cambria county.

New Business House.

Mr. A. M. Thomas, of Lock Haven, who has been in town several months doing plumbing, has decided to open a hardware and plumbing establishment here and will occupy the room opposite the Commercial hotel, now occupied by Wolf & Thompson, about the lot of Marsh. Mr. Thomas is a practical plumber and samples of his work can be seen in the Good building as well as elsewhere in town. His store will be in charge of Wm. Bann, of DuBois, who will move here. Mr. Bann is a young man who has had extensive experience in the hardware business, having been with Messrs. Grier Bros. the last eight or ten years. He is energetic, accommodating and thorough in practical. He will become a good business man and a good citizen of Patton.

New Restaurant Building.

I. R. Snyder, proprietor of the Fifth avenue restaurant, opposite Hotel Beck, is erecting a new building south of the one he now occupies which he will move into as soon as completed. The building will be 20 x 30 feet, two stories high, with a kitchen attached to the rear 12 foot square. The first floor will be used for a restaurant and an oyster and ice cream parlor and the second floor for living purposes. The COURIER representative can say that Mr. and Mrs. Snyder well know how to cater to the public. They are agreeable and have everything in their restaurant up to modern times. The COURIER man had the pleasure of sampling their oysters on the half shell. They were delicious.

A Painful Accident.

F. W. Bitter met with a painful accident on Friday last which will necessitate an enforced idleness of several days. Mr. Bitter is employed as a contractor on the Good building and in trying to remove the fragments of a broken glass in the door he in some manner struck his right hand against a projecting piece of the glass cutting off the leaders communicating with the first second and third fingers and the artery accompanying the same. The patient is under the care of Dr. Worrell.

Good overcoats for boys, nobby with cape, \$1.50 at the Patton Clothing Store.

### VIEWERS ASSESS DAMAGES

#### On the Building of the Cambria and Clearfield.

### MET AT THE PALMER

To Adjust Differences Between Mr. Ott and the Railroad Company.

On Thursday afternoon seven viewers met in the parlors of the Palmer house to hear the testimony pro and con in reference to the amount of damages done to the estate of the plaintiff caused by the building of the Little Chest Creek branch of the Cambria and Clearfield railroad, which traverses Mr. Ott's premises a distance of about three fourths of a mile. The viewers were taken over the road by an engine especially detailed for that purpose, hence the facilities afforded them in making up their judgement, after hearing the evidence, could not have been more complete. In fact they were better prepared to make an impartial decision than a jury of twelve could be without looking over the ground. The viewers were an intelligent body of men consisting of the following named gentlemen: Thomas Davis, F. C. Lloyd and Webb Griffith, of Ebensburg; C. Hunt, of Conemaugh; Charles Yagley and James Kirkpatrick, of Carroll township; James Mellon, Esq., of Patton; Alvin Evans, Esq., a distinguished attorney, of Ebensburg assisted by C. L. Inverness, civil engineer, of Philadelphia, represented the company, and two other eminent lawyers, F. A. Shoemaker, of Ebensburg, and James C. Kinsey, of Carrolltown, were for Mr. Ott. W. C. Schroth, Esq., of Carrolltown, was present and administered the oaths to the viewers. The witnesses were sworn by James Mellon, Esq.

The following named gentlemen, all residents of Carroll township, were called for the plaintiff: Jacob A. Huber, John H. Huber, Valentine Dumm, John Overberger and William P. Geroderhen. The testimony of all of these gentlemen, except that of Mr. Geroderhen, were in the main, alike. Each hesitated to place a value upon the land occupied by the company, but said, "If it was my case I would not take a hundred dollars an acre for it." The latter gentlemen thought, at retail, it was worth \$150 an acre, but at wholesale it would not be worth so much.

John H. Ashcroft, coal operator, of this place, and E. C. Brown, superintendent of the Patton Company, testified for the defense. Both of these gentlemen were of the opinion that the value of Mr. Ott's farm had been enhanced by the building of the road.

Mr. Evans read from his book an act of the Assembly stating that in making up damages to an estate by the occupancy of a railroad, the enhanced value of the place on account of it should be taken into consideration, and Mr. Shoemaker remarked that "Mr. Evans did not read it all," and concluded by continuing the passage in which it was stated that the amount to be allowed should be what is actually proved.

The viewers were only in retirement a few minutes when they concluded to award Mr. Ott \$440. They agreed to the plan of each one marking on a piece of paper and then the result should be the sum of all the figures divided by seven. The highest estimate was \$900, and the lowest \$150. It is undecided whether an appeal will be made or not.

Diamond Lost and Found.

H. C. Beck, proprietor of Hotel Beck, came very near losing a valuable diamond Saturday. He was washing his diamond pin, valued at \$20 in the toilet room of the hotel, when suddenly it slipped from his fingers and dropped down the waste pipe. He at once put a guard over the stand while he sent a messenger for a plumber. When the plumber arrived the diamond was soon found. It had fallen to the crook in the waste pipe which was in the cellar, and by taking off the cap, placed on the pipe for taking out dirt, etc., it was recovered. Mr. Beck can count himself very lucky on procuring it so soon, and with so little trouble.

Thanks Mrs. Kaylor.

The COURIER clips the following from the Hastings Tribune: "The Tribune is under obligations to the Patton COURIER for favors this week. The broad-gauge ideas of the COURIER are exceedingly refreshing in comparison with the narrow ones we have been accustomed to find on the other side of us."

Oysters served in every style at Snyder's Fifth avenue restaurant.—11

### LANDED IN THE COOLER.

A Hard Tussel, But Policeman Jones Got There.

On last Wednesday, a little past midnight, two men in front of the Arlington hotel were engaged in a terrible fight. One had thrown the other to the ground and was dealing out severe punishment to his antagonist with the heels of his boots. No person was near there when the battle began, but about the time of the under one's retreat, policeman Sam Jones came along. Mr. Jones took hold of the vicious pugilist, and after pulling him away, he himself received a severe blow on the back of the head. This astonished and exasperated the brave policeman and he immediately collared the fellow, and, although he fought and kicked vigorously, landed him safely in the cooler. During all this time the other fellow followed threatening, swearing and defying him. He also put him in the lockup and they both remained in durance vile until the "three am's" hours of the mornin'.

Moral—Don't monkey with Policeman Jones.

Special Meeting.

A special meeting of the borough council was held in the council chamber Thursday evening, February 9th, Burgess Jackson presiding. Councilmen S. W. Warrall, E. C. Brown, P. P. Young and E. A. Mellon were present. On motion by E. C. Brown, that the order accepted and drawn by council on January 30th, 1894, in favor of R. D. Swope for \$91.80, be reconsidered. On motion by P. P. Young it was decided that the bill of Mr. Keith for grading an approach to the iron bridge be given to the street committee and all settlements hereafter with Mr. Keith be made with that committee; also orders will be granted Mr. Keith through a request from street committee. On motion council adjourned to meet on the regular meeting night, Tuesday.

An Old Citizen and His Dies.

John Lewis, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Peter Cameron Jr. on Saturday afternoon, of miners asthma, after a long illness. Deceased was about 79 years of age and had been a resident of Houtzdale and vicinity for the past 25 years. He was a native of Tredegar, Wales, and a consistent member of the Welsh Baptist church. He was a practical miner, and was well and favorably known throughout this entire region. Funeral took place on Monday, interment at Brislin, Houtzdale Advance.

Caught at Last.

Last week Jess J. Hoopes was arrested at Johnstown on the charge of robbing the stations at Spangler, Carrolltown Roads, Bradley Junction and Kaylor. The station agent at Kaylor, who was covered with a revolver at the time of the robbery, and threatened with death if he interfered, has fully identified Hoopes, and he is now in jail at Ebensburg. The charges against him are larceny, burglary, and assault with intent to kill. He is charged with many other robberies of postoffices and stores.

New Blacksmith Shop.

Another acquisition to the new town of Patton and one which will be much appreciated will be the new blacksmith shop now being erected by Wm. Biller, of Carroll township. Mr. Biller has located next to Nagle's livery stable and will erect a substantial one-story building, 25 x 35 feet. Blacksmithing and repairing will be done in all its branches. Mr. Biller is a skilled mechanic and reliable workman and the COURIER wishes him abundant success.

More Water Works.

The question of water works for Big Run is being agitated at present. They have no means of fighting fire and should one break out on a windy day, half the town would be endangered by the flood.

The reservoir could be located about four miles from the town on Clover Run. The cost of construction would not exceed \$10,000.

Night Office Closed.

The night telegraph office at this place has been closed indefinitely or until business picks up. The office was closed on account of the general depression and especially on the Beech Creek. The shipments of coal have been very light the past few weeks. Thos. Higgins, the operator, has returned to his home at Altopna.

A Good Move.

The W. L. Scott Coal Company, of West Newton, Pa., one of the most extensive in that region, has issued orders for the discharge of all foreigners except naturalized citizens. Other operators have taken similar steps.

Did you get a valetine yesterday?

### EVERY PERSON INTERESTED

#### In Securing Better Mail Service

### FOR THIS SECTION.

Petitions Being Circulated Between Crooked and Mahaffey.

Some weeks ago the COURIER was informed that in the near future Patton and other places between Crooked and Mahaffey would be given a local mail from both north and south. Or, to make it more plain, it was said that the post-office department had directed that mail bags should be taken on and thrown off the Cambria and Clearfield trains at all stations between the points named, thereby giving prompt and better service, but it seems we are not yet to be so favored. The present arrangement is about as crude as could be conceived and unsatisfactory to all. Twice a day the train going south takes on the mail pouches and carries them through to Crooked, when the content are sorted. If all trains are on time and the mail is not unusually large the postmaster at that place has sufficient time to sort it properly, and forward it. However, it not infrequently occurs that trains are late. The main line trains of the Pennsylvania road, mail from which must all be sorted by the postmaster at Crooked before being sent out over the Cambria and Clearfield road, often connects so closely with the latter that there is very little or no time to sort mail at Crooked. Hence it is necessary to hold mail over at Crooked until the following day. This is unsatisfactory, as well as detrimental to the important business interests of this section, and should be easily remedied.

What the people at Patton, Carrolltown, Spangler, Hastings, Westover, La Jole, and Mahaffey want is a through pouch for each place from the main line, and a postal clerk on the train to distribute local mails, or local pouches so that mail may be received from and sent out on trains north and south. To secure this important need petitions are being circulated and numerous signed. The through pouches may be secured for the places named without extra cost to the department. The clerk can be put on at a nominal cost, and there is no just or equitable reason why both should not be granted. By this arrangement a large and prosperous section of the state would be given fair mail facilities and there would be no general objection, at least for a time, to the dilatory method of carrying all local mails to Crooked for distribution and then returning it to its destination along the same route several hours later on the next train.

Cruel Boys.

On last Thursday morning several boys, who were accompanied by a pack of dogs more numerous than themselves, dogs of different species and sizes, from a pit poodle to a hound, stopped at the upper railroad bridge across Chest Creek and amused themselves by throwing first one and then another of them into the raging stream. As that one would come to the shore it was immediately caught again and thrown into the icy water. One little fellow, the tiniest canine of them all finally swam down through the rife and by hard work succeeded in making his escape from the cruel boys. Another, a pretty hound, died in the cold water afraid to plunge into the turbid stream below, or to come ashore until the boys had dispersed, upon seeing the writer approach them. The poor dog, although shivering with cold, could not be prevailed upon to come ashore, believing everybody to be his enemy, and he did not come out until no man or boy was within fifteen rods from where he was thrown in.

New Mine Foremen.

Following are the names of the miners who passed the examination recently held in this place for mine foremen, with the percentage obtained by each:

FIRST GRADE.	
A. B. Murray, Mendenhall	95
Edward Dawson, Hawk Run	85
Robert Cole, Philadelphia	75
Chas. Griffiths, Harris	70
Robert Lee, Mendenhall	50

SECOND CLASS.	
E. D. Davis, Mendenhall	85
Donald Crain, Mendenhall	80
James Davies	80
H. C. Williams, Philadelphia	80
Geo. H. Howard	80
Kerry Thomas	75
John M. Baker	75
Samuel Sykes	75
Wm. Bell, Jr.	75
John McDowen, Hawk Run	70
Ed. L. Schell, Houtzdale	60
Ed. L. Lewis, Simons Run	50
John Felt, Houtzdale	50
Aaron Fuller, Mendenhall	50
George Lamborn, Germantown	50
Henry Herbert, Houtzdale	50
Wm. H. Booth, Simons Run	50
James Gray, Simons Run	50

—Bituminous Record.

Did you get a valetine yesterday?