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GENERAL MERCHANDISE,  
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MINE AUGURS,  
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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,  
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### F. & B.

—DEALERS IN—  
**FURNITURE**  
and  
**UNDERTAKING.**  
We have on hands a complete stock of furniture in all its branches  
**Carpets,**  
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**Mattresses and Springs, Parlor Suits and Bed Room Suits** and  
Prices to suit the TIMES. You can  
**SAVE 20 PER CENT**  
On every Dollar worth you buy from us. Goods delivered free to all parts of Town. Special attention given to  
**UNDERTAKING**  
and  
**EMBALMING.**  
FISHER & BUCK,  
Patton, Pa.

### BOY BURNED AT THE STAKE

Practicing Wild West Freaks at Camden, N. J.

### MAY RESULT FATALLY.

Charles Benny the Victim. Three of the Gang Arrested.

The "Swamp Indians," a Camden organization of boys, Monday perpetrated an outrage on 8-year-old Charles Benny, of 1115 Broadway, Camden, which bears all the marks of wild West life as gleaned from literature of the dime novel variety. Benny, with a number of other companions who are known as the "Swamp Indians," was playing "Indian" on the vacant lots, when, as a diversion from the regular game, Benny was bound to a stake, after which a fire was built around him and a war-dance performed by his companions, while his limbs were being burned to blisters. He is now confined in the Homeopathic hospital and three other members of the "tribe" are locked up in the county jail awaiting a hearing on the charge of setting him on fire. The three imprisoned boys are John Diggins, white, 14 years old; Thomas Brown and Frank Eldridge, each 13 years old, and colored. Diggins claims to be the great chief of the tribe and is known as White-Face-Afraid-of-His-Horse. The other two are the only colored boys on the reservation. They are Diggins' associated chiefs. Diggins says he and his two colored companions each had a live mouse Monday morning. They went to Young's bag renovating plant, on a lot at Sixth and Mechanic streets, to engage in their favorite sport, and Eldridge stepped on Diggins' mouse and killed it. He was immediately sentenced to death. A rope was secured and he was securely bound to a post, after which another rope was tied around his neck and made fast to the top of the post. Benny laughed at Eldridge while he was suffering at the stake, and when Eldridge was released he bound Benny to the stake and told him they were going to build a fire around him and have a real war dance. He then called on his chief for a match with which to light a lot of paper which he had gathered for the fire. "Chief" Diggins struck the match, and igniting a piece of paper, threw it at Benny's feet. So fierce were the flames that the boy became terror-stricken and fled in all directions. Diggins alone said he retained his presence of mind and with his hat and coat succeeded in extinguishing the fire when Benny's clothing had nearly been burned from his body. A colored man soon rescued the boy and stripped off what clothing remained on the lad, and carried him to his home. The attending physicians pronounce his recovery doubtful.

### Again Visited by Fire.

Early Sunday morning Falls Creek met with the greatest loss by fire in its history. Six buildings were burned entailing a loss of \$18,000, which was divided among thirteen parties. The DuBois fire department responded to the call for aid, but by the time the firemen arrived the flames had spent their fury and their apparatus was not unloading from the cars. Among the unfortunate was C. J. Bangert, publisher of the Falls Creek Herald. His plant was damaged to the extent of \$2,000, on which there was an insurance of \$1,300. The Herald has been published but a little over two years and has gained in that time an enviable reputation. It was Editor Bangert's intention to make some important changes in the Herald soon and the COURIER hopes that he can soon be able to do the same notwithstanding his loss and disadvantages which he is under at the present time. "Keep a stiff upper lip," Charley.

### A Car Load of Italians.

Last Monday night the Ebensburg branch train made an extra trip to Crescon for the purpose of bringing a car load of Italians to this place. The car load of Italy was put to work on the new railroad down the Blacklick.—Cambria Herald.

### Local 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, 30 cents per pound.  
Eggs, 16 " " dozen  
Potatoes, 20 " " bushel  
Apples, 20 " " bushel  
Turnips, 25 " " bushel  
Onions, 50 " " bushel  
Wheat, 80 " " bushel  
Buckwheat, 80 " " bushel  
Rye, 50 " " bushel  
Collage, 10 " " bushel  
Hay, \$1 to \$15 per ton

### ANTHRACITE TONNAGE

At the Present Rate of Mining it Will Last About 300 Years.

An eastern publication gives the following report of the resources of the anthracite coal fields of Pennsylvania: According to an estimate just made by W. M. Riley, of the Bureau of Anthracite Coal Statistics, the unmined coal in Pennsylvania aggregates 4,984,000,000 tons, all of which is located in an area of 213,000 acres. According to these figures, if the yearly average were to continue at 44,000,000 tons for say 167 years the fields will have become entirely extinct. The Reading company not only heads the list as to average, but its unmined coal is more than double that of all the other coal companies combined, the estimate placing its figure at 2,420,000,000 tons. The estimate follows:

Company	Acres	Estimated Tonnage
Phila. & Reading	32,200	2,420,000,000
Schuyler & Hudson	21,900	2,000,000,000
Lehigh & Co.	12,200	1,000,000,000
Penn. A. Co.	12,000	1,000,000,000
Hillside Coal & Iron	12,000	1,000,000,000
Lehigh Valley	12,000	1,000,000,000
Lehigh & Wilkesbarre	12,000	1,000,000,000
Lehigh & Luzerne	8,000	700,000,000
Lehigh & N. Y.	4,000	300,000,000
Allentown	4,000	300,000,000
Pennsylvania R. R.	1,200	100,000,000
Totals	213,000	1,084,000,000

### New Drug Store.

A new acquisition to the business houses of Patton will be the new City Drug Store, Dr. C. E. Belcher, proprietor, which will be open to the public during the early part of next week.

### Howarth's Comedy Co.

Howarth's Hibernia Comedy and Specialty company appeared before a large audience at Music hall last evening and made a most favorable impression, judging from the hearty applause that was frequently evoked. The "Two Dances" were so cleverly made up that it was very difficult to distinguish them apart. The songs and jigs were especially good and were enthusiastically applauded. The play fairly bubbled over with mirth and wit, and the characters were all acceptably presented. The performance should insure a large attendance.—Gazette, Pittston, Pa. At Patton opera house Tuesday night, March 20.

### A Barn Burned.

Saturday evening about 10 o'clock a barn near Bryson No. 2, belonging to Mr. Henry Prothro was discovered on fire by the citizens of that place, who succeeded in securing all the mules belonging to the Urey Ridge Coal company, that occupied the barn. Together with the barn several hundred bushels of oats, all the gears, utensils and a large quantity of hay was destroyed. The fire started in the barn floor and it is thought some one fired it purposely. The barn, it is said, was insured for \$500.—Glen Campbell Comet.

### A Good Job.

W. T. Robinson, the east end merchant, is filling in the space between his place of business and the street which was graded up to the level of the new bridge across Chest Creek. Mr. Robinson is doing a very good job, and it will greatly improve the looks of Maggee avenue at that end and also be more convenient to get in and out of the different places of business in that immediate vicinity.

### Mahaffey's New Hotel.

The Hotel Duquesne was opened Monday for business, although not near completed. The host and hostess are making every effort to push the house to completion and are succeeding admirably. When finished the Duquesne will be the finest hotel in Clearfield county by odds and many a mile outside.—Mahaffey Gazette.

### An English Paper.

On Tuesday Robert Gorley, who is stopping in Patton, left at the COURIER office a copy of a newspaper published at Coekermouth, Cumberland county, England. It is called the West Cumberland Times and presents a fine degree of journalism. It is a four page quarto and very nicely printed.

### THE PROSPERITY OF PATTON

Other Towns Not Far Distant Worse Off.

### DULLNESS TEMPORARY

The Coal is Here and Facilities for Handling it Superb.

Ever since the town of Patton started, it is less than two years ago, it has experienced more really prosperous days than any other town in the State that we know of. In the early days of the general depression, which came upon the country early last summer, when bankers, financiers and large industrial operators became frightened at the commercial ruin which was reported daily from all sections of the country the people of Patton were building and pursuing fair employment as serenely as though the country at large enjoyed a most prosperous season. That contrast continued and was unchangeable, apparently, except from causes within, and it remained unchanged until the controversy between some of the coal operators here and their men arose. It is not our purpose now to discuss that difference; it is which will work out in time, and we do not apprehend it will be a very long time. The object here is to assure the people of Patton that they have not yet experienced, neither are they likely to, a depression such as has been complained of in other places. Not far away from the city of Altoona where hundreds of people have lived by the aid of public charity for months; the newspapers of Pittsburg have been full of begging articles all winter, and nearly every town of any size has had relief organizations at work for three or four months. The industrial stagnation in those places is due to something more than a local disagreement; it is hard times. In Patton the people have a benefit of a trade with a large farming community, which is always reasonably regular, and which very many interior towns of Pennsylvania does not enjoy, and there is nothing which the COURIER can mention as likely to stand in the way of a resumption of building and general improvement in Patton when the spring season has advanced far enough to make it economical. The attractiveness of Patton as a town in which to live, work and do business depends somewhat for the height of its coloring upon the regular operation of all of the mines, but the present suspension of a part of them means nothing more than a temporary diminution of the amount of money earned here each month. The coal is here, the investments and improvements have been made and no coal in the region is more favorably located for shipment, and there is no visible reason why the second summer in Patton should not be as prosperous as the first.

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### DISASTER AVERTED

W. T. Robinson Gave Warning of a Rock on the Track.

Circumstances connect up and work out for good in such a marvelous way sometimes that it does not seem possible that any being could be serious in the acceptance of Darwinian theory, except it should be the ape themselves.

An occurrence came to pass here last week which will be attributed to "chance" by those who decline to openly confess a belief in works of an overruling Providence. W. T. Robinson, of this place, was at Ebensburg on business last Thursday and intended to come home by train. He was detained and was a little careless about getting to the station in good time and consequently the train left without him. He did not want to remain until the next day and made up his mind to walk home. As he came walking along the railroad track, about two miles from Patton, in the dark, he saw an object on the track. When he came up to the object it was found to be a rock which had become loosened as the weather grew warmer and rolled down from the bank. Mr. Robinson knew that traffic was light and very probably the first train to come along would be the early morning passenger train. He used his utmost strength, with all the means at hand, to remove the rock, but failed. When obliged to give up he hurried on to Patton and notified the telegraph operator. A handcar and a small crew of men were sent to the place immediately, and they, after some effort, succeeded in removing the obstruction.

### Planting Trees.

The COURIER representative took a stroll through the different parts of town Sunday and among other things observed was the different ways of planting or rather setting out shade trees. Along Fifth avenue notice was taken of the different distances the trees were put from the line of property; some were set four feet, some five feet, and some about six feet. Why could not this be done in a way that would make the appearance of the street more attractive—that is to set them all in line. There is nothing which looks more unharmonious than this. The most of care should be exercised in this matter. There are nicely laid out streets here and why not always keep them looking the same. Set all shade trees in line.

### New Millinery Store.

Miss Alice A. Ashcroft has just returned from the eastern cities with a full and complete line of spring millinery, notions and ladies' furnishings and will occupy one of the handsomely finished rooms on the second floor of the Good building. Miss Ashcroft has had a wide experience in the millinery business which enables her to make the very choicest of this season's selections. She will conduct her establishment on the broad basis of equitable dealings and will always be in a position to offer the best inducements to the public. Her elegant stock will be kept replenished with frequent importations of the latest and most fashionable styles.

### This March and Last.

The Cambria Herald, in contrasting this March with last, says that during the last year the branch was blocked, and snow and the people in attendance had to be conveyed to Ebensburg in sleds and sleighs, and many almost perished in making the trip. Last week the railroad was entirely free from snow, the pavements are dry and the thousands of court people, as they enter our town, were greeted with the song of the blue bird and robin instead of cold freezing weather.

### Tea Set Given Away.

C. W. Hodgkins, the druggist, will give away a full tea set to the lady guessing the nearest to the number of shot which he has placed in a bottle and sealed. Remember it does not cost anything to make a guess. Every lady is invited to his store and make a guess. Who will be the lucky one? The set will be given away the first day of May.

### May Locate in Patton.

Reuel Sommerville, an attorney-at-law, of Ebensburg, was in Patton Saturday in view of locating here. Mr. Sommerville is a brother of Dr. Sommerville, of Chest Springs, and an energetic and industrious young man and the COURIER will extend to him the hand of welcome if he decides to become one of us.

### Notice.

For all kinds of Painting, Paper Hanging and Sign Writing, go to A. C. Fisher. None but first-class material used. Satisfaction guaranteed. Patton, Pa.

### AN APPEAL TO MINERS.

Issue by Authority of the Knights of Labor.

### THE TERMS PROPOSED

To the Operators in Writing by Mine Committees.

FELLOW MINERS:—It is with feelings of regret that we are compelled to appeal to you for aid at this time, but the circumstances surrounding our case justify us in doing so. Last August our employers asked us to accept monthly pay, they claiming that they were compelled to do this on account of the condition of the money market. They asked this privilege for the space of three months. After due consideration we consented to their proposition and continued it our work. After continuing at work for five months we petitioned our employers to again resume the semi-monthly pay and in turn we were met with an agreement from the employer asking us to waive all rights or benefits that might be given us by an act or law. This agreement we refused to sign, although we were willing to continue work at the monthly pay until such time as the trade improved. When we refused to sign said agreement the companies shut down their works, and we are now idle for eight weeks, and do not propose to go to work unless that the companies will withdraw said agreement. Our miners have made a good stand and with a small amount from each of our fellow men we will be able to continue the struggle until such time as we have reached an amicable settlement. Send all contributions to John Lauer, Patton, Pa., who will give due credit for all money received.

THOMAS PRESCOTT,  
PETER CAIRNS,  
JOHN LAUER,  
JOHN BRAZILL,  
JOSEPH MACK,  
Committee.

The above appeal has been presented to the office of District No. 2 United Mine Workers of America, and has received its full endorsement. Secretaries upon receipt of this appeal will call special meetings, and have local committees and solicit aid through their respective localities.

T. R. DAVIS, T. A. BRADLEY,  
Sec. Treas.

Following is the agreement made and presented to the different operators and also the names of the committees, and the citizens committee appointed:

PATTON, March 6th, 1894.

We, the undersigned committee, on behalf of the miners of Ebensburg, Pa., Ashcroft, Moshannon and Columbia mines, do assure the above named companies under the existing circumstances that we will work for monthly pay until the 1st of May, 1894, and furthermore, if the grade does not reverse at the expiration of the above time we will assure all concerned that after due consideration, will be ready to give an extension of further time with the understanding that all men go back to work again.

FRANK RICHARDSON,  
Pres. of C. W. B.  
And officer of District No. 2, U. M. W. of A.

MINE COMMITTEE:  
Peter Cairns, Geo. S. Howe, M. McCormick,  
Joe Mack, Edward Morgan, Wm. E. Probert, Flannagan Run,  
Jon Bingle, Charles Marsden, George Bent, Thomas Webb, Ashcroft,  
J. D. Messinger, John Lauer, Wm. Garrity, Reilly.

CITIZENS COMMITTEE:  
H. C. Beck, L. S. Bell, E. E. Barton and John Boyce.

### List of Unclaimed Letters.

The following letters remain in the postoffice at Patton for the week ending Saturday, March 18, 1894:  
C. S. Anderson, W. Kauffman, Thomas Reynolds, Miss Mina Wilsoncroft.  
Persons calling for the above letters will please say they are advertised.  
E. A. MELLON, P. M.

### Meeting of the Society.

The Cambria County Medical Society held a conversational meeting last Thursday in their rooms in the Well building. Quite a number of physicians were present and remarks for the good of the society were made.—Johnston Democrat.