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VISIT COOK, SALMOND & COWDEN'S STORE, ALTOONA, PA.

Hurrah
For
The

Patton will

SELE- BRATE,

And we will have a
"Blow-Out" too.

We have the larg-
est assortment of

FIRE- WORKS

as usual, and what we don't
sell will

BURN.

W. Hodgkins,
Patton Pharmacy.

READY

FOR

BUSINESS

Having purchased the stock of
Hardware of A. M. Thomas and
receiving new goods every day I am
prepared to supply you with what-
ever you may want in my line of

HEAVY and SHELF HARDWARE

Tin and Agateware, Wood and
Wickerware, Doors, Sash,
Glass, Paints, Oils, Poultry Netting,
Baskets and Smooth Fence Wire,
Wagons, Plows, Harrows,
Outfitters, Shovel Flows, Feed
Curers, Garden and Railroad
Barrows, Wood
and Iron Pumps,
Screen Doors and Windows,
Washing Machines,
Steel and Wooden Frame Wringers,
Ropes and Binder Twines,
Building Paper and Tarred Roofing,
Cook Stoves and Ranges,
Oil Stoves, Bird Cages,
Ice Cream Freezers, Bicycles,
Sporting Goods,
Table Knives and Forks,
Pocket Knives,
Saws, Razors, Shears,
Screwdrivers, Etc.

Are a small part of the large
assortment of my STOCK.

I hold a continuance of the patron-
age bestowed on my predecessor, and
will endeavor to please you by giving
you satisfaction in your purchases.

Yours Truly,

J. E. KIRK

HARDWARE CO.

LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS

Gleaned Here and There by the "Courier" Reporter.

EBENSBURG MASONS

Celebrate the Opening of Their Grand
Lodge Room on Friday Night.

Summit Lodge, No. 312, Free and Ac-
cepted Masons, of Ebensburg, cele-
brated the taking possession of its
handsome new lodge room, in the
Barker block, Friday evening. The
occasion was made notable by the at-
tendance of grand lodge officers and
250 craftsmen from Johnstown, Eben-
sburg, Altoona, Patton, Hollidaysburg
and many other places. Twenty-seven
lodges and five states were represented
in the assemblage.

At the close of the lodge room cere-
monies the brethren repaired to the
Maple Park hotel, where an elegant
banquet was served.

Among the prominent Masons who
were present were: Grand Master Wil-
liam A. Kelly, Grand Secretary William
A. Sinn, Deputy Grand Master George
R. Wagner, Grand Marshal William R.
Frazier, Grand Master Samuel W. Wray,
all of Philadelphia; W. H. Denlinger,
of Philadelphia; Boyd G. Steel, of Al-
toona; Hon. Martin Bell, Hollidays-
burg; Hon. W. Horace Rose, John-
stown; Hon. A. V. Barker, Alvin Evans,
Ebensburg; ex-Solicitor Gen. George
A. Jenks, of Brookville.

The Summit Lodge room is one of
the finest in the State. The building
belongs to the five Barker brothers.
The architect was Charles M. Robin-
son, of Altoona.

The following Masons of Patton
were in attendance: Dr. S. W. Wor-
rell, Major John A. Wolfe, J. R. Cor-
nelius, S. M. Wilson, Jesse E. Dale, L.
S. Bell and Alex. Monteth.

Teachers Elected.

At a meeting of the Patton School
Board on Tuesday night the following
teachers were chosen for the coming
school term: Principal, Prof. T. J.
Fulton; Grammar School, T. J. Hart;
Primary and Intermediate rooms, Miss
Edith Zimmerman, Miss Ida Deckart,
Miss Sarah Jones, Miss Gertrude Hel-
man. There are yet two teachers to be
selected. The School Board has
made a selection of first-class teachers
and are to be commended, not only in
this line, but all others. The new
Board, as has been in the past, con-
sists of a body of intelligent men of
whom the citizens of Patton can trust
to transact the school affairs in a just
and able manner, men who take pride
in making our public schools rank
among the very best in the State and
we all should go hand in hand this
year in assisting these gentlemen to
maintain the dignity of our public seat
of learning.

A New Band.
The COURIER has been requested to
announce that a new organization has
been formed in Patton which will be
known as the Miners Brass and Reed
Band of Patton with the following
officers elected: W. C. Lingie, president;
Fred Mitchell, secretary, and Curtis
Tackitt, leader. The new organization
deserves the encouragement of our
citizens and the COURIER trusts that it
will have smooth sailing.

Grand 4th of July Picnic.
A grand 4th of July picnic will be
held in Anna's Grove, Patton, Pa., on
Monday and Tuesday July 6th and 7th,
benefit of St. Mary's Catholic church,
Patton. An elegant platform has been
erected and a grand dance will be held.
Refreshments of all kinds will be served
on the grounds. Dinner at 11:30 a. m.
and supper at 5 p. m. Everybody is
invited to come and have an old fash-
ioned time.

Try Patton a While.

In Tompkins, Renninger, Williams
and Zang the Johnstown club has a
quartet of good pitchers. The only
difficulty at present is that the team is
not booked for enough games to keep
the players in good trim, but games
will be more frequent as the season ad-
vances.—Johnstown Democrat.

Thanks From Firemen.

PATTON, Pa., June 23d, 1897.
To the Editor of the PATTON COURIER:
Please extend a vote of thanks to the
ladies who held festival for benefit of
Patton Fire Co. No. 1, also to the public
for their liberal patronage.
Geo. Howe, Pres.

Wm. Clarke, Sec.

Special for Saturday at Kessler's
Bakery—Macarons, Cream Puffs, Lady
Fingers and Vanilla Wafers; not heat-
ing stock, but made right here in
Patton.

FROM NORTH CAROLINA.

An Interesting Letter Written by Our
Former Townsman, J. C. Patrick.

MALDEN, N. C., June 21, 1897.

EDITOR COURIER:—If I could write a
description of a visit we made to a rice
plantation last Thursday that would
be as interesting to the readers of the
COURIER as the outing was to us I
know it would be eagerly read. Three
families of us started early in the morn-
ing to spend the day on a large planta-
tion a few miles from Wilmington, on
the Brunswick river. We were the
guests of Mr. Gay, the overseer of the
plantation. We reached there in due
season and were shown over the plan-
tation where we saw rice at different
stages of its growth, some covered
with water, some just planted and
some well up and looking green and
beautiful. In one field there were 30
or 40 negroes busy hoeing, in other
parts of the plantation other negroes
were cultivating corn and planting
cow peas. There are over 60 acres of
corn planted and some of it six or
seven feet high, and there are 200 acres
planted in rice.

The old mansion is situated on high
ground about half a mile from the
river and is surrounded by very large
trees, among which were two magnolias
in bloom. The old house has been
neglected of late years, the owner not
living in it at all, the porches are rot-
ting and falling down and everything
about it shows the ravages of time,
but in all its dilapidation it is far more
picturesque from an artistic standpoint
than it was in its old days when its
halls resounded with merry laughter of
the chivalry and beauty of its early
inmates.

The dinner that we sat down to
showed that Mr. Gay knows when he
has a good cook, and the most discrim-
inating epicure could not have found
fault with the bill of fare, while the
liquid refreshments would have de-
lighted the heart of the most consistent
Prohibitionist or tickled the palate of
the most fastidious Kentucky Colonel.

After dinner we fished a while, then
took a ride down the river on a steam-
boat. About a mile below our starting
point we entered the broader water of
the Cape Fear river, which looked (as
the brilliant southern sun shows down
upon it) like an immense sheet of glass.
Here and there in the distance a white
sail dotted the horizon, or a huge fish
playfully jumped out of the water.
We steamed back in time to do some
fishing and photographing before sup-
per, and came home by the light of the
moon.

The day (like all else that pleases
passed away all too soon, but in each
memory it will be marked as one of
those "red letter" days which in most
lives are too far between. There were
several children in our party, and our
gentle host and his amiable sister did
all in their power to make the visit
enjoyable to all.

As we walked over the fields and saw
the negroes at work, we could not help
thinking of other days. These, as now,
they heed the rice while the task-master
stood guard; then, as now, they had
their allotted task; then, as now, they
had their "quarters," and as I thought
that then, they had their regular rat-
ions, and now their wages meant about
the same. The question of color oc-
curred to me, who was most benefited
by the change, the master or the man?
The question of the future status of
the negro cannot be solved from a
northern standpoint. He is here, and
must work out his own salvation. The
white man has given him the right of
suffrage, which places the negro on an
equal footing with him at the ballot
box, but no enactment of Congress can
compel the white man to take him to
his arms and home on a basis of social
equality.

I meant to say something about our
first Sunday school picnic here, but
must forbear or I shall be infringing
alike on your good nature and space.

The weather here is pretty warm,
but generally tempered with cooling
breezes. Crops generally are about six
weeks ahead of Pennsylvania, although
it has been a backward spring. With
best wishes for your continued success,
I remain yours,
JOHN C. PATRICK.

To San Francisco.

The Pennsylvania Railroad company
announces that, for Christian Endeavor
Convention to be held in San Francisco
July 7 to 12, it will sell special tickets
from all points on its system at greatly
reduced rates. These tickets will be
sold June 27 to July 2, and will permit
of stopover at Denver and points west.
Returning, passengers must reach orig-
inal starting point not later than Aug-
ust 17, 1897. For specific rates, condi-
tions, and full information apply to
nearest ticket agent.

TWO COUNCIL SESSIONS.

Our Borough Legislators Meet June 16th and 21st.

BORO. MILLAGE LAID

For the ensuing year—Other Important
Business Transacted.

PATTON, Pa., June 16, 1897.

Patton Borough Council met in the
Council Chambers this evening with
the following members present as per
roll call: Wm. Leadbetter, Alex. Mon-
teth, Ralph Letch, J. D. Blair, Joel
Dixon and D. P. Jones. Owing to the
absence of President Hubbard, a motion
was made by Alex. Monteth, which was
unanimously seconded and carried, that
Wm. Leadbetter act as president pro
tem.

The minutes of regular meeting held
on Wednesday night, June 2, 1897, and
special meeting held on Friday night
were read and approved. The clerk
then notified the Council that the Bur-
gess refused to sign or approve the
minutes of special meeting held on
June 2 and on motion of Alex. Mon-
teth and seconded by Ralph Letch, it
was unanimously carried that the min-
utes of special meeting held on June
4, 1897, be passed over the Burgess's
head.

On motion of Ralph Letch and sec-
onded by D. P. Jones it was unani-
mously carried that the Borough grant
the Patton Water company permission
to lay their water main from the corner
of Seventh and Magee to the east end
of Mellon avenue by the street and
alley or street as shown by the borough
plan, for the purpose of connecting
Magee and Palmer avenue water
mains and the general condition to be
the same as per contract.

E. C. Brown, Borough Engineer, was
present who presented a profile of the
bridge across Little Chest Creek on
Magee avenue.

A statement of the Borough finances
1897, to June 15, 1897, was received
from Borough Treasurer Wm. H.
Sandford and placed on file.

On motion of Wm. Leadbetter and
seconded by Ralph Letch it was unani-
mously carried that the Street Com-
missioner be instructed to proceed to
lay Magee avenue bridge and that the
tax-payers of Patton to receive the
work of the same.

Report of Fire and Police Committee
was received from Alex. Monteth,
chairman, who reported that they had
tested the fire plugs and found same
with a very good pressure on the high-
est points of the system.

On motion of D. P. Jones and sec-
onded by J. D. Blair it was unani-
mously carried that a special meeting be
called for on Monday night, June 21, for
the purpose of laying millage of Patton
Borough.

The President instructed the clerk to
notify the chairman of the Finance
Committee to call a meeting of that
body at once and get such data as
necessary and to submit report at
special meeting to be held Monday
night, June 21.

The bill of the Patton Water Co. of
\$25.00 for water rent for the month of
May, and the bill of W. J. Donnelly &
Co. of \$5.45 for lumber were presented
and on motion of Ralph Letch and
seconded by D. P. Jones it was unani-
mously carried that they be accepted
and orders be drawn for the same.

The following communication from
Geo. E. Prindle, Burgess, regarding
veto of minutes of special meeting held
Friday night, June 4, was read and
placed on file and the clerk was in-
structed to put the same on the min-
utes of this evening's session:

PATTON, Pa., June 15, 1897.

To the Borough Council, Patton, Pa.
GENTLEMEN:—I return you, without
my approval, the minutes of the special
meeting of your body of June 4th,
1897, for the opening of the extension
of Beech avenue, east, for the reason
that in my opinion the condition of the
Borough Treasury will not allow us to
open this street, or expand upon same
the amount authorized. In fact after
carefully studying the report of the
Borough Treasurer, and considering
the street work which must be done, to
meet the requirements of citizens who
have practically no means of ingress or
egress to their properties, and the
incidental expenses necessary, for re-
pairs of streets, alleys, &c., it appears
to me an unnecessary expense to open
Beech avenue eastward at this time,
and I therefore return the bill without
my approval for your further consid-
eration.
Geo. E. PRINDLE,
Burgess.

On motion of Alex. Monteth and sec-
onded by Ralph Letch it was unani-
mously carried that the Borough Bol-
letier be instructed to investigate fully
the ordinance relating to peddlers and
vendors and report at next meeting.

Council then adjourned to meet at
special meeting Monday night, June

21, and at regular meeting July 7, 1897.

Special Meeting June 21.

PATTON, Pa., June 21, 1897.

Council met in special session this
evening with the following members
present as per roll call: W. C. Hub-
bard, D. P. Jones, J. D. Blair, J. T.
Culp, Ralph Letch, Wm. Leadbetter
and Alex. Monteth.

The Finance Committee presented a
statement setting forth an estimate on
which to base the Borough millage for
the ensuing year. On motion of
Ralph Letch and seconded by D. P.
Jones it was unanimously carried that
the Finance Committee's report be
accepted as read.

On motion of Ralph Letch and sec-
onded by Alex. Monteth it was re-
solved that there be and is hereby
assessed a millage of five mills on the
assessed valuation of all taxable prop-
erty in Patton Borough for Borough
purposes for the ensuing year; That a
special tax of three mills is hereby
levied and assessed for Light and
Water, and that a special tax of two
mills be and is hereby assessed to pay
interest and cancel Bond Debt, and
that the duplicate be prepared by the
Borough clerk and placed in the hands
of the tax collector along with a war-
rant to collect the same. A vote was
taken which resulted as follows: Yeas
—7; Nays—0—Vote unanimously car-
ried.

A motion was made by D. P. Jones
and seconded by Ralph Letch that
Council adjourn to meet on Tuesday
night, June 21, 1897, at 8 o'clock sharp
to reconsider the veto of the Burgess
to the resolution appropriating \$75
worth of work towards the opening of
Beech avenue. The vote resulted as
follows: Yeas—Culp, Monteth, Blair,
Jones, Leadbetter, Letch. Nays—
Hubbard. Carried.

Grand Jury Report.

Following is a report of the Grand
Jury made at the June term of court:
"To the Honorable A. V. Barker, Pres-
ident Judge: In the Court of Quarter
Session of Cambria County, June
Term: We, the Grand Jury of the
present term of Court do report that we
have visited the Almshouse and
Prison and find them neat, clean, and
in good condition excepting the in-
terior walls, which are not very clean.
We find the walls around the prison in
bad condition and would recommend
that the walls be repaired. And we
find the vault in the Prothonotary's
office needs repairing.

"We most earnestly condemn the
practice of incarcerating and main-
taining a class of criminals known as
railroad trespassers at the expense of
the tax-payers of Cambria county, in
our prisons, and urge the Commis-
sioners to abolish the practice to that
end.

"We most cheerfully recommend the
erection of a suitable monument in the
court house lawn to the memory of
the soldiers of our Nation from the
strife of our independence.

"We most cheerfully recommend the
renovation of the court room, together
with the offices and jury rooms; also
the office of the Superintendent of our
public schools.

"Witness our hands and seal the
12th day of June, 1897.
[SEAL.] J. S. PAUL, Foreman.
P. S.—Four Jurymen voting nega-
tive on the last recommendation."

Beech Creek Railroad Rates.

The National Saengerfest will be held
in Philadelphia the week of June 21-
28 and will undoubtedly be one of the
greatest musical festivities ever held
in the United States. In addition to
the valuable prizes to be contested for
by singing societies from all parts of
the country, there will also be a grand
concert by some of the most celebrated
soloists assisted by an immense well-
trained chorus of 6,000 voices. There
will also be a parade of the united so-
cieties, several picnics and open air
concerts. The Beech Creek railroad
has for this occasion placed on sale
at all stations, special excursion tick-
ets to Philadelphia and return, at rate
of single fare for the round trip, good
going June 19th to 23rd inclusive and
returning until June 28th, inclusive.
For leaving time of trains see Beech
Creek time table in another column.
Ticket agents will gladly make known
the rates of fare.

Money in St. Object.

The Athletic base ball club of
Johnstown appears to be afraid to
tackle the Patton base ball club for
fear it might lose its reputation as
a "crack club," at any rate
Patton would like to get a swipe at
that aggregation just for luck. Come
up and see us; we're not so "warm,"
you know—only a mixture of farmers
and coal miners.
U. M. P.

The new grocery carries a full va-
riety of California fruit. 304f

NEWS FROM HARRISBURG.

From a Special Correspondent to the "Courier."

TO TAX FOREIGNERS

They Will Have to Pay Three Cents a Day
to Live in Pennsylvania.

Harrisburg, June 21, 1897.—The
tangle into which the Legislature has
gotten itself upon the revenue ques-
tion, has upset all plans regarding the
final adjournment. Although a resolu-
tion has passed providing for a sine die
adjournment upon the first of July,
there is no certainty that this program
will be carried out. Indeed the general
impression upon the Hill is that an ex-
tension of the session will be made
from the first to the tenth or fifteenth
of July. Unless some new sources of
revenue are provided, the charitable
institutions of the State will have to
suffer. Various projects have been put
forward, but none of them seem to
satisfy a majority of the members.
One of the most popular suggestions
is, that the appropriation for the
National Guard be severely cut for the
next two years. At present the Guard
receives \$700,000 per annum and those
who are anxious to save the charities,
very properly say that the annual em-
pment can be dispensed with if it
will save the State, as has been claimed
—the sum of \$200,000.

But the cry is heard, "the Governor
won't like this." This recalls a fact
well-known in inner political circles,
that if the members of the Legislature
had served themselves half as well as
they served the Governor, they would
not now be subjected to criticism.

It has been asserted by some of the
leading men here, that the Governor
is primarily responsible for the muddle
in which the Legislature now finds it-
self. He wanted to reverse the usual
order of things, by claiming the right
to approve bills before they were
passed and to reject them after they
had become enacted into law. A false
sense of courtesy led the members to
defer the Governor's views in originat-
ing revenue measures. But it is
believed that everything will eventu-
ally come out all right. The Legisla-
ture on the whole has been a meritor-
ious one. Many bad bills have been
defeated and many very good bills
passed. The only thing needed is a
satisfactory solution of the revenue
problem. With that ended all will
be well, and the Legislature, despite out-
rageous factional misrepresentations,
sent from here by paid agents of the
Combine, will have the commendation
of the public.

Governor Hastings has signed the
Campbell bill imposing a tax of three
cents a day on all employed unmar-
ried foreigners. The tax is to be de-
ducted from the wages of this class
beginning July 1 next. The bill will
put about \$1,000,000 a year into the
Treasuries of the various counties of
the State. One-half goes to the school
fund on the basis of the number of
schools and the balance for the gen-
eral expenses of the counties. This
proposition was first introduced in the
House by Mr. Campbell, of Fayette,
in 1888, and he has since been working
to have it become a law.

The House has passed the Simon bill,
House measure No. 290, requiring
municipalities to purchase electric
light plants holding franchises in their
limit before erecting or seeking to
operate plants of their own. This
practically is a re-enactment of the
Waters water works bill of two years
ago except that it applies to electric
light companies, pertaining to munici-
pal plants. It provides that such
plants shall be purchased, and that in
estimating the value the worth of the
franchise shall not be reckoned. The
Supreme Court has decided that this
shall be the legal procedure so far as
water companies are concerned. The
purpose of the Simon bill is to extend
the same favors to electric light com-
panies. The bill has had a close call in
the House. It was defeated on second
reading, then reconsidered and passed.
When it reached third reading it was
beaten and reconsidered and then
passed finally by a vote of 108 to 70.
The Senate will likely pass the bill.

Notice.

All persons are hereby notified to
not meddle or interfere with property
left by us in charge of A. F. Washberg,
via: two horses, two sets of harness
and one two-horse wagon.
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PARDEN COLLIERIA,
Patton, Pa., April 19th, 1897.

Ice Cream, all flavors, at Kessler's
Bakery by the dish, quart or gallon.

Elegant butter at Book's grocery. 304f