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## LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS

Gleaned Here and There by the "Courier" Reporter.

### MINER'S BACK BROKEN

In an Accident at Flanagan Run Colliery on Friday.

Michael Reisle, a Slav aged about 25 years, who is an employe of the Flanagan Run colliery at this place, lies in the Memorial hospital at Johnstown with a broken back, the result of an accident that happened on Friday night.

Reisle was employed as a car boy whose business is to take the cars into the mine after they have been emptied. Friday he was thus employed when the light of his miner's lamp was extinguished. He jumped off the car to put a sprag in the wheel to stop it, when he was caught between the roof of the mine and another car, which was on the same train. Reisle's body was caught and his back broken about the middle. Through the advice of the attending physician, Dr. S. W. Worrell, he was removed to the hospital at Johnstown and Monday's Johnstown Democrat states that "This [Monday] afternoon he will be operated upon with a view of having part of the backbone removed and the spinal cord relieved of the pressure upon it. Dr. J. C. Sheridan is the attending physician."

Another young man whose name was not learned, and who was with the unfortunate driver at the time of the accident, had his ankle badly sprained and bruised about the body some.

### A New Passenger Train.

On Monday morning, November 16th, a new passenger train schedule went into effect on the Beech Creek railroad. The morning train, west bound, will leave Williamsport the same time as formerly. The morning train, east bound, will leave Patton at 6 o'clock a. m., arriving at Williamsport at 11:50 a. m., making connection with the Philadelphia & Reading train bound for Philadelphia and New York at 12:34 p. m. The evening train, west bound, leaving Williamsport at 4:02 p. m., will run through to Patton instead of but to Mahaffey, arriving here at 10:25 p. m. The train, east bound, for Williamsport will leave Patton as formerly at 4 p. m., arriving at Williamsport at 10:20 p. m., making connection with the sleeping car to Philadelphia. Detailed information as to train time at other points can be obtained from the ticket agent at the different stations along the Beech Creek railroad.

### Thanksgiving Day Excursion.

A Thanksgiving Day excursion will be run to Greater Buffalo, N. Y., on Wednesday, November 24, over the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh railway. Tickets will be good for four days. The train will leave Clearfield at 11:45 a. m. and the fare for the round trip will be only \$3.50. Splendid attractions are now being offered at all the many places of amusement, and the above rates and time limit affords every person an opportunity to spend Thanksgiving Day in Greater Buffalo, the Queen City of the Lakes, and the corner of Electric City of the world, or witness the great foot ball game at Athletic field, University of Buffalo vs. Hobart College.

### New Postoffice.

Shazen is the name of a new postoffice that has been established in Susquehanna township, with Adam Bowers as postmaster. The new office is between Hastings and Cherrytree. The papers applying for a new postoffice at Reed's Mine in Carroll township, have been filed with the Postoffice Department at Washington, and it is believed the office will be established in the near future.

### The Cigarette Law.

The following was approved by Governor James A. Beaver, May 7, 1889: Be it enacted, etc., that if any person or persons shall sell cigarettes to any person or persons under the age of 16 years, he or she so offending, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$300.

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### At a Bargain.

I now have left very several capes for ladies and also coats for children which will be sold at a bargain. Call before they are all gone.

**PARNELL SMITH**  
A Pretty Home, Wedding at Tipton, Pa., Thursday Evening.

The home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, at Tipton, Blair county, Pa., was on Thursday evening, November 11th, the scene of a very pretty wedding. Rev. J. C. Walker, of the Bellwood Baptist church, uniting for life Miss Vindelitta Smith and J. Edwin Parnell, a prominent and energetic citizen of Patton.

The bride wore a gown of white satin and carried a beautiful bouquet of roses. The attendants were Miss Nell Stewart, of Huntingdon, and M. B. Cowher, of this place, and the wedding march was played by Miss Lena Strunk, of Utahville, Pa. About 50 invited guests were present and the happy couple received some very handsome and useful presents.

After the ceremony was performed and a sumptuous dinner served, the bride and groom were treated to a serenade by the Bellwood cornet band. Mr. and Mrs. Parnell, accompanied by the attendants, drove to Altoona from which place the bride and groom left on a brief bridal tour. They will return to Patton this week and take up the duties of housekeeping in Mr. Parnell's new residence on Palmer avenue.

The COURIER joins hands with the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Parnell in wishing them a prosperous and happy matrimonial voyage together.

### From Kinloch's Business Record.

There is little of interest to note in either the Clearfield or Beech Creek coal regions. In neither is the output up to what it was at the same time last year, eliminating the coal from Cambria and Jefferson counties passing over the Beech Creek railroad, and wrongly credited as being from the Beech Creek coal region by some newspaper editor who ought to be posted. An increase is shown in last week's shipment over the Tyrone & Clearfield railroad, as compared with the same week last year but taking the output from January, 1895, to November, 1896, as compared with the output for the same time in 1897 there has been a falling off of upwards of 100,000 tons. In this comparison the coal passing over the Cambria & Clearfield railroad is not taken into account, as it does not come from what is known as the Clearfield region, and more than does from Walton and Adrian mines, near Punxsutawney, go from the Beech Creek region.

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### Sermon Much Appreciated.

Rev. Chas. W. Wasson delivered a special sermon to the members of Patton Lodge No. 1089, Independent Order of Odd Fellows in the M. E. church on Sunday morning, which was very much appreciated by all. The members attended in a body, and numbered about seventy-five. They were all well pleased with the reverend gentleman's remarks.

### Moved to Patton.

J. L. Kerr moved his shooting gallery to Patton on Tuesday. Mr. Kerr ran his gallery in this place the past two months and made many friends while here. He is capable, honest and treats everybody alike. He is ably assisted by Jesse Spencer.—Clearfield Public Spirit.

### Gratitude to Friends.

The immediate relatives of Mrs. Charles Cassidy, deceased, wish to announce through the columns of the COURIER their sincere gratitude to those who so kindly assisted during the illness and death of Mrs. Cassidy, of which they are very grateful for.

### Residence For Sale.

A new residence, just recently built, and beautifully situated on the corner Palmer and Sixth avenue, Patton, Pa., for sale at a bargain. For particulars call on or address E. Will Greene, Patton, Pa.

### An Overcoat Offered.

Are you attending the shooting school in the Yeager block on Fifth avenue? A fine overcoat is offered as a prize this week. The contest is getting to be quite interesting.

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## AN AWFUL RIDE TO DEATH.

Engineer C. M. Gray Crushed Beneath His Engine.

### 26 LOADED COAL CARS

Jumped the Track at the Y and 600 Tons of Coal Was Scattered Over the Ground—The Funeral of Mr. Gray.

About 5 o'clock on Friday evening, November 12th, a terrible race occurred on the Beech Creek extension known as the Cambria County railroad, which runs from Patton to Spangler, when 26 loaded cars of coal and Beech Creek engine No. 61 were wrecked. Engineer Chas. M. Gray, who bravely stuck to his engine was instantly killed, being hurled beneath the locomotive after it had jumped the track.

Engineer Gray was bringing a train of 35 cars down the heavy grade from Carrolltown, which is considered one of the steepest in this part of the country, to the Beech Creek yards in Patton, when his train broke, leaving nine cars in the rear. Seeing the runaway cars gaining on him at a terrific speed he turned on more steam in order to try to keep out of the way, when he lost control of his own train and came down the hill with frightful velocity, and on reaching the Y his engine broke loose from the cars, at which time they left the track and piled up in an indescribable heap, while his engine sped on until it reached a trestle about 100 yards ahead where it jumped the track and ran on the ties until it had crossed the trestle then plunged over on its side when it was considerably demolished.

During all this time Engineer Gray stuck bravely to his post, though his practiced eye saw that probable death awaited him. During the terrible race, at a point just above the Pardee colliery, he had about decided to jump, but, however, changed his mind and while giving the alarm of a runaway by blowing the whistle he broke the whistle rope and at once climbed out upon the boiler where he continued to warn the people, but before meeting his fate he went back into the cab and put all possible efforts forth to check the speed and save the lives of other railroad crews which he no doubt thought were in the vicinity of the station, but before he could accomplish his brave but daring undertaking, his life was sacrificed in a manner which will go down in the history of bravery in railroading.

Fireman J. R. Tribley stuck to his post until he reached the Pardee colliery, when he alighted, and therefore saved his life. Brakeman Barrett jumped from the train at the Fifth avenue crossing, and Brakeman Wm. Jackson, like Engineer Gray, remained at his post until the loaded cars began to leave the track, when he attempted to jump, but was thrown quite a distance and landed under a portion of the debris, receiving but slight injuries. It was a miraculous escape and many wonder that he was not killed.

Conductor L. M. Delozier, who was on the nine cars which broke loose, managed to keep them under control and they were brought to a standstill a short distance above town. Those who saw the runaway engine and cars coming into Patton declare that the speed they attained before being wrecked was almost indescribable. It is stated by several old railroad men that they were running at least 50 miles per hour. It had rained during the day and the track was quite damp, which no doubt was the true reason for the cars and engine becoming beyond control. The brakes were all set and the friction on the rails caused quite a display of fire works, and the people who saw it state that they never wish to witness such a scene again from the fact that the life of a brave man was crushed immediately following.

Both the Beech Creek and Pennsylvania wrecking crews were seen on the scene, and spent several days in clearing away the debris. All but four of the wrecked cars were badly demolished, six of which were piled in a heap and a bonfire made of them. It is estimated that the wrecked cars contained 600 tons of coal.

In short terms the wreck was a frightful one which will never be forgotten from the fact that Engineer Gray, who had a vast number of friends in Patton as well as every where he has resided, lost his life in trying to save the lives of others.

Chas. M. Gray, the dead engineer, was born at Salladasburg, Lycoming county, Pa., in 1863, and was aged at death 33 years, 11 months, and 12 days. His parents died when he was a small

## CLIPPED FROM EXCHANGES.

Items of Interest Culled From Journals Which

### MAY INTEREST YOU.

**Clipping on the Boom—Patton "Courier"**  
Political Comment, by Pittsburg Post.  
Gallitzins on the boom. The Taylor & McCoy Coal and Coke company has, at present time, has 300 coke ovens in full blast, and workmen are busy repairing old ovens for use, that have not been fired up for years. Three hundred men are on the company's pay rolls at present, a larger force than has been employed since 1892.—Altoona Tribune.

The PATTON COURIER hastens to shake hands with itself over the result of the election and says, its honest opinion is that Mr. Wertz is an honest man and will not run off with the court house of jail during his term of office. At least that's about all anybody can make out of its election comments.—Pittsburg Post.

A rumor reached Altoona Saturday evening that Alexander Doner, a man who lived the life of a recluse on the mountain above Bellwood, was thrown from a carriage and killed near Bellwood Saturday afternoon. The story goes that Doner's horse ran away, throwing him out, and fracturing his skull against a stone.—Altoona Tribune.

The exalted Ruler of the Elks gave Fitzsimmon's lodge a solar plexus buff.—Pittsburg Chronicle Telegraph.

It's a wonder women never think of cutting off a bit of their skirts instead of wasting the time of one hand holding them up.—Pittsburg Times.

The borough of Hastings has decided to establish a system of water works. Mahaffey is still in the dry and likely to be laid in ashes if she happens to get a fire.—Mahaffey Gazette.

Last Friday night the Rev. Father Kittell, of Loreto, lectured on temperance in the Grange hall in Cambria township, a couple of miles east of Ebensburg, and the large audience present declared it was one of the best lectures ever delivered in that section of the county. For many years Rev. Kittell has taken a deep interest in the cause of temperance. He has made it a study and his lecture was instructive and interesting.—Johnstown Tribune.

The farmers' institutes will be held in this county the coming winter, one at Grampan, one at Sanburn and one at Troutville. The dates of these institutes have not been decided upon.—Curtisville Review.

The Tyrone residence of J. L. Mitchell, who controls large coal interests in this county, was damaged by fire Saturday morning to the amount of \$6,000. The occupants were rescued from second story windows.—Spangler Sentinel.

The Ebensburg Fair Association has purchased the fair grounds from Mr. Elias Jones, a fact which everybody interested in the fair will be glad to learn. But for the hard times of the past several years the association would have made even better progress than it has, although considering the general depression, it has done very well, and of one thing it may be proud—every premium ever offered has been paid in full.—Mountaineer.

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