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TURKEYS FREE AT MELLON'S CASH GROCERY.

Just Drew His Last Pay.

Captain J. E. Kratzer wrote to the war department some time ago for a detailed statement of his accounts with the government during the war. Last week he received an answer, and enclosed was a check for \$3,76, which had been due him ever since 1865. The officials at Washington took the time and trouble to go all over his accounts, which perhaps, for 35 years had been looked at, and upon finding that the amount above stated was due Mr. Kratzer, they immediately balanced the account between him and Uncle Sam by sending him a voucher for the amount. The statement is quite a curiosity, and it proves that Uncle Sam will deal honestly and justly with those who served the government faithfully during the civil war.

Received Millions of Pieces Last Year.

The annual report of the Superintendent of the Dead Letter Office, at Washington just issued, shows an increase of undelivered mail matter of nearly ten per cent. over the previous year. The number of pieces was 7,536,158, against 6,856,988 for the preceding year. Letters and parcels held for postage numbered 144,619, and the misdirected 422,793. Nearly 25,000 letters which bore no addresses whatsoever. There were 50,553 letters containing an aggregate of \$44,140 and others containing drafts, notes, money orders, etc., of the face value of \$1,134,645.

Festival and Sale.

The Thanksgiving Dinner advertised by the Ladies' Aid Society of the Patton M. E. church has been postponed and instead the society will hold a Festival and Apron Sale Thanksgiving evening in the Goldstein Hall. Ice cream, cake and coffee will be served. Also various articles of needle work, both useful and ornamental, for the house on sale. A cordial invitation extended to everybody to favor the ladies with their patronage.

When you want rubber stamps, stationery, etc., call at F. H. Kin-head's.

A clean towel for each customer at Garfield's shop below Central Hotel. Call and see him.

NOTICE!

Special Bargains

—IN—
**COUCHES,
TOILET SETS,
AND MATTINGS.**

Couches 4.99, 6.50, 10.00, 12.00 and \$15.
Toilet Sets—the best at the least money.

Mattings at cost while they last.

Rugs—quite a large line to select from.

Heating Stoves—the largest line in this end of the county at lowest prices. Red Cross, Etc.

Imperial Red Cross, Capello and Columbian Choice Ranges—all guaranteed.

A full line of General Hardware.

Very Respectfully,
J. E. Kirk Adw.

& Fur't Co.,

LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS

Gleaned Here and There by the "Courier" Reporter.

A BOY'S ARM BROKEN.

Thomas Glass Met With a Serious Accident Tuesday While Wrestling.

Thomas G., son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Glass, of Beach avenue, had both bones of his right arm broken Tuesday while wrestling with a companion on the ball ground. The break is between the wrist and elbow.

It seems that quite a number of boys were playing foot ball and enjoying themselves at other sports when one of the Glass boy's companions suggested that they wrestle. It was no quicker said than done. Both boys fell, the Glass boy being underneath, he falling in such a manner as to cause his arm to be twisted under him in some manner, which resulted as above stated.

New York Central Will Build It.

The building of a new line was authorized by the New York Central's board of directors at its meeting in New York city last Friday. This branch will be built from Clearfield to Karthaus, Pa., a distance of twenty-five miles. From there it is intended to use the tracks of the Pennsylvania's branch as far as Youngsdale, Pa., where there is a junction of the Pennsylvania line with the Beech Creek railroad of the New York Central system. It is in order to avoid the heavy grades of the Beech Creek line that the Central has decided to build the new route, which runs along the water line of the West Branch of the Susquehanna river, thus following the general plan of the Central system in keeping close to the water routes. If the necessary arrangements can be made with the Pennsylvania, the line will be continued from Karthaus by the New York Central on the other side of the river, thus paralleling the Pennsylvania branch. The name of the new line, which has been surveyed, will be the West Branch Valley railroad. The work of constructing the new line will be commenced at once.

TWO PAPERS SOLD.

The Windber Era and Journal Both Passed Into New Hands.

The Windber Era and the Windber Journal have passed into new hands. Amos Clair has sold his Era newspaper plant, good will and subscription list to an organization called the Windber Publishing company, which will take charge of the paper this week. Mr. Clair, was formerly editor and owner of the Mountain Echo, published at Osterburg, Bedford county. He went to Windber several years ago and the first issue of the Era occurred in May, 1899.

Editor J. C. Begley, of the Journal has sold out to the Journal Publishing company, of which Charles Sawyer, of Sawyer Marshall & Co., is manager. Mr. Begley's retirement is rendered necessary on account of injuries received in the accident at the P. R. R. depot in Johnstown last July.

Twice Fooled.

The Association Foot Ball team of Patton has been twice fooled by the Barnesboro organization, and it looks as if the latter are afraid of the "cars." Patton boys played one game at that place, and it is no more than neighborly that the Barnesboro men should return the game. Members of the Patton team are indignant over the treatment received from our sister town.

Nephew of Mrs. McKinley Dies.

Assistant-Paymaster J. S. Barber, on the U. S. vessel Monterey, at Hong Kong, China, died Thursday of typhoid fever. The young man was a nephew of the wife of the President. He served as a Volunteer through the Spanish-American War, and was transferred to the Navy Department and sent to the Philippines at his own request at his close.

At Hastings Opera House.

"At the Opera House last evening irresistible and quaint comedian, Faank Davidson, kept a large audience in good humor for three straight hours. He is one of the rising comedians of the day."—Pittsburg Leader. You can see this comedian at the Hastings Opera House next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evening.

WE WONDER WHY?

Take a Vote on the Question of a New Station for Patton.

Monday forenoon the writer was in the vicinity of the Pennsylvania railroad depot, which is also used by the N. Y. C. line, when his attention was attracted by one of Patton's business men inquiring for a box that had been shipped by freight. Of course Mr. Curman, the agent, informed him that it had arrived and when one of his assistants came on the scene he was instructed to find the box for the man making the inquiry. The assistant made an examination of several of the cars on the sidetrack, but could not find it. Then as when the fun began. He went into the room used as a freight station and began the search. It was there of course, but it took him almost a half hour to find it. You ask why? It is easily answered. Because the freight room is just large enough to accommodate the amount of freight shipped to places like Thomas' Mill, Eckenrode's Mill etc., and a disgrace to the town and citizens of Patton.

Then on the other hand the amount of passengers waiting for the train overflows the only waiting room for the use of travelers. The last thing in the evening the Agent and his assistants must do is to roll trunks and expel the waiting room, and the next morning hustle it outside again. Why? Just because it is a necessity to have a little room as a waiting place for the traveling public.

It was said not long ago on good authority that Patton was to have a new station. We wonder why it has not been built? It is a disgrace and an outrage that Patton citizens should tolerate these conditions any longer. Wake up people and see if we cannot hustle the railroad company up a little. Patton is entitled to it and should be recognized at once.

Timothy R. Davis, Passed Away.

Timothy R. Davis, one of the best-known residents of Cambria county died at his home in Conemaugh Wednesday morning of last week, of pneumonia, age 71 years. He was born near Ebensburg, but in early manhood purchased a farm in Jackson township, where he resided until 1877, when he moved to Conemaugh. During the greater part of the life that he spent in activity he was in the lumber business. He was the owner of several valuable timber and coal tracts. He often boasted of the fact that he had been ill only two days of his entire life, but when disease overtook him the end came quickly. He was twice married, the surviving children, all by his first wife, being Mrs. Josephine Kerr, of Jackson township; Mrs. Wm. Dunmire, of South Fork; Mrs. John A. Gray, of Jackson township; Mrs. Daniel Custer, of Conemaugh; Harry Davis who is at home, and Howard and Daniel, both of Conemaugh. The funeral took place Friday morning from his late home, interment being made in the cemetery Monday's.

State's Oldest Mason Dead.

Probably the oldest Mason in Pennsylvania was born to the grave Friday. The decedent was Charles Pitz, late of Nesquehoning, Carbon county, who was some ninety years of age. He took his Masonic degrees at Manch Chunk forty-five years ago. His faithfulness to the craft was remarkable. For twenty years he was present at every regular stated meeting of his lodge, walking five miles over an unhabited and lonely road to reach the lodge room. His fraternal associates fifty or more year ago were the late Asa Packer, Gen. William Lilly, Robt. Klutz, Chas. O. Skeer, Judge Sempel B. Price and other well known men in and about Manch Chunk. He held a position under the Lehigh Coal and Navigation company many years. His office was dubbed the "Mason's Temple," an unpretentious building, but under humble roof all that was noble in Masonry was fully exemplified by this late venerable and faithful brother.—Phillipsburg Ledger.

The Distillery Opened.

On Tuesday morning the big new distillery of Reig & Dumm began operations and will run indefinitely. During the shut down this summer an entire new building was erected and many alterations were made to the machinery. The capacity has been more than doubled and the proprietors will continue to turn out the fine product for which they have become noted. W. H. S. McAdoo is the present U. S. Storekeeper and Ganger at the distillery.—Carrolltown News.

To My Music Pupils.

I wish to inform my pupils that I am suffering with tonsillitis, and will not give lessons until I improve in health. Miss SUSIE WEST.

AS OTHER PEOPLE SEE US.

Interesting Articles Written for Pittsburg Times by MR. BION H. BUTLER.

Tells About the Development of the Borough of Patton.

The COURIER will in the next few weeks give a series of articles which were published in the Pittsburg Times of November 17, 19, and 20. They are interesting and all should read the contents.

"The marked activity in the coal trade for the past three years, which seems to be increasing as it grows older, has made, and is yet making, a startling change in the territory extending from Southern Clearfield to Northern Somerset county. In 1896 Somerset county produced but 787,000 tons of coal. At the present time the mines at Whittier alone are yielding at the rate of 3,000,000 tons annually, and it is the confident expectation that a few months will see that rate doubled. Smaller mines elsewhere through the country will add to the total output. But there is talk of a large new concern which is to open mines farther south in the county, with the intention of doing a large business. As the signs point now, it need not be surprising if in the next two or three years Somerset county is mining 8,000,000 tons of coal a year.

"Cambria county which is one of the newer accessions to the ranks of the coal-producing counties of the State, is expected to market not less than 8,000,000 tons of coal this year. The Beech Creek road is hauling from the Cambria-Clearfield region now about 8,000,000 tons a year, and expects from the development of mines to increase that by 1,000,000 tons next year. The Pennsylvania, with numerous feeders in the same territory, is hauling out easily as much more. Steadily both roads are pushing branches into the eastern townships of Indiana county, and extensive mines are projected, or in course of construction, which will open most of the country from the southern to the northern boundary of the county.

Discouraged With Railroads.

"The territory by gridironed with railroads, and more new branches and trunk lines are hatched up here than in the big offices in New York. If a trunk line is conceived to run from Boston to San Francisco, or from Chicago to the sea, it is immediately appropriated by this coal field, and marked on the map. But, in spite of the dreams of the improvable, road building has been active, and will continue to be, the demand for coal stimulating the opening of new mines, and the mines compelling the construction of branch roads, until every township in Cambria and every township in Southern Clearfield has at least one railroad, and some of them two or three.

"These roads are pushing over into Indiana county in the same manner, until a portion of the State which not long ago was shut off from communication with the rest of the world, except by a tedious journey by wagon road, is now one of the most accessible in the United States. Four or five years ago coal deals have kept the Indiana county farmers in a condition of what a former President would have called pernicious activity, seeing that it is a kind not common during his administration. Where these farmers have sold their coal lands towns are springing up.

The census figures are not yet available to see what this has done for Cambria Co. But the vote cast at the election this year, gave McKinley 10,470, which is more votes than were cast for all candidates at the election of 1890.

A Republican Stronghold.

"The influx of new blood has strengthened the grip of the Republican on the county, for while Bryan had 7,184 votes this fall, he was 3,300 behind McKinley. A county which has increased its vote by 7,000 in 10 years but with 10,000 to start from is making a rapid growth, without any census figures to prove it.

Among the towns springing up with the development of the coal of Cambria county is Patton, which claims first place, and which is second in the county to Johnstown alone. Patton expects the census figures to show a population of at least 3,000 in the borough, and a couple of thousand more at the mines, where a large number of people live in the immediate suburbs. Patton is not yet out of the woods, for all around the town are stumpy clearings, and it is but a gin

shot from the borough limits to the original forests. Yet here in half a dozen years has arisen as trim a little borough as can be found any place in the State.

A large school building, with eleven schools, every one in the hands of a normal school graduate, is one of the boasts of Patton. No ordinary talent is good enough. Here are paved streets, an excellent sewer system, water works, electric lights, a Catholic church that cost \$25,000, a Methodist church projected to cost nearly as much, substantial brick and stone business blocks, a bank with a surplus larger already than its capital, and pathetic is its loneliness and undignified signs of newness, a cemetery."

Charter Issued.

A charter was issued Monday to The Huntington & Clearfield Telephone company, Huntington, capital \$1,000; directors, C. M. Gage, R. F. Africa, G. Chai Port, W. M. Henderson, Huntington; B. F. Myers, Geo. S. Stueker, Harrisburg; W. D. Barnard, P. M. Green, Philadelphia; W. H. Deninger, Patton; E. F. Kerr, Thomas R. Kiehlberger, Bedford; C. H. Ritchie, Everett; J. F. Helfenstein, Shamokin; T. H. Murray, Allison; O. Smith, Clearfield. The company will build a telephone through the counties of Bedford, Fulton, Handington, Blair, Centre, Clearfield and Cambria.

Open For Holiday Trade.

At a meeting of the Patton Merchants held in Bell's Hall Nov. 20th it was agreed that in order to better satisfy the trade during the time known as "The Holidays" that they would keep their stores open to the public until the trade had been served from Dec. 15th until Jan. 1st after which they will revert to the 8 o'clock closing as now in force.

Prisoners Escape From Jail.

Sherriff Swope of Cameron county, is looking for two prisoners, Frank Burnell and Charles Sacks, who dug their way out of jail Thursday night. The other prisoners said the two men had come to their cells, offering to liberate them, too, but they had declined. The men tunneled their way under the apartment wall of the jail into the boiler room adjoining, where they sprung the door and gained their liberty.

DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve Will

quickly heal the worst burns and scalds and not leave a scar. It can be applied to cuts and raw surfaces with prompt and soothing effect. Use it for piles or skin diseases. Beware of worthless counterfeits. C. W. Hodgkins.



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