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BEST ADVERTISING MEDIUM IN NORTHERN CAMBRIA COUNTY.

ANOTHER BIG COAL DEAL.

John Ashcroft and Others
Dispose of Interests.

AND PAID CASH DOWN.

And a Considerable Sum of Money Changed
Hands—Barnesboro Operator Branching
Out—Monday a Holiday for the Miners
—Other Coal Notes.

A deal of some magnitude was finally consummated last Friday, when the Crescon Coal & Coke Co., a partnership composed of John Ashcroft, of Patton, Robert Powell, of Baltimore, and John K. Powell, of Crescon, disposed of their holdings at Crescon to the Title, Trust and Guarantee Co., of Scranton. The consideration was not made public, but it is understood to be for quite a sum, all of which was paid cash down. While the transfer was made to the Scranton company, it is understood that it was merely acting as the agent for the Webster Coal & Coke Co. who will acquire the property and make many improvements upon the same. The Webster company now owns one of the best paying coal properties in the state.

The Crescon property includes the shaft, in working operation, together with all the tools and equipments of the company and about 1,000 acres of unmined coal. A large number of town lots and several dwellings and office buildings are also included. Up to this time nothing further has been heard of the reported purchase by the same company of the Mitchell interests at Gallitzin, and it is supposed that the deal has not yet been closed. The plant at Crescon will give the Webster company an opportunity to work their large holdings from that place, as they now own lands connected with the Crescon property.

Thomas Barnes, the well known coal magnate of Barnesboro, purchased several tracts of coal land in Pine township, Indiana county, during the past week, says the Indiana Progress. The block is located along Yellow creek, and the purchases made during the last week include the coal lands of Michael Smith, Emanuel Grumbling, Samuel Bennett, Henry Griffith, Hadson Martin and Stephen Griffith. The titles are now being examined by Attorney J. N. Banks, and as soon as the abstracting is completed the land owners will receive their money.

Mr. Barnes already owns a large territory in Green and Pine townships and there promises to be an early development of the field. Work is about to commence on the building of a branch of Douglass hollow in Green township from the Pennsylvania lines at Garman's Mills. The present object in building the road is to afford shipping facilities for the Greenwich Coal company, which is now opening mines in the field, which they recently purchased in Green township.

Those who are in a position to know state that this is just the beginning of the extension of the Pennsylvania Railroad company in the coal fields in the eastern part of the county. They believe that the branch will be extended to Spruce, and thence down Yellow creek, where a large coal territory has been already purchased by J. H. Weaver & Co.

Dr. Herbert M. Howe, of the firm of Pardee & Co., is of the opinion that a strike in the anthracite coal region would boom bituminous. Anthracite coal, Dr. Howe said, is a luxury and should a strike be declared soft coal soon be utilized. The use of the bituminous variety, he declared, would be continued long after the settlement of the strike and this would necessarily cripple the hard coal trade. This would throw many miners out of employment, as the demand for anthracite coal would not be sufficient to warrant the operation of all the mines.

J. M. Householder, of Elizabeth, Allegheny county, has invented a coal mining machine which he claims will revolutionize the industry. It is built on a truck and runs on the track in the mines, and, unlike other machines, is not unloaded to operate. It undercuts the coal, shears the ends, and can be used to mine the rib coal, drive entries and cut the roof.

Capt. Thos. Davis, one of the Cambria county representatives at Harrisburg, has introduced a bill in the state legislature amending the bituminous mine inspection laws so as to provide that not more than 85 persons shall be permitted to work in the same air current where pick mining, not more than

40 persons where machine mining is done.

A general mass meeting of the miners of Northern Cambria will be held in the Miners' Hall, Barnesboro, April 1. The exercises will open at 10 a. m., by an address from that eloquent speaker so well-known to the miners of this section, Louis Gozian, National Organizer.

Saturday will be pay day for the employes of the Beech Creek Coal & Coke Co., and it will be one of the biggest pay days this section has enjoyed in a long time.

The miners of this district will celebrate the signing of the wage scale by observing Monday, April 1st, as a holiday.

BUILDING BOOM.

New Church, Big Office Building and Three Handsome Brick Restorations.

The building boom in Patton grows apace. The latest intelligence in this line is the announcement of W. H. Denlinger of his intention to build three good houses on his lots on Fifth avenue above Beech avenue. The structures will be of brick, containing six rooms each, in addition to bath room and all the modern improvements, including steam heat. The houses will be for sale as soon as completed. Architect C. M. Robinson, of Altoona, is preparing the plans for the same.

Patton is to have another new church. The members of the Russian Orthodox congregation of this place have decided to erect a structure for religious purposes and will build on the lot generously donated by the Beech Creek Land and Improvement Co. opposite the Good brick row on Fifth avenue. The church will be 21x42 feet and the work on the same will commence soon.

It has been definitely settled that the new Beech Creek Coal & Coke Co. will erect a large office building in Patton on the site now occupied by the photograph studio of Ernest Brner on the northwest corner of Fourth and Magee avenues. The plans will be prepared in a few days and a complete description of the new building will be published in the COURIER next week.

CIVIL COURT ENDED.

An Adjournment Friday Night Until Monday, April 15.

Civil Court at Ebensburg adjourned on Friday evening at 9 o'clock until Monday, April 16th, at 9 o'clock a. m. The case of Lewis J. Bearer vs. Jas. A. McClain and the Spangler Water company was settled by agreement of the parties and the jury was relieved. Mr. Bearer received \$500. No bill of costs at this term was filed on either side and the plaintiff pays the docket and record costs.

The case of Huff and Coulter vs. C. J. Adams was called before Judge Barker. The case is an ejectment suit by which the plaintiffs seek to recover possession of a tract of land containing about 116 acres in Crescon township adjoining the P. R. R. tracks on the south. John S. Robb, Esq., of Pittsburg procured a judgment against J. L. Orr, in whom the title then stood, and sold the property at sheriff's sale to the plaintiffs. The defendant claims possession and title by lease from one named Hamilton, and holds that Hamilton held title by tax title. The defense also endeavored to show that the note upon which Robb sold at sheriff's sale was fraudulently obtained and that in consequence all the proceedings based upon the note would be void and there would be no title in the plaintiff's land at all. The court ruled against the admissibility of the evidence.

Had Freight Wreck.

A disastrous freight wreck occurred at Kerrmor, on the Beech Creek division of the New York Central Railroad Sunday. Twenty-one cars were smashed. Joseph Galbraith, engineer, of Clearfield, was caught under his engine and it is thought he is fatally injured. The fireman escaped with slight injury. No other person was hurt. The wreck was caused by the failure of the air brakes to hold the train while a crippled car was being switched out.

Notice.

We offer our fine residence on Beach avenue for sale. The house contains 8 rooms with an attic. No cellar with water in the house and brings \$15 per month rent. Lot 50x150 and is within a few steps of the school house and on the main street of Patton. I also offer furniture for sale which can be seen at residence. Terms of sale can be had by calling on Mrs. W. M. CRAMER.

PERTINENT PARAGRAPHS.

A Pompeii of Fifth, Painted Penitents Pertaining to People and Places Picked up and Paraphrased for a Popular Paper.

—J. L. Johnson, of Jersey Shore, was in town Monday.

—Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Richards, a daughter, Friday.

—Mrs. William Yeckley is visiting friends in Pittsburg this week.

—Born—To Mr. and Mrs. William Campbell a daughter, Thursday.

—Ex-Mayor Boyd, of Johnstown, was in town over night Wednesday.

The regular fortnightly meeting of the Patton borough council will be held on Monday evening.

—Mrs. Leadora Kolb left this morning for a visit with friends and relatives in Philadelphia.

—Frank G. Kirkland, of Elmira, formerly chief clerk at the Palmer House, was in town over Sunday.

—Jas. McNair is in charge of Julius Hoffman's barber shop at Crescon during the absence of the proprietor.

—The Look Haven Express talks of "these fin de siecle days." Is the esteemed Express living in the last century?

—C. M. Robinson, the architect of Altoona, who is doing considerable work in this place, was in town last night.

The work of rebuilding Denlinger Bros.' oil house, which was recently burned at Spangler, is rapidly progressing.

—Murray Lewis, who has been visiting his parents on Fifth avenue, for the past week, returned to Johnstown on Saturday.

—Gus Wolf, of Curwensville, the senior member of the firm of Wolf & Thompson, of this place, was in town this week looking after business interests.

—Notwithstanding the repeated assertions of several heterodox theologians, the age of miracles has not passed. Geo. E. Worth attended church last Sunday evening.

—Evans Sisters, the milliners, have a new advertisement in this issue and have just received one of the finest lines of artificial flowers and hats ever brought to this section.

—J. W. Grant, of Phillipsburg, a former assistant principal of the Patton public schools, was in town over night on Tuesday. Mr. Grant has given up school teaching and is now traveling for a hardware firm.

—Dr. W. I. Dunbar has purchased the residence formerly owned and occupied by E. O. Hartshorne on Beech avenue. Mr. Hartshorne expects to move to Barnesboro in the near future, having been elected cashier of the new National bank of that place.

—Ready made clothing forms the subject matter for Wolf & Thompson's new advertisement in this issue. This enterprising firm has just put in a new and big stock and they can suit anyone and at prices that the economical buyer will appreciate.

The exterior of the Central Hotel is being beautified by a coat of paint.

A. C. Fisher is the competent artist having the work in charge. Landford Yeckley contemplates many improvements in connection with that popular hostelry during the coming summer.

—Mrs. G. Robison will open a first class millinery establishment in the Nolan building on Magee avenue next week. A complete new stock has just been purchased, which is said to be one of the finest in its line ever brought to this section. Read her new advertisement in another column.

Show windows that would do credit to any of the big stores in the city are those recently trimmed at the Goldstein Department Store and they attract universal attention. "Barney and Abe" give the artists and they reflect great credit upon their skill as window dressers of a high grade.

—Mrs. G. M. Stevens and Sister have opened their millinery establishment in the Young Building on Magee avenue and will have a grand Easter opening on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 4, 5 and 6. Miss Nina M. Allen, of Philadelphia, is in charge of the trimming department. Read their new advertisement.

—Rev. Dr. Deaver, of the M. E. church, left Tuesday morning for Chambersburg to attend the annual meeting of the Central Pennsylvania conference. The report of the Patton church is an excellent one this year and Rev. Deaver was particularly gratified to be able to take such a good account of his stewardship to the conference. It is to be hoped by both the members of the church and congregation that the popular pastor will be returned to this place for another year.

WILL IT BE LORETTO?

Our Neighboring Town Said
to Have Been Selected

FOR SEAT OF DIOCESE.

Father Kittell Will Probably be Elevated to the Bishopric—President Schwab, of the Big Steel Corporation, in Favor of Both These Moves.

Rev. Father Kittell, of Loretto, is said to be slated for Bishop of the new Catholic diocese to be formed from the Erie, Pittsburg and Harrisburg dioceses. It was thought until recently that Altoona would be made the seat of the new diocese on account of its being a large city, but that will probably not be the case. Loretto represents a much older Catholic community, and on account of the new church there, the gift of C. M. Schwab, president of the United States Steel Corporation, and the rapidly growing importance of Loretto as a church community, this place will likely be made the seat of the new diocese.

A prominent Cambria county Catholic, in an interview recently published says:

"I have it from an excellent authority that Loretto will be the seat of the new diocese which has been decided upon by the authorities of the church. I have reason to believe that Father Ferdinand Kittell will be elevated to the seat."

—Father Kittell has made Loretto what it is. He is older than Father John Boyle, of Johnstown, and is loved by everyone who knows him, despite creed differences. Father Boyle would undoubtedly make an able bishop, but he is needed more by St. John's Church than by the new diocese.

It is understood that President Schwab has indicated he would be pleased over the elevation of Father Kittell to the bishopric. He has done this without suggesting in the least a desire to control or influence the appointment.

The local authorities of the church stated that they had no official information regarding the division of the diocese and the appointment of Father Kittell to the bishopric, and they are of the opinion that there has not yet been time for any one to hear from Rome. In any event the appointment of a bishop is made from the nominations of several bodies of the church, six names in all, from which the church at Rome names a bishop.

GRANGE MEETING.

The Cambria County Organization Will Hold Three Sessions Here.

The following program has been prepared for the meeting of Cambria county Pomona Grange, No. 31, Patton of Hasbandy, which will be held at Bonnyly's Hall in this place on Monday, April 1st. Three sessions will be held, one at 10 o'clock a. m., and the other at 7:30 p. m. The second session will be a fifth degree session. The evening meeting will be open to public.

AFTERNOON.

Music, Concord Grange Orchestra. Report of Executive Committee in regard to the purchase of lightning rods.

Address, G. W. Oyster, member of the executive committee of the state grange.

BUSINESS OF THE ORGANIZATION.

Address, "Lime and its Relation to Soil," J. A. Fries, of State College.

SOLO, HERMAN DIBART.

Dinet, Tully Sisters.

ADDRESS, "TAXATION FOR THE FARMER,"

Warren Worth Bailey, editor of the Johnstown Democrat.

LECTURED ON FATHER GALLITZIN.

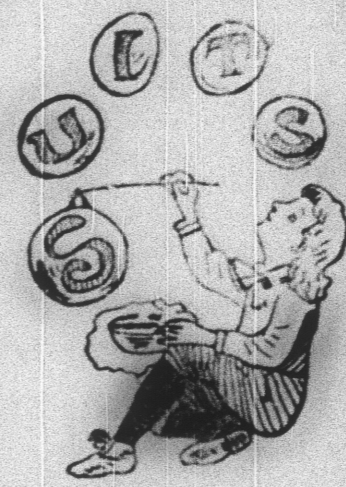
A lecture on Father Gallitzin, the prince priest whose name is so well known in Cambria county, was given in Philadelphia last week in St. Joseph's Catholic church. It took place at the regular meeting of the Loyola Literary Society, and the speaker was Walter George Smith, who sketched the career of the young Russian of noble blood from the time of his leaving home to his death, and also made reference to the monument recently erected at Loretto to commemorate his name by Chas. M. Schwab.

CAKE SALE.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Methodist church will hold one of their popular cake sales on Saturday evening, April 6th, at 6:30 in the Rhody Building on 8th avenue. Cakes and other table delicacies, Easter eggs, etc., on sale.

MRS. W. H. SANDFORD,

President.



TIME TO LOOK AROUND FOR A SPRING SUIT.

When you are looking don't forget that we have the swellest as well as the largest stock to select from.

We sell an all wool Suit for \$6.00.

\$8.50 and up to \$16.00

Fancy stripes and checks as well as plaids.

Black Suits in great profusion and big variety.

BIG stock Boy's and Children's Clothing here.

GREAT VARIETY NEW SHIRTS.

50c, 88c and A DOLLAR. Look in the West Window for samples.

NECKWEAR. Always one of our strong points.

Finest assortment we ever had. The buyers know what that means here.

Our "On Top" Shoe for Men at \$3.50 is \$5 Worth.

Our "La Mode" and La Belle Ladies Shoe at \$3.50 and 2.50

Are great fitters and great sellers. The cut price of \$2.90 and 2.18 still prevails, and will.

WE MAKE CLOTHING TO ORDER.

Suits \$15.00 to \$40.00. Fit Guaranteed.

The Keystone Clothiers and Shoe Dealers.

Directly Opposite the Bank.

GREAT REDUCTION

—IN—

FALL AND WINTER GOODS at

Mirkin & Kusner's.

Special prices on Ladies' Coats and Capes. Large line of Men's Overcoats and Suits must be sold AT COST to make room for new goods.

19 Cents

Isn't much money, but it will buy an excellent Child's Sailor Hat. The finest display of Artificial Flowers and Hats ever brought to Patton you will find at

EVANS SISTERS.

Watch for announcement of date of Easter opening.

SPRING MILLINERY.

To the Ladies of Patton and vicinity we wish to announce that Mrs. Robison has had an Experienced Milliner in the City purchasing a full line of up-to-date Millinery for the spring and summer trade, consisting of the latest designs and styles. An inspection of the stock solicited.

MRS. G. ROBISON,
Nolan Bldg., Magee Ave.,
PATTON, PA.