

THE TIMES Local Department.

PENNSYLVANIA R. R.—MIDDLE DIVISION.

On and after Nov. 10th, 1879, Trains run as follows:

Table with columns for Westward and Eastward, listing train numbers, routes, and arrival/departure times.

Pittsburg Express leaves Harrisburg at 10:15 P.M. Duncannon 10:44 (Day). Newport 11:25 (Day) and arrives at Philadelphia at 11:50 A.M.

Brief Items.

Correspondents who wish their articles published must have them in not later than Saturday. Letters received Monday morning scarcely ever get published.

The first sleds of the season were seen on our streets on Monday morning.

Mr. George Blank has erected quite a neat house at the lower end of town.

G. W. Reeder has sold out his marble business in Little Germany.

Smith & Boyer, of Newport, lost a valuable horse by death last week.

A readable letter from Leadville Col., will be found on 8th page.

Rev. Henry Ward Beecher will lecture in the Harrisburg Opera house this (Monday) evening.

Quite a large number of persons went to the Grant reception in Harrisburg on Monday of last week.

Coal oil has taken a lively movement up so as not to be behind other articles which have advanced in price.

Every thing has gone up in price except the subscription rate to newspapers.

Mrs. Zell in Carlisle has been refused a new trial. So the prospects are that Carlisle will have a woman to hang, as Judge Herman has passed the death sentence upon her.

Julia Hoover of Ephrata, Lancaster county, has been held to answer the charge of murder for poisoning her step sister.

Subscribers residing out of the county can tell by looking at the date on their label whether or not it is time for them to renew their subscription.

The P. R. R. depot at Tyrone was burned on Thursday morning. The baggage room was also destroyed. Loss about \$8,000.

Chas. Raub of Wheatfield township, killed a porker last week that weighed 300 pounds. It was but little over a year old and he thinks it hard to beat.

Rev. O. S. Haddock, recently of the Carlisle "Herald," died in that place on Wednesday last, after a lingering illness. He leaves many friends to regret his departure.

G. W. Gehr has opened a Marble Shop at Ellitsburg, where he is prepared to manufacture Grave Stones and Monuments at short notice and at reasonable rates.

A man named Joseph Doyle shot an American (grey) eagle near a place called Dry Run, in Franklin county, the other day. It measured six feet ten inches from tip to tip.

Last week Prof. Miller closed a very successful term of his school for practical penmanship—34 pupils in regular attendance. He purposes re-opening in the spring. See rates for writing cards on eighth page of this paper.

The mail pouch intended for Lewis town, was lost off East Line west on Thursday evening of last week. By some accident the bag fell out of the car and into the Juniata river, which is very close to the railroad bed. A number of the men have thoroughly searched the river since, but no bag was found.

An Exchange tells this way of making a cheap and true barometer: Put a small quantity of finely pulverized alum in a long, half-ounce vial, and fill it with spirits of wine. When the atmosphere is dry and clear, the spirits will be as crystal; but on the approach of rain or bad weather, the alum will rise in the center in the form of a spiral cloud, which is an infallible indication of rain or bad weather.

Sleigh Bells.—Some nice sleigh bells cheap, also all other kinds of hardware for sale by F. MORTIMER.

Festival.—The Ladies of the Reformed Church will hold a festival during the January Court for the benefit of the Church. Good meals furnished for 25 cents. Oysters, Ice Cream and Cakes, extra.

It isn't Us.—As evidence that you must go from home to get the news, we quote the following from the Altoona Tribune:

"The Assessor of New Bloomfield, Perry county, found one man in that town who had at least \$65,000 out on interest."

Temperance Meeting next Saturday evening at 8 o'clock in the Methodist Church. Reading by Chas. A. Barnett, Esq., and Mr. Harry Soule. Debate—"Ought Temperance men to seek the formation of a Temperance Party?" Affirmative, Rev. J. Edgar; Negative, J. Riehey. Music by the Junior Temperance Choir. Election of officers. Come one and all.

Christmas Tree.—There will be Christmas services in the Reformed Church in this place on Christmas evening, (23th.) The church will be festooned. Suitable Christmas service, singing, addresses and distribution of gifts will be the order of the evening. Admission free, but hope all will bring a liberal offering for the "Bethany Orphans' Home."

Badly Hurt.—A young man named John Spees, a resident of Wheatfield township, but employed by Gring & Co., in the lumber business, was severely hurt while cutting down a tree in Pfoutz's Valley. Spees and McKinney had just cut down a tree which lodged, and as it fell, a large limb broke off and struck young Spees on the back of the neck, knocking him down and crushing him on to a log. He was picked up insensible, and for a time it was feared his injuries were fatal. We are glad to be able to state that his injuries do not prove to be dangerous.

School Books.—A committee was appointed during the institute to present the case to Judge Junkin and ask his opinion as to the power of School Directors to purchase books for the schools. In reply the Judge gives the following OPINION.

"I am of opinion that there is inherent power in School Directors to purchase all the school books required, and lend them to scholars for use, just as other necessary instruments and aids may be purchased for the common use of all pupils, such as blackboards, globes, and other appliances. The duty of Directors is to so constitute their schools that the ends thereof may be subserved, and it is a principal that powers are implied commensurate with the duty enjoined. B. F. JUNKIN."

A Preacher's Slander Suit.—Luther C. Shammo, a farmer residing in Lower Paxton township, near Linglestown, brought suit for slander against Rev. Simon Mower, a preacher of the United Brethren church, for the purpose of recovering damages. The jury returned a verdict of \$225 damages and costs against Mr. Mower. The suit arose from the circumstance that in the month of October, 1876, a report was circulated that Mr. Shammo had set fire to his barn to secure the insurance money. This report he followed up, and finally traced it to Rev. Simon Mower, the defendant, and forthwith instituted suit against him in an action for damages, with the above result.—Patriot.

A Sheep Story.—One day last week a drover called at the railroad freight office and desired a stock car, to load sheep for the Eastern market. He became quite indignant when he learned that he would have to wait until the next day before he could be accommodated.—He endeavored to create the impression that he was old drover and had been able to get a car off any train in less than twenty minutes' time, load his sheep and send them out in another twenty minutes, whether through or local train. In due time a car was put in on the Millford siding for him, but the sheep were not loaded, for good and sufficient reasons to the drivers and in direct variance with the wishes of the drover. It seems that these sheep were purchased away up in the upper end of Perry county, and driven from New Germantown to Newport, by Samuel J. Phillips and another gentleman who claimed reasonable wages for their big walk and labors in driving the sheep.—Mr. Drover refused to pay these demands and the sheep were driven away from the stock yard to the Ninth Ward Hotel stable, where they were looked up and faithfully guarded. The drover found his financial condition far below par, and induced a friend to advance him enough money to liquidate the claims of the drivers, so that he could transport the sheep to market before the prices would decline. He finally got his sheep and shipped them off. There seems to be some crookedness connected with the whole transaction, as well as with some of the prior actions of the drover. It seems that he purchased the sheep from a Mr. Briner, residing in the upper end, and gave him a draft on the People's Bank of Newport for the amount. The draft was drawn one day after sight, and bore a date in 1877. Mr. Briner, fearing all was not right, hastened to Newport and presented the draft to Mr. T. H. Milligan, President of the Newport Deposit Bank. When the drover put in an appearance in Newport, he was promptly asked to honor the draft, which he did after considerable talking.

Aaron Dorsey, barber, who recently moved to Newport from Orbisonia, Huntingdon county, informs us that this same fellow succeeded in fleecing

some \$700 or \$800 worth of sheep from farmers in that neighborhood, without rendering any equivalent whatever, other than promises to pay. —Newport Ledger.

Babies.—If you want a nice wax doll or other style of dolls for the little one on Christmas, you can get it at MORTIMER'S. Also other toys and pretty Christmas presents, cheap!

Juniata County.—We copy the following from the Juniata county papers of last week.

The Perrysville Bridge Company has declared a dividend of 6 per cent.

Eddie, a young son of Mr. F. F. Rohm of Patterson had his right leg broken on Monday by having it caught in the wheel of a buggy while in the act of jumping on behind the vehicle.

There are a few cases of diphtheria in Fermanagh township. Flour of sulphur mixed with water and used as a gargle, is said to be a certain and speedy cure for that disease.—Sentinel.

Cumberland County.—We copy the following from the Cumberland papers of last week:

A pet owl owned by J. G. Koons, of Oakville, caught an opossum which was visiting his chicken coop.

Josiah Dewalt of Millin township numbers over a dozen red and gray foxes which he has killed within a year.

Mr. David Baldoesser while shelling corn at Mr. Starlippers one half mile north of Carlisle, his hand caught in the machinery, crushing it terribly. Dr. W. G. Stewart, dressed the wound.

Men are now engaged at prospecting for ore upon the farm of Mr. Michael Long in Penn township. They have reached a depth of only ten feet, but the indications are very good. Mr. Long has refused \$50 per acre for a hundred acres of his farm.

Miss Bella Jackson, daughter of Robert Jackson, near Oakville, who accompanied Gen. Grant and party on their trip around the world, arrived home on Monday evening. Miss Jackson looks well, and was highly pleased with her trip. Her many friends and relatives welcome her on her safe arrival.

Some time ago Harry M'Cauley residing near Green Spring, was out in pursuit of game along the creek. He succeeded in shooting eleven wild ducks, three of the number he killed at one shot. This successful hunt was accomplished in a few hours. Who's ahead? Let's hear.—Newville Star.

During the past week Miss Zollinger, residing on Bedford street, came near being suffocated by gas from a coal stove. The chimney, it seems, had been closed up by bricks falling into it. After the removal of the obstruction no further trouble was had.

Friday morning, about 4 o'clock, the woolen and grain mill of Jacob Hartman better known as Stover's factory, situated in Upper Allen twp., about one-half mile south of Bowmansdale, was totally destroyed by fire together with the machinery and contents. Loss about \$2,000.

On Saturday afternoon last, about two o'clock, the stable of Adam Minich, on Church alley, was discovered to be on fire. The stable and a lot of hay was all that was consumed by the flames. No insurance; loss about \$300. Cause unknown.

Shortly after the above, an alarm was again sounded, which was promptly replied to by the members of both companies. This proved to be the burning of the roof of the building occupied by Samuel Crownfelter, and belonging to James McCandlish, which was quickly put out by the bucket brigade. This fire was supposed to have originated by a spark from the above building.

Also, the roof of the property of J. C. Fosnot, editor of this paper was discovered by his eldest daughter to be on fire, she being the only one at home at the time, but in place of giving alarm, had the presence of mind to seize a bucket of water, and going on to the roof through the houseway succeeded in extinguishing the flames. Cause the same as above.

Had there been a high wind during this fire we feel quite safe in saying that one-third of Newville would have been in ashes.—Newville Enterprise.

[Reported by Chas. H. Smiley, Esq.]

Court Proceedings.—On account of an extra term of Court in Juniata county, the argument list for the December term was continued until Monday the 15th inst. The following is a summary of the business transacted at that day's session:

COMMON PLEAS. Sale of real estate by Wm. Hemperly, assignee of John Hemperly, to Jos. T. Steel for \$1,995.94, subject to a recognizance of \$403.00 confirmed. Sale of real estate by L. W. Hamilton, assignee of J. R. Davis, to Jas. Leonard for \$950 confirmed. Decree of confirmation of sale of real estate by Lewis Gilliden, assignee of Benj. Long, Sr., to Geo. W. Filckinger and D. P. Sheibley, revoked, and alias order of sale for said real estate granted. Sale of house and lot in borough of Bloomfield to A. W. Orwan by James Miller, Committee of Ellen Miller, for \$603, confirmed. In the matter of execution issued by W. H. Mielck against J. M. Weibley, the goods having been claimed by J. H. G. Kinter and Mrs. J. M. Weibley, a rule was granted upon the claimants under the Sheriff's interpleader act to test the title to the property claimed. H. B. Zimmerman & Son vs. J. H. Ferguson, F. A. Fry, Jos. C. Barrett, J. O. McClintock and W. R. S. Cook, was a judgment given by defendants for the purchase money of the "Newport News" which was made payable in installments. A dispute exists as to the time when the interest should begin on the said payments, and rules for the purpose of opening proceedings to determine the dispute were granted. Alias order of sale of real estate to B. F. Hall, assignee of Chas. Stutzman, was granted.

David Mitchell, Isalah Carl, Josiah Clay, John Shively, Robert Jones and John H. Topley were appointed viewers to view and inspect the new county bridge erected over the Little Buffalo creek at Newport, also the bridge over the Little Juniata creek, at Duncannon.

Report of W. H. Sponsler, Auditor to reform recognizance in the estate of Dr. James Galbraith, of Landisburgh borough, dec'd, presented and held under advisement.

Report of W. H. Sponsler, Auditor, making distribution of the balance in hands of Hon. Hiram O'Neill and Jno. Potter, assignees of Catherine Potter, confirmed nisi.

In re-estate of Elizabeth Stephens, late of Buffalo twp., dec'd.—Rule granted at the instance of Margaret Troutman, on Simon Stephens, Executor, &c., to appear and show cause why an issue should not be directed to try the validity of the will of the said Elizabeth Stephens, argued and held under advisement.

Sheriff's sale of real estate of W. H. Kaufman to J. B. Kasepp, revoked, on application of creditors' attorney.

Jacob Holman's use vs. Maggie Holman and Jacob Hoffman and Jacob Holman. Plaintiff claimed to have paid off a judgment as the ball of Jacob Hoffman and wife, and was entitled to recover the judgment of \$528, back from them. Jacob Hoffman claimed to have signed the note under misrepresentations and having received none of the money, was not invested with any liability. After argument the judgment was stricken from the record as to Maggie Hoffman, who was a married woman, and execution restrained as to one-half the amount thereof, against Jacob Hoffman.

Permission was granted to J. E. Junkin, Auditor to distribute balance in hands of Rev. Sol. Bigham, assignee of Jacob Reistline, to file his report in vacation time upon notice, &c.

OPRARI'S COURT. Account of Jas. D. Willis, Adm'r, de bonis non of Finley Bowers, dec'd, was confirmed.

Account of J. Calvin Wallis, Adm'r of Ann Elizabeth Detrick, was confirmed, and the adm'r directed to pay the fund pro rata among preferred creditors.

C. J. T. Melotire, appointed Auditor to pass upon exceptions filed to account of J. Balfenberg and Chas. Vanderaer, Ex'r, &c., Chas. Vanderaer, dec'd.

Calvin Nelson, Esq., appointed Auditor to pass upon exceptions filed to account of C. S. Toomey and Em'l Toomey, Ex'r's, &c., of Henry Toomey, dec'd.

Order made revoking decree requiring Sam'l Creiser, Guardian of Susan E. Gibbons, to give bail.

Sale of real estate of Sam'l E. Ebert and G. Holte, in Tyrone twp., for \$11,600, and real estate in Jackson twp., containing 252 acres, to Ab'm Hostetter by G. A. and W. D. Ebert, Adm'r's of Daniel Ebert, dec'd, confirmed.

Sale of real estate to Sarah E. Rice by Jas. M. Rice, surviving Adm'r of Conrad Rice, dec'd, for \$2,250, confirmed.

Alias Inquisition awarded on real estate of Jas. Gibbons, of Rye twp., dec'd, awarded.

Rule on Fred. Boger, Ex'r, &c., of Fred. Boger, dec'd, to show cause why balance due on his account should not be paid or attachment issued.

Rule granted on legatees and creditors of E. B. Leonard, Sr., dec'd, to show cause why E. B. Leonard, Jr., Adm'r, &c., of his estate, should not be discharged.

Bond and recognizance of Dr. Sam'l Stites, Coroner, filed and approved.

FOR THE TIMES.

MR. EDITOR:—I do not think we ever had a more efficient corps of teachers than we have this winter. Our schools are in splendid running order. Each teacher seems to be doing his best to give satisfaction. There are four schools in our township, each teacher getting \$28 per month, which is no doubt a stimulant to greater exertion than if the salary was \$16 to \$20 per month. Our directors take a step in the right direction by employing men of experience, and paying them liberally.

We have organized a temperance society at No. 3 school-house, where quite a number have become members. Meetings are held every Saturday evening.

Mr. W. W. Frymire has started a new store in the vicinity of Glendale Mills. The grainfields are looking well.

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BLAIN, December 15, 1879.

MR. EDITOR:—We heartily agree with Omega, whose communication appeared in the "Democrat" some time since, that local news is interesting, and we would gladly furnish you items of news and then if they were not so scarce. The people here are industrious, law-abiding and church-going, attend to their own business and do not care whether any thing turns up or not. The village of New Germantown would be an excellent place for a local correspondent as they are turning up something in that enterprising town every day; don't know why it is, but think there are too many holes in the wall, dew-drop inns, and bad whisky.

The village of Blain is situated in the secluded, but fertile Sherman's Valley, yet we are in daily communication with the outside world. Our people have long been noted for their kind hospitality, enjoy an excellent reputation for pretty girls, substantial picnics, abundant crops and fat cattle, and long ago ceased to look upon Old Mother Cumberland as our superior in the production of crops.

Revels are being held in New Germantown and at Stony Point, with what success we are not able to say.

On last Thursday evening the residence of Rev. M. C. Piper was invaded by a band of miscreants bent on mischief. Possession was taken without a word of warning. After mature deliberation, however, the Reverend gentleman decided not to send for the Burgess or raise a disturbance as the donations amounted to over fifty dollars in value. An hour or two was whiled away very pleasantly, after which a few appropriate remarks were made by Rev. Piper, responded to by J. E. Moreland. Excellent music was rendered by S. Bixler, of Center, after which the company dispersed, satisfied with the result of their undertaking.

We notice that the People's Freight Railway is still looking after delinquent subscribers.—We do not see any reason why they do not pay up for the road most certainly be in running order as we noticed an account of a cow being killed along the line of road, and we cannot see how the cow was killed unless she came in contact with one of their ponderous engines. Some say it was not completed to the Pacific as the company promised, but it takes time and money to do that. Perhaps they are awaiting government aid. Some complain that it does not carry passengers, but they

must understand that it was built for a freight railroad, and the freight traffic is very heavy. Perhaps those delinquents could have settled the matter long ago if they had secured the services of Judge Lynch and made a hearty application of tar and feathers, but that not being a legal mode of proceeding, we discountenance any such doings. J. CLAIR.

FOR THE TIMES.

MR. EDITOR:—Thinking a few lines from Duncannon and vicinity would interest the many readers of your valuable paper, I transmit the following:—

The Duncannon Blast Furnace is undergoing a complete reconstruction under the management of Geo. Enney, of Harrisburg, a gentleman well versed in the mysteries of a furnace, and the Company are sparing nothing that will add toward making one of the finest furnaces in the State.

The old stock house has been removed, and a new and more convenient one erected, that when finished will be an ornament to the place. They are also building a new hoist, of the latest improved style, which, when finished, will be about 75 feet in height, and will require about 70,000 bricks to complete it. They are also raising the stack of the furnace about 30 feet, and adding four new boilers; also, a monster engine of 400 horse-power, besides other improvements of lesser note, when finished and the whole in motion will employ about thirty men.

The Nail Factory has not been for several days and, in fact, have not been doing much for four or five months, on account of trouble with the boilers. They have just finished placing in position a large tubular boiler, which, it is hoped, will end the trouble, and, as nails are in great demand, will give the nailers a good run during the winter. The rolling mill is working at full capacity, and turning out a large amount of bar iron, which is generally sold (or ordered) in advance, as it is often shipped before it is entirely cold. Great praise is due the energetic manager, Mr. John Winter, for the interest he takes in keeping the works in operation.

The great drought has been pretty severely felt in this section, as many of the wells and small streams were entirely dry, and the late rains have not been sufficient to affect the supply of water to any great extent.

The death-scream of the porker is heard in all directions, and a number of large ones have been slaughtered in this vicinity, many of them weighing over four hundred pounds.

The Lyceum at Duncannon borough school-house, on Monday evening, and Mt. Pleasant school-house on Friday evening of each week, are well attended, and those wanting information on various subjects will do well to attend, as there are some very able speakers, fine reading, and many amusing queries, all of which are interesting and instructive.

The Duncannon and Bloomfield H. R. appears to have fallen through, but perhaps "it is not dead but sleeping," and will at some future day awake to realize the fact that we must and will have a railroad.

There are some improvements going on in the village of Duncannon. Mr. Jos. Hawley is about completing a splendid brick house. Mr. John Baskins is erecting a furniture shop and Mr. F. F. Michler, a blacksmith shop, and there is some talk of Mr. Jos. M. Hawley building a Tannery, but I am not able to say if this is correct.

The schools are in a flourishing condition, there will probably be a public examination previous to the close of the term, as recommended by the State Supt. Prof. J. P. Wickersham, in School Journal for Dec. 1879, page 228, also by County Supt. S. B. Fainstock. H.

Farm for Rent.—The Valley Farm for rent. Formerly Hoffman's. Apply to JOSEPH BAILY, 51 2d St. Chew Jackson's Best Sweet Navy Tobacco

County Price Current.

Table listing prices for various goods in Bloomfield, December 22, 1879. Items include Flax Seed, Potatoes, Butter, Eggs, Dried Apples, and Dried Peaches.

NEWPORT MARKETS.

Table listing prices for various goods in Newport, December 20, 1879. Items include Flour, White Wheat, Red Wheat, Rye, Corn, Oats, Clover Seed, Timothy Seed, Flax Seed, Potatoes, Bacon, Lard, Hams, Ground Alum Salt, Limeburner's Coal, Stove Coal, Buckwheat Coal, and Gordon's Food per Sack.

CARLISLE PRODUCE MARKET.

CORRECTED WEEKLY. WOODWARD & BOBB. CARLISLE, December 20, 1879.

Table listing prices for various goods in Carlisle, December 20, 1879. Items include Family Flour, Superfine Flour, White Wheat, Red Wheat, Rye, Corn, Oats, Cloverseed, Timothyseed, Flax Seed, G. A. Salt, and Fine do.

Philadelphia Produce Market.

PHILADELPHIA, December 20, 1879.

Table listing prices for various goods in Philadelphia, December 20, 1879. Items include Flour unsettled, extra \$5 25@60; Pennsylvania family, \$5.00 @ \$5.75 Minnesota do., \$5.00 @ \$5.50; patent and high grades, \$5.50@7.00; Rye flour, \$3.25@3.50; Cornmeal, \$2.50; Wheat, red, 15@16; amber, 15@16; white, 14@14.50; Corn quiet and easy; yellow, 63@64c; mixed, 55@56c; Oats quiet; Pennsylvania and western white, 50@51c; western mixed, 47@48c; Rye 55@56c.

ASSIGNEE AND TRUSTEE ACCOUNTS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the following accounts have been filed in the Prothonotary's Office of Perry county, and will be presented to the Court for confirmation on Wednesday, the 7th day of January next:

- 1. The Account of Michael Derriek, Assignee of Matthias Burd, under deed of voluntary assignment for the benefit of creditors.
2. The Account of John Hemperly, Committee of Michael Peters, a Lunatic.
D. MICKEL, Prothy.
Prothy Office, Bloomfield, December 9th, 1879.