

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 stations like Philadelphia, Harrisburg, York, etc., and train numbers.

Pittsburg Express leaves Harrisburg at 10.15 P. M. and arrives at Pittsburg at 11.45 A. M.

Pacific Express West will stop at Duncannon at 4.30 and at Newport at 5.14 p. m., when flagged.

Going East, the Atlantic Express leaves Altoona Daily, the other trains Daily except Sunday.

Pacific Express east runs daily except Monday, and will stop at Duncannon at 11.19 a. m., when flagged.

On Sundays it will make the following extra stops when flagged: Bella Mills, Spruce Creek, Pottersburg, Mt. Union, McVeytown.

Brief Items.

The next Lutheran Conference will meet at Duncannon, this county.

For a special Court there was an unusual large number of persons in the town last week.

Jacob Kintert of Marysville has a 16 year old boy who wants to learn blacksmithing.

The Perry county doctors convened again last week. This time Newport was the place.

Court again this week for the trial of one case, a jury having been held over for the purpose.

Friend Fry of the Newport News was in town several days last week. He was on a courting expedition, but not the kind of courting he used to do.

The Ickesburg stage broke an axle of Dr. Sweeney's buggy as it drove into Newport on Thursday. The driver paid the repair bill and the Dr. was satisfied.

Messrs. Gring & Co., have four steam mills running on the lands of Jonathan Keiser, Jerome Castles, D. B. Cox and Hall, near Liverpool.

An Alderly Calf was sold a few days ago by Alex. Stuart of Franklin Co., for \$50. Rather high priced veal that would make.

Last Monday morning John Sullivan City Treasurer of Altoona, while on Eleventh avenue, was attacked with hemorrhage of the lungs, which resulted fatally in a few minutes.

The County Democratic Committee met on Tuesday, and elected James A. Gray representative delegate to the State Convention, and Henry Rinesmith, J. Rinehart and A. J. Stahler Senatorial Conferees.

He asked her the difference between a grass-hopper and a grass-widow. She gave it up. He answered, there is—she—well, there is no difference. They'll both jump at the first chance.

The Independent School District, composed of part of Monroe township, Juniata county, and part of West Perry township, Snyder county, will apply at the next Court for authority to issue bonds.

Quite a hard thunder shower visited this place on Saturday evening, and one still more severe after midnight ushered in Easter Sunday. The lightning was remarkably vivid and the thunder heavy enough to do credit to a July shower.

A surprise carpet rag party took possession of the residence of Mr. William Burn of this place on Tuesday evening last. About twenty ladies were present who sewed lots of rags until half-past ten, and then enjoyed a good supper.

At a meeting on Wednesday of the recently elected Directors of the Pennsylvania railroad, it was agreed to advance the compensation of all officers and employees of the road to the amount which it was prior to June 1, 1877, to take effect from and after April 1, next.

Mr. Cleaver who has so satisfactorily officiated for three years as pastor of the M. E. Church in this place, left for his new field of labor on Thursday last. We lose a good neighbor and the people of Mt. Union gain a worthy citizen and a good preacher.

On Thursday of last week Mr. David Deckard, of Mt. Patrick, while in the act of throwing straw down from the mow above the floor, in the barn of Martin Keller, in Buffalo township, fell through striking his head against a joist and landing on the barn floor, receiving painful injuries.—News.

A genuine earthquake occurred on Friday last week, in Path Valley and in Fulton county. The tremor ran in a westerly direction. At Richmond furnace, the houses trembled so that the window sash shook. Over in Fulton county, the people who felt the shock supposed that a terrible explosion had taken place at Richmond.

Church Notices.

Preaching in the M. E. Church next Sunday at 7 P. M. Sunday school at 9 A. M. Prayer meeting on Thursday evening. Also, preaching at Ickesburg at 10 A. M., at Walnut Grove 2 1/2 P. M.

Preaching in the Reformed church next Sunday, at 2 o'clock P. M. Prayer meeting Tuesday evening.

Presbyterian Church—Preaching at 11 A. M. Sunday School at 9.30 A. M. S. S. Quarterly Review Concert at 7 P. M. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock.

Who Can Beat It?—Mrs. Samuel Dunkleberger residing near Falling Springs has a quilt that has twenty-five thousand and eighty patches in it. This beats any patch work we ever heard of, can any one show a patching to it?

A Break Down.—On Tuesday morning the spring wagon used now as a stage on the upper end of the valley route, broke an axle between Loysville and Greenpark, and dumped the several passengers into the mud. Fortunately none were hurt.

Fire.—On Monday night at about ten o'clock some person set fire to a large straw stack on the lower farm belonging to Olive Rice. Had it been discovered a few moments later the barn would have been on fire. Help was soon obtained from Bally's and by great exertion the fire was confined to the stack. It is certain that the fire was incendiary as matches were discovered around the stack, but what the object was is hard to conceive.

Concert.—Prof. Charles Clarey, of Baltimore, will give a Concert in the Court House in this borough this evening, (Tuesday March 30,) assisted by a number of ladies and gentlemen of this place. Prof. Clarey is totally blind, and takes this method of securing a livelihood, by traveling from one place to another, enlisting the sympathies of the people in his behalf. His entertainments are highly spoken of.

Temperance Lecture.—On this (Monday evening) in Court House, by Rev. J. H. Dobbs, State lecturer of Good Templar Association. Subject "Legal Aspect of the Temperance Question." This lecture has been well received at Harrisburg and elsewhere, the lecturer being a pleasing speaker and handling his subject well. Combined Gospel Hymns will be used with Cornet accompaniment, Prof. Clarey playing Violin.

Don't You Know that we have over 2,000 names on our list, and among them are many John Smith's, Wm. Brown's, Black's, Gray's, etc. Now if John Smith wants us to change his address to any particular point, he must tell us where he gets the paper now, or we may change the wrong John Smith. Now please tell us, when you wish your paper changed, where you have been getting it, and save us a great deal of trouble. There is scarcely a week goes by that we are not compelled to look over the whole list, because not informed of the old P. O., address. We may also credit money to the wrong parties, by neglecting this caution.

Sad Suicide.—On Friday afternoon Mrs. Sarah Kline, relict of Peter Kline deceased, committed suicide by cutting her throat. The deceased resided with her daughter at Blain, and on the afternoon stated, the daughter desired to go to Mr. McKee's, about a mile distant and asked her mother if she could stay alone. She replied she could and would lay down awhile. On the return of the daughter the mother could not be found in the house and further search revealed the fact that she had fastened herself in an out house where she had cut her throat from ear to ear. She had probably been dead several hours when found. The deceased was about 75 years of age and was a good christian woman. The supposition is that she committed the deed while temporarily out of her mind.

Wants to Ship His Ore.—"We want to dig for ore up in Spring township, or rather mine ore that we know we have. Won't you chaps hurry up your railroad enterprise so we can ship it by rail from Bloomfield. We can give you lots of freight if you will give us the road."

The above extract we take from a letter written by a Spring twp., man. It strikes us as very cool. Why don't he move in the matter? Why ask us here to fix a way for him to travel on when he, according to his own letter has more reason to want a road than "we chaps here?" But that seems to be the way people all look at it. They want a road—they can use a road,—they can make money by having a road,—and they feel that it ought to be made; but they want other "chaps" to do it and then they will enjoy the use of it. The question we always ask a man who says he wants a railroad is, how much do you want it, stating it in dollars. That is what's the matter. We want it \$500, worth. Now what is the figure of our Spring township friend, or any other man up the valley?

A Serious Accident.—A Marysville letter says:

A serious accident happened on the N. C. R. W. at York Haven on March 24, resulting in seriously but not fatally injuring engineer Chas. Wilson, whose leg was broken, and Daniel Haney fireman, arm broken and injured in the breast and head, brakeman Geo. W. Jett shoulder broken.

The accident was caused by the negligence of the flagman of a train ahead not going back to protect his train and engineer Wilson ran into it demolishing

the cabin and several cars of the front train and wrecking his engine, and four cars behind the engine on his own train. Wilson and Haney were buried under these cars for ten or fifteen minutes before they could be extricated. The wreck caught fire and it required almost superhuman effort to save them from burning up. Engineer Wilson and Conductor W. H. Baughman met with an accident one year ago to-day resulting in the killing of their fireman, Chas. Delevingne, also caused by carelessness on the part of the Conductor and Engineer of an opposing train. Haney and Jett are Marysville men, and are both married.

Suffocated by Sulphur.—Last Saturday night, at one o'clock A. M., Robert Gilchrist, living at 307 North Street, was awakened by a jar on the floor of his room, caused by a child falling out of bed. Mr. Gilchrist is a deaf man, unable to hear audible sounds unless very loudly spoken, but the jar, affecting his nerves, awoke him suddenly. His first sensation was one of stupor and suffocation, and in a moment he realized that the condition of the atmosphere was of an unusual character, and he at once proceeded with great difficulty to strike a light. This being done, a scene presented itself well calculated to strike a beholder with horror. Mrs. Gilchrist, with two children, lay gasping in bed, as if in the agony of death, while the child on the floor writhed in agony. Four other children, in an adjoining room, were in a stupefied state, moaning fearfully, and the whole scene was one which Mr. Gilchrist will never forget. All the windows in the upper part of the house were opened, admitting the cold, damp air of the rainy morning. Mr. G., devoted himself first to arousing his wife, in which he soon succeeded, after which all the children were awakened, and such restoratives as were at hand were at once applied.

It was at first supposed that the whole family had been poisoned by something they had eaten, but careful inspection dispelled this theory. Not until about ten o'clock Saturday morning was the real cause of the suffocation revealed in the detached condition of the stove pipe leading to the bed chamber. The joint of the pipe was badly made, and having become detached admitted escaping sulphur into the bed chamber, producing the suffocation described. Half an hour's continued stupor would have ended the existence of nine persons, a father, mother and seven children of all ages. Had one of these children not fallen out of bed, thereby jarring the floor, all would to-day be wrapt under the cold earth in their last sleep.

Mr. Gilchrist and his family have been more or less affected by their suffocation ever since it occurred. The children especially feel the effects of the sulphur on their lungs, and will continue to do so for some time to come.

The causes which led to the affair are very common in their nature. A badly constructed stove pipe joint leading into a bed chamber, is an ordinary adjunct in all houses, a fact well calculated to startle the bravest housekeeper.—Harrisburg Telegraph.

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

Court Proceedings.—In order to clear up the list, as previously announced, a special term of Court for the trial of civil cases and the general dispatch of business began on Monday last, the 22d inst. Court convened at 10 o'clock with a full bench and a good attendance of the jurors summoned for the week's work.

The forenoon was exhausted in the hearing of a constable election case, from Carroll twp. At the Spring election in that township, Jacob Fleisher and Robert McDonald were the respective candidates for the useful if not lucrative office of constable in that usually peaceable and order loving district. According to the returns, each of the candidates had an equal number of the votes cast. There were no charges of bulldozing, or manipulation on the part of the Returning Board, and hence the matter was quietly submitted to the Court for a judicial determination in a manner of which the belligerent States of this politically distracted Union might do well to take notice. In obedience to a subpoena of the Court the ballot box was produced and a careful count by the Judges showed that an error had been made by the election officers the correction of which gave a majority of one vote to Jacob Fleisher. He was declared elected and thus Carroll twp., again secures the services of a good constable, which would also have been the case if his competitor had been successful. Junkin, att'y.

In the afternoon the first case called was Jacob Reistine and Susanna his wife in the right of and to the sole and separate use of the said Susanna, vs. Samuel Hockley. The facts in this case showed that Mrs. Reistine was the owner of a horse which she hired to Hockley as she alleged, to do certain work. The horse died in his possession and the piff. brought suit to recover damages. The question to be determined was whether the horse had been used for any other purpose than that for which he was hired, and if not whether his death was the result of negligence and bad treatment on the part of the hirer. The defense of Hockley was that after using the horse on the first occasion after he came into his possession he discovered that he was sick. He put him in his stable, cared for him several days, hitched him up again and he then became uproarious, broke from his control and jumped between two chestnut trees. The trees were not horse chestnuts, and he was not a chestnut horse. There was no affinity between them.

The trees would not yield, but the horse did. Like the inebriated individual in the story, he could not climb the tree, so he laid down at the foot, and there passed into that long dreamless sleep from which he never more could wake. The jury found that Hockley was free from blame, and the verdict was for deft. McIntire and Markle for piff. Sponsler for deft.

The next case was Newport Building Association vs. J. R. Dunbar and Sarah Dunbar. J. R. Dunbar owned stock in the Association, and Sarah Dunbar his wife owned real estate. Dunbar wanted to secure a loan upon his stock, and at the instance of the Association transferred the stock to his wife who gave a mortgage upon the real estate as security for its payment. The question to be determined under all the peculiar circumstances of the case was the actual amount due upon the mortgage. The verdict was for piff. for \$114.23. Barnett for piff. McIntire and Sponsler for deft.

Newport Building Association vs. John Sailor. This was another case growing out of the peculiar workings of such associations. There were no Building Associations in the land of Uz when Job lived, hence the old patriarch could cultivate his boils, sit down in the ashes and scrape himself with his potsherd, and still resist temptation. In this case the minute book contains the following entry: "By consent of the parties a verdict for piff. for \$400, that being collateral security for the money borrowed by deft. out of the piff's association; the Company having agreed in our presence to reinstate deft. as a member of the Association with all the rights of a member who pays up." Barnett for piff. Sponsler and Sponsler for deft.

Miller & Fetrow vs. J. Morrison owner or reputed owner and Wilson W. Morrison Contractor. Some time since J. Morrison built a dwelling house in the village of New Germantown. Plaintiffs done all the painting therefor and not receiving any pay for it, they filed a Mechanics Lien against the building. To a Scire Facias issued upon the lien Defts. filed an affidavit of defense alleging that the work was not properly done. The fact was developed that J. Morrison was a married woman and the lien did not contain the necessary allegations to bind a married woman's separate estate. Plaintiffs took a non Sult. Markel & Smiley for Piff. Sponsler for Deft.

J. H. Zimmerman vs. J. C. Barrett J. O. McClintock & W. R. S. Cook trading as J. C. Barrett & Co. Defendants had been the proprietors of The Newport News and the Plaintiff, a journeyman printer had been working for them for wages. He claimed a balance due him for \$50 while they admitted a balance due of \$11.20 which they paid in Court as a tender. The difficulty sprung out of the fact that the plaintiff had also been employed by Ferguson and Fry the former owners of the paper, who were also in debt to him, and when Fry who became the editor under the new administration made payments to him he claimed the right to appropriate them to the indebtedness of the old firm. This the defendants refused to permit and hence this action. Verdict for Defts. Sponsler for Piff. McIntire for Defts.

Geo. W. Huston vs. Francis W. Gibson. This was an action of ejectment founded on original title and proved to be a very interesting case. In the year 1793 on the 25th day of February, application for a warrant for a certain amount of land was made to the Land Office of the Commonwealth by Mrs. Ann Gibson, the mother of Chief Justice Jno. Bannister Gibson, Gen. Geo. Gibson and Francis Gibson, Esq. The survey in pursuance of the application was made on the 21st day of May, 1796, and the purchase money, \$7, s10, was paid. No further proceedings seem to be contained among the official records, but the evidence shows that the land designated by the lines of the official survey was taken into possession and partly, at least, enclosed by a fence. In after years, however, the fence was removed and the evidences of cultivation, if any existed was obliterated. In the year 1859, James B. Hackett who was then County surveyor, made application for a warrant covering a tract of land or a considerable part of it, in the name of Wm. Hackett, and perfected his title in accordance with the requirements of law. The title was then conveyed to James B. Hackett, who in turn conveyed the same to Geo. W. Huston. Francis W. Gibson claimed to have the legal title to the land through the Ann Gibson warrant and in order to test the validity of his claim he cut some growing timber, so that an action of trespass might be brought against him in which the ownership of the land could be tested. This disputed tract is in Carroll twp., and runs around the well-known Gibson's Rock on Sherman's creek. The many knotty points of law raised, and the zeal displayed by the counsel on both sides in an unusually vigorous contest, invested the case with a great degree of interest. Under the instructions of the Court a verdict of \$4.50 was rendered for piff. McIntire and Sponsler for piff. Seibert and Markel for deft.

Simon Charles and Mary Charles his wife for the sole and separate use of the said Mary Charles vs. The Franklin Fire Insurance Company of Philadelphia. Mary Charles sought to secure the amount of insurance she had on her buildings in Liverpool twp., which were burned some time since and out of which grew the famous Arson Cases which have such a prominent place in the history of the Quarter Sessions of our county. The action was brought in covenant against the Insurance Company but the production of the Policy which was an instrument not under seal, determined that no remedy existed in an action of covenant. The following order was made: "And now 25, March, 1780, this cause being ordered for trial, piff. asks leave to change the form of action from covenant to assumpsit which is allowed upon payment of all costs up to this date and the other party desiring a continuance the same is granted by the

Court." Potter and Sponsler for piff. McIntire and Barnett for deft.

In this case upon motion of C. J. T. McIntire, Esq., Andrew F. Deer, Esq., of Luzerne county, was admitted to practice law in the several Courts of Perry county and he also appeared as one of the counsel for deft.

C. B. Richards and Christiana Richards his wife for the sole and separate use of the said Christiana Richards vs. The Farmers and Mechanics Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Tyrone, Spring, Centre and Carroll townships, Perry county, Pa. Mrs. Richards owned certain property in Saville township. Some months since, while she and her husband with their family, were on a visit to Juniata county, the barn was burned to ashes, the house was badly damaged and a part of its contents were consumed, and she brought this action to recover damages for the injury sustained. The defense was that the fire was the work of an incendiary, Latimer Trego a brother of the plaintiff, it was alleged, aided and abetted by others of her near relatives burned the buildings in order to obtain the insurance money, and the plaintiff was *particeps criminis*. The incendiarism was satisfactorily established, but the jury did not believe that Mrs. Richards was a party to it and gave her a verdict for \$548.02. Sponsler, for plaintiff—Barnett, for defendant.

Mary Fennelle by her father and next friend Adam Fennelle vs. Charles Bates and Mary Ann Bates. Mary Fennelle, who is now a married woman complains that in December last she was a Spinster, "heart whole and fancy free" she was injured in her fair fame and reputation by Mrs. Bates, who took upon herself the task of informing the public that the piff. was about to increase the population of this country in a manner that has been in vogue since the days of the Patriarchs, although frowned upon by orthodox society, and declared a misdemeanor by the vigor of the law. Mrs. B. defended by saying that at one of those little gatherings of women, which are the escape valves of gossip for every community, she contributed her mite by throwing into the boiling pot of discussion a bit of rumor that had reached her ears. For this indiscretion the jury awarded a verdict for plaintiff for \$5 and costs. Sponsler, for piff—Barnett, for deft.

John T. Robinson vs. Samuel L. Hollenbach. The case involved a long settlement between the parties. Sometime since the defendant sold out his store to the plaintiff. Payments were made in accordance with their agreement from time to time by the plaintiff, but in the meantime, the defendant had been running a bill of considerable length, so that at the time the difficulty began, the plaintiff claimed that a fair settlement of accounts showed quite a balance in his favor. Various charges in the books of plaintiff were disputed and the trial required a long and tedious examination of the accounts. The Jury went out on Saturday evening and returned a verdict on Monday morning with a verdict for plaintiff of \$166 00.

Another jury having been empaneled to try a case on Monday, which has not yet been concluded, the balance of the Court proceedings will be reported next week.

Cumberland County.

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

Mr. David Brandt, living along the Big Spring has workmen engaged in prospecting for ore on his farm.

On Thursday evening, a student at the state Normal School by the name of J. F. Wagner, while handling a pistol in some way discharged one of the barrels, the ball entering the left hand below the thumb, and lodged in the wrist. The ball was extracted and wound dressed by Drs. Stewart and Marshall.

On Wednesday as Mrs. Cline of Leesburg, was toying with a child, belonging to a neighbor, and in the very act of putting it down was seized with heart disease and died instantly. Her death was considered remarkably sudden and apparently was without the slightest premonition of its approach.

On Wednesday night, James Reeder's grocery store, East Main street, narrowly escaped destruction from fire as well as the adjoining buildings. It appears that Mr. Reeder had roasted some peanuts in the oven, and had placed them in a basket, which he put in the room adjoining his store room. About eight o'clock, a customer noticed a light in the other room, through a crack in the door, and on investigation, the peanuts were found in a blaze, when they were removed, and none to soon, as the basket was burned through, and sitting on a package of matches, and in close proximity to a barrel of coal oil.—Shippensburg News.

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

On Saturday, some hungry cuss, broke into the smoke house of Benj. D. Kepner, in Milford township, and made a clean sweep of the meat, one piece of dried beef, one shoulder and nine sides. By good luck, Mr. Kepner says, "we had just that day taken the rest out."

On Saturday last, a little daughter of Mr. John Diehl, fell over the railing of one of the stairways in the Court-House and sustained painful injuries. Her father carried her home in his arms. We are pleased to know that she has almost recovered, and that her injuries bear no serious aspects.

On Wednesday evening of last week an "Egg Breaking" entertainment was given in the Lutheran church of this place. The programme was varied and entertaining. The munificent sum of \$248.88 was realized by the eggs.

On Monday night of last week thieves visited the premises of Mr. Samuel D. Kepner, in Turbett township, and helped themselves liberally to cabbage and turnips, which were buried in the garden near the house.

We invite the attention of the readers of THE TIMES to the advertisement in another column of Samuel Adams of Harrisburg who has a very large and well selected assortment of Brussels and Ingrain Carpets, Oil Cloths, Rugs, Mats and Matting. It will well pay those wanting anything in his line to give him a call. He is selling at very low prices; you can't miss the place; The Grand Opera house building No. 31 North 3d St., Harrisburg, Pa.

Young Married people wanting to get fitted up in house-keeping should remember to call when in Harrisburg, at the old and well-known Carpet-house, No. 213 North 2d Street. Mr. Seeger has an elegant assortment of Roxboro Tapestry, Brussels, Ingrain, Hall, and Stair Carpetings. Oil Cloths, Rugs, Mats and Matting. This is a long established and well-known house.