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The Highland News.
HILLSBOROUGH, OHIO.
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1880.

TOWN AND COUNTRY.

E. L. BOARDMAN, - - - LOCAL EDITOR.

South High street is to have a plank walk.

Jos. E. Marks, Esq., is in Greenfield, on legal business.

The purchase of Christmas presents is beginning to be considered.

Miss Sallie Murphy is home from Marietta, to spend the winter.

Mr. Carlisle Barrere, of Chillicothe, was in the city again last Sunday.

The Presbyterian Mite Society met last Friday evening at the Parsonage.

Jacob Shack bought four head of mules last Saturday for the Cincinnati market.

Our merchants generally have larger and finer stocks of holiday goods this year than usual.

Miss Annie Gartrell, of Ashland, Ky., is visiting Mrs. O. S. Price, on East Main street.

Quarterly meeting was held at the M. E. church last Saturday and Sunday, Rev. Van Cleve officiating.

Jacob Hilliard, Esq., of Leesburg, was in town on Monday, and made the NEWS office a pleasant call.

The indictment against John Link for manslaughter, for the killing of Taylor Pavey, has been nolled.

Commencing with the first of the year, the NEWS will publish each week a list of all marriage licenses issued.

The cantata "Under the Palms," to be given by the Presbyterian Sunday School holiday week, is a free exhibition.

Our genial friend, Jacob Hilliard, Esq. of Leesburg, was drawn last Monday as a petit juror for the next term of Court.

Adam Brandenburg, formerly a barber at George Hoffman's in this place, will accept our thanks for Bellfontaine papers.

Conductor Scott McClelland and wife, who have been boarding at the Kramer House, will change their quarters this week to the elegant residence of Mrs. J. C. Gregg.

And now Greenfield wants a new fire-engine, and we trust she will get it. Like Hillsboro, she needed a first-class conflagration to frighten her into the expenditure.

The revival meetings at the A. M. E. church are still in progress, and up to this time 23 conversions have been reported. Rev. A. March, of Georgetown, is assisting the pastor this week.

Marshal Willetts says that some of our citizens are alarmed about burglars, but he assures us there are none about. Our night police are too vigilant for them to operate very successfully in Hillsboro.

Edward Parker, son of Mr. T. H. Parker, of this township, died last week at Cullman, Ala., where he had gone for his health. His remains arrived here Sunday, and the funeral services were held at the family residence to-day (Tuesday).

Our genial friend, Isma Troth, Esq., of Lynchburg, has taken to himself a wife and launched out on the sea of matrimony. It is rather late in life for him to launch his bark, but we trust it will have smooth sailing. Miss Sallie Belford is the fortunate lady.

Deputy Auditor R. S. Woodrow found a pocket-book in the Court House hall last Saturday, containing $97, which proved to be the property of Mr. Lewis Barnes, of Union township, who sent his son to town Monday morning to look it up. Bob had just been to the NEWS office to advertise it, and turned it over to the owner without reward.

There is a marked difference between the temperature here and at Cincinnati. For example, last Thursday morning at 7 o'clock the thermometer here marked 7 below zero; at Cincinnati 8 above—a difference of 15 degrees. It is to be accounted for partly by our greater elevation, and partly by the protection afforded by the high and compact buildings in the city.

Mr. Chas. Y. Patton, living three miles northeast of New Boston, will sell horses, cows, yearling steers, stock hogs, Jackson wagon and harness, barouche, corn in the shock, hay in the mow, 2,000 feet of fencing lumber, farming utensils, household and kitchen furniture, &c. at public sale, on Wednesday, Dec. 22d. Mr. Patton is about to remove to Kansas, in the vicinity of Lawrence.

A pleasant announcement made by the Editors of St. NICHOLAS is that they have secured for their next number a story of Indian life by Ishtahembas (Brighteyes), the daughter of an Omaha chief, who has been traveling through the States during the last two years under the protection of two of her kinsmen, trying to rouse the conscience of the whites to the rights of her race.

The Mitchell & Rammelsberg Furniture Co., of Cincinnati, have sent us the Supplement to their Illustrated Catalogue, containing many beautiful engravings of Furniture, with the prices affixed. This is one of the oldest and largest establishments in the country, and parties dealing with them can rely upon the quality of their wares being just as represented. Copies of their Catalogue will be sent by mail, free, on application to the Co.

Probate Judge Gardner dropped into the NEWS office this afternoon (Tuesday), and took a turn at the "case", (not a legal case), and stuck type for a few moments just to see if he had forgotten how it was done. The Judge, it will be remembered, is an old newspaper man, having conducted the Washington C. H. Register many years ago—probably during the Harrison campaign. He found that his right hand had not forgot its cunning, and that with a little practice he would make as good a printer as anybody. The Judge is now open for engagements.

The charming little operetta "The Land of Nod," has proved a popular hit for the Christmas number of ST. NICHOLAS. It is easily gotten up, at slight expense, and proves a delightful entertainment, adapted to any season of the year.

It is already in active preparation in many places, and attractive additional music has been written for three or four of the recitations, which Scribner & Co. will send to those desirous of bringing out the operetta.

Dr. Gus. Bryan, who for many years has been engaged in the practice of his profession at Buford, Ohio, is making preparations to return with his family to Batavia, where years ago, under the learned and genial Dr. Kennedy, he was taught the science of medicine, the mysterious workings of nature, and the intricate secrets of human mechanism. Dr. Bryan and his people will be a pleasant addition to the society of Batavia, and we bespeak for them a cordial welcome.—[Batavia Cour.

The many friends of Dr. Bryan and family will regret to lose them from the society of the pleasant village of Buford, where they have so long resided. Mr. Bryan is a gentleman of fine attainments in his profession, of high moral and social worth, and will carry with him the best wishes of all who know him for his future prosperity.

Trimble's Tandem Trotters.

Col. Jas. Trimble drove his trotters tandem last Wednesday, hitched to a single sleigh. The team worked well, and the get-up of the entire rig was good.

Four-in-Hand.

Mr. James Clark put on more style than anybody last Wednesday, appearing with an elegant four-in-hand, hitched to his beautiful cutter. Mr. Clark has the best bells in town and his turn-out was a nobby one.

Correction.

The following postal card explains itself. It reached us too late to make the necessary correction in our last issue:

EDITOR NEWS:—I find I made a mistake in copying the 3d problem in Saturday's examinations. The answer should be $5,955.22, instead of $5,700. Please correct. Respectfully,

D. S. FERGUSON.

Dec. 6, 1880.

Probate Court.

Letters testamentary on the estate of Stephen Worley granted to Miller Worley. No bond.

An application filed to probate the will of Wm. P. Bernard. Set for hearing Dec. 14th.

Three marriage licenses issued for the week ending Monday, Dec. 13th.

Chicago Ahead.

All the world now looks up to Chicago as the great western metropolis of America, being far ahead of all competing cities; but none the less so, in its line, is Electric Bitters. From their real intrinsic value they have advanced to the front, and are now far ahead of all other remedies, positively curing where everything else fails. To try them is to be convinced. For sale by SEYBERT & CO., at fifty cents per bottle. nov18m6chgw

Improvements at the Reading Room.

At the meeting of Council Friday evening, the Building Committee was authorized to purchase new matting for the Reading Room, which will be done at once. Mr. Duffey has put a couple of strips of the old matting on the stairway of the City Hall, and when the floor of the Library room is carpeted it will again be a pleasant place to go and spend an hour.

Ohio Geological Reports.

Any one having the following volumes of the Ohio Geological Reports, which they wish to dispose of, can hear of a purchaser by applying to this office:

Annual Report of Geological Survey for 1869, and same for 1870.

1st and 2d volumes of Geology.

1st volume Paleontology.

A line to the editor, stating price, will receive prompt attention.

Death of Mrs. S. R. Brown.

Mrs. Brown, wife of Mr. S. R. Brown, the well-known stock-raiser, who recently moved to this city from Buford, died at his residence on East Main street, at 4 o'clock last Sunday morning, of heart disease, after an illness of about two weeks. She was about 56 years old, and a true Christian lady. The funeral services were held at the family residence on Monday, Rev. McSurely officiating, and the remains were taken to Buford for interment. The family have the sympathy of the community.

Attention, Business Men.

As this is the season for making out bills and statements of account, we call the attention of business men to the fact that they can actually make money by having bills and statements printed. The law says in substance, that if these are made out on paper that is printed at the head, they can be sent through the mail for one cent, the envelope being unsealed, whereas, if they are made out on unprinted paper, they will cost three cents. Thus, by patronizing the printer, two cents can be saved on every bill or statement sent through the mails, and that will more than pay the cost of the blanks. Send in your orders. Statements, bill heads, and all kinds of blanks put up in our patent blotter pads, or Sterling book covers, without extra charge, and as cheap as the cheapest.

PENN TOWNSHIP AHEAD.

THE BIGGEST PIGS OF THE SEASON.

Last week the NEWS published an item about some large hogs raised by Mr. Wm. Barry, of this township, which has brought forth the following from Penn township, which gives her the lead in hogs. If any of our farmers can beat this we would like to hear from them.

PENN Tp., Dec. 7th, 1880.

EDITOR NEWS:—I raised 45 head of hogs and fattened them, weighing them on the 6th inst. Their combined weight was 18,290 pounds, or an average of 406 4-9 pounds. Suit yourself about what to do with this. Yours,

ISAAC McVEY.

GRAND AND PETIT JURIES,

FOR THE JANUARY TERM OF COURT.

The following is a list of Grand and Petit Jurors for the January term, which begins on the 4th inst:

GRAND JURY.

P. C. Landess, Hamer; Geo. E. Easton, Brushcreek; M. S. McWilliams, Madison; Jas. Elton, Liberty; C. K. Coffman, Newmarket; P. W. Pratt, Dodson; Jas. Gilliland, Union; J. M. Lemon, Newmarket; Robt. Hodson, Dodson; A. J. Ballentine, Washington; David Dutton, Fairfield; M. T. Nelson, Liberty; R. W. Moberly, Clay; L. J. Coffman, Clay; Jacob Burns, Clay.

PETIT JURY.

Marshall Delph, Fairfield; Hamer Matthews, Clay; Jacob Hilliard, Fairfield; Joshua Hatcher, Liberty; J. H. Gossett, Salem; Josephus Bridwell, Fairfield; Lewis Fouch, Hamer; Geo. Vanzant, Clay; Jas. Kilgoure, Liberty; F. I. Bumgarner, Paint; Jas. Fishback, Madison; A. T. Hizer, Marshall.

Special Notice

TO OUR

Town and Hillsboro Post Office Subscribers.

We shall send bills next week to all our Town and Hillsboro P. O. subscribers, for arrearages up to the 1st of January, and for the year 1881 in advance, and hope all will call and settle promptly, and start the New Year square with the Printer, and their papers paid for a year in advance. As an inducement to those in arrears, all who pay up within 30 days will be charged only the advance price, $1.50 a year, for 1879 and 1880. If more than 2 years in arrears, our regular published rates will be charged in all cases.

Remember, that every subscriber must pay up all arrearages, and for 1881 in advance, in order to be entitled to one of our Premium Books.

Dec 15, 1880.

Our old friend, Jas. S. Ervin, of West Walnut street, dropped in on Monday to renew his subscription to the NEWS, as has been his regular custom every December, for 29 years past, ever since we have published the paper, and we don't know how many years before. After giving him his receipt and chatting awhile, we suggested that he might get us a new subscriber for next year, and pay us a dollar more, making two and a half for the two papers. He said he would try and left, but in less than 15 minutes returned, and handed us the dollar and the name. You see, reader, how easy it is done. Moral; "Go thou and do likewise."

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Do you want the very latest reliable news from every quarter of the globe? Do you want a special collection of Ohio news? Do you want choice and entertaining reading for your family, and useful information in Agriculture, Mechanics and Trade? Do you want a paper that is not full of advertisements, and is printed on clear, good size type, easy to read? If so, the Weekly Ohio State Journal is your paper. It is the best and cheapest family paper in the Union. One dollar a year, postage free, and the invaluable State Journal Almanac to every yearly subscriber. Send for specimen copy to COMLY, FRANCISCO & Co., Columbus, Ohio. dec16w2

Real Estate Transfers

For the week ending Dec. 13, 1880.

G. J. Murphy's adm'r. to Jerusha Ann Murphy, 53 acres in Dodson tp. $1,060.

Sallie J. Walker to William Spence, quit claim for 77 38-160 acres in Paint tp. $2,327.

Hugh Murphy to Wm. C. Vance, 41 32-160 acres in Dodson tp. $1,200.

Elizabeth Smart, Executrix, to Mary Aultman, lots in Greenfield, $1,000.

Sam'l McCollum et al. per Sheriff to Geo. Gough, lot in New Petersburg, $83.50.

Geo. H. Washburn et al. per Sheriff, to Leesburg Building and Loan Association, lot in Leesburg, $375.

Matilda E. Reed to Isaac Thrasher, 4 acres in Fairfield tp., $100.

Jos. Schwartz to Granville Pegan, 100 acres in Dodson tp., $8,000.

Abram Strain to J. C. Vance, 169 80-160 acres in New Market tp., $5,085.75.

J. Hilliard and wife to African M. E church of Leesburg, gift.

Absalom and Milton Fisher to Mary J. Miller, 66¼ acres in Washington tp., $432.

Geo. Ater to Wm. L. and James C. Williamson, 40 acres in Brushcreek tp., $600.

J. Hilliard to M. M. Covan, lot in Leesburg, $1,500.

J. Hilliard to R. M. Griffith, lots in Leesburg, $500.

Absalom Liferty to William Ferguson, 3 acres in Salem tp., $500.

HOLIDAY PRESENTS!

A HANDSOME STOCK OF JEWELRY.

Mr. George Stevenson certainly has the most elegant and carefully selected line of jewelry ever exhibited in Hillsboro, and a glance at his show cases is good for sore eyes. They are filled with the finest jewelry of every description, prominent among which are diamonds and other precious stones. His stock includes everything in his line from a small breast pin to an eight day clock, and his display is the talk of the town. It is just the place to go for a Christmas present, where you can get as good bargains as in Cincinnati or elsewhere. By strict attention to business George has established himself as the Duhme of Hillsboro, and his stock is a credit to the town. Don't forget the place, East Main street, in the room with Stevenson & Young.

Unclaimed Letters

Remaining in Hillsboro Post Office Dec. 7, 1880.

LADIES' LIST.

Berry Mrs Polly — Miller Rhesa
Betts Mis Amanda — Miller Mrs S
Cooper Miss America — Merle Clara
Clark Miss E (2) — Miller Mrs Victoria
Carlisle Miss Minnie — McDavid Mrs Hattie
Devit Miss Emma — McNeil Mrs M E
Hesler Miss Maggie — McEy Mrs W K
Huff Miss Cecelia — Link Miss Kittie.
Hough Mrs Elizabeth

GENTLEMEN'S LIST.

Bisher Lewis — Lemmon Sam'l
Broadstone Elias — McKaney Robt C
Blackburn Thos — Long Jas B
Brown J M — McNeil Wm (2)
Chapman F F — Morris Wm & Chas F
Cannon W E — McCoppin W C
Chaney Miles — Morrow M P
Cox Rev Ben — Milligan G W
Chapman Dill — Moore John P
Conard Jos — Nesbitt Jerry
Chaney Riley — Sullivan Wm
Cravens Chas — Spiller Lewis C
Gross Sam'l — Vaughn Abe
Hoffenbarger Jno — Wharton Mark
Hochberger Frank — Weimer Charley
Harshberger Wm — Wolverton J E (6).
Keys Ira

J. W. PATTERSON, P. M.

Local Option Convention.

TO THE TEMPERANCE PEOPLE OF HIGHLAND COUNTY,

HILLSBORO, Dec. 13, 1880.

It having been decided, at a meeting of the Temperance people of Hillsboro and vicinity, in favor of Local Option, to hold a Mass Convention in the City Hall, at Hillsboro, on Saturday, the 1st day of January, A. D. 1881, at 2 o'clock P. M., and a Committee having been appointed to notify the people of the county thereof,

Now, therefore, we, the undersigned, on behalf of said Committee, hereby announce said meeting, and do most cordially invite all the Temperance people of the county, who are favorable to Local Option, to be present.

The object for which said Convention is called is to form a County Temperance Alliance, to forward the Local Option movement, and to select delegates to attend the State Mass Temperance Convention, to be held at Columbus, on the 12th and 13th days of January, A. D. 1881.

By order of Committee,

J. L. BOARDMAN, Secretary. JOS. E. MARKS, President.

Wanted—35 Bbls. Soap.

Immediately, at the Hillsboro Woolen Mills. ELLIFRITZ & SON.

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Council Proceedings.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, Dec. 10th, 1880.

Council met pursuant to adjournment, all present except Councilman Ellifritz.

The Street Committee reported that they had contracted for the building of a plank walk on South High street.

The Building Committee were authorized to purchase matting for the Reading Room.

An ordinance was passed authorizing the Finance Committee to borrow money for Corporation purposes.

The following bills were presented and allowed:

B. F. Beeson, one month's services as Mayor,	$8 33
N. H. Ayres, one month's services as Clerk,	12 50
M. R. Willetts, one month's services as Marshal,	50 00
Ezra Stevenson, one month's services as Police,	48 00
J. G. Lyle, same,	48 00
R. J. Duffey, one month's services as Fire Engineer,	50 00
J. R. Rowe, one month's services as Stoker,	8 33
Peter G. Thompson, books for Public Library,	181 40
Seybert & Co., supplies for fire and light departments,	7 65
R. S. Quinn, oil for street lamps,	1 88
Jno. Matthews, oil and matches,	17 3
Jas. Clark, hauling fire engine to fill cistern,	1 50
G. W. Barrere, stationery for Mayor,	2 55
John Beckly, repairs for stove and water pipes,	6 35
Nathan Willett, gravel for streets,	4 40
Isaiah Goings, assisting police,	50
Jos. Williams, burying colt,	25
J. P. Ervin and others, street work,	89 05

No other business transacted and Council adjourned. N. H. AYRES, Clerk.

What the High School Boys and Girls Read.

At one of the general exercises in the Hillsboro High school last week, the pupils were requested to write on a slip of paper the names of the three books they had read and admired most, and which they would rather possess than any other. The Bible and school text books were excepted from the three, as it was supposed that many of the pupils would feel it a duty to name these, and it was desirable that the selection be made as far as possible from miscellaneous books. A few days was given for the preparation of the votes, which on being counted resulted as follows, proving that the boys and girls read something besides trash, and that they are forming a taste for good literature:

Pilgrim's Progress	13 votes.
United States History	9 "
Shakspeare	8 "
Uncle Tom's Cabin	6 "
Paradise Lost	6 "
History of England	3 "
St. Elmo	3 "
Tennyson's Poems	3 "
Life of Franklin	2 "
Life of Washington	2 "
Life of Webster	2 "
Nick Whiffles	2 "
Longfellow's Poems	2 "

The following received one vote each:

Ivanhoe, Pickwick Papers, John Halifax, Life of Henry Clay, Life of Francis Marion, Life of Mary and Martha Washington, Rollin's History, Children of the Abbey, Jane Eyre, Lady of the Lake, Home Scenes, Life of Napoleon, Life of Lafayette, The Flemmings, Alice Murray, The Blind Man's Daughter, Grant's Travels Around the World, Tramp Abroad, Bryant's Poems, Life of Finley, Environs of Jerusalem, Tom Brown at Rugby, Thaddeus of Warsaw, Nicholas Nickleby, Life of Columbus, What to Eat, and How to Cook It, Life of Daniel Boone, Travels of DeGama, Guizot's Histories, Dickens' Works, Burns' Poems, Little Women, David Copperfield, Woman on the Frontier, Nasby's Works, Life of Peter Cartwright, Moore's Poems, History of France, Try, Try Again, Uncle Tom's Story, The Loyal Path of Life, Dick's Works, History of Rome, Don Quixotte, Young Marooners, Life of Irving, Among The Thorns, Almost a Nun, Tempest and Sunshine, Mary Queen of Scots, Scottish Chiefs, Prince of House of David.

(Special to the News.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE IN GREENFIELD!

THE M. E. CHURCH IN RUINS!

LOSS ABOUT $12,000—NO INSURANCE.

ORIGIN OF THE FIRE SUPPOSED TO BE ACCIDENTAL.

A STEAM FIRE ENGINE NEEDED.

GREENFIELD, O., Dec. 13, 1880.

The large and handsome brick M. E. church, of this place, was entirely destroyed by fire between 5 and 6 o'clock this morning, Monday, Dec. 13. The fire was first discovered by the night watchman seeing smoke issuing from the windows. It most probably originated from the stoves, after the services the night before, and had smouldered all night. As the house was closed up tight the fire could not spread much for want of draft, and it was still confined to the floor when first discovered, but as soon as ventilation was given by opening the windows and doors, the flames rapidly climbed to the gallery, and then up the tall steeple to the very top, in a very few minutes. Every effort was made that possibly could be made to save the house, but as we have no fire engine, all was to no purpose, and the fine building, with nearly all its contents, was destroyed, only the walls being left standing, and they are badly damaged.

The dwellings near the church were saved by the persistent efforts of the citizens, who fought the fire with desperation. It is a fact that some of the men's clothing caught fire from the intense heat while working on the roof of the parsonage, opposite the church. All the adjoining buildings were saved without much damage, but nothing was saved from the church but three chairs and a can of coal-oil from the north class-room, and some coal in the cellar. The church and Sunday School organs were both destroyed, the larger one costing $550, several years ago. An effort was made to save the instrument, but it was impossible to do so, as the fire spread so rapidly throughout the whole audience room. The Sunday School Library, and singing books belonging to the choir, were all lost.

The blaze from the tall steeple was plainly seen at Frankfort, a distance of ten miles. Farmers living four and five miles out, say they could easily read a newspaper by the light.

The loss to the congregation and town is very great, and is deeply regretted. Men and women, members of the church, could be seen standing near by, weeping like children, as they saw the old church crumbling into ashes, where they had worshipped for years. Fortunately no one was hurt during the fire, though one young man fell from the parsonage roof to the ground, but was not hurt much. The loss on the church and contents is about $12,000. No insurance.

Our citizens will now, we hope, see the necessity of having a steam fire engine and a fire department to protect property from the devouring element. It is very fortunate that there was no wind blowing at the time, or we might have had a greater disaster to record. As it is, the loss by this fire is more than enough to have provided the town with a good fire engine, hose and all necessary apparatus, and there is little doubt that if we had possessed these things the church might have been saved, with comparatively slight loss. Let our citizens and town council take immediate steps to provide an efficient fire department.

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TERRIBLE TORTURES

OF AN ABUSED AND INJURED HUSBAND,

HAUNTED BY BRIGHT DREAMS OF HAPPINESS,

CLOSING WITH A PHOTOGRAPHIC PICTURE OF HIS SPOUSE,

WITH FLASHING EYES AND BROOMSTICK RAISED ALOFT.

Mrs. ——, of —— township, filed a few weeks since in the Court of Common Pleas, a petition for divorce, on the grounds that her husband has been guilty of gross neglect of duty, and has utterly refused and neglected to provide for her or to furnish her any of the necessaries of life, and has also been guilty of extreme cruelty, and has at divers and sundry times threatened to poison her and her stock, burn her house, &c., &c. The couple have been married since 1855, but have not been living together since 1874. Mr. —— files an answer to her petition and denies the charges set forth in general terms, closing his answer with the following touching and pathetic language:

"The defendant states that in addition to the acts of cruelty enumerated above, he has been compelled by the cruel treatment of the plaintiff to undergo great mental suffering, especially when compelled by her treatment to leave his home and seek an asylum among strangers. Asleep or awake, the terrible phantom of beggary and misery and the loss of the society of his children would haunt him, when far away from home and former scenes of happiness, when sleeping on the bed of strangers, at times sweet dreams of sunlight, of peace, of the distant home, of wife and children, would flit across his mind, but always closing with a struggling and shifting scene of mental agony; the contour of the sharp features, the flashing eyes and disheveled hair of his Mary Ann, with the rapidly gyrating broom-stick in her experienced hand, striking his dreaming mind with intense photographic exactness, inducing violent mental but ineffectual efforts to escape."

LOCAL OPTION.

A COUNTY CONVENTION CALLED,

TO MEET AT CITY HALL, HILLSBORO,

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1ST, 1881.

The regular Temperance meeting last Sunday afternoon, was well attended. Mr. J. M. Boyd presided, and on opening the meeting announced that it was called for business, in connection with the subject of Local Option, and that the first thing in order would be to take some action on that subject, after which if there was any time, there would be an opportunity for speaking.

Judge Thompson then offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That all the Temperance people of this county be and they are hereby invited to hold a County Convention in this Hall, at 2 o'clock P. M. on Saturday, the 1st day of January, A. D. 1881, for the purpose of forming a County Temperance Alliance, and also to choose delegates to the State Mass Temperance Convention, called to meet in the city of Columbus, on the 12th and 13th of January, 1881.

Judge Thompson then moved the appointment of the following committee in accordance with the above resolution:

Resolved, That J. E. Marks, J. S. Fidler, Josiah Stevenson, J. B. Rowe, A. Manning, A. W. Thornburg, M. R. Willetts and J. L. Boardman, be and are hereby appointed a Committee to make suitable arrangements for the meeting of said Convention, and also to take proper steps for the circulation of Local Option petitions, and to invite Mr. Geo. Calderwood, of Columbus, to be present at the meeting of said Convention and address the people in attendance.

The question was taken on the motion, and the appointment of the gentlemen named was unanimously confirmed.

On motion of Mr. J. L. Boardman the editors of all the county papers were requested to publish the call for the County Convention in their next issue.

There being no other business before the meeting, the Chair called on Judge Gardner, who made a few excellent practical remarks, more especially directed to the young men present, urging them to take a decided position on the side of Temperance. He said that the question had now become one of absorbing public interest, and it must be met and settled, as the slavery question had been. Mr. Seward had said, there was an "irrepressible conflict" between slavery and freedom, and in like manner there is an irrepressible conflict between temperance and intemperance, and it is one, which will continue to be waged until one or the other shall triumph. The young men present, some of whom had just become voters, and the youth who were soon to become men, would have to take their positions on one side or the other, and he begged them to weigh well their decision. He hoped they would array themselves on the side of Temperance, and not fear to let their position be known. There were too many professed friends of Temperance, who held back and refused to take any decided stand for the right. He knew men who would as soon think of walking into the fire as of entering a saloon in our town, but who would visit Cincinnati, and while there, surrounded by a different moral atmosphere, would give way to their appetites and indulge in intoxicating liquors, which they would never think of using at home. We want Temperance men, who will be firm and steadfast when exposed to temptation abroad, as well as at home—men who are willing to make sacrifices of appetite for the sake of saving their fellow-men.

The Chair then announced that the meeting next Sunday afternoon would be led by Mr. A. Manoing, and the meeting adjourned.

A Familiar War Name.

General Henry Halleck was born at Waterville, Oneida county, N. Y., Jan. 16, 1815; graduated at West Point Military Academy July 1, 1839; entered the army as second lieutenant of engineers; was in charge of fortifications in New York harbor, where he remained till 1846. In the same year he was sent by the government to study the principal military establishments in Europe. In 1846 he was ordered to California, where he served in various military and civil capacities, and was also director general of the New Almaden quicksilver mines. Entered upon the practice of law in San Francisco, and was president of a railroad. On the outbreak of the civil war he was appointed a major general in the United States army. He directed the military operations in the West and took command in the field in the spring and early summer of 1862. In July, same year, he was called to Washington and appointed general in-chief of all the armies of the United States, a position which he held till March 12, 1864. Halleck then received the appointment of chief of staff to the army, which he held till April, 1865, when he was placed in command of the military division of the James, his headquarters being at Richmond. In the following August he was transferred to the division of the Pacific, and in March, 1869, to that of the South, his headquarters being at Louisville. He published several works upon military and scientific topics. Died in Louisville, Ky., Jan. 9, 1872.

COURT.

THE WEEK OCCUPIED WITH THE MURDOCK-ROADS CASE.

A VERDICT FOR THE DEFENDANT OF $85.39.

THE LINK INDICTMENT NOLLIED, &c.

From Tuesday afternoon of last week until Saturday afternoon, the Court was employed in the case of Wm. P. Hughey and Elias Overman, Executors of the estate of Harvey Murdock, deceased, against Philip S. Roads, generally known as "Uncle Philip" Roads. There were two suits, one in chancery and one in law. The chancery suit was for the delivery to Mr. Roads of a certain note for $700, which the Executors of Mr. Murdock claimed to have against him; and the suit at law by the Executors was to enforce the payment of the $700 note. The note upon its face purported to have been executed on the 7th day of March, A. D. 1866. The defense was that P. S. Roads never signed the note; that it was a forgery, and without consideration. There was another defense, in which certain claims of P. S. Roads against Harvey Murdock's estate, as evidenced by two notes, one for $1058 and the other for $34, executed a few years ago, were set up. These claims were admitted to be true, and so the question in the case was narrowed down to the liability or non-liability of P. S. Roads on the $700 note of March 7th, 1866.

The plaintiffs were represented by Sloane & Hough, Gov. Hart and Irwin & Marks, and the defendants by C. H. Collins, Esq., of Collins & Worley, and Henry Rhoades, Esq.

As we stated last week, a jury was empaneled on Tuesday afternoon and the case was laid over until Wednesday morning, when the trial began.

TESTIMONY FOR PLAINTIFFS.

The testimony on behalf of the plaintiffs tended to show, that upon his deathbed Harvey Murdock had a conference with Wm. P. Hughey, whom he had named as Executor of his will, and in that conversation he (Murdock,) told Mr. Hughey about the note, and explained to him that about the time Uncle Phil. bought the Lupton farm he came to him, borrowed the money, and said that he had always intended to do something for him, and if he would let him have the $600 or $700 at six per cent. interest, he would at his death see that he got his money, with six per cent. interest, and also what was known as the "Jim" farm, for which he lent, that Murdock, on those conditions, lent him the money. Murdock was owing Roads at the time, and was paying 8 per cent. interest, and Murdock asked Hughey, "Do you think he would be mean enough to charge me eight per cent. and only pay me six per cent?"

Hughey and Overman both testified that they never saw the note until, as Executors, they went to appraise the property of the deceased, when it was found among his papers. Hughey also testified, that when assessing in 1866, Murdock told him that he had loaned Phil. Roads some money. Clarence M. Overman, O. S. Price and Benj. E. Hopkins (by deposition,) all testified as experts, that the signature on the note was the genuine signature of P. S. Roads. Wm. Elliott, Isma Troth, Wm. Spence and B. C. Hulitt, as well as the plaintiffs, Hughey and Elias Overman, from a knowledge of Phil. Roads' handwriting, also testified to the same effect.

TESTIMONY FOR DEFENSE.

For the defense, C. S. Bell, Henry Rhoads, J. S. Black, D. M. Barrett, E. L. Ferris, Dr. David Noble and J. C. Ferguson were examined, and all agreed that it was not the genuine signature of P. S. Roads, though Ferguson said that if it had been brought to him he would not have refused to take it, but from seeing the other signatures he now thought it might not be genuine. Geo. K. Rhoads testified as to a conversation with Murdock, in which Murdock proclaimed his poverty; Henry Rhoads also testified as to the circumstances of Murdock, and that he had loaned Murdock just before that, $500. Spence testified that at that time he also had loaned Murdock $200. Mr. Blazer bought the "Jim" farm in 1870 or 1871. E. A. Mosier testified that in February, 1866, P. L. Roads bought the Lupton farm, that it was all paid for between February 16th and March 19th, of that year.

The testimony closed on Thursday evening and on Friday morning Gov. Hart opened the argument on behalf of the plaintiffs. He was followed by Henry Rhoads, for the defendant, and at the conclusion of his speech Court adjourned until Saturday morning, when Ulric Sloane, Esq., began the closing argument for the plaintiffs. He spoke two hours and a half. The Judge then charged the jury and at 11:45 a. m. they retired. At 2:40 p. m. they reported, finding a verdict for the plaintiffs on the $700 note, amounting in all to $1,320, and for the defendant his counter claims, $1,405.39; and on the whole issues of the case found a balance in favor of the defendant for the sum of $85.39. This was a substantial victory for the plaintiffs, and a verdict that the $700 note was genuine.

Mr. Sloane, for plaintiffs, gave notice of a motion for the apportionment of costs, and Mr. Collins, for the defendant, gave notise of a motion for a new trial.

Several motions were then disposed of by the Court.

Mr. Hough brought up the motion filed by the State for a continuance in the case of John Link, indicted for the murder of Leroy T. Pavey. Upon consultation, and for good and satisfactory reasons, the case was nollied, the evidence being the same as that in the trial of Link for the murder of Samuel Pavey, of which he was acquitted.

On Monday the case of Thompson vs. Thompson was heard by the Court. It is of no special public interest.

ARCHBISHOP PURCELL'S TROUBLES.

THE CATHOLIC CHURCHES IN THIS COUNTY INVOLVED.

Mr. John B. Mannix, assignee of Archbishop Purcell, has filed a supplemental petition in the Hamilton Court of Common Pleas, for the sale of all the Catholic church property in the Cincinnati diocese, to pay the Archbishop's debts, amounting to $4,000,000. In the assignee's first petition only the church property in Cincinnatic and Hamilton county was included, but the supplemental petition includes all the church property in the diocese, which also takes in the counties of Auglaize, Brown, Butler, Champaign, Clarke, Clinton, Clermont, Darke, Greene, Hardin, Highland, Logan, Mercer, Madison, Montgomery, Miami, Pike, Preble, Ross, and Shelby.

The Catholic church and parsonage in this city, and the church in Greenfield, are included in the petition.

"The plaintiff states that it is claimed that the said real estate was not owned by John B. Purcell, as his individual estate, and was not in law assignable in trust for the benefit of his creditors, or in any manner liable to be subjected to the payment of his debts; but that the same was, and, notwithstanding said assignments, continues to be and is held in trust for ecclesiastical uses, by the said John B. Purcell as Archbishop of the Roman Catholic Church for the diocese of Cincinnati, and not otherwise.

"The plaintiff avers that the said claim is an incumbrance and a cloud upon the title of the said premises, and renders it impossible for him to sell the same until it shall have been ascertained and determined by the judgment of this Court, either that no such trust exists, or the limits and extent of the same.

"The plaintiff asks that all the property above described, in addition to that mentioned in his original petition, the Court may order all the real estate above described to be sold, free and unincumbered."

ALL AROUND.

THE WEEK'S HAPPENINGS IN THE COUNTY.

INTERESTING EVENTS CHRONICLED BY OUR CORRESPONDENTS.

THE NEWS OF THE COUNTY IN A NUT-SHELL.

DODSONVILLE.

A small child of Frank Shoemaker was buried last Sunday.

A. J. Orebaugh fell and sprained his wrist while skating.

Jo Shafer, our boss broom maker, is going to Cincinnati to work.

Joshua Shafer has moved into town and Wm. Hastings will occupy the home place.

The Western District Conference of the Miami Synod met in the Lutheran church here last week. Among the visitors were Revs. W. C. Barnett, Florence, Ky.; I. P. Shaffer, Xenia; B. F. Delo, Springfield; J. C. Zimmerman, Osborn, J. W. Kalor, Cincinnati, and others. The Conference was greeted with large audiences, and the interest was kept up in a high degree until the close.

GREENFIELD.

Next Saturday is stock sale day.

Coal 14 cents per bushel, delivered.

Miss Nellie Robins is sick with fever.

Mr. Z. Colvin has a felon on his right thumb.

Mr. Charles Smart left last Saturday, for Florida.

W. K. Dunlap has taken the tuba in the new Cornet Band.

Thermometer 8 degrees below zero last Thursday morning, Dec. 9.

Miss Sarah Briggs is sick with fever. Her mother is convalescent.

Mr. N. K. Mead, of Wyoming, O., was ere last week, visiting friends.

Mr. Chas. Gerkin's residence, near the M. & C. depot, is advertised for sale.

Mr. S. A. Morrison left last Sunday for Northern Ohio, on a visit to his old home.

The new band have moved their quarters to Dr. W. H. Wilson's Hall, on Washington street.

Mr. Robert Buck has been employed as night watchman, and went on duty last Monday night week.

A fisticuff fight occurred at the Atlantic House one night last week, between the bar-tender and a customer.

Mr. A. N. Hurd, agent of the S. S. R. R. at this place, is engaged in the coal trade, in connection with his office.

The citizens of Gormly Crossing, 4 miles north of this place, on the S. S. R. R. want a depot for their accommodation.

The destruction of the M. E. church by fire last Monday morning, is noticed at length in a special dispatch in another column.

Some one entered W. T. Parker's grocery one night last week, by breaking out a pane in the front window, and stole a box of cigars.

Miss Ida Wadkins, of Greenfield, and Mr. Wash Hughes, of South Salem, both colored, were married last Thursday evening, at South Salem.

And still another! At the Atlantic House, on last Thursday evening, Miss Walters, daughter of the landlady, to Mr. Longacker, of Blanchester, O., Rev. A. U. Beall officiating.

Detective John T. Norris, of Springfield, arrested a young man at Good Hope last week, and brought him here, for throwing an ear of corn through a passenger car window on the S. S. R.