

THE CAMBRIA FREEMAN.

THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 1867.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

THE CORNER-STONE CEREMONY.—In accordance with announcement the cornerstone of the new Catholic church, designed to be erected in this place, was laid with appropriate and impressive ceremonies, on Tuesday afternoon last, and was witnessed by a large and attentive concourse of people.

In addition to a record of the ceremony, a copy of each of the papers published in the county and also of the Pittsburgh Catholic, specimens of coin, currency, &c., were placed in the stone a list comprising the names of the Pope, Archbishop, Bishop of this Diocese, clergymen who participated in the ceremonies, architect of the building, as well as those of National, State, County and Borough officials.

SERIOUS RAILROAD ACCIDENT.—Mr. Hugh Gillin, engineer on the E. & C. R. R., and a resident of this place, met with a most painful accident and narrow escape from death at Cresson on Saturday evening last.

DISTRESSING CASUALTY.—From our Carrolltown correspondent we have the particulars of a deplorable accident which occurred near that place on Saturday evening last, by which a worthy priest, Father McGivern, was seriously, but we glad to learn not dangerously, injured.

Several adjournments on Tuesday, but owing to several adjournments on Tuesday, no business of special moment has transpired up to the hour of going to press on Wednesday.

LOCAL CORRESPONDENCE.

JOHNSTOWN, JUNE 3, 1867.

Dear Freeman.—My pen this week chronicles the death of one who stood high in the esteem of his fellow men here, and whose sudden demise has deprived a most excellent mother of an only son, the stay and prop of her declining years, and society generally of a worthy member.

Theo. K. Babcock, for many years a resident of this place, and latterly chief clerk of the Surveying General, died suddenly in his last moments by the sudden onset of disease of the heart. Mr. B. had many warm friends in this locality, who became endeared to him through the many traits and kindly disposition he always evinced.

Two men were sent up last week in default of bail, for alleged larceny. The affair, as detailed to me, was rather a mixed one, but from what I could gather the parties started out by getting drunk, and when about getting over this excellent species of pastime and enjoyment, one discovered he was minus \$15 and the other made the startling discovery that a mysterious disappearance of half a saw-horse had taken place from his mow holder.

A couple of old offenders were last week brought before the Burgess for disorderly conduct and indulging in a promiscuous set to with each other. His Honor was hearing the case with his usual urbanity, good nature and legal acumen, when just in the midst of some interesting details from a witness who was evidently a reader of a sporting journal, and who was describing the combat in F. B. style, one of the robust defendants upset the dignity of the proceedings by dropping his fist in a rude, unbecomingly and violent manner on his late antagonist's mouth, rather elongating the opening originally formed by nature.

The building formerly occupied by the defunct Mountain Echo was last week offered at public sale by its present proprietor, F. W. Hay. After being bid up to about \$6,000 the sale was adjourned till the second week of the present month, when Mr. H. will doubtless realize the amount at which he values the property.

In my "personal" last week I mentioned the fact of Mr. Geo. Gurley being in town, and from the rather dubious notice I gave him strangers might be led to infer that he wasn't exactly a standing member of a temperance association, I had of course no intention of conveying such an impression, nor had I the least idea of wounding his feelings.

Mr. Editor.—As I have already informed you I have never tried my hand at writing for a newspaper, but when my old friend, the lamented Charley Murray, edited the Democrat and Sentinel, I then dropped in and gave him my ideas of matters and news, and he would fix up some good things from data furnished him by his friend "Merced."

my hand, and let you have the benefit of the weekly transpirings in this old Democratic stronghold. It seems so strange that none of the leaders (?) of the party in this district find time to report anything to the democratic papers, though I suppose some of them want anything from the party, and having got tired supporting it, have laid it down just to rest themselves, and several so forth. But now for the news.

The weather for the past week has been somewhat improved in this locality—that is it don't rain quite so heavily nor incessantly as it did during the last month—and every tiller of the soil is now busily engaged putting in the balance of the spring crops.

Coal Mining and Shoddy.—The coal miners here, who had only partially recovered from the effects of a recent "strike," were forced to stand another blow on the 1st ult., the result of which was to send a number of them elsewhere to seek a living for their families, some of whom were actually suffering want from the effects of Shoddy rule.

Hymenal.—Lieut. John Lynch and Miss Maggie Hinds were married by Father Ryan at Summit church, on Tuesday, 28th ult. I hope John has gone to glory, and although I have no pretensions to poetical talent, I cannot refrain from saying to him that

"This very cruel, this lynching hind—your dear creature you should never have; But in your modest oporandi maybe she finds Something that mitigates the pain, as by a charm."

Educational (?).—The new School Directors of this district are to meet to-day to organize. There is a regular system practiced here in the selection of these officers. A sort of menagerie has been established in the central part of the district, from which are selected periodically one or more of the cutest animals, who, through the influence of the managers, are to lead the honest, unsophisticated members of the Board. This year,

"Oh, shades of Brutus! They have taken a Guyacactus!"

Now, Mr. Editor, I don't want to excite the envy or jealousies of your traveling correspondent, MacShane, but if he is miffed I can't help it. I am not going to hide my light under a bushel, or conceal it in any measure, in order that his may shine. So be it distinctly understood between us that I am also a travelling reporter for the Freeman. I shall take care, however, to keep clear of his territory, and don't want him to intrude himself into mine.

Well, Mr. Editor, as I meant to say, I was out in Old Westmoreland lately—stopped at Ex-Sheriff Huston's Hotel in Latrobe, and was of course treated like a gentleman. The Sheriff knows "how to keep a hotel," though his house is wanting in at least one of the conveniences mentioned by MacShane as found at a certain establishment at which he says he saw them drink in Philadelphia. A person goes up stairs here without the aid of either crutches or wanes, and generally makes it a point to enoos only what is considered honest. Hence, therefore, &c., I'll not go to Washington very soon.

I stopped and dined at the Scott House at Johnstown on my way out. I didn't see so very much of a Row as MacShane alleges is always kept up there, but suppose when a character of his distinction stops there the Row is greater than when a common man puts up. I think so. It is my intention, Mr. Editor, to be-out again this week and shall not forget you.

"Muchly" yours, MORDECAI.

VISITORS.—Among the visitors to our town during the present week, not attracted hither by the Court now in session, we had the pleasure of greeting Mr. William Murray, formerly of Summerhill, this county, at present of Altoona, and our genial young friends, Capt. Morgan McDonald and Mr. A. J. Spigelmir, of Philadelphia. The former gentleman is the senior member of the mercantile firm of Murray & Belford, Altoona, and the two latter represent the wholesale dry goods house of M. Cresswell & Co. and the extensive grocery establishment of Gillespie, Zeller & Co., Philadelphia. We commended the former to such of our friends as make their purchases in Altoona, and the two latter to those who buy to sell again. They are all three clever, deserving men, and practical friends of the Freeman.

May has retired from the scenes of actual life, blushing like the rose and beautiful, was along by bland breezes and spring zephyrs, and though during her visit she shed many tears, she parted from us in a fit of joyous laughter, and left us with the gratifying knowledge that V. S. Barber still continues to sell clothing, boots, shoes, dry goods, groceries, etc., just as cheap as anybody can at present pretend to sell them here or elsewhere. His stock is well worth examination, and his prices very low.

Any of our daily or weekly contemporaries wishing to secure a regular letter, racy, chatty and interesting, from Johnstown, can be accommodated for a reasonable consideration by addressing this office.

LIFE INSURANCE.—The advertisement of the Home Life Insurance Company of New York, which will be found elsewhere in our paper to-day, sets forth facts well worthy the consideration of all to whom they come greeting. It is a duty which every man owes to his family to endeavor to leave something for their support in case he should be called away by death, and there is certainly no more safe and satisfactory method of making this provision than by securing a life insurance policy. Mr. Benjamin E. Davis, who is at present among us as agent for this Company, and who has just arranged, as the following certificate will testify, the claim of the executors of H. Shoemaker, Esq., dec'd., is endeavoring to convince our citizens of the great advantages of life insurance, and we trust will succeed in enrolling many of them as patrons of this first class Company.

EBENSBURG, JUNE 3, 1867. Mess. ESLER & COLTON, Gen'l Agents of Home Life Insurance Co.—Gentlemen: I desire to express my thanks to you for your promptness in adjusting the claim under Policy No. 11098 on the life of my father, and would recommend your Company to the citizens of Ebensburg and neighborhood as not only sound and reliable, but prompt in the payment of losses. Yours truly, F. A. SHOEMAKER, Att'y for Estate.

WHAT ADVERTISING WILL DO.—When our young friend, F. Sharetta Dyest, house and sign painter, first came among us, the opinion was freely expressed that he would find little to do in his line. Nothing daunted, however, he first procured a shop, and then announced through the local papers what he was prepared to do, and in a short time his hands were so full of work that he was compelled to employ three journeymen to assist him, and he is now fully convinced of the efficacy of printer's ink in securing employment. Mr. D., as the work already done by him will convince anybody, is a proficient mechanic, and needs no further commendation to secure him plenty of work in our town and neighborhood. We trust he will be patronized as he deserves.

DIED.—At her mother's residence in Ebensburg, on Sunday morning last, Mrs. JANE E. O'NEILL, daughter of Mrs. Susan Rhey, aged 42 years. The deceased was beloved by all who knew her for her many virtues, and her loss will be severely felt by a large circle of relatives and friends. Her illness was protracted and borne with Christian fortitude and resignation. Her remains were interred at St. Patrick's Church, on Tuesday morning, with appropriate ceremonies. Requiescat in pace.

A MAN DOWN—LIFT HIM!—Circumstances compel me to make a long call, a strong call, and a sincere and determined call to all those knowing themselves indebted, the subscriber having liabilities to meet and drugs and other articles to buy, requiring cash and nothing but cash, although greenbacks might do. All the money that I have received from my patrons since my debut in Cambria county has not been sufficient to clear my drug bills. I do assure my friends that it is not my pleasure to harass or distress any one, but my necessity. I therefore hope this call will be sufficient notice to all. J. J. KRISSE, M. D. St. Augustine, June 6, 1867.—1m.

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