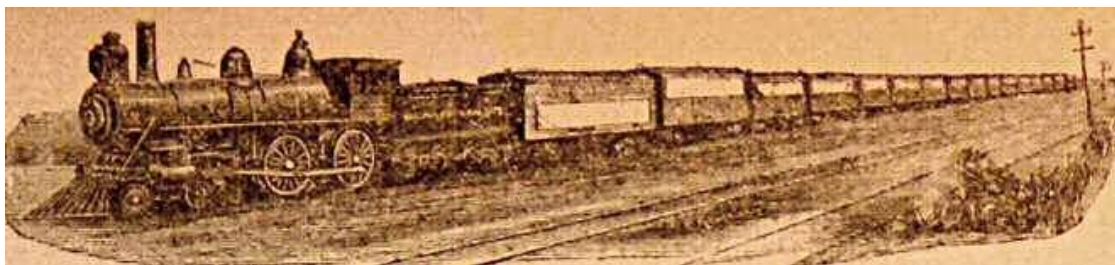


# PITCAIRN EXPRESS



## 1897 and 1898 Local News Items

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**Chapter 1**  
**PITCAIRN EXPRESS**  
**January 1897 Local News Items**

**January 7, 1897**  
**LOCAL NEWS.**

More snow.

Everybody is good now.

Revival meetings at the U. B. church.

East Pittsburg is about to have a weekly paper.

The caucus at Harrisburg this week, made it snow.

Beautiful weather overhead, but few people are traveling that way.

You have doubtless observed that many of our people are on their last legs.

The cold wave seems to have killed a number of the new year good resolutions.

Mr. John McBride and family of Tenth street, moved to Cumberland, Md. Monday last.

School opened on Monday after a ten day vacation and again the youth of our town is unhappy.

We cannot see why the Irwin people are kicking about their water rates, as long as the rate on beer is not increased.

About a dozen men were laid off at the transfer the first of the year. If freight does not get heavier before long, others will likely have to go.

Boies Penrose, was yesterday nominated to succeed J. Donald Cameron in the senate, by a vote of 133 to John Wanamaker's 75.

Them creaking snapping noises you hear of an evening are the stretching and breaking of them new year resolutions made last week.

The parties who tried to burglarize a couple of houses on the hill Saturday night are suspected, and will be closely watched in the future.

Accept the invitation of your neighbor and accompany him to the English services at the Lutheran church, the next Lord's day, January 10, at 7:30 p. m.

J. L. Benford, is having a milk depot erected on the corner of Second street and Wall avenue, where he intends keeping constantly on hand butter, eggs and milk.

J. A. Haverstick, lost a valuable horse Friday last by the animal straying too close to the cut on the east side of Brinton avenue. It fell over the bank into the street below, killing itself almost instantly.

Wilmerding shops paid their usual two weeks pay last week. Owing to the lack of work there was but a few of the boys drew over four days wages, that being their time for the past two weeks.

Mr. Bert Russell, of Indiana, Pa., on last Monday evening was elected as teacher in room No. 7 in place of Miss Sarah Sloan resigned. Miss Sloan has had a severe attack of typhoid fever, from which she is slowly recovering.

Pleasure owes its greatest zest to anticipation. The promise of a dollar fiddle will keep a schoolboy in happiness for a year. The fun connected with its possession will expire in an hour. Now, what is true of schoolboys is equally true of men. All men differ in the price of fiddles.

Tuesday night was the coldest so far this winter. The small boy and his skates are either "Cutting ice or right in the Swim," according to the strength of the ice.

Many of the ties that bind Wall to Pitcairn are being replaced by new ones. The old ones have become so familiar with many of our people that it will be like losing a friend, to part with them.

It is time our different parties were calling a suggestion meeting as there is quite a number of offices to be filled this coming February. Chief amongst them is the office for burgess.

Rev. Sherrick, pastor of the U. B. church has commenced a series of revival meetings, everybody is cordially invited to attend. The first, last Sunday's meeting was very interesting and the audience large.

Notice is hereby given the tax payers of Pitcairn borough that five per cent will be added upon all taxes not paid by January 7, 1897, and upon all school taxes not paid on or before January 18.  
D. H. WINEBRENNER, Col.

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Notice.—A meeting will be held in Reed's Hall Monday, Jan. 11, at 7:30 p. m., for the purpose of nominating officers for A. O. K. of the M. C. All persons interested are cordially invited to attend. The initiation fee will not be collected until Jan. 18. By order of the Committee,

A little boy, while engaged in defining words made a mistake which was not at all a mistake.

He said: "A demagogue is a vessel that holds beer, wine, gin, whiskey, or any other intoxicating liquor." He was probably thinking of a demijohn, but he hit the truth just the same.

A small portion of the Pennsylvania railroad's new track between Portage and Lilly has been completed. All trains now run over the new line from Lilly station to the western end of the town. It is said work will shortly resume on the unfinished part, and that it will be completed within a few months.

A man giving his name as Fred Jones secured boarding with Thomas Saunders, at Turtle Creek, a month ago. He represented himself as contractor for the new Butler and Pittsburg railroad, and said he was going to do several miles of grading between Turtle Creek and Murrys ville. He stayed three weeks, got Mrs. Saunders to lend him \$25 on a \$76 check, and left. He has not been heard of since.

"Is the editor of the Standard in?"

"In me behold the editor of the Irwin Standard."

"I have an article. I'll read—"

"Stop what's it about."

"It is an article entitled "How to Make Bees Pay."

"Git out! What I want to know is how to make subscribers pay."

Estray Notice.

There came trespassing on the premises of 'Squire Craft, in Patton township on or about the 18th of December, 1896, a red cow about 10 years old. The owner is hereby notified to come forward, prove property, pay charges and take the same away or it will be disposed of according to law.

W. A. Craft.

It is clearly in evidence that bank officials are taking the financial conditions of the country and the disasters that have happened to their

own banks very much to heart. Last week there were four or five suicides of bank officers, all supposed to have been induced by bank failures for which the suicides were more or less responsible. Some of them were remarkably tragic and striking in their character. It is a poor way to mend bad conditions. The brave man lives on; it is a coward who seeks the refuge of death by his own hands, and leaves his family to worry along as best they can without the means of support or even the friendship of former friends.

#### Lingering Letters.

The following list of unclaimed letters remaining in the Pitcairn P. O. two weeks or more, will be sent to the Dead Letter office if not called for in 30 days.

Ruben C. Beal, Mrs. W H. Barton, William Baker 2, John Calton, James Churchfield, John Colter, John Hallihan, Miss Claribel Kress, Esther McNeely, John P. McCallen, John Phynell, Mrs. E. J. Riddle, Rev. J. G. Shoemaker, J. Sides, Mrs. H. Walters.

Persons calling for any of the above letters will please state they are advertised.

M. L. Keck. P. M.

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#### January 14, 1897

#### LOCAL NEWS.

Lecture on the 20th.

The revival meetings in the U. B. church are doing some good work.

When we remember what people our enemies are, we have an unshaken belief in hell.

Talk up electric lights for the Blessed City. Pay no attention to the fogies.

The man who was to publish a newspaper to suit everybody fell out of Noah's ark and was drowned.

Speaking of curfew laws and things, how would it do to compel some of the "old boys" to keep better hours.

Don't fail to attend Prof. Andrew Czerny's lecture, on "The Ancient City of Nineveh" in City Hall, January 20, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Thomas McElroy, of Irwin, was presented with a handsome big boy, by his wife on Friday last. The advance agent of prosperity has surely struck that town.

The nitroglycerine and dynamite explosion at Shannopin Tuesday morning shook the earth for miles around. It was distinctly felt here, and

like the Irwin people, many thought the day of judgment was at hand.

Don't chew tobacco or gum in church. One is just as bad as the other and no one with a spark of religion in their makeup or has any self-respect will be guilty of either.

Indiana county would give out the idea with her five applications or license that thirst is not intense up there. But anybody who knows how readily an Indiana county man can balance a jug on his elbow will not mistake the sign.

Prof. Andrew Czerny, will deliver, lecture on "The Ancient City of Nineveh" illustrated with numerous Stereopticon views in City Hall, Pitcairn, Pa., on Wednesday evening, January 20, 1897, at 8 o'clock p. m. All those who appreciate a treat in ancient history should attend this lecture. Admission 50c.

A pocket book containing quite a sum of money, was found by one of the brakeman on the Wall accommodation leaving Pittsburg at 11:10 a. m. Tuesday morning. The owner a young lady from Hawkin's station claimed and received the same. Rewarding the brakeman for his honesty by "I thank you."

Backward, turn back ward, oh time in your flight; give me July again just for to-night. Soften the spot where the white frost has lain, oh let me bear the mosquito again. I am so weary of north winds and ice, weary of the gas trust their price, weary so weary, of frost bitten pie, bring me a piece of the Fourth of July. Backward turn backward, oh season, we pray, mercury not knowing whither to play, turn on the heat of the tropical zone, roast me until I am done to the bone. I am so tired of freezing my nose, weary of chill winds and corns on my toes, weary of trying to sleep with my wives cold feet—turn on the gas, mister, turn on the heat.

What makes Geary Pogue wear that broad smile? Why its a boy and a bouncing big one too. Born on the night of the sixth day and rested on the seventh.

Flag Presentation.

And Dedication of Wall's School Building.

Wilmerding council Jr. O. U. A. M.

accompanied by East McKeesport council attended the dedication of the handsome new school building at old Wall, Saturday last. The weather being pleasant the crowd was large, in fact the entire building was filled with patriots and patriotic speeches. Wilmerding council presented the directors with a handsome flag and the different schools with a finely engraved bible. We noticed some few Pitcairn people amongst the vast crowd as well as one or two of our school directors. Versailles township can well boast of having a handsome well finished house for the training of its young. The cost we understand was only \$15,000.

L. A. Liggett, one of our most respected citizens, and a brother of F. W. and C. M. Liggett, died at his residence on Broadway, Friday morning last, of brights disease. The deceased was a member of the Presbyterian church, a faithful husband and a loving father. Funeral service was held in the Presbyterian church Friday evening, and early Saturday morning the remains were taken to Washington county for interment. He leaves a wife and three small children to mourn his early death.

James Trainor, one of our near residents, aged 62, died at his home in Patton township, Thursday morning last of asthma. Mr. Trainor, was well-known throughout our valley as a long sufferer of this dreaded disease. He leaves a wife and several grown children.

Knight's of the Golden Eagle will have an open installation by Rising Star Castle, No. 331, Friday evening, January 15, Vocal and instrumental music, recitations, and addresses



for the good of the order. By order of the Committee.

Little Miss Annie McElroy of Old Wall, was up at 5 o'clock Monday morning to attend school in the new building. Her three year old sister Lila as well as all the other children in Wall want to go to the new school.

A few more days like last Sunday and we will have to lariat the trout fisher.

Smith Hostetter will quit batching this week. His wife returns from her Iowa trip.

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W. B. Hearn, of Huntingdon county, a former resident of Pitcairn is back amongst his old friends for a few days.

Candidates for burgess are looming up in good shape. But we fail to see any announcements.

Wilmerding Notes.

When in Wilmerding drop in the Hotel Harris.

Dentist McAlister, of Wilmerding, guarantees his work.

August Nied, the East Wilmerding grocer and baker, was a Pitcairn visitor Monday last.

John Patch made his weekly trip to South Side, Pittsburg, last Tuesday for the purpose of looking up his interest in the Odd Fellows lodge or the degree of Rebecca's.

The K. of P. at Wilmerding, had quite a time

Monday night last. Esq. Sibothan, Frank Harris, Chas. Sloan, Chas. Bishop, Col. Brodie and George Wasmund took the Oriental, after which a banquet was spread in the ball and a general good time was had. The order is fast working to the front and is now classed as one of the best.

A report has been printed in certain city papers that the Westinghouse airbrake company had reduced the wages of 150 brass finishers at the works at Wilmerding from 20 to 35 per cent. The report was this morning denied at the offices of the Westinghouse company.

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**January 21, 1897**  
**LOCAL NEWS.**

William Sloan lost a valuable horse Saturday morning.

English services this coming Sunday evening in the Evangelical Lutheran church.

Major Brown, a well-known citizen of Newtown, was a visitor at this office Monday last.

We failed to learn the result of the arrest at our station early, very early Saturday morning.

The soft weather of the past few days has spoiled the skating on the creek and increased the attendance at the revival meetings.

We see by the Comet that Jeannette is to have a tin shop. Which simply means the boys are going to change from whiskey to beer.

The M. E. church musical entertainment netted a surplus of twenty dollars, which will be applied to interest on mortgage of church.

Let every well disposed person resolve that during the year 1897 they will keep their nose out of other people's business and try and be some one of respectability.

Leap year is a thing of the past in there are yet remaining three million bachelors in this country. Is marriage a failure from a woman's standpoint?

The republicans will meet at the school house on Saturday evening, between the hours of 4 and 6 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of nominating officers to be elected at the spring elections.

The citizens of Patton township will meet at Monroeville school house, Saturday, January

23, 1897, between 1 and 4 o'clock, for the purpose of nominating township officers.

Fake industries are cropping up in Washington. Their representatives are busy before the tariff committee, with facts and figures ready to hand, to bolster them up into a robust and fraudulent prosperity at the expense of the consumer.

Near Radebaugh, on the Pennsylvania railroad, the middle side tracks there at present contain three miles of empty stock cars standing idle. These cars are used for westbound coal and coke shipments on the return trip to Chicago, but at present the slump in coal and coke traffic has made them next to useless.

Resolutions of Respect.

Whereas, God in his allwise providence has called from our midst our brother, Junior Past Councilor, L. A. Liggett, be it therefore

Resolved, that we show our sympathy in this hour of bereavement, and that we feel that we have lost a good and earnest member of our order, be it also

Resolved, that we have these resolutions be published in the Pitcairn Express, the Washington Reporter and the Braddock Observer, and copy sent to his wife, also a copy of these resolutions he recorded in our minute book and our charter draped for 30 days. Com. W. W. Wallace, J. F. Tilbrook, N. S. Gilson.

A remarkable bold robbery occurred at the residence of Mr. Patrick Coyle, at Larimer, on Friday evening about 6:30 o'clock. The particulars are as follows: Mr. Coyle and a friend had started up to Irwin leaving Mrs. Coyle alone in the house with her babe. The door was locked. While attending to her household duties a knock came to her door. Mrs. Coyle asked; "Who is there?" The answer was; "Never mind who is there. You open the door." She promptly replied that she would not

until she knew who wanted in. The fellow then said unless the door was opened immediately he would break it down. This frightened Mrs. Coyle and having \$35 in a pocketbook lying between the ticks of the bed, she hastily seized it, and was in the act of hiding it in the bosom of her dress, when the door was burst in, and a man holding a revolver dashed up to her. Presenting the pistol at her head he demanded her to hand over the money. She at first refused, but with dire threats the fellow struck the child, upset a table and threatened to kill her if she longer refused. The poor woman, in fear of her life handed over the money, when the fellow left. It is believed that he was one of the gang of tramps that make their headquarters at the coke ovens below the town. Several other houses were visited the same night, but this was the only one entered — Irwin Standard.

A meeting to celebrate the Fifth anniversary of the Association Bible Class which was organized in the office of C. K. Whitmire, shop foreman, January 18, 1892, was held in the U. B. church on Monday evening. About 150 persons was present. The report showed that 234 meetings for study had been held, with a total attendance of 2,527. 203 different men had attended. The address by Rev. S. A. Taggart, was very pleasing and practical revival of the men who have attended, testified as to the benefit the class had been to them. We hope to see many attending the classes in the future.

The next entertainment will be held February 2, in City Hall, Pitcairn Pa. Royal S. Goldsberry, of Brooklyn, N. Y., humorist and impersonator, will be the leading feature. E. Don Bancroft, Railway Secretary, of Columbus, O., will address the meeting in the cars next Sunday. Good attendance and good interest has been manifested in these meetings and a feast of good things is expected Sunday. Will you be there?

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Superintendent and General Agent Robert Pitcairn, of the Pennsylvania railroad, and H. C. Frick, of the Carnegie steel company, went to Philadelphia yesterday to consult with other Pennsylvania railroad officials.

Shortly after 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon, when extra freight train No. 1553, of the Pennsylvania railroad, westbound, was passing S. Z. block station, near Stewart, an axle broke down underneath one of the cars and several empty cars were derailed and wrecked. Brakeman E. O. Evans, who was on one of the forward cars, became frightened and jumped from the train. As he alighted the car following turned over on its side, crushing him beneath it and instantly killing him. Evans was a married man 29 years of age and resided at Derry. The body was taken to the house of a relative at No. 302 Corry avenue, Braddock. The other trainmen stayed on the cars and escaped with a few bruises. They say that if Evans had not jumped he would in all probability have escaped injury.

Every property owner in town is under obligations to take the Express, not only that but is under obligations to give it his Job Work and not only that, but speak a good word for it whenever he can, just for the very same reason that the Express is under obligations to speak good words for the institution of the town. We were surprised last week at a certain order whose principles are home and patriotic, patronizing Americans only, who sent away for their printed stationery, the lord knows where, and then come and ask the printer here to go on their bond for their treasurer, also insert their card free in the Express and print a 20 line

resolution gratis. Is it any wonder the devil kicks.

"The Sacred Touchstone" is the subject of another Lutheran sermon on the word of God, which will be preached at the Lutheran house of worship Sunday next at 7:30 p. m. Come, ye English speaking friends. The preacher will be there rain or shine. Won't you too.

The quarterly communion services will be held at the U. B. church next Sabbath morning. Rev. T. P Orner, presiding elder, will be present and preach on Friday and Saturday evening's and conduct the Sabbath morning services.

Mr. Myers, of Ebensburg, returned home Monday afternoon after a weeks visit here with his daughter, Mrs. A. C. Evans.

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**January 28, 1897**

#### LOCAL NEWS.

Coal men are happy.

There is many a slip etc.

Strictly in it. The ice man.

Now boys, where is your belles and your bells.

The heaviest snow fall of the season fell here Sunday last.

It's hard to find whiter streets than we have at present.

Keep your money and blood in circulation.

Keep cool, it will likely be hot enough in the next world,

All good true republicans will now use gold instead of silver bells when out sleighing.

Quite a number of transfer men were last week laid off till further notice, or until business brightens up.

On the heels of the rest of the trouble came the idiot who has a curiosity to know if it is cold enough for you.

Miss Bell Fairfax, of Third street, spent a few days with friends in Allegheny City, the latter part of last week.

A number of schoolboys are in the habit of sliding down the hill on their pants. We suppose the hill can stand it, if the pants can.

The citizens will hold their nominations this

(Thursday) evening in the school building. Everyone interested should not fail to attend.

Thieves visited the residence of David Thompson, near Turtle Creek, on Monday night and got away with 30 bushels of potatoes, 150 jars of preserves and a lot of apples.

It is funny to see different members of the fire company examine the heavy oak post on the corner of Centre avenue and Fourth street, to see where the water is to come from.

W. N. Barnhart, the hustling tinner, has entered into contracts with eastern slate producers, and is now prepared to do all kinds of slate roofing in addition to his tin roofing. Billy is nothing if not a hustler.

Notice.—To whom it may concern. My wife Josephine having left my bed and board without just cause or reason, I hereby give notice that I will pay no bills contracted by her.  
- Thomas Jordan.

And we have been calling it an open winter.

The grip is a bad thing to have, but some people have it.

The recent cold snap has froze out a great many western banks.

A certain Irwin girl will not wear a watch on her bosom because the watch has hands.

Coffee danced this week. Next week Coffee will move, having rented the Miller farm up at Cavittsville.

J. L. Benford, has opened his dairy on Wall avenue and agrees to furnish pure unadulterated milk to his patrons.

Superintendent Robert Pitcairn passed through here Tuesday on his way to Greensburg, where

he had some company business to transact.

The treasury department says there is a dangerous \$100 counterfeit bill in circulation. We're not worrying.

If Pitcairn ever expects to have electric lights now is the time to go at it. Get to talking and never cease until we have them.

The many friends of Seward W. Haymaker, will read with regret the sad intelligence of his death at Thomasville, Georgia. Seward was a young man of good promise, being but 32 years of age, and it is safe to say the most popular man in Turtle Creek valley. The interment took place at Cross Roads cemetery.

Mrs. Mary Abrams, the aged mother-in-law of George Wasmuth, who keeps a hotel at East McKeesport, died on Saturday from burns received by her clothing catching fire in the early morning. She was 77 years old and very feeble. The old lady had arisen and was stirring the fire when her clothing caught. In her frantic endeavors to extinguish the flames she set her bed on fire. When help reached her she was so badly burned that she died in a few hours.

Lingering Letters.

The following list-of letters remain in the Pitcairn P. O. and if not call for in 30 days, will be sent to the dead letter office.

W. W. Barton, Wm. Baker, Mrs. Wm. Baker, Ruben C. Beal, John Colter, Mrs. John Calton, Mrs. Jas. Churchfield, John Hallihan. John Phynell, Mrs. E. J. Riddle, Rev. J. G. Shoemaker, Elmer Wensel, Mrs. H. Walters. - M. L. Keck, P. M.

The citizens of Patton township held there primaries last Saturday and the following persons were nominated. Justice of the peace, J. S. Jones, school director, C. B. Beatty, J. C. Carouters, supervisor, J. I. Cooper, G. M. Brinton, tax collector, W. A. Johnston, auditor,

D. Spangler, treasurer, James McCann,  
township clerk, Wm. Patterson.

We see by the News of Wilmerding under date of January 15, that Mr. Harry Boycott has engendered the wrath of ye editor. It is almost certain to spoil Mr. Boycott's future prospects politically if his aspirations run that way, and we do not think Jake meant to be quite so personal as that, especially to one who was a citizen of Wilmerding long before Jake McKean ever thought of investing his wealth in the village. To assail a mans political character with the insinuations referred to is more than we think the editor, without some one behind him would do. We have always found Harry to be honest and straight-forward in all his dealings, a gentleman well-liked by his fellow-work man, and if the article does not reflect back upon the editor, we sadly miss our guess.

DIED IN BROOKLYN.

Rev. George Koenig Was Pastor of German Lutheran Trinity Church at Washington. The Rev George Koenig, pastor of the German Lutheran Trinity church at Washington, died Sunday from Bright's disease in Brooklyn. The Rev. Mr. Koenig was born October 29, 1862, in Cincinnati, O., where his father then had a charge. He received his college education at Fort Wayne, Ind., and graduated in 1882. He completed his theological studies in St. Louis in 1885.

After forming a congregation in Brooklyn eleven years ago, the Rev. Mr. Koenig went abroad, lecturing in France, Germany, North Italy and Switzerland. He returned to this country in 1890. He was a brother of Rev. Walter Koenig, of this place, who left here Monday evening to attend the funeral service. His mother having gone the day before. The family have the sympathy of our community in this their hour of bereavement.

**Chapter 2**  
**PITCAIRN EXPRESS**  
**February 1897 Local News Items**

**February 4, 1897**  
**LOCAL NEWS.**

Business is what you make it by advertising.

Electric lights will make work for the laborer.

It was Tuesday that Pennsylvania had a State house to burn.

Pennsylvania was burned out of house and home Tuesday last.

The groundhog wouldn't do a trick like the weather of last week.

Miss Birdie Stoner, of Scottdale, is guest of friends in this place.

The fire is the hottest stuff reported from Harrisburg in a good while.

The groundhog did not see his shadow Tuesday, but quite a number of other hogs did.

Three Indiana school ma'ams took men to support last vacation. They will teach them their terms out.

The best way to do in life is to imitate the postage stamp, and stick to one thing until you get there.

At this season of the year we are frequently reminded that the age of the hen bears no relation to the age of the egg.

Mr. Thomas Stewart, of this place, was united in marriage with Miss Lizzie Taylor, of Manor, on the evening of January 27.

Turtle Creek street cars and Wilmerding

buggies have come to the conclusion they cannot pass one another the same track.

Mr. Ed Horner, of this place, graduated last Friday from the Iron City college, Pittsburg. Ed is a bright young man, and is bound to succeed.

Miss Estelle Lohr, of this place, left on Monday morning for Mt. Pleasant, where she has accepted a position as stenographer with a life insurance company.

Milton Smith, assistant agent here, and who has been having a tussle with typhoid fever at the Mercy hospital, Pittsburg, is out again.

Wednesday morning, Edna, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Welshons, of Agatha street, upset a cup of boiling coffee upon her arm, scalding herself from the elbow to the hand severely.

At the Y. M. C. A. entertainment Tuesday night last, a young man persisted in whispering loudly to the lady who accompanied him, telling her what the music "meant," what sort of passage was coming next, and so on. Presently he closed his eyes, and said to his companion: "Did you ever try listening with your eyes shut? You've no idea how much better it sounds."

Hereupon a gentleman who sat in the seat in front of the young man, twisted himself about, and said, gravely: "Young man did you ever try listening to music with your mouth shut?" Thenceforth the silence in that part of the hall is said to have been almost painful.

Despite the fact that the thermometer was hugging the zero point on last Thursday evening, a gay party of young folks from this place, headed by Prof. Howard Welsh and his corps of elegant assistants, of the Pitcairn public schools, made a tour of the Bessemer steel works. Under the guidance of Police

Officer McAllister, of the steel company, the party were piloted around this monstrous establishment, and the various interesting processes in the art of steel-making were pointed out to them. When the large scales were reached someone suggested that the party be weighed en masse, and on mounting the platform it was found that this array of wit, talent and beauty tipped the beam at 2,000, or an average of 143 pounds, the party consisting of fourteen souls. On returning to Pitcairn, at 10 P. M., the party made a bee-line for the "Cafe de Koch," where an elegant repast had been prepared, after the demolition of which dancing and other amusement were indulged in. The participants were: Misses Thompson, Horner, Young, Owens, McJunkin, Kistler, McAllister, Mehaffey, and Messrs. Welsh, Horner, Young, Russell and Bair.

Last Sabbath evening we listened to a very interesting talk upon that unruly member the tongue, by Rev. I. S. Hawn. The reverend showed up the gossips and scandalmongers as if an arc light had struck them. Yet how many that were present will stop to think, how many slips their own tongue has made in the past year, instead of saying "That suits some people I know." A lying scandalous tongue is the foulest whelp of sin. The man or woman in whom this spirit enters, who propagate the lie their soul has formed, has their tongue set on fire by hell and their heart blackened as if by death itself. They should be shunned as one who has a deadly moral plague. No lady or gentleman with any claims to polite breeding can possibly associate themselves with one who carries on the nefarious practice.

P. R. R. Y. M. C. A. Notes.

The Y. M. C. A. is coming to the front. Rev. G. W. Sherrick, gave the boys a very excellent talk last Sunday, on "Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors." Not only a good talk but good attendance and good attention was manifested. The writer can say nothing with

more sincerity than that no man can afford to miss any of these meetings. Mr. R. J. McDowell still leads the singing. You should hear him. W. A. Galbraith, Allegheny County Gas Inspector will address the meeting next Sabbath February 6.

Next in line is the entertainment which was held Tuesday evening. It being the best and most largely attended held in Pitcairn, which shows the Y. M. C. A. is not asleep. Mr. Callender, the General Secretary, displays great thoughtfulness and wisdom in the selection of talent.

The cottage prayer meeting for this week will be on the south side, at the home of Wm. Loutzeniser, on Friday evening. Don't fail to be there.

To Florida via Pennsylvania Railroad.

The midwinter exodus has begun. The discomforts and dangers of wet winter weather are here, but to the southward, from a cloudless sky beams a beautiful sun upon a blooming land.

The next Pennsylvania Railroad tour to Jacksonville, allowing two weeks in Florida, will leave New York and Philadelphia February 9.

Excursion tickets, including railway transportation, Pullman accommodations (one berth), and meals en route in both directions while traveling on the special train, will be sold at the following rates: New York. \$50,00; Philadelphia, \$48,00; Canandaigua, \$52,85; Erie, \$54,85; Pittsburg, \$53.00, and proportionate rates from other points.

For tickets, itineraries, and other information apply to ticket agents, Tourist Agent at 1196 Broadway, New York, or to Geo W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia.

Deaths Doings.

On Thursday morning last Joseph Tilbrook, one of Patton township's oldest and most respected citizens died after a lingering illness of a year.



Mr. Tilbrook, is the last of the brothers which settled in this part of the county at an early date and accumulated considerable property, by his careful and economical ways.

Friday night Leola, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Hobough, of Third street, after an illness of but a few days. The pride of the family, the light of the household was suddenly called to the Masters house. Kind neighbors deeply sympathize with the parents in their great sorrow. The body was taken to Hall's church cemetery, beyond Murraysville for interment.

On Thursday morning of last week, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Heaps, was suddenly called home to the Father, who through his son has said, "Suffer little children to come unto me, for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven." The child was aged 3 months and 5 days.

The many friends of Mrs. John McIntosh, will be sorry to learn of her death by typhoid fever Sunday morning last. Interment private at Monongahela cemetery. Mr. McIntosh has the sympathy of the entire valley in this his hour of bereavement.

Just as we passed the house of Mrs. Richard's in East Wilmerding Tuesday afternoon, we were attracted by an unusual commotion in front of the premises. Upon inquiry it was learned that that estimable lady had just fell down stairs and broke her neck, dying almost instantly. Verifying death's saying, "I cometh like a thief in the night."

Rev. W. H. McBride, will preach a sermon especially for the secret orders of our village, on Sunday February 21, by invitation of No. 64, A. P. A. All lodges of different orders are cordially invited to be present. All members of the A. P. A. will meet at the hall at 7 o'clock sharp and march to the church where services

will commence at 7:30.

## **February 11, 1897**

### **LOCAL NEWS.**

The latest addition to Esq. Scott is a cane.

Work at the shops is becoming more plentiful.

Bill Morrow, of the Irwin Standard, says he did not see his shadow.

St. Valentines day will soon be with us. The valentines are already here.

Try the oysters at the festival on the night of Election. They will help console you.

There is still a few houses going up in Pitcairn, notwithstanding the cold weather. Rents are all up.

Born to Mrs. Fred Jay, a son, on Wednesday morning last. Mother and child are both doing well.

Suicides are now epidemic in Pittsburg. Eight persons having hurried themselves into the hereafter in five days.

The man who expects to harvest a respectable crop of fish stories must begin to dig the preliminary bait for them pretty soon.

The slurs cast upon Mr. Harry Boycott, by the Wilmerding News, are reacting. To the benefit of Harry, and the detriment of Jake.

T. W. Frederick, a brakeman on the Pennsylvania railroad, while making up train 1862 in the Wall yards, yesterday morning, fell under the moving cars, and both legs were ground off below the knees. He was taken to the West Penn hospital, where he died from the shock, at 9 o'clock. Frederick was 28 years old

and married. He lived on Fifteenth street, Altoona, Pa., where his wife was notified of his death.

Some fashionable young men wear two pins in their necktie. It is to be hoped that pretty girls will not adopt the fashion of wearing two pins in the belt—one often causes trouble enough.

The ladies' of the McGinness Presbyterian church, will give an oyster supper in the basement of the church, on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, February 16 and 17. Proceeds for the benefit of the church.

The fight at Derry station for Mr. Bennett, for postmaster, is assuming large proportions. An Altoona petition commends Mr. Bennett as a capable and deserving man, and declares it to be the sentiment of the railroad men who know him, without regard to party affiliations, that he should be confirmed as postmaster at Derry.

Extra freight train No. 1509, on the Pennsylvania lines, broke in two near Greensburg Monday, at midnight. The sections collided, ten loaded cars were wrecked and the tracks blockaded five hours. Johan Perelia, a member of the Wall wrecking crew, had his right knee laid open by a flying link from a broken chain. He is at the West Penn hospital.

Did you get a valentine yet.

The old council has but one more meeting.

Five, days more and election day will be upon us.

We understand Esq. Palmer has sold his dwelling house and will proceed, to build another right away.

The majority of people who want to be coaxed, ought to be clubbed, is the perhaps truthful remark made by an exchange.

Beware of the man who comes to you with honeyed words and tells you that you are his candidate and then turns around and stabs you in the back.

The growth of the trusts in the United States in the last ten years has been extraordinary, and they are estimated to number something like 200 of national importance, having an aggregated capital of two thousand millions of dollars.

Steel rails are being sold at the lowest price ever known in America. The steel rail pool has collapsed, and \$18 a ton was asked for rails in Chicago Tuesday, and in Pittsburg the rate was \$15.25 a ton. Monday the price in Chicago was \$26 and in Pittsburg it was \$25.

It has been the practice among some of our farmers that at the end of each year they try to have both ends meet, but by the way some of their chicken coups and cellars have been visited, it will be nip and tuck if they have one end meat and the other end potatoes.

The best receipt we know, says an exchange, if you want to be miserable, is to think about yourself, how I much you have lost how much you have made, and the poor prospects for the future. A brave man with a soul in him gets out of such pitiful ruts and laughs at his discouragements, rolls up his sleeves, whistles and sings, and makes the best of life.

"Honesty is the best policy." If the poor man who thinks to improve his lot in life by dishonest practices could only be made to realize that principle is the very cause of his troubles, and that by adhering to strict principles of honor in, dealing with his fellow-men, instead of pursuing dishonest tactics, his fortunes would be marvelously improved, to say nothing of the comfort of a clear conscience, he would lose no time in reforming

his course of life.

The man who takes his job work out of town to have printed is no friend to his own town. He can prate about protection to home industries, but he is the rankest kind of a free trader, and all because he can save a few pennies occasionally on a job of work. These same kind of fellows when they come to die ought to send their obituaries to this same foreign job office and have them printed on manila cardboard and tack them up on the town pump. They don't deserve a funeral notice in the home paper.

Report of Pitcairn Public Schools for Fifth Month.

Room No. 1, Miss Bessie McAllister, Teacher  
Honor Roll. - Elizabeth Boehm, Myrtle Bateman, Maggie Daugherty, Everett Sherrick, James Leshner, Charles Ellwinger, John Wallace, George Schulthies, Carl Brown, Joe Boehm, Hugh Reffner, Toner Dugan, Willis Tenney, Willie Neff, Willie Watt

Room No. 2, Miss Sarah Ferguson, Teacher.  
Honor Roll. - Laura Flanigan, Esther Johnson, Goldie Jay, Laura Swonger, Mable Neff, David Howell, Willie Jay, Palmer Roland, James Markland, Wallace Loutsenhizer, Homer Clashdollar, Lawrence Richard, Philip Marsh, Joe Swartz.

Room No. 3, Miss Viola Kistler, Teacher.  
Honor Roll. - Mary Batman, Claire Dugan, Bessie Liggett, Annie McGinnis, Threasa McCale, Maggie Strouse, May Powell, Ella Seibert, Josie Witter, Thurman Brendlinger, Fred Ellwinger, Grover Loutsenhizer, Harry Murphy, Charlie Rosse, Harry Wallace, Harry Wolfe.

Room No. 4, - Miss Emma Thompson, Teacher.  
Honor Roll. - Annie Koch, Eva Fry, Hazel Langhlin, Minnie Crossland, Lillie Liggett,

Minnie Wilson, Lottie McKee, Katie Eppler, Lida Wallace, Edith Weaver, Arditis Hugus, John Jae, Carl Marsh, Earl Beam, Russell Lichtenfels, George Penrod, Harry Strouse, Charley Pearlstein, Emmett Jones.

Room No. 5, - Miss Eleanor McJunkin, Teacher.

Honor Roll, - Maurice Feehrer, William Loutsenhizer, Earl Leshner, Charles Bateman, Howard Toohill, John Holtzschuer, Charles Patterson, Fred Boardman, Walter Kring, Annie Connors, Alice Witter, Cora Gilson, Julia McCabe, Maggie Caldwell, Vernie Kessinger, Minnie Smith.

Room No. 6, Miss Julia Dugan, Teacher,  
Honor Roll. - Elizabeth Paul, Cora Flack, George Boardman, Horner Jay, Victor Lichtenfels, Ephraim Loutsenhizer, Nettie Laughlin, Adda Marsh, John Wolfe, Lula Matson, Maud McGinnis, Frank Mattern. Mamie Koch, Mollie Moorhead, Lauretta Hawn, George Lacock.

Room No. 7, Mr. J. H. Russell, Teacher.  
Honor Roll. - Charles Jordan, Sam Laughlin, Floyd Liggett, Thomas Lentz, Blanche Metcalf, Harry Crossland, Burrell Landis, Percy Lichtenfels, Walter Ludwick, Willie Ludwick, Sadie Wallace, Alvin Warner, Laura Siebert.

Visitors, - Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. Wolfe, Mrs. Reffner, Mr. and Mrs. Powell, Mr. Murphy, Mr. I. J. Wallace, Mr. Simpson, Mr. F. W. Bonar, Mr. Sam Brown, Mrs. J. G. Stewart, Mr. Clinton Flynn, Mr. C. L. Kistler, Howard M. Welsh, Principal,

Observe, girls, the effect of ice cream and cake, which killed an East End man.

**February 18, 1897**  
**LOCAL NEWS.**

Burgess, Elliott.

Washington's birthday next.

Patton township elected its entire republican ticket.

The new smithy shop on Brinton avenue is completed.

Billy just needed nine more shingles on his roof.

M. S. Lohr polled an elegant vote for council but fell 19 short.

Ed. McGuire has the foundation for his new house on Broadway, about completed.

Sale bills printed at this office while you tell your troubles to the editor. Prices low and all orders filled on short notice.

The street commissioner is having some permanent crossings put down in our borough. Taking out the old pebbles heretofore used.

The danger of this weather as it is run by the groundhog is that when his six weeks are up we will get a cold blast that will make us all wish we had died when we were little.

W. N. Barnhart, has just completed the plumbing and slating of the Erry Graham house on Second street. It is a No. 1 job all through.

B. F. Boyle, a brakeman in the yards here, had three fingers of his left hand so badly crushed while making a coupling last Friday, that amputation was necessary.

Messrs. Al. Garman, D. L. Siebert, W. H. Martin, Sam Brown, Edgar Watson, and Sam

Caldwell, have gone to attend the State Convention of the Y. M. C. A., being held at Reading, Pa., February 18 to 21.

Mrs. George Full, wife of one of the proprietors of the Central Hotel at East Pittsburg, was unfortunate enough to lose \$100. The finder will receive \$5 if the money be returned and no questions asked.

The pupils of the Pitcairn schools give an entertainment in Reed's Hall, on Wednesday evening, February 24. An entertainment of this kind is not only a benefit to those who attend but also to those who take part, as it affords a training that can be gotten in no other way.

Extra freight No. 1608, picked up a dead man along the P. R. R. track near Braddock, Tuesday morning last, which proved to be one John McGraw, of north Braddock, a respectable citizen and a laborer in the steel works. It is supposed Mr. McGraw was on his way to work and in crossing the railroad tracks was struck by a passing freight train and instantly killed.

An interesting and entertaining event took place in the schoolroom of the U. B. church Friday evening last when Rev. G. W. Sherrick conducted the carrying out of a well prepared program with the members of the Junior Society of the Christian Endeavor. Select speeches and singing were given, after which Mrs. Sherrick sent each a plate laden with biscuit, banana and candy from the parsonage. All seemed happy and pleased and many were the thanks given the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Sherrick, before the happy crowd departed.

Durnhard running for burgess.

The German citizens of East Pittsburg borough have organized themselves into a Gymnastic Association with the following well known gentlemen as officers: President. August

Bumgarten; Vice President, John Herrecht; Secretary, Charles Kunkle; Treasurer, Gottfried Hahn. Weekly meetings are being held in the hall of the German Benefit Union on Bessemer Terrace.

M. Trump, assistant superintendent of the Pittsburg division of the Pennsylvania railroad, will be appointed superintendent of transportation to fill the vacancy caused by the elevation to general manager of J. B. Hutcheson. The appointment will probably be made this week. Mr. Trump has been Mr. Pitcairn's assistant for many years, and is regarded as one of the most efficient employees of the company.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Koch's Silver Wedding. Quite an important event in the lives of the happy couple above mentioned happened on Thursday evening last February 11, in Orpheus hall, East End, Pittsburg. Fully three hundred anxious friends were gathered together to congratulate and express their many kind wishes for the future of the happy couple. Among the Pitcairn friends were Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Coursin, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Fritchman, Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. Fairfax, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sloan, Mr. and Mrs. Holtzschuer, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Lichtenfels, Mrs. Naser, Mr. Joseph Graham, Mr. W. N. Barnhart, Mr. D. P. Price, and Mr. C. King. The event opened with excellent music, the guests marching around the hall and when in a proper position were seated around the tables which were heaped with all the delicacies of the season. While the guests were feasting, many suitable speeches were offered. Mr. Lichtenfels, spoke in behalf of the citizens of Pitcairn. After supper the guests amused themselves in dancing, waltzing, and chatting to old and new made friends, also listening to elegant concert music, led by Prof. Carl Ahl. The presents were costly and very handsome, consisting principally of water sets, knives and forks, spoons, lamps, and clocks, a beautiful

stand, all silver, costing sixty-five dollars. The aggregated value of the presents was estimated at five hundred dollars. The guests departing wished the happy couple a grand journey to that desired goal, their golden wedding and hoped that they might reach it and they be there to congratulate them. Taken as a whole it was a grand affair lasting to the wee small hours of the night. PITCAIRNITE

Let a man die and he is suddenly full of good qualities, and only the good is remembered. That is all right but it will do him no good then. Why not pass over the short comings of the living while they are with you and you can do them some good. Be kind to the living means something. Be kind to the dead means nothing.

Every successful man is a help to his town. The more money he makes, if he uses it, the better for the community, the larger business he builds up the greater the advantage to the community, a town cannot build up without them, and a growing town is a benefit to the advantage of all to encourage enterprising, successful men in all walks of life, and frown on the efforts of the petty, envious individuals who are ready to thrust their more successful neighbors in the back on the slightest provocation in an attempt to injure them and destroy their usefulness. The country cannot get along without its successful men, but it can survive the loss of envious backbiters, a fact which every town and community should appreciate whenever opportunity offers. The successful man is indispensable.

The following ticket was elected by the republicans of Pitcairn, Tuesday last. Burgess, Robert Elliott, council, J. F. Coursin, J. B. Weight, school directors, G. Rolland, S. E. Snyder. Eli Dean, tax collector, D. H. Winebrenner, auditor, J. Freed, judge of election, H. S. Landis, inspector, John Gillespie.

Quiet Observer

A girl always costs a man more than a wife.

Are you a subscriber to your home home paper.

A woman always forms her estimate of a town by its dry goods stores.

We wish girls were politicians, politicians always squeeze a man's hand.

All married men should have their wives insured—against death, if not divorce.

Marriage develops the detective instinct in a woman quicker than it develops the domestic.

When a fly gets stuck on fly-paper and a man gets stuck on a girl—well, they both get their legs pulled effectively.

A great many ice men doubtless go to heaven, but they are needed much more badly in the other place.

Touching a man's conscience does not amount to much. When you touch his pocketbook, there is business to attend to.

Before singing the song of "The Letter That Never Came," the woman should look in her husband's overcoat pocket. He may have failed to deliver it as expected.

Some young men would get along better and be more successful in life if they had less point to their shoes and more point to their industry.

The members of Relief Hose Co., No. 2, are soliciting funds to get gum coats, hats and boots. Any amount given the boys will be appreciated.

Dr. D. M. McAllister has moved his dental parlor upstairs in the bank building at

Wilmerding, Pa.

**February 25, 1897**

**LOCAL NEWS.**

Here's to you Bennie, old boy.

Now, Andy Carnegie, you're next.

There must be some kind of a hog about this weather.

The Prohibitionists and the groundhog are working together.

J. C. McGinness spent a couple of days in the Quaker city last week.

St. Patrick, Corbett and Fitzsimmons, will all be in it on March 17.

Greece seems likely to taste Turkey and have Crete become a greece spot.

Patton township and Pitcairn borough's citizen ticket can now shake hands.

Born to the wife of Rev. Hawn, Tuesday morning last, a handsome baby girl.

C. K. Ruckenbrod, removed to the Jess Cunningham house on Sixth street.

That job hook, the Wilmerding News refers to, is but a carpet tack drove in the Wall.

If rumor is true Third street is rapidly growing in population. Youth as well as old age being served alike.

F. G. Wissinger and E. K. Henderson, have moved into the new houses lately built by J. C. McGinness on Wall avenue.

A vote of thanks has been tendered the editor of

the Pitcairn Express, by the U. B. Aid Society, for favors received.

Miss Jennie Heister, of Tyrone, is visiting her uncles, Sanford and Charles Mattern, of Sixth street.

McGuire and Morgan, of Newtown, can give some inside information on Patton township politics, but for good straight pointers apply to DeArmitt and Bob Myers.

Mrs. Benjamin Harrison, wife of the ex-president, presented her husband with a fine girl baby Sunday last. Mrs. Andy Carnegie is said to be hunting a nurse, which demonstrates the fact that old age need not despair.

Found.—Saturday last by Emmett Jones, on Sixth street, a package of Underwear, presumably for an infant. The owner can have the same by calling at Jones and paying for this notice.

About 4:15 o'clock Monday afternoon as Mrs. E. M. McDowell, of Latrobe, was getting on the Johnstown accommodation, at Turtle Creek, with her 3 year-old son, the little boy lost his balance and fell from the train platform, cutting an ugly gash in his head. He was taken to Latrobe, where Company Surgeon Donnelly dressed the wound and he was taken to his home. The injury is not a serious one.

A sister of H. S. Landis, spent Sabbath with her brother, of Fourth street.

The school entertainment in Reed's Hall last night, was fairly well patronized.

C. W. Palmer is pushing the work on his new dwelling house, and expects to get into it early in April.

William Booth, a brakeman on the P. R. R. had one of his legs cut off while making up a train

in the Altoona yard, Friday morning last Booth is married and resides on the Mellon plan above the transfer.

J. E. McGuire, of this place, a P. R. R. brakeman, had three fingers of his right hand badly crushed while attempting to make a coupling at Derry at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon. He was taken to Latrobe, where he received medical attention and was sent to his home.

James Seaton, an employee of the P. R. R. Company, who worked in the yards here, was instantly killed Saturday morning, by being knocked down and run over by some heavy freight cars. Mr. Seaton was a married man and resided at Brushton, where his remains were taken for interment.

About midnight Monday night as extra freight train No. 1662, east-bound, over the P. R. R. was passing Donohoe station, it broke in two and the sections collided, wrecking eight cars loaded with coal, and tearing up the interlocking switches. No one was hurt, but passenger trains were delayed about two hours and freight trains six hours by the accident.

About 1:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon, S. W. Geiger, a brakeman on extra freight train No. 1085, east-bound over the Pennsylvania railroad, fell from the top of a box car at Jeannette station. His head was badly cut and he received many painful bruises. Geiger is 25 years old, married, and resides at 458 Pearl street, Pittsburg. He was sent to the West Penn hospital.

It is rumored that Passenger Agent Watt, of the P. R. R. will shortly resign. Colonel Thomas E. Watt is at present away on a vacation, and it is impossible to confirm the rumor. The reason of Mr. Watt's contemplated withdrawal is said to be ill health.

Sale bills printed at this office while you tell your troubles to the editor. Prices low and all orders filled on short notice.

Spring, or not spring.

There are several cases of diphtheria reported in our midst.

The infant son of conductor Chas. Butler is reported down with diphtheria.

We are sorry to learn that Walter, the 12 year old son of E. T. Ludwick is confined to his bed with diphtheria.

The many friends of Orian Young will be pleased to learn that he is able to resume his duties again after a severe attack of Erysipelas.

The borough council of Irwin, yesterday purchased 9 ½ acres of land near Jeannette, on which they will erect a water works.

W. A. Bailey, the slate roofer, has just completed a house on Fourth street, and we must say it is an elegant job of slating. J. A. Witter, the contractor, is well pleased with the work.

Destitution—The state of being deprived of anything; the state or condition of being destitute needy or without resources; deficiency; lack: extreme poverty; utter want.—Websters Dictionary.

There is destitution among the coal miners of the Chartiers valley. And plenty of it. The poverty existing isn't the kind that shows itself, gaunt and hungry-eyed, on the public highway. Misery is a deep sea fish which never comes to the surface more than is absolutely necessary.

Specific cases? A miner who lives in Gladden, Millers run, answered that question. "There ain't no specific cases," said he; "it is just one

dead-level stretch of damnation." That man had more respect for truth than for Lindley Murray or the proprietaries.

Wilmerding Notes

Wilmerding borough is just a little wet.

The Boy-cott all the votes he needed—'ay, Jake.

A stands for after the election is over—B stands for Boycott who had a walkover—C is for council in Wilmerding borough—N is for "News" wrapped in deep sorrow.

Wilmerding Conclave No. 337, Improved Order of Heptasophs, will celebrate their second anniversary with a reception to be given at the Central hotel parlors, Friday evening, February 26. Dancing will be a special attraction. This is for members only. A pleasant time is looked for.

We have it on good authority that big handsome Conrad Goldstrohm, of the Eastern Hotel, is about to become a benedict and take unto his manly bosom a wife. We do not know the young lady but whoever she may be she has our hearty congratulations.



**Chapter 3**  
**PITCAIRN EXPRESS**  
**March 1897 Local News Items**

**March 4, 1897**  
**LOCAL NEWS.**

McKinley to the bat.

Grover out on Fourth

Hasting's put out on a foul.

James A. Gary, safe at home plate.

Bad weather for the inauguration.

The building of many new houses, has already commenced in Pitcairn.

John Yon has purchased a lot on Third street, and has already broken ground for a dwelling house.

C. W. Mattern, is having plans and specifications drawn for a dwelling, to be built on Third street.

The McKinley train bound for Washington City, passed through here Monday night in seven sections.

Mr. Ruben Marks, of Grosse Pa., is spending a few days with his daughter, Mrs. J. S Linglebaugh, of Tenth street.

John A. Witter's youngest son, fell Saturday evening and severely sprained his arm. The report that it was broken was proven false.

The prospects are rather bright for our borough this coming summer. The committees appointed by president of council Graham, are all good ones.

There was two Italians arrested and brought

before Esq. Craft; Tuesday evening, for disorderly conduct. His honor sent Frank Tobet 5 days to jail, and fined the other Mike Rentz \$1 and costs.

The case of F. & B., before Esq. Craft, Tuesday evening, was brought by Miss Zimmerman, of Wilmerding. The defendant Geo Stewart, also of Wilmerding, was held for court to answer to the charge.

The newly elected Councilmen of our borough met in regular meeting Monday evening, and organized with J. W. Graham, president. After which the following appointments were made: W. H. Armstrong, clerk of council; John Andre, street commissioner; T. J. Wilson, borough solicitor.

The following committees were appointed by president Graham: street committee, J. W. Murphy, Charles Mattern, John McGinniss; water committee, John McGinniss, J. B. Weight, G. C. Holland; printing committee, G. C. Holland, S. W. Howell, J. F. Coursin; light committee, Charles Koch, J. Coursin, J. W. Murphy; sanitary police; S. W. Howell, Charles Mattern, J. B. Weight; finance committee, C. Koch, J. F. Coursin, John McGinniss; ordinance committee, J. B. Weight J. W. Murphy, Charles Mattern.

Lent.

Eggnogeneration.

Lent began yesterday, Ash Wednesday.

Thirty-nine days of preparation for the Easter bonnet.

From this time forth Brother McKinley will have troubles of his own.

S. M. Brinton, left yesterday for Washington D.C., to take in the inauguration.

When a man says he wouldn't give "that" (snapping his fingers) to attend the inauguration, it's safe betting he is minus the price!

All the trains reaching Washington are loaded, and some of the passengers will be that way, too, before they get away again.

If McKinley can boom every other industry as much as he has already benefited the excursion business his election will be no mistake.

"She can't take much after me" as the sneak thief said, when he swiped the parcel of the bargain counter shopper.

Cuba is 730 miles long and averages 80 miles wide. Crete, for which Greece is fighting, is 160 miles long and 20 miles wide.

The Editor of the Standard, at Irwin, a suburb of Pitcairn, Pa., won a handsome mug at a drawing there the other day. Whilst an Editor's mugg is not supposed to be very handsome at any time we believe Morrow needed this one.

The 10 o'clock supper given by Mrs. J. G. Stewart, of Third street, Tuesday evening, was one of the select social events of the season. Notwithstanding the inclement weather quite a number of invited young and jolly folks were present and after enjoying a pleasant evening and an elegant supper, they bid their hostess good-night, well satisfied with their evenings entertainment.

Either too much supper, too late hours, or the violent exercise of climbing the school hill late at night, was the cause of one of our teachers lingering in the gentle arms of Morpheus until 10 o'clock Wednesday morning. His scholars say he failed to bring a written excuse when he did get there.

Fire broke out in the Symons house, on Sixth

street extension, Saturday morning last, about 4:30 o'clock. Relief hose company No. 2 was called up and arrived early on the scene. Though the morning was severely cold, the boys went to work like old veterans, and by the time No. 1 company arrived upon the grounds the fire was well under control. Whilst the house and household goods are a complete wreck, they are fully covered by insurance. Much credit is due the fire company for saving the adjoining buildings.

Easter falls on April 18th.

We are glad to inform the many friends of conductor Charles Butler, that the report published in these columns last week regarding the sickness of his son by diphtheria were only reports, gleaned from the fact of the boy having a slight cold. Charley feels under obligations to his many friends for their sympathy, however, and says the hoys throat and lungs are both in elegant condition and if you doubt it come over and hear him.

Judge Ewing, of Fayette county has decided that constables are entitled to a fee of 50 cents per name where there are more than one name in a subpoena and service made on all at the same time.

The editor of a western paper lives in a house located between a Methodist church and a dance hall. One evening recently there was a gathering in both places. It being too warm for comfort indoors, the editor sat on the veranda and took in the situation. This is what he heard: "Let us pray— all salute—we beseech thee to join hands and draw near—circle to the left—listen to us —first forward and back—as we all promenade—kneel before thee and balance all—present our petition— grand right and left—for Christ's sake—seat your partners." The editor was more than saddened at the degeneration of the village and went off and joined a baseball club in order to be neutral.

Tours to California via Pennsylvania Railroad. In Southern California is found the realization of a dream of the ancients. Here are the "Golden Apples of the Hesperides," ripening beneath a sky more beautiful than that of Rome, and in a climate more perfect than that of Athens. Never in the wildest flights of his imagination did either Homer or Hesiod ever conceive of a garden richer in verdant beauty, more productive of luscious fruit, or set amid more picturesque and lovely surroundings. Here the rose entwines the orange, and the snow-mantled peaks of the Sierras reflect the golden glow of the evening twilight. The last of the Pennsylvania Railroad tours to California will leave New York and Philadelphia, March 27, stopping at Chicago, Omaha Denver, Colorado Springs and the "Garden of the Gods," and Salt Lake City. Tourists will travel by special train of Pullman palace cars going, and return on regular trains via any route within nine months. Regular one-way or round-trip tickets will be issued for this tour in connection with a special ticket covering Pullman accommodations, meals, and other tour features going. The latter ticket will be sold at the following rates: From New York, Philadelphia, Harrisburg, or Altoona, \$60.00; Pittsburg, \$58.00. Apply to ticket agent, Tourist Agent, 1196 Broadway, New York, or Geo. W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia.

**March 11, 1897**  
**LOCAL NEWS.**

Eggs are selling at 15c per dozen.

Rev. McBride or Rev. Koenig, which.

The Republican Primaries will be held March 20th.

The organ grinder, the first harbinger of spring, is with us.

The small boy and the hen are not the only ones laying for Easter.

The small boy, the mud and the marble, are right in it this weather.

Leave your cash where your credit is and then patronize your own town.

The five great powers of Europe don't scare that little Greece spot worth a cent.

Are we to have a base ball club this season? If so it is time for the hoys to organize.

Born to the wife of Rev. G. W. Sherrick, on Monday evening last, a 10 pound boy.

Mrs. Mays and sister of Pittsburg, were guests of their brother, Sanford Mattern, of this place Sunday last.

T. U. West, will offer at public sale a lot of farm and household goods, on Friday March 19, at his place two miles east of Stewart station.

The person who stole Mrs. James McKee's small dog collar, with the dog inside, is hereby notified to return the dog and keep the collar to wear himself.

We were informed last week that the invulnerable Wash Lewis, of Braddock, had died. But later upon seeing Wash, found that he had only died his mustache.

The new coachman furnished Christ Holtschure, is not used to Pitcairn streets, and has to be tied on his wagon to keep from falling off, so Christ says.

Mr. Shotts, of Manor station, has entered into

partnership with W. A. Bailey, of this place, in the slating business. Mr. Shotts comes well recommended and will be welcome amongst us.

The Jeannette Comet, comes to us this week in an entire new dress, enlarged and improved. Success attend thee old boy, you've got the grit to make the Comet show its light to all who have eyes to see.

Pay to-morrow.

Fine weather for Easter bonnets.

?? says there is lots of fun on the hill these nights.—More work for the doctors.

The man who advertises his goods when times are dull is the one to hold the trade when times are good.

Rev. C. H. Marshall, pastor of the United Presbyterian church at Turtle Creek, Sunday tendered his resignation, because of ill health.

W. H. Hentzleman, a Pennsylvania railroad brakeman had three fingers crushed while attempting to make a coupling at Jeannette Sunday afternoon. He is 28 years of age and resides at Irwin.

With the assistance of the teacher, the rubber hose is making its round among the scholars of No. 7. The question now arises, who will be the next to taste of its virtues. - A SCHOLAR.

For the first time in many years license has been granted in Indiana county, outside of the county seat. The new borough of Glen Campbell is the lucky place. There were five applications from the county and Judge White granted all but one.

Them four Irwin horses that the Standard says were laden'd with beer evidently are in the

right town.

Hurry up your water-works Morrow, before the cattle take to beer or your milk bill will be advanced.

Miss Mame Warner, who has been connected with the department stores of Liggett Bros., for nearly four years, has left that firm to take up her abode with her folks at Monroeville. She leaves many warm friends here who will sadly miss her at the store.

J. B. Keagy, principal and manager of the Irwin Business college, left Irwin about ten days ago and has not been heard of since. It has been learned that numerous creditors, as well as his wife and four children, are awaiting his return. He moved in the best society, and his sudden disappearance has caused quite a sensation in Irwin.

The new locomotive, the A. T. Gillespie, which was in use hauling dirt from the cut along the side of the hill in East Pittsburg on Carnegie's new railroad is lying a smashed up wreck at the foot of the hill, having jumped the track and rolled over, Monday forenoon. The locomotive was coming down the grade with a train of cars and was unable to hold them back and plunged down the steep grade at a rate its makers never intended should run. It crossed the tracks of the Second avenue in safety, but collapsed after going about fifty feet further. The cab of the engine is smashed into splinters. No one was hurt.

Turtle Creek had a bad fire Sunday about 11 o'clock, resulting in a loss of \$5,000 or \$6,000. The fire occurred in the Larimer block, on the north side of Penn avenue, opposite Semmen's auditorium. It started in a clothing store occupied by a man named Carlin, but the origin is unknown. It spread to the other stores in the block, and the Turtle Creek volunteer department was thoroughly incapable of coping with it. Four firemen from Braddock, with

Chief Sheets, came up, bringing with them a hose carriage and 600 feet of hose. John Hezlep & Co.'s grocery store occupied a portion of the block, and the Globe clothing house and another grocery store another portion. Eight families occupied the flats above, among them being the family of Postmaster Brown. The damage to the building will be about \$2,000, and loss on soaked merchandise and wrecked household goods will reach \$3,000 or \$4,000. The heaviest loser is Hezlep & Co. 'Squire Semmens had his office in the same block. The people of the town were greatly excited. There was no service at the M. E. church because of the fire, and the U. P. church congregation did not assemble till almost time for the usual dismissal.

The Wilmerding clerk who tried to remove the thread from a Pitcairn mans coat the other day, finally gave it up in despair. After pulling off about 50 yards of thread, he concluded he was pretty badly sold. The Pitcairn man had got a full spool of thread in his inside coat pocket and with a needle had drawn one end of it through the shoulder of his coat and left about four inches of the thread hanging hack over his shoulder, when the polite clerk tried to remove the raveling, as he thought, the spool kept playing out more string, until the victim of the joke thought the mans coat was about unraveled.

About 2:30 Monday afternoon the trainmen on extra freight train, No. 1612, Westbound, on the Pennsylvania railroad, discovered a man lying beside the track at the east end of the Wall yards. He proved to be Joseph Honneysoves, a Polish laborer, 23 years of age, residing at 197 Laurel street, Allegheny. His right leg was so badly crushed that amputation was necessary, and he was sent to the West Penn hospital. It is supposed that he had fallen from an eastbound train

**March 18, 1897**  
**LOCAL NEWS.**

License court is in session.

Plant your early onions and your ads now.

Louis Wissinger has moved to Pittsburg.

Esq. Smith, of Wall station, was a visitor to our sanctum Monday last.

Drs. Sowash and Adams, of Irwin, were Pitcairn visitors on Sunday evening last.

Miss Estella Lohr, of Mt. Pleasant, spent Sunday with her parents in this place.

Mrs. Boycott and Mrs. Bradley, of this place, are visiting friends in Washington county.

The hose company building on Broadway looks as bright as a new pin, in its fresh paint.

Warrants have been issued for the boys who were shooting "craps" at the railroad station Sunday last.

Mr. Samuel Zearly, of Scottdale, is having ground broken on Second street, for a new dwelling house.

The man brought down the hollow Wednesday noon on a stretcher was taken to the hospital for treatment.

Dr. Montgomery, of this place, sold a handsome pair of bird dogs last week, to Mr. Wilson, of Franklin, Pa.

Miss Mary Landis, is confined to the house with a lacerated foot, through stepping on some broken chinaware.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Evans and Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Gress, saw Nat Goodwin, at the Grand, last

Thursday night.

From to-day all mails arriving and departing from our postoffice will be weighed, and reported accordingly for 30 days.

Judging from appearances, we will soon have another dwelling house on Fourth street, if the young lady from Derry is willing.

The person who is having their mail come to the Pitcairn postoffice under cover of M. J., care S. J., had better call and get the same.

Miss May Matson, who has been visiting at Trimble, Athena County, O., for the past three months, has returned to her home, looking much improved.

The painters have just finished decorating two new dwellings on Wall avenue for J. C. McGinnis. They look handsome in their new dress.

Now that Corbett and St. Patrick both have had their day, we will again hear from Weyler.

Some of the young folks who went from this place to Turtle Creek last Thursday evening, can give some pointers on walking between here and Wilmerding.

East Pittsburg councilmen and a number of citizens including part of the fire company there are raising considerable smoke, which may result in fire—ing somebody.

Capt. Wirsing, of Greensburg, who owns several lots in our town, was here Monday ostensibly to contract for the erection of a couple of dwelling houses, this early spring.

S. L. Kelley, gives notice to the party or parties who make a practice of furnishing themselves with coal from other peoples coal houses after night, that if they will come to him with

evidence that they are too poor to buy their coal, he will pay for a load for them.

A treat is in store for the folks of this place on Tuesday evening, Mar. 23. Miss Mary I. Scoer, M. O., (Mistress of Oratory), will give on elocutionary entertainment in the M. E. church. This lady is a graduate of the Cleveland School of Oratory, and is a skillful impersonator of character.

A branch of the Young Men's Christian association was organized Sunday afternoon at Turtle Creek, with about 40 members from East Pittsburg and Turtle Creek. Wm. Antler, secretary of the Wilmerding branch, made the principal address. A meeting will be held next Friday night for the election of officers.

Edward G. Travis, married, 23 years old, a brake man on the Pennsylvania railroad, fell from a shifting engine and was run over by a passenger coach at Brushton station, at 4:55 Monday morning. His left foot was cut off at the ankle and his right leg between the ankle and knee. Travis was sent to the West Penn hospital. His home is in Brushton.

Mrs. Hannah O'Connell, of Wilmerding, died suddenly at her home Saturday afternoon of heart disease. For some time she had complained of pains about the heart, and remarked she would get her life insured. Last Friday Dr. Kuhns, of Pitcairn, had examined her for the purpose of getting a life insurance policy, but the inquest did not develop whether she had been successful.

A company for the manufacture of bedsteads has been formed at Irwin. We trust they will be snake proof.

Saint Patrick was a jintleman,  
One of the rarest kind,  
He must have ta'een all others away  
For none are left behind.

They are finding babies in fence corners in Westmoreland county, then try to lay the blame on Allegheny county. What's the matter with Jeannette, Jim.

Fitzsimmons wins his fight with Corbett in fourteen rounds, though he was bleeding profusely from the fifth round up to the fourteenth. A blow under the heart and one on the jaw puts Corbett to sleep.

It is the intention of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company to finish the great work at Radebaugh as soon as possible. The big tunnel will be arched and ready for the new tracks by the first of May, and the roadbed will be graded in about a month. The new cut, which was started for the purpose of straightening the line about a half mile from the entrance of the tunnel, will be completed in about two weeks.

Miss Florence Lang, of this place, last fall bumped her head against a rafter while the carpenters were at work erecting a new house for her mother. An abscess formed from the contusion and she was compelled to enter the West Penn Hospital. A surgical operation had to be performed, which was successfully done several days ago. Miss Lang is now at the home of her sister, Mrs. Jas. Cashdollar, of this place, and although confined to the house, she is much improved in health and is on a fair way to recover her usual good health.

George Seyburt, aged 36, a Pennsylvania railroad brakeman, residing at Stewart station, met with a painful accident Saturday morning which may result in his losing his right foot. Seyburt is a freight brakeman and when his train was slowing up at Conemaugh early Saturday morning he jumped off a car onto the ground, alighting on the upturned point of a sharp nail which passed through the sole of his shoe, and came out near the instep. He was taken to his home, where he received medical

attention. If blood poisoning sets in the doctors say the foot will have to be amputated.

The East Pittsburg Fire Department's first ball will be held to-morrow evening, (Friday) at Semmon's hall, Turtle Creek. Tickets of admission 50 cents. Fire your half-dollar in and help the boys out.

### **March 25, 1897** **LOCAL NEWS.**

All fools day April first.

The mercury took a tumble.

Now is the time to disinfect.

Doctors are usually paid by the weak.

He swears, all on account of the stove pipe.

The combine still continues to combine.

Piano dealers do a square, upright and grand business.

A watchmaker handles more cases than the average lawyer.

The chiropodist may remove corns, but he can't cure a husky voice.

Our borough dads ought to do some sewerage this summer.

A womans reason may not convince, but it puts an end to the argument.

Miss Marker, of Ligonier, is visiting at William Barrons, on Centre avenue.

White wash your cellars and freely scatter lime. It may save a big doctor bill.

Agnew Bros, the well drillers, are busy putting down water wells, on Third street.

We are in receipt of a fine bunch early onions, raised by J. A. Haverstick, of Fourth street.

How many men would permit their wives to do the foolish things they, themselves do, and not scold about it.

The old Smith house, on Hillside avenue, has been painted up and now presents an improved appearance.

The cottage prayer meeting held at the home of T. G. White, on Sixth street, Tuesday evening last, well attended. Milton Flack led the devotions.

There are a number of buildings now in the course of construction in this town, and at an early date there will be several more under way.

Last Sabbath evening the Presbyterian church was closed and the pastor I. S. Hawn and his congregation attended the United Brethren church, which was crowded. Rev. G. W. Sherrick, opened the religious services. Rev. Hawn preached an elegant sermon from Nehemiah verse 14, chapter 4.

The residence of Mrs. Aaron Loughner, at Claridge, was visited by three masked men one day last week. They threatened Mrs. Loughner if she made any outcry and were searching the house for money or other valuables, when a little daughter of Mrs. Loughner quietly slipped out and alarmed some of the neighbors. The robbers saw them coming and fled precipitately.—Standard

One of the events of the season was the surprise party held at the residence of Mr. Charles Thomas, on Hillside avenue. A number of beautiful and costly presents was given Mr.

Thomas by his many friends. After partaking of a good supper, the happy crowd departed about midnight,

The country schools are closing,

Of course the harrow teeth do not ache.

This is the season when the plow advances a few points.

Flittin' time is at hand and many families are daily moving.

A local bicycle dealer has a wheel called the Blackjack. He says it's a stunner.

A Wilmerding fisherman tells a yarn about once having caught a blind trout that had specks on.

The railroad office at Crab Tree, Westmoreland county, Pa., was robbed Monday night of money and some valuable coins.

Mr. A. J. Churchfield, of Old Wall, is now in active training for a prize fight in the near future, and from present indications, bids fair to become famous in amateur arenas, as he has never been bested.

Thieves entered the residence of Frank Delore, North Irwin, Pa., Monday evening and stole \$330 from a trunk belonging to Arthur Delore, the robbers were evidently acquainted with the house.

They are trying to legislate a new fish law. What the State most needs is a good reliable fish that will bite when the bait is placed before it, and will send the fisherman home without lying.

April 9th and 21st are the Arbor days fixed by Governor Hastings. Not only our public schools, but everybody else ought to avail



themselves of the privilege of planting a tree of some kind on one or the other of these days.

The housekeeper giveth a cheerful hop,  
And we hear the musical flippety-flop  
Of the misty, moisty, maddening mop.  
And lo, the maddening horrors rush  
Athwart our souls at the soapy gush  
Of the slippery, slimy scrubbing brush.

From early morn till evening gloom  
We bear the scratching in hall and room  
Of the boisterous, busily-bobbing broom.  
And now there cometh a woesome wail -  
That augers a gen'rally gusty gale -  
From a man with his leg in the scrubbing pail.

A Manor correspondent says: We learn a petition is being circulated and will be presented to the P. R. R. to have two additional trains run from Wall to Greensburg and return. We believe Manor being made a flag stop for Day Express east 8:40 a. m. and Western Express west 6:20 am. would be quite a convenience and pay the P. R. R. company.

The theory that the unexpected always happens, must be very consoling to the defeated candidate.

Notice.—Notice is hereby given all members of the Jr. O. U. A. M. and others who feel interested, that there will be a special service or address by Rev. Lichtliter, of Pittsburg, in the McGinnis Presbyterian church, on Friday evening March 26, at 8 o'clock p. m. Every person who wishes to hear a good address will not fail to be prompt.

Abe Hogan, a barber, of Greensburg, was held up by masked men Tuesday night, near Penn, and at the point of revolvers, made to deliver \$26. Hogan won in a very lively crap game, and the men who held him up bore, he says, a striking resemblance to a couple of those who sat in the game.

The postoffice at Turtle Creek, having shown the requisite increase in receipts the last quarter, will be raised from the fourth to the third class April 1, and its postmaster will thereafter be nominated by the president and confirmed by the senate. The postoffice at Roseville, Muskingum county, O., will also be raised from fourth to third class April 1.

At a meeting of the directors of the Greensburg, Pittsburg and Jeannette Electric Railway Major Lane S. Hart and Edward Bailey, bankers of Harrisburg, and W. J. Snivley, a banker of Steelton, Pa., were elected members of the board. The addition of these men to the company will have the effect of greatly strengthening the road financially, and will insure its early completion to Pittsburg. The line at present is completed to Manor, but by April work on the extension west of Irwin will be commenced and pushed through to Wilmerding, where the line will connect with the Second Avenue line, and over that line to Pittsburg.



**Chapter 4**  
**PITCAIRN EXPRESS**  
**April 1897 Local News Items**

**April 1, 1897**  
**LOCAL NEWS.**

April.

Did you get fooled.

Clean up the alleys.

And that tired feeling.

Spring fever is prevalent.

Now is the time to get a move on.

Now that little Easter bonnet with the lovely ribbons on it.

There seems to be a lull in the advent of crying machines.

Our office boy says that he once had money to burn but he spent it buying matches.

With wash day taking up the first half and moving day the other half, this week is a corker.

Strawberries are getting cheap enough for a man to take about one look at the box without going broke.

The railroad company are getting their postal cars repainted, and most of the mail trains present a very handsome appearance.

Rev. I. S. Jones, of Turtle Creek, presided at the McGinniss Presbyterian church services in Rev. Hahn's place, Sabbath last. Rev Jones is highly spoken of as a minister.

T. A. Mellon, president of the Ligonier Valley

railroad, and wife and daughter, and Mrs. Senft, of Ligonier, Pa., wife of Superintendent George Senft, who have been in Florida for a few weeks, returned home yesterday.

Rev I. S. Hahn, pastor of the McGinniss Presbyterian church, filled the pulpit at New Kensington, the latter half of last week, taking into the church 19 new members. This church was only organized three months ago and now has a membership of over a hundred members.

The news obtained from our rural traveling informants this week suggests a remark made by an intoxicated person as he attempted to cross Wall avenue. Turning to the right and beckoning to the town promiscuously he exclaimed, as he stood knee deep "Oh! Pit (hic) cairn, your name ish (hic) mud."

Two Pitcairn young men went to Irwin Sunday week ago to call on lady friends, and both being good Presbyterians, went to hear Rev. Mr. Hutchinson. They both express themselves as being delighted with Rev. Hutchinson's discourse, its chief beauty, they aver, being its brevity.

Rev. Mr. Jones, of Turtle Creek, held fourth morning and evening at the McGinniss Presbyterian church, this place, Sunday last. Rev. Jones is a pleasing speaker, and fairly captivated his hearers. In appearance he is like the late lamented Dr. Ralston.

Mr. Richard Boycott, of this place, is visiting friends at Bishop, Washington county.

Friday is reception day at our public schools. All are cordially invited.

"You are in my power!" exclaimed the electric wire to the sparrow. And instantly there was a shocking tragedy.

There is a Prohibitionist in Wilmerding who

clerks in a store, named B \_\_\_\_\_, and it is rumored that he even goes without water for days at a time.

Our thanks are due Mr. G. W. Harkness, of Andara, for a lot of early onions, raised by him this spring. For early vegetables and fine chickens, Mr. Harkness is hard to beat.

Philip Duse, a miner 43 years old, living at Irwin, was struck and instantly killed at 5:25 Monday evening, east of Irwin, by the Philadelphia express. Duse was on his way home from work. He leaves a wife and family in the old country. The remains were turned over to the Westmoreland county authorities.

At a meeting of ladies held at Mrs. J. R. McDowell's, Monday afternoon, it was decided to hold a fair and festival on April 14, for the benefit of the Fire company of this place. The boys need many things for their use at a fire, which must be purchased. This means has been adopted to raise the required sum. We trust every person will interest themselves to the extent of a liberal contribution.

Enterprise Lodge No. 54, A. P. A. will celebrate their first anniversary in Reed's hall, Tuesday evening April 20. An interesting program has been prepared, and a cordial invitation extended to all. This order though only a short year old has now over one hundred members, and bids fair to exceed in membership any other organization in the valley.

David Kisse was shot by his playmate, William Jordan, Monday, at McKeesport. The bullet struck Kisse back of the left ear, passed through the head and came out at the back. It is not certain yet whether he will recover or not. The boys were playing with a 22-caliber revolver. Young Jordan was handling the weapon when it was discharged.

Whilst we admit that bad boys are a necessary evil, we do think there is some in Pitcairn if their fathers do not look after them a little closer the iron hand of the law will take them in charge instead of the paternal hand. We refer to the three who maliciously took a club Friday evening last and smashed a seven dollar sign for Dentist Hoffman. Should Mr. Hoffman find out their names they or their parents will yet be prosecuted, and he will be commended by all good citizens.

The question of the hour will soon be: "Can we raise enough on the old overcoat to buy a straw hat?"

It is reported that Jess Cunningham, of the Central Hotel, Wilmerding, drew a horse last week. We know that Jess has been drawn by a horse often in the past, but did not know he was able to reverse affairs in this manner.

Married—Mr. William Harkness, of Ardara, and Miss Ida Swartz; of Pitcairn. The young couple were united by Rev. Morehead, of Greensburg, on Thursday last. They are both popular and well-known here and have the well wishes of their many friends for their future happiness, also the congratulations of the Express.

The Ladies Missionary society of the U. B. church, held their anniversary, Sunday evening last. Mrs. Jones conducted the exercises. G. S. Miller, led in devotions. Rev. G. W. Sherrick, made a brief address and was followed by several lady members. The society is in better working order than ever before, and much good is being done.

Robert Custer, of Cavittsville, who was caught and badly squeezed between cars at Portage, was taken to Altoona, where he died on Tuesday evening at 5 o'clock. Robert was one of the most promising young men in the valley and will be greatly missed by his many friends.

Interment at Brush Creek cemetery Friday afternoon. Enterprise Lodge No. 54 A. P. A. of which he was a member, will attend the funeral service.

One of the finest public school buildings in the whole Turtle Creek valley will be built at Turtle Creek this summer, and be ready for occupancy next September. The present red brick school house, on Penn avenue, which has stood for two generations, has for several years been overcrowded. The school board held a special meeting Saturday and awarded the contract for the new building to William Devins, of Turtle Creek. The contract price is \$35,090. The furniture, steam-heating apparatus, blackboards, etc., are not included in the above figures. The new building will be two stories high, of brick and will have 16 large rooms and a big auditorium. The total cost will be about \$47,000. The building will occupy the site adjoining, the present building. Work on the excavations begin this week.

**April 8, 1897**  
**LOCAL NEWS.**

Easter is near.

Spring bonnets are ripe.

April showers and May flowers.

Greece is the stuff to baste Turkey with.

There is no housecleaning in heaven.

Some of our people still insist on moving.

Some people never seem to know which side their bread is buttered on until they drop it.

Mr. Louis Wechert, of East Pittsburg, was a pleasant caller at this office Thursday last.

Instead of saying a man has a bee in his bonnet it will soon be up-to-date to assert he has an airship in his hat.

Council will be asked to sewer the alley back of Agatha street. It is in a miserable condition, and a regular fever breeder in the summer.

Trauber's gunsmithing establishment in McKeesport was robbed of \$100 worth of revolvers and numerous other articles Monday night. Entrance was gained by breaking a rear window. The burglars are believed to be boys.

J. R. Closson, of this place, a brakeman employed by the Pennsylvania railroad company, fell from his train at Portage, Monday morning about 8 o'clock, and had his head and left shoulder badly cut. The company surgeon at Portage took charge of him and dressed his injuries.

If the handsome box of cake presented to this office by Master Clarence Reed, is any criterion of the pleasantness of the evenings entertainment, at his birthday anniversary, it must have been a grand affair. The cake was delicious and of as various flavors as we know the evening was of various enjoyments. We can only wish the young man many more such events as he gradually passes the milestones of this life, with the congratulations of the Express and a box of cake every mile.

The chicken and waffle supper to be given on Wednesday evening April 14, in the new Hose house on Broadway, deserves the patronage of all Pitcairn people. The ladies' promise a pleasant evening to all who attend.

The following is a list of committees:—Ice cream tables; No. 1, Mrs. Grant Singiser, Mrs. Ed. Gress, and aids; No. 2, Mrs. Lewis McIntyre, Mrs. Perrine, and aids; No. 3, Mrs. Garman, Mrs. Trout, and aids. Chicken and waffles, table No. 1, Mrs. Sam'l McCormick, Mrs. Wm. Armstrong, and aids; No. 2, Mrs.

Homer Fritchman, Mrs. W. H. Montgomery, and aids; No. 3, Mrs. Keck, and aids. Cake table; Mrs. William Sloan, Mrs. Robert Elliott; and Mrs. Young.

Soliciting; Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. McCormick, Mrs. Holland, Mrs. W. G. Miller, Mrs. F. W. Liggett, Mrs. Perrine, Miss Elizabeth Toohill; general committee; Mrs. A. C. Evans Mrs. Charles Mattern, Mrs. Harry Duff, Mrs. O. Tilbrook, Mrs. M. L. Keck, Mrs. Robert McElroy, Mrs. Dr. Stewart, Mrs. James Tilbrook, Miss Elizabeth Toohill, Mrs. Boardman, Mrs. Joseph Waite, Mrs. C. S. Reed. Mrs. A. Crookston, treasurer, Mrs. George Rolland, assistant treasurer.

Mr. and Mrs. Luchinger, of Old Wall, visited friends here Friday last.

Do not forget the free entertainment and lunch by the A. P. A.'s on the evening of the 14th.

Robert Walker, of Oakland Cross roads, a former resident of Pitcairn, was with us a few hours Tuesday.

If you want to see a nice, good and durable bicycle, look at the "Duke" in our drug store window. Guaranteed to be equal to any \$100 wheel in the market.

The man who lost his coat, hat and shoes, and wound up in a charming widow's yard a short time ago, should have a little more respect for the dead, than to call at such unseemly hours but a few weeks after the demise of said widow's husband.

Easter Monday night April 19, the fire laddies of East Pittsburg, will hold their first annual ball, in Semmens hall, Turtle Creek, Pa., and judging from the amount of energy displayed by the boys in preparing for the occasion, it will be one of the best patronized affairs in the valley.

A statement sent out from reliable sources at Memphis shows the magnitude of the great flood now inundating the lower valley. There are at least 50 towns and villages under water, and a territory extending from 100 miles north of Memphis to 200 miles south, and from 5 to 40 miles wide, is submerged. Business is entirely suspended and the loss of property incalculable.

Nearly 200 men employed in the threading department of the National tube works at McKeesport went on a strike last night. The trouble is said to have been caused by the discharging of one of the men. When the night turn went on last night they only worked a few hours, and then went out. Ever since the reduction in wages several weeks ago the men have been greatly dissatisfied, and it is feared this may be the starting of a strike throughout the mill.

The strike at the McKeesport Tube works is over.

Sharpsville borough has levied a dog tax of \$1.50 on each dog.

Several men recently discharged by the Cambria Iron company at Johnstown, Pa., are said to have been put off because they belonged to labor organizations. This the firm denies.

John Hovan, a Pole aged 20, was found dead in at Edgar Thompson steel works, Braddock, about 3 o'clock Tuesday morning. He had formerly been employed there, but recently quit and became a tramp, he slept in the mill, and got his food where he could. Death was caused by exposure and neglect. He had no relatives in this country.

A riot occurred at Export Friday evening between a number of Huns and Italians in which one roan named Mike Mostrenski, had his skull split open and several others badly

injured. Among those who attempted to quell the riot was Justice C. E. Berlin, who barely escaped with his life, being obliged to knock one Hun insensible with a club. The participants were all arrested. As usual, beer was the cause of the trouble.— Irwin Standard.

A. P. A. Resolutions of Respect.

Whereas, God in his Allwise Providence has seen fit to remove from our midst brother R. C. Custer, be it therefore

Resolved: That we bow in humble submission to God's will, knowing that while we mourn his loss, he is enjoying life everlasting.

Resolved: That our charter be draped for 30 days.

Resolved: That these resolutions be printed in the Pitcairn Express, and a copy be sent to the bereaved parents.

A loved one has now from us gone.

His voice is forever still.

His chair is vacant in the room.

Which never wilt be filled.

May the angels ever guard him.

For love sincere his heart did tell.

And when called to that home above.

To earth he smiled farewell.

Anchored safe in the glorious harbor.

Is the one now called to rest,

Although it causeth our hearts to ache,

God does all things for the best.

O. E. Liggett,

I. S. Hawn,

S. W. Howell.

**April 15, 1897**

**LOCAL NEWS.**

Fishing time.

Base ball is ripe.

18th, Easter Sunday.

Did you visit the art gallery last night.

Borough audit report appears in this issue.

The question of extending our borough limits is being discussed.

Young Dorrow says it just costs \$8.40 to shut an Italian eye.

The Hazelwood Gun Club will hold an inanimate target shoot Friday.

The firemen's supper was enjoyed by more people than the firemen.

The umbrella left in our office by a Wilmerding man, with a bent rib, is still here.

Quite a number of Wilmerding's best people were present at the supper last night.

The Italian fruit vender, on Broadway, is after some of our young bloods with the law.

C. S. Morrow, of Altoona, is visiting his brother, J. A. Morrow, of Eleanor street.

Strawberries are 15 cents per box. Cheap enough if you do not look at the bottom of the box.

One swallow does not make a summer but several swallows—of bock beer—comes summers near it.

The young farmer who set out some egg plants last week, is now waiting for them to hatch.

George Hobaugh has improved the front of his property on Third street, by the addition of a handsome paling fence.

Quite a musical special was held at Mrs. Morrows on Eleanor street, Saturday evening last, in which Ed. Koch with his mandolin, Ed. Watson, with his violin, and Miss Morrow,

with piano music entertained.

The parties who relieved Mrs. Keck's table of one silver butter knife, one sugar spoon two knives two forks and three tea spoons at the festival last night are kindly requested to return the same.

The man with the short memory, who borrowed A. C. Evans' umbrella last night at the festival, without leave or license, is hereby notified to return the same and save exposure.

M. S. Lohr, of Ninth street, is a candidate for appointment as Superintendent of one of the National Cemeteries, with fair prospects for the position.

Grant Singiser is having his front yard terraced and sodded.

Now is the time for our street committee to look after some of the filthy alleys.

Now is the time to swear at your neighbors chickens and the sin be on their head.

Whilst Pitcairn is a very dry town, her highways, are by no means, dry ways.

The box social held in the school house Monday night, was fairly well patronized.

Some of the country cider is hard now that it might be used for armor plate.

According to the new policy of the postoffice department, a change of residence by a fourth-class postmaster is considered equivalent to a resignation.

The supervisors of Patton township will be asked to restrain Wilmerding borough from dumping their filth and decayed matter along the public highway, opposite Old Wall.

Mr. Morrow and sister, took a spin on their wheels Sunday last to E. E. Pittsburg and return, covering in their route over 30 miles.

A cigar factory is about to be opened in Pitcairn. Esq. Craft is preparing for the occasion by raising thousands of cabbage plants.

No more old vet stories in the Irwin Standard. Morrow has joined the church and quit lying.

Reduced Rates to New York via Pennsylvania Railroad, Account Dedication of Grant Monument.

For the dedication of the Grant Monumental Tomb, April 27, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets to New York to the general public from all points on its line, exclusive of Pittsburg and Erie proper, on April 26, and from Altoona and Williamsport and intermediate points, and stations on other divisions within one hundred and fifty miles of New York, on April 26, and for trains reaching New York before noon on April 27, at rate of single fare for the round trip (no less rate than \$1.00), good to return until April 29, inclusive. Tickets for military and other organizations in uniform, numbering twenty- five or more traveling in a body on one ticket, will be sold on same dates from points not less than twenty-five miles of New York, at a further reduction. For specific rates apply to ticket agents.

The parade on this occasion will be the grandest military demonstration since the war. Thousands of veterans, United States regulars, and State militiamen will be in line.

Good Friday, to-morrow.

The party who made the coffee at the festival last night, deserves a leather medal.

The Pennsylvania has completed a new station at Mt. Braddock, on the Southwest branch.



Born to the wife of Bert Steving, Wednesday afternoon, a boy. Just in time for Easter, Bert.

The returning Golden Gate special passed through the Union station yards yesterday morning with about 65 people on board.

President Frank Thomson, of Pennsylvania, has been elected director of the Philadelphia national bank.

Over \$100 was cleared by the Firemen's festival last night. The shows what the ladies' can do when they take hold of an affair.

This is the season of frightened "Ohs" of the sweet little maid as she clutches her clothes, when out in the park for a wild-flower lark, a garter snake wiggles right under her toes.

Another of the agents of the E. S. Dean brokerage concern, M. E. Massey, of Indianapolis, Ind. was barred from the mails by a fraud order today. Post master General Gary has issued lottery orders against the Inland investment and loan company of Chicago and the One Hundred Dollar investment company of Bradford, Pa.

Transportation of Bicycles Free on the Pennsylvania Railroad.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company announces that on and after April 7, 1897, bicycles will be checked by baggage agents and carried in the baggage cars of the company, when accompanied on the same train by the owners, free of cost, provided the passenger presenting a bicycle for carnage has no baggage; otherwise the bicycle will be charged for at regular rates. This arrangement applies to all the lines of the Pennsylvania Railroad System east of Pittsburg and Erie.

**April 22, 1897**  
**LOCAL NEWS**

Many children play marbles on our streets and no dust raised.

The woman who sups off fashion plates gets mighty slim eating.

Pittsburg's ball team will start out this afternoon to win the pennant.

Judging by the mud on our streets the street commissioner has a soft snap.

Mrs. J. A. Haverstick, of Fourth street, is visiting friends at New Castle.

The suburban bulb planter now sees that he will have to "set 'em up" all over again.

William Hunter, of Turtle Creek, was appointed postmaster at that place Monday last.

Our schools will close next Wednesday afternoon, and once more young America will be free.

The New Kensington "Dispatch", says: "more preachers at Parnassus". We know of no place needs them worse, unless it is Kensington.

C. M. Liggett, of Liggett Bros., was the winner of the gold watch chanced off last week for the benefit Mrs. Seaton, whose husband was killed in the yards here, a short time ago.

Rev. I. S. Hahn, pastor of the McGinniss Presbyterian church, has; accepted a call from New Kensington, and will remove to that place in the near future.

Dr. Montgomery, his brother Ed, and ye Editor, spent Monday at Kissels Springs, in quest of trout. 133 speckled beauties were brought back by the boys, though that was a small part of the

catch.

Graham & Co., of Hillside avenue have just furnished our borough with a car load of sewer pipe. Any person desiring large or small pipe of this kind will do well to call upon, this enterprising firm.

About 9 o'clock Monday night, Thomas Allen, a resident of Johnstown, while crossing the Pennsylvania railroad tracks at South Fork, was struck and killed by the fast line express.

Fireman McDevitt, of the Pennsylvania railroad, who resides at Old Wall, was married Monday night at Wilmerding to an estimable young lady of that place. The newly-married pair will start housekeeping at Wilmerding.

The ladies' interested in the firemen's supper on the night of the 14 inst, desire to return their thanks to the public for their liberal patronage, also for the much appreciated contributions in the way of printing, music, etc. The ladies' feel well repaid for their efforts, as about \$106 clear profit was realized, to be used towards the purchasing of rubber suits for our worthy Hse Co's .. No. 1 and 2. By order of Committee.

Our neighboring butcher saw golf stockings help to fatten the calfs.

The New Kensington "Dispatch", a bright six column quarto, has been added to our list of exchanges. We hope the editor is not as big a snake liar as the editor of the Irwin "Standard".

A week of special consecration services will be held in the U. B. church commencing Saturday evening April 24. Neighboring ministers will assist the pastor at these services. You are cordially invited to attend.

Yesterday morning Adam Forepaugh passed through here on his way to Greensburg, with three trains of his great show. The last train

contained his golden chariots and many fine cages of animals.

Thomas D. Judd, a Pennsylvania railroad freight brakeman, who had been at work only four days, was instantly killed by falling from a train in the Pittsburg yards at Seventeenth street last night. He was 35 years old, married, and resided at Columbus, O., where his body was sent.

Baggage Master O. W. Fay, of one of the Wall accommodations, while attempting to throw a spring switch at the station Monday afternoon, was struck on the nose by the switch handle and had that feature badly broken. He received medical attention and was sent to his home at Wilkinsburg.

Pitcairn has only two or three professional loafers, and we all know who they are. When everything is running this is the dullest town in the State on the streets, because everybody is off at work, but on the fine evenings they swarm forth and the streets become alive with congregated humanity. But these are not loafers

The largest meeting of railroad men that has ever been held in western Pennsylvania or eastern Ohio will take place at New Castle, June 19. It has been decided to have a union meeting of the five great railroaders organizations, the Brotherhood of Trainmen, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, the Order of Railway Conductors and the Order of Railway Telegraphers.

The facts of what appears to be a strike of constables against serving court subpoenas for 15 cents were submitted to Judge Kennedy in criminal court Tuesday. The court was asked to make an order directing the constables to serve subpoenas for 15 cents, the fee to which Judge White said they were entitled under the law, instead of 50 cents, which they think they

should receive. Judge Kennedy declined to make the order, as he did not think it would be in accordance with the law.

It takes the weather a long time to reach the Ice cream stage.

The postoffice department has issued a fraud order against the Financial and Commercial company of Chicago.

We are sorry to announce that one of our most popular young men, Mr. Harry Stoner, of Fourth street, is lying quite ill at present.

Freight Traffic Manager D. T. McCabe, of the Pennsylvania lines will move his family from Columbus to Pittsburg.

The greatest of care is taken in handling circus trains over the Pennsylvania system, and the different sections are kept apart by block signals like express trains.

Mr. R. B. Boycott, of Third street, who has been visiting friends in Washington county, returned home Tuesday last.

The false work for the new iron bridge of the Carnegie line has been erected, and work is progressing fast. This bridge will span the Monongahela river near Munhall.

Louis Stracke, of Braddock, employed in the Pittsburg wire works, at that place, was caught yesterday by a red-hot wire as it came from the rolls. It wrapped itself about his right foot, at the ankle, and burned its way through to the bone, necessitating amputation.

Affairs in the public schools at Suterville, Westmoreland county, are all torn up. Last Saturday Principal Francis Null was summarily discharged, and Miss Bell Martin was selected to fill the vacancy. Prof. Nall was absent two days and it came to the ears of the directors that

he had been securing rights of way for the Second avenue traction company. Monday Prof. Null appeared at the school as usual, and proceeded to conduct the affairs of the schools. Miss Martin was there, too, and orders conflicted. Prof. Null refused to vacate, and Squire McGrew, one of the directors, hastened to Greensburg to secure legal advice. Prof. Null has only six days more to serve to complete the term.

### **April 29, 1897 LOCAL NEWS.**

Where's the straw hat.

Turkey has discovered that Greece slippery.

Mr. A. H. Ziglear, of Stewart, has returned from his honeymoon.

The Greeks have sympathy to burn but they will probably need powder.

Fishermen who take their bait in jug come back with the same reels.

J. B. Weight has put down a new board-walk on Second street. Who's, next?

A New York minister has declared that, hell is a State, not a place, but he did not say what State though we are inclined to think it is Kansas.

W. H. Heidler, has opened a cigar making establishment on Third street, and is now ready to supply first-class cigars and tobies at the lowest market rates.

Messrs. Clyde Horner and William Barnhart, were visiting young lady friends in Irwin on Tuesday. Mr. J. C. Bear was doing likewise in Greensburg.

Mr. Bert Russell and Miss McJunkin, Mr. Clyde Horner and Miss Thompson, and Mr. Charles Russell and Miss McAlister, were entertained by Miss Ferguson at her home in Wilkesburg on Friday evening.

Any one desiring a beautiful home at a reasonable figure will do well, to enquire of J. A. Haverstick, Pitcairn Pa., who, owing to other engagements desires to sell his property, situated on Fourth street.

Henry Heffernan, of Altoona, Pa., a track foreman on the Pennsylvania railroad, who grieved because he did not get the prize of \$50 offered by the company for the best section of track, took laudanum, which killed him.

Rev. James B. Dickey, who for the past three years has been pastor of a Presbyterian church at Minerva, O., for 12 years before that pastor of the Presbyterian church at Braddock, has been offered the pastorate of the Wilmerding church at a salary of \$800 a year, and has accepted the same.

Our schools closed yesterday.

Mr. John Brant, of Old Wall, was a Pitcairn visitor Monday last.

Mr. W. H. Armstrong and family spent Sunday with relatives in Allegheny.

Mr. Louis Wichert, of East Pittsburg was a pleasant caller at our sanctum Friday last.

Samuel Caldwell, of Eleanor street is having a handsome paling fence erected around his property.

There is more Vermont maple syrup made in Chicago than any city in the Union.

The drinker has to still trust the whiskey, while the whiskey trust will not trust the drinker, or

anyone else.

Rev. W. H. McBride, of the M. E. church, has gone east to visit relatives. He will be absent about ten days.

Yard master Scott, of the P. R. R. was robbed of his coat which he had hung up in the Wall bunk room last Thursday night. A pocketbook containing an annual pass and \$50 in cash was the thief's reward.

Among Pitcairn's contributions to the success of the birthday social of the Wilmerding U. P. church on Thursday evening was the presence of the Misses Horner and Matson and the Messrs. Bear and Barnhart.

The Misses Frank, of Turtle Creek, accompanied by their brother, were visitors in our midst Thursday evening last and enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. Charles Koch and his family, assisted by a number of Pitcairn's young people.

Tom Patch, the wide-awake wholesale liquor dealer of Wilmerding, just arrived home from New York City, where he has been buying a fine line of foreign and domestic wines. Buying for cash he can sell as cheap as any city wholesaler.

It is reported that tramps have become so numerous and troublesome in the Wall yard that the railroad officials have decided to make wholesale arrests and have the miscreants sent to the workhouse. Last week two negroes, giving the names of Robert Grayson and D. N. Williams, were arrested, after they had displayed a good deal of money and had attempted to purchase a revolver from a Wall storekeeper. They were each sent up for twenty days.

W. H. Dennehy and the indomitable Fred L.

Van Dusen, two of Arbuckle & Co's well known representatives gave our town a short visit Friday last. Come again, boys, you are good company.

The time will soon be here when the gallant young man asks the delicate girl at his side if she will have some ice cream. And she modestly replies, "Only a freezerful, please."

Spring continues to linger in the lap of winter. The frosty bearded gentleman wants to look out how he holds such fair damsels on his knee, for breach of promise cases are pretty frequent nowadays.

The man who saw an air ship at Wilmerding the other night has at last been convinced that it was only the red, white and blue lights, in a drugstore window.

D. E. Slonecker, P. R. R. caller at Wall, was thrown from his bicycle by running into a manhole in the street in Wilkesburg one day last week and painfully injured,

Notice—All persons who have not paid their Taxes in full for 1896 are hereby notified to settle the same within 20 days of this notice. The money is needed to pay the Teachers salaries and outstanding Borough debts. An early settlement is desired D. H. Winebrenner, Collector, Pitcairn, Pa.

Last Wednesday evening the many lady friends of Miss Susie Weichert, of East Pittsburg, marched in upon about twenty strong. Miss Weichert gave them entire possession of the house and a general good time followed. Mrs. Wiechart spread a bounteous lunch which was did ample justice to by all those present. After passing the Wednesday night mark they adjourned to their respective homes well pleased with the evenings entertainment.



**Chapter 5**  
**PITCAIRN EXPRESS**  
**May 1897 Local News Items**

**May 6, 1897**  
**LOCAL NEWS.**

Turtle Creek has another weekly paper.

Tom Patch, 'the only' has returned again.

As a marksman Esq. Craft ain't in it, with a revolver.

The late fire in Pittsburg reduced groceries at Jenkins' to a fine point.

E. E. Swank of Sixth street, is moving into his new house on Fourth street.

C. B. Redman, of Ninth street, Braddock, was here on business Monday last.

Wm. Adams, Wilmerdings popular orator, was a Pitcairn visitor on Wednesday last.

Don't forget the box social and festival on the 13th inst. for the benefit of the Pitcairn base ball club.

"Mac, is there anything serious over at your house? Serious? It's absolutely mournful. Cries all the time it is awake."

The ladies' are thinking about getting up another fair for the benefit of the firemen, "nit."

Miss Lizzie Graham is having a handsome two story frame dwelling built upon her lot on the hill above Hillside avenue.

Contractors and furnishers of building supplies are pleased at the outlook for Pitcairn borough this spring.

J. H. Taylor, of New Paris, Pa., who owns

several lots on Brinton Ave. is spending a few days with us. Mr. Taylor is about to build two or three houses this summer and is here for the purpose of contracting for the same.

Died—On Monday afternoon last, at 3 p. m. Vera, youngest daughter of Mrs. Sue M. Jones. The funeral services were held at the family residence on Eleanor street, Wednesday afternoon, at 2 p. m.

The KoKomo, Indiana, plate glass men who had their wages cut 20 per cent last week, purchased crape and wore it 'round the gold rim of the hats that were given them by the managers at the last campaign.

Born to the wife of J. C. McGinnis, Esq., a bouncing big boy. Mother and child are both getting along nicely. Birth occurred Saturday morning last. This child is the only direct heir to the McGinnis estate, in our valley.

Charles W. Mattern and a Mr. Waugherman have purchased the good will and fixtures of the John Warner meat market, and will conduct the business at the old stand under the name of Mattern & Waugherman.

Spring weather at last.

Our base ball club beats the band playing this season.

A number of Wilmerding citizens are about to organize a Labor Exchange. This is a step in the right direction and we think our people should follow suit.

The meetings continue at the U. B. church with increasing interest each evening. They will continue over next Sabbath. The communion services on Sabbath will be conducted by Rev. B. C. Shaw, of Herminie, Pa. There were ten accessions on last Sabbath. You are invited.

The Idlewild picnic grounds will be opened for the summer by the North Braddock school pupils on May 22. Some 30 dates have been taken by Pittsburg and Allegheny societies, churches and schools. This popular resort under the direction of Supt. G. Senft, is becoming more beautiful and more famous every year.

Nathan T. Velar, just appointed postmaster at Brinton, claims the distinction of being the only colored official of his class in Allegheny county. He is a regular Republican and says the endorsement of members of his party, including many of the leading citizens of Brinton, is responsible for his election. According to this there is still hopes for David P. Price.

Rev. James Cooper, the Evangelist, presided at the revival service held in the U. B. church Sabbath evening last, and exhorted to a crowded house. Mr. Cooper shot his arrows forth right and left hitting whom they would, and the many truths he uttered went home to the sinner. He seems to have learned in his young days what many ministers only learn when they are ready to lay down the armor and join the faithful on the other side. We cannot better explain this than to quote the late Rev. Dr. Ralston's last words to a brother Minister "There is nothing left for us do but to preach Christ." These services will be continued all this week, as much good is done.

An occasional plum still falls from the tree of patronage, but they come discouragingly slow to the patient waiters.

The fire fiend is both a foreign and domestic fiend. His latest bout in Paris burned some two hundred of Paris's society ladies.

Our editorial department has been changed and placed in control of one of the best writers in the valley. Readers of the "Express" will find his department sparkling with bright newsy articles every week.

On Monday constable Geo. Hobaugh arrested some of our young men for gambling, amongst the number was one Wm. Campion, whom George left in the hands of Esq. Craft for a few moments, scarcely had the constable left the office when Campion sized the justice up and concluded he was too heavy for a sprinter. Like a flash the prisoner darted through the open door and up Forth street, with the panting justice a close second in the race. Not being in proper training the squire soon ran out of wind, and near the M. E. Church pulled his revolver and demanded the fugitive from justice to stop, but nary a stop, Liberty beckoned him onward, two sharp, quick reports rang out upon the evening breeze and all was over, the young man out of sight and the justice disgusted with both his sprinting abilities and his marksmanship returned to his office a wiser if not a better man.

The other members of the crowd will have a hearing on Friday evening.

Editor Express.—May I ask through your columns, if the fire department has given or tendered the ladies' who aided in the getting up and carrying out the program so successfully carried out at the last festival for their benefit, at which I understand one hundred and six dollars was cleared for them, a card of thanks. I see a card of thanks by the ladies' themselves to their aids and supporters in your issue of two weeks ago, but fail to find one from the source it should have come from. Was the contribution not worth it, or why is it thusly? - Quiet Observer.

[Ed—In reply to Quiet Observers' queries we would say that everyone is so busy under the present prosperous times they have not had the required amount of time on hand to call a meeting yet. Like the messenger boy, give him time enough he'll get there.]

Since the above has been put up in type we have seen the treasure of Hose Company No. 2, who assures us that their company has never



received a single dollar of the money referred to above.

**May 13, 1897**  
**LOCAL NEWS.**

Box social to-night.

What is on the program for Decoration day?

The Pitcairn Gun Club is looking for new grounds.

Dr. Bradfute is visiting friends in Baltimore, Md.

A board of health would find something to do in Pitcairn borough.

Born to the wife of Harry Robb a big bouncing boy, on Monday last.

Those who have not yet planted their corn had better pull off their boots and plant it.

Now the early potato bug lays for the early potato. It's a question which will be caught.

The Presbyterian "investigating committee" will investigate here about the 24th inst.

The fire company believes in the quotation, "Render unto Ceasar that which is Ceasars."

Dr. Montgomery and his brother Ed. took a spin up the Ligonier valley for trout, Thursday last.

Monday, John Warner, of Second street, retired from, business in Pitcairn borough and moved with his family back into Patton township.

Common council has a big job on hands in the city, that or investigating some of the alleged crookedness of Director J. O. Brown. It's a J.

O. B. job.

C. W. Mattern has moved into the house formerly occupied by John Warner, on Second street, in order that he may give his customers in the meat market better attention than he otherwise could have done.

Allegheny county losses in the death of Judge Ewing, one of its brightest lights, one of its most stable judges. He has left the impress of his great qualities deep in the public and legal life of Allegheny county.

Eastbound shipments from Chicago continue to decline, and the amount of freight moving is very small. The Michigan Central and the Panhandle are leading the other lines, with the Lake Shore a close third.

The picnic grounds at Blackburn's station has been leased for the season and is being put in first-class condition. Those of our young people who are inclined to trip the light fantastic too will find no better grounds or platform.

The annual meeting of the supreme council of the American protective association is now in session in Washington. Supreme President John Echols in the chair. The representative from Pennsylvania reported an increase of 41 councils organized in the past six months.

McKeesport has two chief of polices'.

Two new houses contracted for on Fourth street.

Some people had rather guess at much than take pains to learn a little. Quiet Observer, take notice.

Mrs. Henderson, mother of E. K. Henderson, is spending a few days with her son on Eleanor street.

The average fourth-class postmaster does more work for less pay than any other class of public servants and gets more blame than thanks from those whom he serves.

At the blowing in of No. 3 blast furnace of the Carnegie Steel Company at Duquesne Saturday there was an explosion of gas and six Hungarians were injured.

James W. Jones, aged 67 years, a prosperous coal miner of Port Royal, committed suicide Wednesday night by taking laudanum. He leaves a wife and large family.

Vega Glee and Mandolin Club, of our sister borough of Wilmerding, will give a concert in the Y. M. C. A. rooms this Thursday evening. A fine program will be rendered under the direction of Prof. W. F. Briggs.

Mr. A. A. McAllister, a well-known glass worker, and Miss Agnes Friskie, a very popular young lady of North Irwin, were to be married on Tuesday. Monday it was learned that McAllister had a wife and two children living at Freeport, Pa. A brother of Miss Friskie swore out a warrant for McAllister, accusing him of perjury in procuring a license.

The county commissioners Tuesday considered the advisability of inserting a clause in the contracts for county road improvements, confining the contracts to the employment of citizens of Allegheny county, instead of citizens of the United States, as provided in the act of 1895, governing contracts for public works to be paid out of public funds.

According to advertisement the entire interest of T. D. Cort in the Commercial hotel property, at Irwin, was sold by the sheriff on Friday. Joseph Bumgardner, of Latrobe, was the purchaser at \$3,250. Mr. Cort was formerly in the saloon business at Braddock.

Considerable speculation is being indulged in by members of the bar and others as to who will be appointed by Gov. Hastings to succeed the late Judge Thomas Ewing in common pleas court No. 2. Gov. Hastings has said he will not make the appointment immediately, which gives more room for speculation. Our people unanimously endorse the candidacy of District Attorney Haymaker who resides at Turtle Creek, and is personally known to most of our citizens.

Rain. And lots of it too.

Splendid base ball and duck weather.

The days that David reigned were nothing to the present days of rain.

There is many a worse place than where you live; therefore don't get in a panic to go somewhere else.

The many friends of Mr. Eli Myers of Monroeville, will be glad to learn of his appointment yesterday as Postmaster at that place. Mr. Myers catered to the public in this capacity 12 years, at this same village and his old patrons, as well as many new ones gladly welcome him back.

The meeting in the Y. M. C. A. cars on Sabbath last was largely attended. Rev Cooke, of Johnstown, delivered a very plain and practical talk on "For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."—Phil. 1: 21. The hour was very profitably spent.

Rev. Hall of Wilmerding has consented to give us one of his "Plain Talks to Men" on Sunday next and for this occasion the Presbyterian church has been secured. This being a plain talk it is highly desired that all men, regardless of denomination or religious belief be present to hear and profit by it. Come early and enjoy the song service. Boys under 17 years not admitted at this service.

The general business condition shows little change. There is a tendency towards disturbance and considerable nervousness in some quarters, but upon the whole there is a hopeful tone. The changes made by the Senate in the House tariff bill has quieted apprehension on the score of revenue and has studied the money market, especially since the fear of further shipment of gold abroad has been allayed.

Locally P. R. R. officials state, that orders for cars are increasing and the storage of empty rolling stock has been stopped temporarily, at least.

#### COMMUNICATED.

The adjourned meeting of the Blairsville Presbytery met at Greensburg on Tuesday. Rev. J. S. Hawn, Ph. D., was relieved from his pastoral charge of the McGinnis Presbyterian church, and has accepted a call at New Kensington. The remonstrance that was carried up to the Presbytery against the resolutions of respect which the session had adopted and also the congregation was voted to return the said remonstrance to the originators, the Presbytery considering the resolution of respect justly due to Rev. Hawn. The many friends of Rev. Hawn feel the loss of a true friend, a devoted Christian and a faithful worker. Our best wishes go with Brother Hawn. - A Friend.

#### **May 20, 1897** **LOCAL NEWS.**

Was you at the 'scrap' last night.

Rev. Hall of Wilmerding delivered two able sermons here Sunday last.

Some justices hear but one side of a case before rendering their decision.

The base ball club cleared \$25 on their little

game Thursday evening.

Robert Walker and son Clayte, were Pitcairn visitors Friday last.

The man who opposes everything progressive in his town, ought to have a little town by himself.

The Firemen's ball came off with a good attendance last night.—Likewise the "scrap."

Pitcairn base ball club won their maiden game Saturday afternoon off the Wilkinsburg boys. Score 4. 11.

Joshua Riblett, of Cambria county who owns considerable property here, has broke ground for another new dwelling on Agatha street.

The Express office is now issuing three papers each week, or a regular newspaper every other day, such is the progressive condition of our valley, the great manufacturing centre of the world.

Saturday, May 22, will inaugurate the picnic season of '97 at lovely Idlewild, when the schools of North Braddock will have their annual outing. The fare for the round trip has been placed at 75c.

Arrangements have been made to receive weather reports over the telephone wire each morning at 8 o'clock these reports are sent from the Pittsburg weather bureau to the telephone office at Liggett Bro's.

The number of new buildings in course of erection in Turtle Creek, East Pittsburg, Wilmerding and Pitcairn, and their handsome and substantial character is proof positive that that section is growing and prospering.

The readiness which the capitalists of the country evince in subscribing for water or

school bonds of any part of this valley is proof positive that our claim of being one of the prosperous solid sections is shared by the money kings.

There will be no services in the U. B. church on next Sabbath morning. The pastor will be away and the pulpit is left vacant that the members may have an opportunity to attend other churches at that hour. In the evening Rev. Richard Boycott will preach, he always has a precious and helpful message when he speaks, and it is hoped that the members of the church will all be present. - Pastor.

Our thanks are due the Misses Myers, of Monroeville, for a handsome bouquet presented to this office.

The roofs and outside iron work on Westinghouse big air brake works at Wilmerding are now resplendent in a coat of bright red paint.

Jos. Horne & Co., who two week ago were completely burned out, are running full in every department again, having opened on the 17th inst.

The credit of Braddock borough is made manifest by the many letters from bankers, asking a whole or part of the 102,000 in bonds the borough soon will put on the market, the proceeds to be used to build a reservoir and extend the water system.

The eighth annual convention of the Allegheny county Sabbath school association will be held in the Arch street M. E. church, Allegheny, May 27 and 28. The Executive Committee is planning to make this the best convention ever held by the association. Each school in the County is entitled to the following representation, one delegate besides pastor and superintendent, for each one hundred of enrollment or fraction thereof. It is hoped that

each school will be fully represented.

There is little change in the general business situation. The stock markets are confined to professionals and money is not being loaned except upon ample security. There is a disposition upon the part of some shrewd observers to think the situation better than appears upon the surface, but this is merely an opinion and should be accepted with caution. The grain market holds its own, with some improvement on western R. R. lines. Wheat has advanced and will probably continue to do so for a time, but the iron and steel industry remains sluggish.

For Sale.

The following property: One lot, No. 9. 40 x 100 situated on the North side of Eleventh street, in the Borough of Pitcairn, County of Allegheny, State of Pennsylvania, and is erected thereon, one new frame house of three rooms and cellar, also one frame house of seven rooms and cellar, and also one frame house of eight rooms. All three houses have basement kitchens, two drilled wells of good water on the premises. For further particulars enquire of John C. McGinnis, Wall avenue, Pitcairn, Pa, or W. A. Bryan, Turtle Creek, Pa. May 14th, 1897.

London's Sewage.

Beyond the small sewage filtration plants in use in some New England towns, the majority of American cities allow the wastes of the community to pollute the water courses.

London, like all the other big European cities, treats all its sewage, the average quantity treated at the two chemical precipitation plants connected with the sewage system of the city being nearly 250,000,000 gallons a day in 1885.

THE RAILROAD STATION.

Cities and Towns are Often Unjustly Judged by Its Appearance

The traveler more often than not forms his opinion of a town by his first impressions. This is unjust, as he may see but a small portion of it, but at the same time it is a fact. A cheap and ramshackle railroad station is a detriment and a disgrace to any self-respecting town. The city of Omaha has long been a sufferer in this respect, until recently the people rose in their might and held a mass meeting to express their indignation. Here is the call as printed in the Omaha World-Herald:

"AND THIS OMAHA? WELL, WELL, WELL!" Five thousand people pass through Omaha very day of the year. Most of these people are at strangers to Omaha, and many of them are seeking homes and investments in the west. They have heard much of Omaha's growth, Omaha's business and Omaha's possibilities. When they reach this city, they expect to see some evidences of these things, and as the trains pass through the city they gaze out and about them. The railroads take them through a gorge which shuts off the best view of Omaha. And the only evidences of Omaha's growth, Omaha's business and Omaha's possibilities is a "union depot" that would be a disgrace to any way station, a depot that is reeking with filth, cold as an iceberg in winter and scented in summer by the rich perfumes of the long trains of refuse that pass it every day. Omaha has borne with this indignity for 80 years. Omaha has given thousands of dollars for depots and has been insulted by a disgraceful apology for a mammoth pigsty. Patience has ceased to be a virtue, and the time has come to cease begging for the city's rights and make a demand that cannot be ignored. This interests every citizen. If you desire even justice meted out to Omaha, attend the depot mass meeting at Boyd's theater. Everybody can help. Lend a hand on the tow line.

**May 27, 1897**  
**LOCAL NEWS.**

Who says there isn't "a'rest" for the wicked.

Sauerkraut is on the free list but this still does not make up for the duty on beer.

When the flour in the barrel gets real low, you generally get a man's true sentiments on the political question.

For a good time, a cheap excursion and a lovely spot to visit, join the P. R. R. excursion Saturday, to Idlewild. 75 cents round-trip.

Quite a number of our people went to Wilmerding and took the excursion train for Idlewild Park, Saturday last.

J. F. Courson, General Foreman at the Wall shop, is serving on the jury in Court No. 2, this week.

In the late tariff bill "asses" skins are removed from the free list, presumably to encourage home product.

Mrs. George McKelvey, returned to her home at Old Wall, last week, after a pleasant sojourn among friends at Johnstown.

We know some lady operators not a thousand miles away that can't begin to operate a bicycle. A "Good" girl with a good wheel though generally gets there.

The "Express" is Independent and neither fears nor favors no sect, no political party, nor any individual. Is that plain?

J. A. Haverstick, of Fourth street left for New Castle, Pa., yesterday, where he will spend Decoration day with friends.

Prof. Howard Welsh, of Markle, Pa., who had

charge of our schools for the term just closed, was a Pitcairn visitor, Tuesday last.

T. R. McDowell has just received a car load of A No. 1 locust posts which he will sell cheap. Parties having fencing to do will do well by calling on him.

Fred Hoehl has let the contract to George Hobough, of this place, for a large brick hotel, to be erected on the corner of Broadway and Wall avenues. It will be a handsome structure and cost about \$10,000.

The numerous warrants that were issued against those engaged in the rather strong arguments the other night, should be subject to an amicable settlement, as it always costs both parties, in the end, much more than a settlement could be brought about for. Even the winner of a suit is a big loser.

The raffle for a pony held at the Kennedy farm, by Jacob Hockberry came off Tuesday night with an attendance of about 200 persons. After the raffle the boys repaired to the house, where a number of young ladies had gathered and danced away the longest part of the night. A merrier crowd could hardly be found.

A memorial meeting of the Epworth League of the Methodist Episcopal church of Wilmerding, in honor of H. B. Hays Post No. 199, of Turtle Creek, will be held on Friday evening, May 28, 1897, at 7:45 p. m. We are anxious to have all old soldiers in the valley attend this meeting, and have gone to considerable expense to get up an extra good program. Ample provision has been made for all who come and we know the evening will be an enjoyable one. -  
Committee.

The Lutheran Sunday school convention is in session at Jeannette, Pa.

Burglars stole \$425 from the residence of

Calvin Steel, near Delmont, Pa. Sunday night.

A forest fire in Bell's Gap, near Altoona, Pa., is threatening railroad property and railway employees are fighting it.

Col. T. E. Watt, western district passenger agent of the Pennsylvania, now a member of the Pittsburg passenger rate committee.

Greensburg capitalists and Pennsylvania railroad officials have purchased a tract of coal land at Roaring Run, and will open an extensive coal works.

From the Pittsburg Leader, 26<sup>th</sup>. It is rumored that David Price, of the P. R. R., has secured the appointment at Washington to be new postmaster at Pitcairn.

Miss Jennie Parker, of Burgettstown, Washington county, Pa., has accepted a position with Liggett Bros, as book keeper and milliner, and will be here on the 1st of June.

The little differences existing between a number of the members of the Presbyterian church at this place has been finally adjusted. The committee from presbytery having settled all disputes at their meeting here the evening of the 24th.

Rumors are rife to the effect that the Carnegie Steel Company has captured all the important steel contracts to the exclusion of smaller firms in Cleveland and other points.

It is also given out that the Carnegie Steel company will consume 5,000,000 tons of ore this year.

The Pennsylvania State College, State College, Pa. Commencement week, June 13 and 16, 1897. Quite an extensive program has been arranged. His Excellency, Daniel H. Hastings, Governor of the Commonwealth, will deliver the opening address. Local examinations will

be held Wednesday, June 23 at Philadelphia, Pittsburg, Harrisburg, Williamsport, Reading and Scranton, beginning at 9 o'clock a. m. Places will be announced in the local papers two weeks in advance.

A, R. Walton, a real estate dealer with an office in the Hamilton building, on Fifth avenue, and living on Ella street, Wilkesburg, is accused of forgeries aggregating \$3,000, and it is asserted that what he secured from banks and individuals in the past 30 days will amount anywhere from \$10,000 to \$20,000. An information has been lodged against him before Alderman J. V. McMasters by George West, a Wilkesburg contractor, charging him with forgery. Walton left home suddenly last Wednesday night, and has not yet been arrested.—Pittsburg Times.

The Walton mentioned above is the man who was erecting the houses here on Fourth street.

The tracks of the P. R. R. between Greensburg and Larimer are to be straightened at a cost of \$1,000,000.

Steel rails are now being made in China. Walter Kennedy of Pittsburg is in charge of the works, which are located at Han Yang. The rails made at 30 feet in length and the output of the mill is 120 rails per day.

We wish our subscribers throughout the country to understand that the party from Braddock who has been collecting subscriptions for the "Express," is a fraud of the first water. No one is or will be authorized to collect for the "Express" but the Editor himself. We will look into this man's case and see if he be worth landing behind the bars of our county jail.

Morrow, of the Irwin Standard, has found it too cold this week for snake stories but in order not to be behind the "Ages" of Greensburg, he gives his readers a good hail storm instead. He

intimates that the people of Madison built ice houses and shoveled them full of hail stones, and when they want iced drinks they just go and get a hand full of the pebbles and a little sugar with some of Irwin's "elixir of life" and they have a drink fit for the "gods."

An Enterprise Involving Millions.

A gigantic scheme is afoot, with the Second Avenue Traction company as the promoter, to cover by electric railway lines the territory from Greensburg west to Pittsburg and from Beaver Falls and Rochester south to Brownsville. The lines to be run in the territory bounded by Brownsville and Greensburg as the outlying points are further advanced than those projected to the Beaver valley. From Reynoldton at the intersection of the Youghioghenny river with the Monongahela, opposite McKeesport, to Brownsville, and from McKeesport to West Newton, by way of Suterville and all the mining hamlets up the Youghioghenny valley, the rights of way have been secured. From Wilmerding to Greensburg options have also been secured on the rights of way, and several surveys have been made across country from West Newton to Greensburg. When this network of electric lines is completed it will encompass the greatest manufacturing district in the United States, within the confines of which live over 1,000,000 people.





**Chapter 6**  
**PITCAIRN EXPRESS**  
**June 1897 Local News Items**

**June 3, 1897**  
**LOCAL NEWS.**

Esq. Smith, a prominent real estate dealer of Wall, was a Pitcairn visitor Tuesday last.

The M. E. church is preparing for Children's Day, the 18th, by working up an elaborate program for an entertainment in their church at that I time.

Little Miss Susie Highberger will entertain a number of children at the residence of her papa on Third street Saturday afternoon, on the occasion of her seventh birthday.

Mr. Isaac Good, of Wall, has secured the services of Miss Lyda Roy, of Pittsburg, as saleslady in his popular store. Miss Roy is a Roy-al saleslady, and adds another attractive feature to Mr. Good's store.

Dr. Norris Cameron, who some time ago left this place for Oregon, has returned with a full conviction that Pennsylvania is a good enough state for him, unless it should be the matrimonial state. He wants no other.

J. R. McDowell has just received a car load of A No. 1 locust posts which he will sell cheap. Parties having fencing to do will do well by calling on him.

A perceptible earthquake shock was felt by many Pittsburg people Monday afternoon last, but then it takes something to shake whole earth before you can even shock the modesty of the average Pittsburger.

Quite a number of the boys at our P. R. shops and transfer yards as well as some of the regular crews on the road are being set back or

suspended in order to further the prosperity movement.

In trying to hunt up sufficient means to defray the outrageous enormous bills of the Lexow committee, the Cuba question has been lost sight of for the present. We would advise the senate to ask Havermyer or Weyler for a contribution covering at least the committee's hotel bill.

The ladies of the United Brethren church of Allegheny conference will hold their annual Missionary meeting at Greensburg Wednesday and Thursday, June 9 and 10. This branch of the Missionary association is composed of 18 local societies, 3 young ladies' bands and 6 children's bauds, with a total membership of 916. Last year the treasurer reported for the year ending May, 1896, \$1,249.79. A large delegation of ladies from the U. B. church of this place will be in attendance.

Some miscreant in a spirit of mischief peeled the bark off two of the nicest shade trees upon the P. R. R. company's property at this place, deadening them beyond redemption. Such acts should be punished by a heavy fine or imprisonment and a stop put to the many little practices of ruining shade trees, flower gardens and lawns in our vicinity.

John McCabe lost a valuable horse yesterday by colic.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Peter, Creighton on Sunday morning, a big baby boy. Cigars Peter.

The courts have awarded Frederick Hile \$2,000 against New Kensington borough, for injuries received while passing along a street in that town. It will cost the borough about three thousand dollars, court costs and all, all on account of a couple of stubborn councilman, who when it could have been settled for \$500 refused to entertain the proposition, but advised

Mr. Hile instead to take his case to court. He did.

Stephenson Bros, of Pittsburg have concluded negotiations with the West Newton Land and Improvement company for the removal of their galvanizing works and tin plate mill from Pittsburg to that place. The plant will be located on the Robinson farm adjoining the town, ten acres having been donated. Work begun in getting the ground in shape yesterday, and upon completion of the works 200 men will be employed and later 700. A rolling mill will be built in connection with the other plant.

President C. M. Schwab, of the Carnegie company in an address at the High school commencement at Homestead said it is his intention to build an 8-room industrial school building in Homestead and pay the running expenses of the same. The four rooms on the first floor of the proposed building are to be devoted to an industrial school for boys and the rest of the building to a similar purpose for girls.

The new game law signed by Governor Hastings last week goes into effect immediately, and makes it legal to shoot pheasants, squirrels, quail and wild turkey from Oct. 15 to Dec. 15 only. Rabbits from Nov. 1 to Dec. 15. Woodcock may be taken in July, also from Oct 15 to Dec. 15. The use of ferrets for hunting rabbits meets with severe punishment, or anyone caught hunting with a ferret in his possession is considered guilty by the new law. To prevent "pot" hunters from slaughtering great quantities of game a limit has been placed upon the amount a man shall kill in one day.

The new street railway postal service will shortly go into effect in McKeesport. A 30-foot car will be put into service on the Second avenue system from Pittsburg, via McKeesport and Wilmerding. The car will be kept continuously in motion and serve Homestead,

Dravosburg, Reynoldton, McKeesport, East McKeesport and Wilmerding direct. It will forward coaches from Glenwood and Wilmerding to Rankin, Braddock, Brinton and East Pittsburg. This will establish a direct quick service with all of these towns, and with all towns up and down the Pittsburg, Virginia & Charleston railroad. The car will also receive mail along the route from individuals. It will be put into service as soon as the viaduct at Dravosburg is completed.

New Buildings and Improvements.

Esq. Scott has his new dwelling on Sixth street framed and under roof.

Louis Nasser will soon erect a six-room dwelling on his lot on Broadway.

Mr. Harkness is breaking ground for a handsome dwelling on Fourth street.

Elmer E. Black will build a fine residence property on his lot on Fourth street.

Mr. Taylor of Newry is having a couple of houses erected on Brinton avenue. J. M.

Graham is the contractor.

The large brick hotel property going up on the corner of Broadway and Wall avenue will be an honor to the town.

The Jones and Mattern houses on Third street are receiving the finishing touches from the hands of the painters.

Saddler's and James Tilbrook's houses on Third street look well in their new dress of paint.

Pennsylvania Railroad Summer Excursion Book

The Most Complete Publication of its kind.

On June 1 the Passenger Department of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company issued the 1897 edition of its Summer Excursion Route Book. This work is designed to provide the public with short descriptive notes of the principal Summer resorts of Eastern America, with the routes for reaching them, and the rates of fare. There are over four hundred resorts in the book to which rates are quoted, and over fifteen hundred different routes or

combinations off routes, it is compiled with the utmost care, and altogether is the most complete and comprehensive handbook of Summer travel ever offered to the public. Its 219 pages are inclosed in a handsome and striking cover, in colors. Several maps, presenting the exact routes over which tickets are sold, are bound in the book. It is also profusely illustrated with fine half tone cuts of scenery along the lines of the Pennsylvania Railroad and elsewhere.

Any doubt as to where the Summer should be passed will be dispelled after a careful examination of the contents of this publication. On and after June 1 it may be procured at any Pennsylvania Railroad ticket office at the nominal price of ten cents, or upon application to the general office, Broad Street Station, by mail for twenty cents.

#### **June 10, 1897** **LOCAL NEWS.**

Since fall has set in straw hats go begging.

Don't forget the U. P. festival, the 14th and 15th.

Mr. George McKelvey, of Wall, was the winner of the nice silver set chanced off by W. B. Brush, last week.

A marriage license was granted to Mr. Samuel McG. Brinton, Jr., of Pitcairn, and Cydonia E. Chadwick, of Harrison City, Pa.

Ira S. Lohr, of Tampa, Fla., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Lohr, of Ninth street. Ira is quite an interesting talker and well posted on Florida's resources.

J. R. McDowell has just received a car load of A No. 1 locust posts which he will sell cheap. Parties having fencing to do will do well by calling on him.

At the School Board meeting Monday evening last, the new Board took charge of affairs and elected Mr. S. Snyder, regular secretary. A meeting will be held on the 14<sup>th</sup>, for the transaction of important business and perhaps the choosing of a principal for the coming school term.

Scarcely any one knows there was a republican primary election held here Saturday last, so quiet was it conducted and so few in attendance. Even the board seems to have been hard to fill as they called upon a good democrat on two different occasions to sit with them, but he declined.

The recent cut in the price of coffee has caused quite a coffee trade in Pitcairn. A number of our merchants are now selling standard coffees Arbuckles, Lion, etc. at 10 cents per pound. It reminds us of the old adage, "when rogues fall out honest men get their dues." Now then get your coffee 10 lbs for one dollar.

The Ladies' Aid society of the McGinniss Presbyterian church will hold a strawberry and ice cream festival, weather permitting, on the grounds near the church, on Friday and Saturday evenings, June 18 and 19. In case of rain will be held in basement of the church.

A new mail service has been established between Pittsburg and Pitcairn, on trains No. 204, 244, 250, 256 and 266, eastbound, and trains No. 209, 247, 253, 259 and 275, westbound. This makes seven mails west each day.

U. B. Church Children's Day.

The Children's Day service in the U. B. church which was announced for next Sabbath, June 13, will be held over until the following Sabbath June 20. Owing to conflicting interests and previous engagements not understood before, the change has to be made. The service

will be given in the morning at 10:00 a. m. and will be repeated with changes and additions in the evening at 7:30 p. m. J. M. Powell, Sup't.

Newry, Pa. - Ed. "Express," is it true that Pitcairn is a local option town?

Well, it may be a local town, but tell you there is no option about it.

Lawyer R. S. Kuhn, of Latrobe, committed suicide Monday night. He went to his room in the Frank hotel locked the door and shot himself. Previously, however, he had made his will. Mr. Kuhn was to have been married at noon Tuesday to a prominent society lady

Many important questions will come before the national council of the Jr. O. U. A. M. next week. An effort will be made to allow the honorary members the privileges of the organization except those of weekly benefits and funeral benefits.

As we go to press this morning the sad intelligence of the death of Ed, the bright and only son of Mr. and Mrs. Al Garman by drowning reaches us by telegraph. Ed. has been attending college at Westerville, O., and would have graduated this month, when he intended returning home and accepting a position in this office. His many friends here deeply sympathize with his bereaved parents. It is presumed he was in bathing and took cramps and before aid could reach him sank out of sight.

There is a certain young man of Wilmerding who clerks in a shoe store at that place who has, we are informed, some intention of going into the grocery business and we are inclined to believe the report on account of the frequent visits he makes to a certain grocery store at Wall. Whether it is for the purpose of acquainting himself with the business or the most estimable young lady clerk of that place we do not know, but we are inclined to believe

it is the later. All right Mr. "B." you have our best wishes as we know she is a "Roy-al" young lady. - Sphinx.

New Kensington is paying for her experience of neglect in borough matters very rapidly. And the press is striking some hard blows at the ignorance of some of her councilmen.

Following the judgment of the court against the borough for \$2,000 damages in one suit comes another by G. O. Arner.

On last Monday evening while G. O. Arner, of the Allright Grocery company, was driving down Fourth avenue his horse broke through a culvert near the new town hall injuring it severely, and possibly, seriously, and almost entirely demolished the buggy. The culvert is said to have been in bad condition for some time and Mr. Arner has retained Attorney Hamor to prosecute a claim of damages against the borough.

Excelsior Fire Co. No. 1 will hold a lawn fete, on the grounds near their hose house, on the 14th and 15th of July.

A new scheme, and one which would cost the stockholders but little, is on foot to furnish Pitcairn with an electric light plant.

Last month is reported the coldest May for 26 years. Probably due to the cold shoulder of the various investigating committees of the Senate.

Ball News.

Two games of ball were played here Saturday. The P. R. R. Y. M. C. A., of South Side, Pittsburg, played the Y. M. C. A., of this place. The games were not replete with fine playing though the local team did fair work, and much credit is due the home pitcher for the vast difference in the score. Total, Pitcairn 21 - S. S. 8.

The second game between our local team and Larimer boys resulted in a victory for the visitors. Score, Pitcairn 5 - Larimer 11.

Notes of the Game.

We can't see why they don't get Ollie Liggett in the team, his wind is excellent, and he would make a first-class coacher.

The Larimer boys were a pretty stiff lot of players. Too much for our boys.

The new pitcher for the Y. M. C. A. is "hot stuff." He makes a good addition to the team,

20th Anniversary of the Royal Arcanum.

To be celebrated at Idlewild Park, Thursday, June, 17, 1897. The members of this Order of Western Pennsylvania, and their friends, will enjoy a Grand Excursion and Basket Picnic at the best appointed picnic grove in this section. Special trains leave as follows.

From Etna (West Penn), 7:15 a. m.

From Fairchance (Southwest Branch), 7:20 a. m.

From Connellsville (Southwest Branch), 8:00 a. m.

From Mt. Pleasant (Southwest Branch), 7:10 a. m.

From Pittsburg, Union Station, 8:00 a. m.

Special trains stop at principal stations, from which special excursion tickets will be sold.

Consult ticket agents for rates and time of trains.

**June 17, 1897**

**LOCAL NEWS.**

Don't forget the lawn fete tomorrow evening at the Presbyterian church.

John Warner, the blacksmith has already tired of farm life and is on the hunt for a location for another shop.

Ah there! Greensburg. Allegheny county travels just a little faster than old Westmoreland.

Mrs. J. F. Austin and daughter of Corry, Pa. are the guests of Mrs. C. S. Reed on Broadway.

For Sale—Bedroom suit, mattress and springs, fine heating stove and numerous other household goods. - T. A. Haverstick, 4th street.

A trolley line is to span the northern end of Westmoreland county, running from New Kensington to Greensburg, taking in Murrysville, Export and Delmont.

Advocates of long runs for locomotives assert that there is a saving of at least 5 per cent effected. This saving, they declare, comes from the saving of coal, time and labor at the division points.

We are sorry to chronicle the death of Mrs. M. J. Montgomery, mother of Dr. W. H. Montgomery, of Third street. Mrs. Montgomery died at her home, Ross avenue, Wilkinsburg, Monday last.

Last Sunday night a fast train on the Pennsylvania railroad struck three men on the bridge just east of Conemaugh. One of the men was hurled into the river below. Another had both legs and arm cut off. The other man was instantly killed.

Miss Thresa McKean, of New Kensington, Pa., beautiful and youthful, was assaulted by two men last Saturday evening, stripped of her clothing and left insensible and bleeding on the railroad track. Searching parties are out after the assailants and "ropes for two" will be on their bill of fare if captured.

Notice—Sealed proposals for carrying the U. S. mails between the Postoffice at Pitcairn and Wall station, P. R. R., will be received by the Postmaster for the next ten days. All bids must be in by June 27th. Blank bids may be secured from the Postmaster on application.

M. L. Keck, P. M.

A closely contested game of ball was played

between Wilmerding and Greensburg teams last evening, resulting in a victory for Wilmerding. This is the first defeat that the Greensburg team has met with this season, and they have crossed, bats with several good teams, too. The score was: Wilmerding 3; Greensburg 2.

Irwin has reduced her school tax to 7 mills. Pitcairn raised hers.

The constables in this county are refusing to serve subpoenas on witnesses for court at 15 cents per subpoena.

A marriage license has been granted Dr. H. B. Kuhan, of Pitcairn, J and Miss Carrie Montgomery, of McKeesport, Pa. We presume the happy event is over by the time the reader gets this paper. Well Dock, you have our sympathy.

The coroner at Urbana, O., after much evidence and due deliberation, has rendered a verdict in the Urbana lynching case something like this. "We find the sheriff did his duty in this case. We find the Governor of our State did his. We believe the soldiers did their duty, and no doubt the mob did their duty.

At the Monday night meeting of the school board a full corps of teachers was chosen for the coming term, with Professor Welch as principal. Mr. Price was again awarded the janitorship and the school tax fixed at 7 ½ mills. Just why we should pay more millage than Irwin, Wilmerding or other more heavily indebted towns and get less schooling per year, we cannot quite understand. However if the members of the board can stand it the rest of us must.

For Sale.

The following property: One lot, No. 9. 40 x 100 situated on the North side, of Eleventh street, in the Borough of Pitcairn, County of

Allegheny, State of Pennsylvania, and is erected thereon, one new frame house of three rooms and cellar, also one frame house of seven rooms and collar, and also one frame house of eight rooms. All three houses have basement kitchens, two drilled wells of good water on the premises. For further particulars enquire of John C. McGinnis, Wall avenue, Pitcairn, Pa, or W. A. Bryan, Turtle Creek, Pa. May 14th, 1897.

A GALA DAY.

Children's Day service was observed on Sunday by the M. E. congregation of this place with Rev. McBride as pastor. Great praise is due the reverend gentleman for the interest manifested and energy displayed by him on this day of days, "Children's Day." The church was becomingly decorated with potted plants, while the pulpit and rostrum was a bower of flowers, lifting over shadowed with a cross of spruce with the words, "Simply to the Cross I Cling." To the right was the young peoples flag of the republic, containing six stars, law, fraternity, intelligence, temperance, uprightness, and patriotism, which were placed there by six of the scholars in turn with a filling speech, .delivered in a masterly way by each one. Law came first which was most emphatically adopted as the leading principal of the republic. The next star was that of Intelligence, which was adopted as the guiding principal with the hope that every member of the school will obtain the best education possible so as to do the most good in life. Next came Fraternity in its glowing brightness and was hailed with delight and given a prominent place in the constitution .with hope that this fair star shall ever shed its guiding light on the pathway of every boy and girl of our land, until the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man shall be recognized everywhere as strongly as it is in Pitcairn. The star of patriotism was not forgotten but given an honored place in the flag, and as the last star was placed by the handsome Queen. The red light was thrown

upon the scene and pronounced a success. The speaking and singing of the little boys and girls was highly commendable, as was the Motion song which was joyously received to such an extent in fact that the great congregation forgot it was the Sabbath day and gave vent to their feelings, but were promptly called down by the bell in the hands of the watchful superintendent, Mr. McGinnis. The tableau, "The Three Graces" is worthy of note and better subjects could not have been selected and with the lights and scenery it was perfect. Your "cor." regrets that he cannot give the participants names but not knowing all, refrains from giving any. Taking it for granted you were all there yourselves and if not you missed the treat of your life. Jessica

Single Fare for the Round Trip to Philadelphia via the Pennsylvania Railroad on Account of the National Saengerfest. The Pennsylvania Railroad Company announces that for the 18th National Saengerfest, to be held in Philadelphia, June 21st to 24th, '97 it will sell excursion tickets to Philadelphia from all points on its line June 19th to 23rd inclusive, good to return until June 26<sup>th</sup>, 1897, inclusive, as a single fare for the round trip. No rate, however, will be reduced to less than fifty cents.

**June 24, 1897**  
**LOCAL NEWS.**

Warmer weather is promised.

Hurrah for the Glorious Fourth!

Let's touch off Weyler on the Fourth.

"What's the matter with Hanna?" — In Ohio.

Wilmerding will celebrate on the Fourth.

Cherries and strawberries are plenty.

The long and the short of it.—A few evenings since.

Altogether too many people have got too many millions.

There are more Hanna's in the field to-day than Mark.

Chas. Koch will furnish the Supper for the Cashdollar party, July 2.

Nothing wrong with our younger Drs. except tired of going it alone.

Cultured and conservative Boston girls still call him Buffalo William,

A. E. Marsh and Miss Nellie M. Rice were united in marriage at the home of the bride, Wilkinsburg Pa., last evening.

Real estate is quietly but surely strengthening in value in our borough and with a few street improvements, would rapidly increase.

Miss Minerva Walker, of Oakland Cross Roads, was a guest of her friend, Miss Martha Gordon, Monday and Tuesday.

Our street committee's attention is called to the condition of the board walk on Third street, between Highland and Centre avenues.

Ambrosia, a substitute for beer, is being freely and openly sold in Pitcairn. No revenue to either the borough or the county derived therefrom.

The Jeannette Comet has taken its serial flight, and thereby hangs a tale. The sheriff, as chief astronomer, has taken full charge of the observatory.

It seems strange that all these water spouts and

cloudbursts pass our prohibition town by, and strike for Wall, Wilmerding and other licensed towns.

The people of Patton township will hold a festival on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, June 29 and 30, at Mt. Pleasant school house, Saw Mill valley.

We are glad to note the appointment of Dr. J. T. Ashcomb, of Ligonier, as postmaster at that place. The appointment is a gratification to the entire valley and perfectly satisfactory.

The Wilmerding young bloods who threw the stone through the plate glass window at I. J. Wallace's the other night were glad to come up next morning and pay for the same, and save cost.

Dr. J. B. Hoffman and Miss Sadie Keck, of Delmont, were joined by hymens belt at the home of the bride Wednesday evening last. The happy couple chartered a car, and with friends left this morning mid showers of rice and old slippers for California and the Pacific coast. We expect Doc to settle down after he gets settled up and become one of our Pitcairmites.

The fifth annual outing of the United Presbyterians of Western Pennsylvania will be held at Idlewild, Thursday, August 12. The committee expect an attendance of 15,000, and the meeting will doubtless be the largest of the season at this famous grove.

Pitcairn people should not forget in packing away silver for the summer to put a few pieces of camphor in the box with it. This will help to keep the silver from becoming discolored, as it oftentimes will when not in use.

The U. P. Church of Wilmerding will give a Musical and Literacy entertainment on the evening of July 1st. Good talent has been secured and no pains will be secured to make

the entertainment first class in every particular. We would like all our Pitcairn friends to come.

We cannot see how anyone can stand up and argue that it costs the borough more to pave a street than it does to be continually hauling stone cinder, mud, etc. The borough only pays one-third the expense of paving but pays the entire bill the other way and has no street when done.

Robert Johnson and Charles Kelly, who were arrested in the East End Pittsburg for stealing bicycles, were held for trial at court by Magistrate R. G. MacGonigle. Johnston told the police he and his companion had stolen at least a dozen wheels, selling most of them in Braddock. Four of the stolen bicycles have been recovered.

Monday morning as a car loaded with heavy car axles was switched into the yards here for unloading, the workman forced the door open and found underneath some of the heavy metal the corpse of a supposed tramp. There was no means of identification. A close search brought forth a razor and a small mirror, which was all the man's possessions. He was about 25 years of age and dark complected.

Tuesday morning last while Bernard Curran, a track repairman in employ of the P. R. R. company, was at work above Moss Side, engine No. 1075, which was entering the yards ran him down, striking him on the head, seriously cutting and bruising him. He was taken to the West Penn hospital where he received medical attention. He resides back of town on what is known as "Goblers Knob" and has a wife and family. Since the above was put in type we have learned that Mr. Currans is dead, having never regained consciousness.

Reduced Rates via Pennsylvania Rail road on Account of Fourth of July.



The Pennsylvania Railroad Company announces that for the benefit of persons desiring to take advantage of the National Holiday on the Fourth of July, it will sell excursion tickets between all stations on its line east of and including Pittsburg and Erie; except that tickets will not be sold to or from points north or east of Philadelphia nor to and from points north of the line Harrisburg and Erie. These tickets will be sold and will be good going on July 2, 3, 4, and 5, and will be good to return until July 6, 1897, inclusive.

Pittsburg was visited by a violent rain and wind storm, and much damage to property resulted. At Wall station along the P. R. R. a cloudburst caused the yards to overflow and delayed trains from one to two hours. The postoffice building as well as many private dwellings were completely drenched with water, which rushed into the buildings to a depth of 10 to 12 inches, doing considerable damage on lower floors and cellars.

Mrs. Annie Maria Karns, who was shot by her husband, Francis, Sunday evening near Harmarville, died Monday morning shortly after 9 o'clock.

Coroner Heber McDowell held an inquest Monday afternoon on the bodies of the dead couple. Several witnesses gave testimony corroborating the story of the tragedy published in the "Times". There were no additional facts, and a verdict of suicide and murder was rendered.

Mrs. Karns' funeral took place yesterday from the Harrison residence near Cheswick, where she died. The body of the husband was allowed to remain by the roadside, where the tragedy occurred until 2 o'clock in the morning and was then removed to the home of his aged parents, in the country a few miles back of Springdale. The above parties have relatives in Pitcairn.

#### SILVER WEDDING,

The 25th anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Lysle, of Armagh Pa., was fittingly celebrated at their home on Sunday June 20th. Among the many guests present were Mrs. L. Calder, Mr. & Mrs. O. E. Lysle. of McKeesport, H. L. Huff and wife, of E, E. Pittsburg, Misses Edith, Essie and Birdie Lysle, Samuel and Thomas Lysle, Dr. and Mrs. Cameron, of Armagh and G. F. Warner, of Pitcairn, Pa.

The bride and groom were formerly of McKeesport, and entertained their guests in royal style. The dining-room was a bower of roses and the tables spread with all the delicacies of the season. The many handsome find costly presents that were received by the re-united couple showed the high esteem their many friends held them in. The younger folks highly enjoyed themselves by horseback riding and out-door sports during the entire day, retiring to the ever ready table to appease their newly worked up appetites every few hours. In all it was a gala day long to be remembered by all the participants, and the parting wish of the guests were that the happy couple's future might be one long continued dream of happiness.



**Chapter 7**  
**PITCAIRN EXPRESS**  
**July 1897 Local News Items**

**July 1, 1897**  
**LOCAL NEWS.**

The catholic church of this place will picnic on Monday the 5th.

Before the next Legislature meets the State should buy a few hotels for the use of committees.

Judging by the big skeletons they are finding out in Ohio, there were great men there before Hanna and Foraker.

Mr. and Mrs. John Minard, of Wilmerding, spent Sunday last with Mrs. Minards brother, H. S. Landis, of Fourth street.

The distillery and contents owned by Joseph Kammerer, nine miles from Monongahela, Pa., were destroyed by fire. Loss about \$8,000, with light insurance.

While Harrison Wilson and family, of Fosterville, Pa., were at church on Sunday evening, an incendiary set fire to his barn, causing a loss of \$2,000.

The postoffice at this place will be closed on Monday, July 5th, excepting the following hours: Open from 11 a. m., to 12 a. m., and from 5 to 6 p. m., only. M. L. Keck, P. M.

Quite a number of typhoid fever cases are reported in the west end of town, all attributed to the alley between Agatha and Eleanor streets which Council has been carelessly allowing to become a regular cesspool.

Additional allowances of \$100 and \$50 a year for handling star route mails have been granted to the postmasters of Leechburg and Ruffsedale,

respectfully.

Mr. Robbins has filed the claims of S. M. Binkey, postmaster at Harrold, Westmoreland county, and the postmaster at Stewart station, who want additional allowances on the same ground.

J. A Haverstick has sold his handsome residence on Fourth street, to R. G. McGuire. Mr. Haverstick will make his home in the future at New Castle, Pa.

H. S. Brunot, of Greensburg, recently appointed consulate at St. Etienne, France, has received final instructions from the president and will leave for his post at once.

Representative Robbins has presented to the president a number of additional endorsements of E. F. Craig, of New Alexandria, who wants the consulate of Victoria, B. C.

The members of the Shagnasty club of Wilmerding, will be out in full dress uniform on Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. All members not present will be fined. The club is called Shagnasty in honor of one of our tonsorial artists.

The people of Wilmerding ought to present the "would-be scrapper" with a set of gold quoits.

Mrs. Armstrong and daughter, of Allegheny city, spent the fore part of this week with W. H. Armstrong, of Second street, their son and brother, respectfully.

Tom Patch, the genial wholesale liquor dealer, of Wilmerding, was turtle fishing below Pittsburg last week. His interests being carefully watched by his brother during his absence.

Ex-district attorney J. A. McCurdy, of Greensburg, and Miss Florence Ludwick, of Manor, were married yesterday at the home of

the bride, Rev. J. P. McCurdy brother of the groom officiating.

Married—On June 23rd, by Rev. W. H. McBride, at the residence of Edward Lee, Mr. C. E. Yingling, of Dennison, O., to Miss Minnie Hannah, of this place.

We see an article in the city papers headed “Our Butter and Cheese Abroad.” Judging from that which appears on our table occasionally, it must be returning.

Bennett & Talbott, the contractors of Greensburg, have received a big railroad contract at Fair Oaks, Va. The cost will be over \$100,000. Col. Daniel Bennett left last night to begin the construction.

A heavy freight train on the Pennsylvania railroad was derailed in the Altoona yard at 2 o’clock Tuesday morning. Eight cars were thrown from the track. No one was hurt. Trains 7 and 9 from the east were delayed three hours on account of the wreck.

E. N. Price, the janitor of the school building has rented and moved into the house of Sam Santalogo, the Italian. Sam has built a heavy stone wall the entire length of his lot on the side next to the run, and has otherwise improved the place.

Charles Koch, our heavy-weight councilman, has returned from Philadelphia, where he had been attending the Saengerfest as one of the Pittsburg branch’s leading singers. Mr. Koch made quite a record while there, having scored 107 points, the judges being of the highest musical talent in the state.

Last week two wagon loads of American Mechanics, with their wives and families, drove from here to Murraysville, and attended Divine services in the handsome little church at that place, returning late in the evening well

pleased with both their drive and the sermon.

## **July 8, 1897** **LOCAL NEWS.**

The undressed kid is in the swim.

Did you celebrate on the Fourth.

The Callender boys are playing better ball.

Our street car lines did not run on Monday.

Everybody had money to burn on Monday.

Fireworks and firewater were in evidence on the 5th.

Some of people are in doubt as to their location these hot days.

The usual amount of Fourth of July accidents are being chronicled.

Considering the thousands of miners that are now idle out on a strike the “Old Fourth” did well.

U. G. McGrody and family, of Butler, Pa., formally of this place, spent the 4th with friends here.

The picnic held here by the Catholic church Monday was a grand success. Financially and pleasurable.

The Jeannette “Comet” com-et us in great style this week, being printed in six different colors of ink. This is enterprise.

Considerable real estate is changing hands throughout our valley. Mostly being sold by speculators to parties who intend building homes.

Turtle Creek valley represents more wealth in its three miles from Stewart station to East Pittsburg, than any other three miles of valley in the world.

The young firm of "Koch & Welshons" has been dissolved by mutual consent, both the young men returning to their places in the home circle, wiser if not better boys.

Some of our women folks who refuse to tell their age can occasionally be caught telling of a summer back in the forty's or fifties fully as warm as this one.

We are sorry to chronicle the death of Mrs. Richard Perry, which occurred yesterday morning from a complication of diseases. Mrs. Perry leaves a husband and three small children to mourn their untimely loss,

Daniel Adams, a well known railroad man of Stewart Station, died suddenly on Sunday morning last of inflammation of the bowels. Mr. Adams was very popular and highly respected by all his railroad associates as well as his neighbors. He leaves a wife and several children, which will be looked after by the different, orders and endowment associations, of which he was a member.

An aged man—man, mind you— started up one of Philadelphia's streets Monday with a bunch of cannon fire crackers under his arm, when a small boy slipped up behind him and put a lighted match to the exposed fuse of the crackers. They cracked five of the man's ribs—cracked his neck—and they held the inquest.

Ten of the biggest breweries in Allegheny county have agreed to consolidate.

Turn the hose on the man that insists in telling you that "it's hot." He needs cooling off.

It is noted that the day breaks but never falls,

and the night falls but never br—biff !—!

Born to the wife of Marshall Lentz, on Friday last, a girl. Mother and child are both doing well.

Hose company No. 1 was out in their new rubber coats testing their different water plugs last evening.

They say it was so hot at New Kensington on the Fourth that the water in the river became so dry it cracked.

We are glad to report a vast improvement in the many fever cases in our midst, and soon hope to chronicle the full recovery of all of them.

There are no sun strokes as yet in Pitcairn, a few father strokes on the Fourth is the worst reported by the sons.

Quite a number of sun strokes is being daily reported in the city papers, this being the hottest July, so far since 1887.

Lutchinger, of Wall says it is not necessary for a man to think of the acts of our present legislature, to become hot under the collar these days.

Now is the time to go out camping but send your big fish lies to Morrow of the Irwin Standard, as we are busy hustling prosperity lies.

To-day more than 6,000 miners in the Monongahela valley are idle, effecting a complete shutdown of all the mines in the valley.

These are the days when the man who fires a big locomotive on a hard run might just as well have a job puddling or heating in a rolling mill with no helper.

The engine hauling the Uniontown express, on the Pennsylvania railroad was one of the most patriotic-looking machines that entered the Union station on July 5. Flags and bunting almost concealed the boiler.

Greensburg's ice plant blew up Tuesday, making a terrific noise and causing \$4,000 damages to the plant. Greensburg people will not suffer much on account of no ice as it is a rather chilly town anyway.

At the regular meeting of Excelsior Fire Company, No. 1, last Wednesday evening, a vote of thanks was tendered the ladies' who so kindly raised the money and procured the rubber coats that were received last week.

Don't forget the first annual lawn fete of Excelsior Fire Company, No. 1, to be held near the hose house, on the evenings of July 14 and 15. This is a cause that everyone should be interested in, so come out and help the boys along.

The present term of criminal court being held by Judges E. H. Stowe and J. H. Slagle, will surpass all records in the number of cases before it. Five homicide cases have already been tried during the term, and eight more are on the calendar, and five more true bills for murder were found by the grand jury yesterday.

Rev. Orner, district elder, of Altoona, will preside at the U. B. church Sunday morning.

Miss Kettering and her brother Frank, have moved into the Haverstick house, this week.

The Pitcairn band is reorganizing and will be in readiness to play for the fire laddies at their lawn fete, on the evenings of July 14 and 15.

William Doolittle, aged about 40 years, an employee of the Pennsylvania Lead works, committed suicide at his home in Carnegie

Tuesday morning, by shooting himself in the heart with a shotgun. Death was instantaneous. Doolittle leaves a wife and seven children. His domestic life was apparently happy and his bereaved family are at a loss to account for the self-murder.

A train of two cars on the Forbes street branch of the Consolidated Traction line got out of control of the motorman while descending the Soho hill at 10:15 o'clock Tuesday night, ran into the car ahead of it and forced that one into another car. One man was hurt so badly that he died, and over 30 others were injured.

The Alien tax law to assess each unnaturalized man 3 cents per day went into effect July 1. The companies will be compelled to make quarterly returns to the Commissioners. Many have during the past two years taken out their first papers declaring their intentions to become citizens. This step will not excuse them from the tax until they become full pledged voters.

McKeesport is all stirred up over the arrest of William Pottinger, a well-known citizen, on a serious charge. He was held for court and in default of bail committed to jail. Pottinger is the father of a daughter who was recently married to W. R. Duncan, of East McKeesport. She had formerly been known as Mrs. Potts, and claimed to have been made a widow by the loss of a husband in a prairie fire in the West four years ago. She was the mother of two small children but no record of the woman having ever been married could be found. When the woman was confronted with certain facts that had been learned she is said to have broken completely down and made confession that it was her father who was the father of her two children.—Pittsburg Times,

Half Rates to Toronto via Pennsylvania Railroad on Account of Epworth League Convention.

For the Epworth League International

Convention, to be held at Toronto, Canada, July 15 to 18, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell special tickets from all points on its line to Toronto and return at rate of single fare for the round trip. These tickets will be sold and good going July 14 and 15; good to return, leaving Toronto not earlier than July 19 nor later than July 24, 1897, and will be good only for continuous passage from Toronto on date stamped.  
For further information apply to ticket agents.

**July 15, 1897**  
**LOCAL NEWS.**

Hose company No. 2, is not guilty.

W. P. Rend is trying to rend DeArmit.

Born to the wife of I. D. Dishong, a boy, on Thursday last.

Coal has advanced since the strike thirty cents per ton. Craigie burn wood.

We are in receipt of some handsome lithographs of the new town of Monesson, on the Monongahela.

The man who first introduced Irwin ice cream, can secure a medal by applying to Councilman Koch.

Mrs. K. E. Keeseman, of Harrisburg, is visiting her brother, Mr. John Strouse, of Third street.

The Alien tax law is being attacked and the U. S. court asked to declare it unconstitutional, though they want the alien himself to remain a part of the constitution.

We are glad to note that D. W. Wonders, who took suddenly ill, Saturday last, while on duty here in the P. R. R. Co., yards and was taken to the West Penn hospital, is rapidly recovering.

The Senate yesterday ruled that the price for armor plate for the three new battleships now in course of construction shall not exceed \$300 per ton. The amended report to the Senate called for \$425 per ton, which was overruled.

Mr. Frank Coursin, foreman in the car shops here, has broken ground for a handsome two story dwelling house on Third street. We are glad to see Frank build, as it looks as if he was going to remain with us as a permanent citizen.

The ladies' of the U. B. church will hold a musical and literary entertainment in their church on Friday evening, July 16, at 7:30 o'clock p. m. A fine program has been prepared, consisting of drills, music and recitations. Admission 10 cents.

At a meeting of Hose Co., No. 2, of the Pitcairn fire department, Wednesday evening last, a vote of thanks was tendered the ladies' who so kindly aided in raising the money to procure the rubber coats purchased a few days ago. The entire company feel very grateful for the donation.

Interesting installation services will be held at the McGinniss Presbyterian church, this place, on Thursday evening; July 15, commencing at 8 o'clock p. m. This meeting is held for the purpose of installing the Rev. Thomas J. Porter as pastor of the church. Rev. W. B. Carr, of Latrobe, will preach the ordination sermon, and Rev. J. A. Marquis, of Greensburg, will deliver the charge to the congregation.

"Specs" So.

In order to show their gratitude, and the high esteem the last Grand Jury held their foreman, Mr. Eli Myers, of Monroeville, they purchased a pair of \$10 gold rimmed spectacles, and in a neat little speech presented them to Mr. Myers. Mr. Myers responded in his good natured way and assures the members of said Grand Jury

that he can see nothing but virtue in every juryman when looking through his valuable present. The smiles of the jurymen was an additional reward.

Detective William Shore was at Unity subpoenaing witnesses for the trial of Joseph Eggleston, who shot and killed Mamie Willis there a few days ago. The trial comes up today.

There will be a dance and lawn fete held at Toohill's (new) grove, Saturday afternoon and evening, July 17. Refreshments will be served the entire evening. Being a cool and shady place as well as nearby, it will no doubt be well patronized.

Frank Toohill, Jr., of this place, who has been in the employ of the Braddock National Bank for the past two years, has handed in his resignation, to take effect August 1. Frank has been a faithful employee to the bank and obliging and courteous to our people here who deal with that institution, saving them many a trip to Braddock.

The Pennsylvania Railroad company is resuming the work it thought prudent to suspend until business prospects looked brighter. This is about as good a business barometer as we have. Its resumption of the work of improvements indicates that in the opinion of the observant managers there is clearing weather and improved business prospects ahead.

Ice Kream is rather a cold thing to get hot over, yet quite a number of our people were considerably warmed up over the fact of Hose company No. 1, of our fire department getting their ice cream for their lawn fete at a neighboring town, instead of patronizing Councilman Koch, who was greatly instrumental in securing our water supply and who has aided and voted for privileges for our

fire company and who has been liberal in his donations to all public enterprises.

The why and the wherefore we do not pretend to fathom.

At a meeting of Rising Star Castle, No. 331, Knights of the Golden Eagle, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: Past chief, W. M. Cunningham; noble chief, W. F. Landis; vice chief P. H. Lichtenfels; high priest, I. D. Dishong; venerable hermit, W. H. Boston; master of records, Milton M. Flack; clerk of exchequer, H. J. Brendlinger; keeper of exchequer, E. L. Miller; sir herald, Joseph B. Weight; worthy chamberlain, Jas. Cashdollar; ensign, John F. Flack; esquire, George E. Ogle; first guardsman; Thomas Berry; second guardsman, E. W. Miller; trustee, 18 months, H. J. Brendlinger; representative to the Grand Castle, W. M. Cunningham.

O. M. Tilbrook and family will leave Monday for an extended visit throughout Ohio. Lan expects to visit some of Michigans fishing lakes and try his luck with the finny tribe before returning.

The democratic county convention held Tuesday, in Pittsburg, under the new rules, was one of the most, orderly and respected conventions held in the city for years. The following ticket was put ill the field without a hitch or scarcely any opposition.

For judge common pleas No. 1 — Judge Jacob F. Slagle.

For judge common pleas No. 2— David F. Patterson.

For district-attorney—Charles A. O'Brien.

For assistant district-attorney— Thaddeus A. Noble.

For jury commissioner—Daniel J. M'Carthy.

For prothonotary—John Doyle.

For director of the poor—William M'Neal.

No. 9, westbound, struck an unknown, supposed to be a tramp, yesterday morning near



Larimer station, killing him instantly. The remains were taken on the work train to Greensburg.

Italian applicants for citizenship are angry because they are required to pass a rigid educational test before Clerk William T. Lindsay, of the United States district court, before their papers are issued. The Italian society issued books some time ago, giving the majority of Mr. Lindsay's usual questions and the answers in Italian and English. When the latter learned of the scheme he varied the questions, and now they are harder than ever.

An attempt will be made to start the Webster mines with nonunion men this week. A movement is on foot to make these works the seat of war in the Pittsburg district, in order to break the strike. J. A. Beitler, the manager, expressed a firm determination to operate the plant, and will ask the sheriff of Westmoreland county for enough deputies to protect the men that desire to work. The mine is located about eight miles above Monongahela City, and employs about 200 men.

**July 22, 1897**  
**LOCAL NEWS.**

Alas-ka.

Have you got the gold fever.

A. C. Wilson wears an 8x10 smile, it's a girl.

Born to the wife of L. F. Evans, Tuesday morning, a girl.

The base ball evangelist wants everybody to take a high fly.

Now is the time for Maud Muller to hunt up her old hay rake.

If some of the striking miners would strike for Alaska they might succeed.

C. W. Palmer has contracted to erect five new houses in our midst - and still we grow.

Orlanda Tilbrook left, as mentioned in our last week's issue, for Ohio and the lakes, Monday.

Quite a number of strangers visited our town last week and the fore part of this week.

Dr. Norris Cameron, Pitcairn's Ex-burgess, is erecting a fine dwelling house at E. E. Pittsburg.

Don't fail to secure a copy of the Pitcairn "Express's" industrial and historical edition August 5.

Mrs. W. R. Rhoads left Tuesday morning for an extended visit with friends in the Cumberland valley.

Lost - A small watch charm, on Sunday last, between Highland and Wall avenues. The finder will leave the same at this office.

The young people of the United Presbyterian church have shown their enterprise by furnishing their church with a fine carpet.

At a meeting of council last week, a salary of \$50 a year was granted Burgess Elliott. Four votes for and two opposing it.

It is reported that the Pennsylvania is arranging a new schedule which will change the running time of a number of through trains.

Wilmerding Lodge, I. O. of O. F. of whom Samuel Caldwell was a member, attended the funeral services here of their deceased brother Saturday.

The P. R. R. Y. M. C. A., have a canvas hall

erected on the company grounds and are holding a two weeks service therein. We do not know if it is any cooler than the churches or not.

The clerk's office of the United States district court has been fairly besieged with anxious foreigners who want to become citizens. Since the alien tax bill became a law the number of visitors has increased over 79 per cent.

The A. P. A. of this place, we are pleased to say, acted very promptly in the payment of benefits to Mrs. Adams, wife of Daniel Adams at Stewart station. Mr. Adams died suddenly on the 4th inst. The lodge of which he was a member in good standing, paid his wife his total benefits on the 16th, just 12 days later.

Owing to our issuing a large industrial edition of the "Express" in which there is much history and data to be given, numerous cuts and plans to be written up, there will be no paper published at this office next week. The following week we will make up for lost time by giving our readers twice the paper they ever had from the Turtle Creek valley.

Root beer is not the root of all evil. There's ice water for instance.

Now is the time to put on a "sub" and take a vacation - let the other fellow work awhile.

Hose Co., No. 1, realized, fifty dollars clear at their lawn fete Thursday and Friday evenings of last week.

Our school board would do well to read the decision of Judge Fell, of Philadelphia, as to the use of school property, to be found elsewhere in this issue of the "Express."

School boards as a rule have been doing what they think proper, regardless of what their constituents think, just as if they are elected to

carry out their own individual ideas instead of the will of the people who elect them.

Under the new schedule of mails for Pitcairn postoffice the mails will arrive as follows:

A. M. 6:20, 10:20, 11:45; P. M., 1:10, 3:15, 5:20 and 6:00.

Departing - A. M., 6:00, 9:45, 11:10; P. M., 12:45, 2:55, 4:35 and 5:35.

Mail for the east will leave here at 6 o'clock in the morning 2:55 and 5:35 in the afternoon, giving us one more eastern mail than we have had heretofore.

Card of Thanks

Mrs. Samuel Caldwell desires to return her heartfelt thanks to the many kind friends of Pitcairn and vicinity for the aid rendered her and her family during this sad hour of their bereavement. While not being able to reward them herself, she prays that Heaven will supply all that she lacks and that their reward to come will be ever . . . .

Braddock has a little sensation of its own.

Death on the Rail.

Thursday night of last week as yard conductor Samuel Caldwell was passing over the roof's of some moving freight cars he was jostled off, falling beneath the wheels of a heavy loaded car and instantly killed. His death is another warning to mankind that the path of life is a narrow path at all times, and with the railroad man especially so. Dangers are crowded about us and continually in our way. Mr. Caldwell went to work Thursday evening full of life, full of hope and a heart full of joy, for his wife who for the past ten years has been an invalid, was feeling in good spirits and gave him much encouragement and good cheer. When, but 9 few hours later the sad news was broken to the family. It was some little time before they could realize that it was a reality, but when their dulled senses finally grasped the dreadful news their grief was unbounded. The shrill

cries of the fatherless children and the widowed mother only proved to the outside world what great love they held for him and how closely woven were the lives of their little family one within the other. For ten long years he has practiced that virtue of virtues "Patience", being ever watchful and careful of his invalid wife. Upright in all his dealings with the world, truthful as the needle to the magnet, loved and respected by all who knew him. Earth itself will be shadowed in gloom for many days to come to the surviving widow and the two orphan children, as the paralyzing hand of death falls upon them now and removes the only source of income, cutting off the supply of love as well, and without benefits other than the Railroad Relief benefits which are small. Their home only partly paid for is in the hands of benevolent people and all chance to eventually own it will be given them.

The funeral service was presided over by Rev. W. H. McBride, and a grand tribute paid to the departed spirit which was justly due. The rooms were crowded to their utmost and many mourning friends had to remain outside. Kind neighbors did all they could to alleviate the wild bursts of sorrow, and aid in every possible way to sooth the saddened hearts of the family. After the services the remains were taken to Allegheny cemetery for interment, followed by a large concourse of friends, who, even in death, were loath to part company with him.

**G. A. R. ENCAMPMENT, BUFFALO**  
Half Rates via Pennsylvania Railroad For the National Encampment, of the Grand Army of the Republic, at Buffalo, August 23, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell special tickets from all points on its system to Buffalo and return at a rate of a single fare for the round trip. These tickets will be sold and will be good going on August 21 to 23, and good to return not earlier than August 24 nor later than August 31, 1897.

**July 29, 1897**  
**LOCAL NEWS.**

No paper issued on this date. In the previous issue the editor states, "Owing to our issuing a large industrial edition of the 'Express' in which there is much history and data to be given, .. there will be no paper published at this office next week."



**Chapter 8**  
**PITCAIRN EXPRESS**  
**August 1897 Local News Items**

**August 5, 1897**  
**LOCAL NEWS.**

Have you heard Sunday.

We had Sunday here 14 days in succession.

A little late this week on account of extra work.

Many of the train men are complaining of being overworked.

Born, to the wife of G. W. Pfeil, Tuesday morning, a girl.

The new hotel building on the corner of Wall avenue and Broadway is creeping up the second story.

By the many remarks we hear on the streets. Sunday must of hurt some of the young people's feelings sorely.

Dr. Armet's men are reported out, reported working, out working, working out, or any way you want it.

It is reported that J. C. McGinniss will add a few more buildings to the town this fall yet.

Joe Carmine has a fine and well finished store-room with living rooms in rear for rent cheap.

Mrs. Fin Liggett and sister, Miss Laura Welch, are spending a few days at Chautauqua.

C. M. Liggett and family, returned from their two weeks trip up the Ligonier Valley. Friday last. They report a pleasant time.

The new buildings now in course of construction in our borough are a superior

class, and will add greatly to the credit of the town.

New members will be received into the fellowship of the church and the Lord's Supper observed, at the United Presbyterian church, next Sabbath morning. Rev. M. B. Dunn, of Bethel, will be in charge of the services, Preaching, Friday, at 7:45 p. m. by Rev, Robert Yost, of Wilmerding and Saturday, at 2:30 p. m., by Rev. E. C. Paxton, of Elizabeth. Baptism will be administered at both Saturday and Sabbath services.

Much might be written, much is being said, about the present condition of the coal miners strike throughout our little valley.

It would be hard to connect distress with the festive air of Turtle Creek yesterday when flocks of striking miners marched around the railroad portion of the town and up in the direction of the De Armit mines, headed by, bands playing stirring airs, and banners waving in the breeze. Nor has distress yet reached that prosperous appearing little town, as the strike there is yet young, and enthusiasm among the strikers is at its zenith. In the face of 10,000 idle men who lined the road from Turtle Creek to Plum Creek mines, there are still some who profess to be unaware that a strike is yet on at the De Armit mines, and these are the wives, mothers and daughters of the handful of men who are now at work.

However, we expect to hear of the mines being shut down by the operators for an indefinite period, as the strikers are centralizing their forces here in our midst, and directing their marches particularly against W. P. De Armit

Communicated.—

The lying, lecherous scoundrel who informed Rev. Sunday that a well known citizen of our town is a skeptic and infidel and that the same skeptic took the hand of Mr. Sunday at the close of his sermon on Saturday evening and

congratulated him on his splendid talk, the incident which was afterward proclaimed to the public by Mr. Sunday, on Sunday evening deserves the severest condemnation of every respectable citizen. The charge is false in every particular. The man that did this infamous work claims to be an active Christian gentleman, who for spite and envy tries to blacken the character of a man who has many times befriended him. Mr. Sunday, at the close of his services, apologized to the gentleman he referred to as a skeptic, saying that he was so informed, and made his statement upon that information.

The lines below best describes the detestable hypocrite who is well-known in our town.

“A robe of seeming truth and trust  
Hid crafty observation;  
And secret hung with poisoned crust,  
The dirk of defamation;  
A mask that like the gorget show'd.  
Dye varying on the pigeon;  
And for a mantle large and broad,  
He wrapt himself in religion.”  
(Hypocrisy A La Mode.)

BURNS.

We are glad to note that Harry Peoples, is again on his feet having been on his back with fever for the past two weeks. Harry will rusticate the next ten days out in Westmoreland county.

Frank Toohill Jr. left yesterday for an extended visit in Tennessee and Kentucky. He will visit the Nashville exposition before returning.

Misses Mauk and Shiffler have opened a Millinery and Dressmaking emporium on Second street, where they desire to have you call and see their supplies.

The Pennsylvania Railroad's Popular ' Excursions to the Seashore, To Atlantic City, Cape May, Sea Isle City, Ocean City, N.J., Rehoboth, Del., or Ocean City, Md. Ticket good for twelve days.

The next excursion leaves August 12. A special train of Pullman parlor cars and day coaches will leave Pittsburg on above-mentioned date at 8:55 A.M., arriving at Altoona at 12:15 P. M., where stop for dinner will be made, reaching Philadelphia 6.52 P. M., and arriving Atlantic City, via the Delaware River Bridge route, at 8:40 making the run from Pittsburg via the only all-rail route in eleven hours and forty-five minutes. Passengers may spend the night in Philadelphia, and proceed to the shore by any regular train from Market Street Wharf and Broad Street Station the following day.

Tickets will be sold from the stations at rates named below:—

Pittsburg.....	\$10.00	8.55 A. M.
East Liberty.....	10.00	9.05
Braddock .....	10.00	9.17
Wilmerding.....	10.00	9.23
Irwin.....	10.00	9.35
Jeannette.....	10.00	9.46
Greensburg.....	10.00	9.56
Latrobe.....	10.00	10.10
Blairsville.....	10.00	10.30
Johnstown .....	9.25	11.04
Altoona (stops for dinner)...	8.00	12.35 P. M.

“f” stops on notice to agent or conductor.

Tickets will also be good on regular trains leaving Pittsburg at 4:30 and 8:10 P. M., both of which will carry sleeping cars through to Atlantic City.

For detailed information in regard to rates and time of trains apply to ticket agents, or Mr. Thomas E. Watt. District Passenger Agent, Pittsburg.

Resolutions of Condolence of Wilmerding Lodge. No. 1067, I. O. O. F.

Wherein, it has pleased God in his Allwise Providence to remove from our midst our well beloved brother, Samuel Caldwell, we must bow in humble submission to him who doeth all things, be it therefore

Resolved, that we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved wife and family of our deceased brother, knowing that they have

lost a true and loving husband and a kind and affectionate father, and may he who said I will be a husband to the widow and a father to the fatherless, strengthen and sustain them in their sad bereavement.

Resolved, that we have lost a true and noble brother from this Lodge, and the community in which he lived a loyal citizen, loved and respected by all who knew him.

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of our deceased brother, and a copy be spread on the minutes of this Lodge and have them printed in the "Pitcairn Express."

J. E. Beck,

M. Menham,

J. C. M'Dowell.

Ridgview Camp Meeting, Near Millwood, Pa. For the annual camp meeting to be held at Ridgview Park, Pa., Aug. 7 to 16, 1897, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets at reduced rates from Altoona, Pittsburg, Fairchance, Freeport and intermediate stations, to Millwood, August 5 to 16, inclusive, good to return until August 18, 1897, inclusive. Arrangements have also been made for the stopping of a large number of trains at Ridgview during the continuance of the camp, and the running of special trains on Sunday, August 15, from Conemaugh, Fairchance, Trauger, and Indiana. For time of trains consult ticket agents or large posters.

#### TURTLE CREEK.

Turtle Creek, one of the valley's oldest towns has laid dormant for 40 years. When the Westinghouse company started their mammoth works a couple of years ago Turtle Creek threw off her wrappings of lethargy and donned the robe of prosperity, since which she has paved her streets, secured electric lights, city water, a general bank, and is to-day completing one of the finest school buildings in the valley. Her latter day success speaks well for her present

city government.

#### EAST PITTSBURG.

The Westinghouse Electrical and Manufacturing Company is the outgrowth and centralization of plants established in Pittsburg, Allegheny and Newark, N. J., and which was incorporated in 1886. Soon after this company began to manufacture they foresaw that the developments in electricity were becoming rapid and their president, George Westinghouse, moved to centralize their works and locate at East Pittsburg, which was accomplished after much difficulty and now covers 12 acres of the valley in that vicinity and employs when running full, four thousand hands. Their facilities for manufacturing electrical supplies is acknowledged to be more complete than any other works in America, and foreign visitors say they are the most perfect in the world for the manufacture of electric apparatus.

Walnut logs are being bought up in Northern Chester county for shipment to Germany.

#### Aug 12, 1897

#### LOCAL NEWS.

The dog days are a little on the spotted variety,

Do you want a lot at Stewart station cheap.

Mr. Scoorley, of the Homestead "News," was a caller at this office Monday.

Miss Ida Pecht, of Huntingdon county, is a guest of C. W. Mattern, of Third street.

Rumor has it that another large gent's furnishing store will be opened in Pitcairn in the near future.

The Barnhart building, on Third street, has been freshly painted. "Billy" says a Klondike

gold color.

Ten Nights in a Bar-room for 25c, that's cheap. It often cost that many dollars for one night in a bar-room.

Mrs. L. S. Kelly and Mrs. McKeever of Sixth street, will leave tomorrow for a four weeks visit to eastern cities.

Miss Minerva Walker, of Oakland Cross Roads, was a Pitcairn visitor Tuesday last. Guest of the Misses Gordon.

Reliable report says that freight crews will shortly be started on through runs from Wall to Columbus and vice versa.

Many a man comes out of the woods these days saying he has been bitten by a snake, that he may get outside the old reliable remedy.

If you have any doubt of the goodness and the gentleness of humanity just go to a base ball game and hear the rooters talk to the umpire.

Mr. Harkness has just completed the plastering of his new house on Fourth street. It will soon be ready for occupancy.

The new building on Second street near Liggett Bros, is ready for the roof, as is also Mr. Frank Coursin's large and handsome dwelling on Third street.

As soon as we were recovering our eyesight from pouring over war maps of the east, comes the "best route to the Klondike" puzzle to throw us out of focus.

Don't fail to see the Stereopticon production of that beautiful drama "Ten Nights in a Bar-room." in the M. E. Church Tuesday evening the 17th.

The ladies' of the Women's Missionary society

of the U. B. church, will hold a social at their church on Friday evening, 13 inst. All are cordially invited to attend.

The handsome brick structure of, Fred Hoehl, corner of Wall avenue and Broadway, is fast nearing completion. The contractor, George Hobaugh, deserves praise for his rapid workmanship and energy displayed throughout.

We are sorry to chronicle the fact that J. D. Laughlin who has been confined to his bed for the past two weeks with heart trouble is no better. Mr. Laughlin is one of our most enterprising business men and is sadly missed in business circles. We trust however he may soon be convalescing

Notice.

The duplicates for 1897 taxes are now in my hands, and Patton township citizens will receive a 5 per cent discount on all taxes paid on or before October 1st, 1897.

R. E. Myers, Collector.

W. H. Rhoads and wife, left today for Atlantic City and other eastern cities.

Council could not raise a quorum last meeting, consequently had no meeting.

A line just received from J. W. Graham, who now is at Beloit, Kan. informs us he will return to Pitcairn on or about the 18th inst.

It is still "camp determination," and as this is the regular outing season quite a number of persons find it cheaper camping out than keeping house.

Greensburg, Jeannette and Irwin editors are trying to see who can tell the biggest snake lie. Jeannette is one ahead. Whew! what rotten whiskey they have up there.

For Rent - One large well furnished room, to



one or two gentlemen. Convenient to restaurants and station. Rent moderate. Joe Carmine, Wood Ave.

One dozen large dinner plates which were left at Excelsior hose company's house, still remain there since the festival. Owners can have the same by calling for them.

Wives and children of the striking miners of Finleyville, Gaston and Venetia are sounding the depths of human woe. No description could give an adequate idea of the tragedy of those poor human beings surrounded as they are by starvation, rags and dirt.

The clerk who asked the Wilmerding storekeeper the other day "if there was any opening there for a good general clerk," was somewhat astonished when the proprietor informed him there was, the carpenter had left it and so arranged it if he would turn the knob to the right, he would have no trouble in finding it.

#### A PLOT OF GROUND Will Be Sold At A Bargain.

Here is a good opportunity for a workingman to secure a home site. This property is located near Stewart station being part of "the Cannonball plan of lots."

It is situated on a corner, bounded by the township road, a fifty foot street and a thirty foot alley. Size 113x100. A bargain for a quick buyer.

For further particulars call on or address M. L. Keck, Pitcairn, Pa.

#### KIND WORDS.

Our neighbor, the Pitcairn Express, issued an industrial edition last week which was a most, creditable affair and one of which brother Keck may well feel proud.

It consisted of eight pages, printed on fine paper and contained a number of well executed

cuts of prominent buildings and also of the well known business men of the place. It also contained an interesting history of the Turtle Creek valley, biographies of its leading citizens and other good matter.

The "Standard" sends congratulations to our bright newsy neighbor down the creek. - Irwin Standard.

The Industrial Edition of Pitcairn Express, issued last week, was an agreeable surprise to us. It is replete with facts about the town, and contains illustrations and write-ups of its prominent business men. It is a very neat and tasty edition, we congratulate Bro. Keck on its appearance - Jeannette Local.

The Pitcairn Express, last week, issued a handsome industrial edition. It contains much interesting matter regarding the development of the Turtle Creek valley, together with a number of excellent illustrations. The Express is edited by M. L. Keck, formerly of this place, and is an enterprising and creditable journal - Westmoreland Democrat.

House of Representatives, Harrisburg. Pa. Ed. "Express," accept congratulations on the Industrial edition of your paper. The half-tone cuts and makeup as well as the historical writing was an elegant display of your and your peoples enterprise. - R. T. M.

Friend Keck, allow me to congratulate you on the handsome appearance of your Industrial edition. Truly your valley is progressive. - Dr. N. Cameron.

Ed, "Express" The Pittsburg Newspaper Union congratulates you on the handsome, historical and industrial edition your paper. Progress is the watchword of all enterprises, which we see you are fully endowed with.

The above are only samples of the many congratulations we received on our last weeks

issue which goes to show that the press as well as broad minded progressive people are always ready to acknowledge and willing to further any honest progressive movement that tends to the prosperity of any section of country.

Additional local on last page.

Miss Ella Maxwell is visiting Mrs. E. T. Ludwick.

Born to the wife of J. M. Graham, a boy. James smileth.

Mr. Wallace, brother of I. J. of Broadway, returned yesterday to his western home.

O. E. Liggett goes as a delegate for the A. P. A. to Trenton, N. J., and will, visit the eastern cities.

W. W. Wallace goes to Beaver Falls as a delegate for the Jr. O. U. A. M.

J. H. Smith and J. J. Patterson returned from a trip on their wheels to Canada, and report a good time and plenty of fish and game.

J. F. Coursin, the popular General Foreman of the shops, has in course the erection of a handsome residence on Third street.

Mrs. Hammon and son, of Bolivar, are visiting Mrs. S. S. McCormack, of Second street.

Prof. Brigg's has organized a guitar club in town. There is still room for a few members.

Miss Mollie Koch will entertain a crowd of Wilmerding's young folks' this evening.

Mrs. Crookston is to be commended for her kind donation to the Presbyterian parsonage fund of \$500.

Craig Moorhead has purchased the school

house property of C. S. Reed, and has had it repainted and papered and it presents a fine appearance.

Our citizens are in hopes that conductor Charles Butler will haul the picnic on shopmens day, he being one of the most careful men on the road.

Dr. J. B. Hoffman and bride (nee Sadie Keck) of Delmont, have returned from the land of flowers and oranges, where they have been sojourning for the past month.

H. M. Meason, superintendent of the machine shop, will build a fine house on Wall avenue. H. J. Highberger, C. K. Whitmire, Charles Coursin and C. F. Mattern will also build. "Verily, we are a coming!"

Thomas Simpson, front man on conductor Barron's train, who, while stepping off had his foot caught and was dragged on his face for some distance, is resting easier this morning, but is badly shaken up. Had his shoe not given away he would have been killed.

The P. R. R. branch of the Y. M. C. A. at this place, under the management of Messrs Callender and Dunkel, have been doing good work, but are badly handicapped on account of not having room to accommodate the men who are thirsting after the truth, who are ever praying, that God would put it into the heart of the management to give us a new building. During the meetings in the tent some 80 persons offered their names and will connect with our churches. Sunday or no Sunday it was a good work. Mr. Travis informs us he has 45 other names of men who will join the association, some this and some next payday.

Rev. Taggart addressed the Y. M. C. A. at the cars Sunday evening from the words "Beloved I stand at the door and knock," etc., comparing the human heart with a dwelling. The door

meaning the heart. In analyzing the same he did not mean the physical heart, but the mind, execution and will of man, and the reason men were not saved was on account of this stubborn will power that refused to open the door, "for if he will I will come in and sup with him and he with me." Referring to the Text "no man wants to see the picture of his life, neither does he want his life written down, all on account of the condition of the heart, it being a dwelling place, so it is men live in their heart, now is it any wonder God wants to come in." Evangelist Sunday stood for two weeks pleading with men, while Christ stood knocking! knocking! knocking! but they would not. "I stand at the door and knock." Now if this is be true then why not come today. "He that believeth in me I will in no way cast off." He showed the picture to convey to us just as if he was standing at the door of our dwelling knocking. When afflictions or trial comes or the child is taken away it is the knock of Christ, so take your affliction as sent by God as he never left any man's door if you will but let him in. Rev. Taggart gave a splendid dissertation in making his last point, as he pleaded for men to shove the holt as Christ stands there with salvation in his hand.

In the absence of Mr. Dunkel, Rev. Callender was present and prayed fervently that men would hearken unto the voice of the Lord and come, referring to the recent accidents and untimely taking away of railroad men in our midst. - Jessica.

Misses Mauk and Shiffler have opened a Millinery and Dressmaking emporium on Second street, where they desire to have you call and see their supplies.

#### YELLOWSTONE PARK.

A Complete Tour via the Pennsylvania Railroad,

The Yellowstone National Park is unquestionably the most interesting region on the globe, for within it is displayed the greatest

collection of natures manifold wonders. Indeed, this mountain-bound plateau, high up on the summit of the everlasting Rockies, is a veritable playground for the world's forces. To stand and gaze upon them in all their marvelous manifestations, the great geyser upheavals, the fierce steam blast, the terrible leap of the rives, and the awful canon, is a revelation, an experience to be bad at no other point on the earth.

The personally-conducted tour of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, which leaves New York on September 12, affords the most satisfactory means of visiting this wonderland and viewing its marvelous features. Tourists will travel by special train of Pullman smoking, dining, sleeping, and observation cars in each direction. Eight days will be spent in the Park. Stops will also be made returning at St. Paul and Chicago. The round trip rate, \$235 from New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington. \$230 from Pittsburg, covers all necessary expenses.

For detailed itineraries and full information apply to ticket agents, Tourist Agent, 1196 Broadway, New York, or address Geo. W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia.

Are you going to the shopmen's picnic on Monday, the 16th inst?

Pittsburg was visited by one of the severest hail storms they have experienced for years on Tuesday afternoon last.

The Westinghouse are putting down the third rail on their Turtle Creek valley line, and will make a practical test of that system.

A new mail route has been arranged between Blairsville and Pittsburg.

**Aug 19, 1897**  
**LOCAL NEWS.**

Rather cool these nights.

Homer Wick has moved to Stewart station.

Mr. E. E. Elder has moved into the Fogarty house on Fourth street.

Miss Ada Tilbrook, of Warren, O., is visiting relatives in this place

The Pennsylvania linemen are erecting new posts along the main line.

Some new sixty four postal cars are being put on the road. They are beauties.

Wm. and Ed. Cole took a flying trip to Harrisburg, on business Monday last,

J. C. McGinnis has broken ground for a couple of new dwellings on Wall avenue.

Twenty car loads of watermelons were received over the Panhandle at the Pittsburg yards Monday.

Cottage prayer meeting was held at the house of E. J. McGuire, Broadway, Tuesday evening.

Ed Hall, a Kansas City journalist, spent Sunday in Pitcairn, a guest of his cousin, Charles Russell.

Geo. S. Brant, of Wilmerding, left for Indianapolis yesterday as a delegate for the O. Y. P. C. U.

H. C. Peoples has recovered from his recent illness, and is again on duty in the composing room of the Pittsburg "Leader."

Miss Agnes Myers, of Ebensburg, arrived in Pitcairn yesterday. Miss J Myers, who is a

sister of Mrs. A C Evans, will teach Brinton school the coming term.

Camp Isolation, at Plum Creek, is out of bread and has little or no other provisions. A wagonload of bread is expected from Turtle Creek this morning.

One of the oldest as well as highly respected ladies in Wilmerding, died from old age Tuesday morning. She was a grandmother of Mr. Mike McCollough, of this place.

Miss Dollie Allison of Cedar Springs, Clinton county, is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. R. McDowell in this place. She will spend several weeks here.

The arrest of Mr. Reesy on the picnic tram the other evening on warrant of Miss Miller, caused some little excitement for the time being, but has been amicably adjusted. After spending a night in the Wilmerding caboose the young man was in a more tractable mood.

The pastor of the U. B. Church, G. W. Sherrick will preach in the First U. B. Church of Greensburg Pa. next Sabbath morning, and at the Second U. B. Church of Braddock, in the evening. In his absence his pulpit here will be filled by Rev. J. M. Leshar in the morning, and Rev. I. S. Jones of Turtle Creek, in the evening.

Mr. Elmer E. Black, the popular young engineer, of this place and Miss Lizzie Wilson, one of Derry's estimable and accomplished young ladies, will be married on Tuesday, the 31st inst. Miss Wilson has been a most successful teacher in the Jeannette schools for several terms. The happy couple will take a bridal tour through California and will visit the famous Yellowstone park. We heartily congratulate our young friend Elmer and his fair young bride and wish them a long, happy and prosperous life.

There is a special revival service being held this week at the U. B. and McGinnis Presbyterian churches.

John Patch, the genial bachelor brother of T. S., is looking after his interest in the Smoky City this week.

Little squalls were heard at the homes of James M. Powell, David Brendlinger and Harry McCabe this week, and we believe they were all boys. Prosperity has surely visited Pitcairn.

Mr. S. E. Jones, of Sixth street, Tuesday morning had his right hand so badly injured while at work in the car shops, that he will be off duty a few days.

Rev. W. H. McBride gave his stereopticon entertainment Tuesday evening to a large and select audience. About \$18 was realized as profit, and everybody well satisfied that they had their moneys worth.

The striking miners have been restrained from marching in groups, or assembling in crowds upon the public highways. The miners do not think the order includes women and will try to have their wives do the parading.

Frank Anderson and Robert Kerr, two deputies at Plum Creek, got into an altercation over some orders issued; and Anderson shot Kerr with a revolver. The shot proved fatal, Anderson was arrested and taken to Pittsburg to await the coroners inquest.

The many friends of Dr. Norris Cameron will be pleased to learn that he will again locate in Pitcairn to follow the practice of medicine. Dr. will immediately commence erection of an office on Broadway opposite the rail road bridge, where he soon can be found permanently.

Monday night last some person or persons

forced the door of Fred Hoehls jewelry store, on Broadway, with the intention of laying in a supply of jewelry without the owners consent. They were however frightened away before securing any booty. Mr. Hoehl suspects a couple of young men who do not live a hundred miles from Pitcairn.

Mrs. Mary Fulton, of the eastern part of this state, who accompanied the Christian Endeavor league to San Francisco, Cal., some time ago, is a guest of Mrs. Pecht, on Third street. Mrs. Fulton has friends in California, where she has been stopping for some time. She is well posted on the Klondike gold fields by being associated, while in California, with parties who had just returned from the Alaskan fields.

Edward Evans,, a negro, aged 27 years, employed as a cook at Camp Tunnel, on the line of construction of the new Pittsburg, Bessemer and Lake Erie railroad, attempted to shoot his wife Tuesday afternoon. The affair happened at 2:15 Tuesday afternoon in a field, about 300 yards away from Camp Isolation at Plum Creek. Evans was locked up.

On Saturday morning at 1 o'clock Axel Linderholm, formerly of this place, died at the residence of his brother-in-law, John F. Carlson, of East Irwin, aged 27 years. Consumption was the cause of his death.

On Saturday a horse thief entered the pasture field of Israel Berlin, of Export, and stole a valuable sorrel mare. Mr. Berlin has had a close search made but could find no trace of the missing animal. She has a white face, light mane and tail and weighs about 1,200 pounds.

For Rent - One large well-furnished room, to one or two gentlemen. Convenient to restaurants and station. Rent moderate. Joe Carmine, Wood Ave.

T. S. Patch and wife, of Wilmerding, who have

been rustivating at Atlantic City for the last two weeks returned to New Florence, where they were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Harris, and went into camp on the premises of our old friend Norris, who one time was train dispatcher at Union depot. After a few days of camp life the parties returned to Wilmerding there to resume the even tenor of their ways.

Tuesday the operators of the Pennsylvania coal mines held a conference at which it was determined that mines in the Pittsburg district should be started and operated further delay on the grounds that miners have taken a high-handed position: that nothing but an unreasonable price for mining will satisfy their demands, and that they have been unwilling to treat with the operators on any fair grounds; also, that there is no other course left open to the operators at this time.

The hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Myers, of Monroeville, was severely tried one day last week by a number of Pitcairmites. Two carriage loads, consisting of ye Editor and his family, J. R. McDowell and his family, Miss Allison, and Mr. Harry Boycott and wife, of Wilmerding. Taken as they were, unawares of the gorgeon appetites of a hungry set, we must admit that Mr. and Mrs. Myers as hosts have few if any equals. Though the well laden board groaned under its heavy load of good things, it was not long until the chief burden was removed to other quarters. The genial spirits of our host and his family gave a season to the dainties that no culinary art could imitate. After three or four hours of genial conversation we returned to our respective homes happier and healthier people.

**Aug 26, 1897**  
**LOCAL NEWS.**

Dollar wheat.

“Put me off at Buffalo.”

The American farmer is happy. Farmers can now attend the county fairs.

School commences Monday, September 6.

Golden grain may pan out as well as Klondike gold.

Ligonier enjoys the benefit of its own water works.

Peaches are coming into Pittsburg from Jersey by the train load.

About time for the daughters of East Liberty to convene once.

Don't fail to get a copy of the “Express's” Labor Day issue.

The way wheat is climbing indicates that it has its eye on the \$ mark.

The Jersey Lily should change her name. She is undoubtedly peach.

Ed. Gress is having a new pair of steps built in the front of his drug store.

H. J. Brendlinger, of Seventh street, is lying very low with typhoid fever.

Heidler has moved his cigar factory to corner of Third street and Wall avenue.

Mr. George Pelter and Miss Mable Churchfield, will be united in marriage to-day.

J. R. McDowell and wife, spent the forepart of the week with friends in Jeannette.

Al Garman, of Brinton avenue, is confined to his home with a severe nervous shock.

Tom Patch says he cannot get a corner on

wheat, but he has a good hold on rye.

It rains, the miners still reign and a dollar wheat reigns. It is about time to pull on the reins.

It looks as if it might be profitable to start a lead mine at Unity after these desperadoes leave.

There seems to be no ending of trouble. Shooting scrapes, etc., out in quiet old Plum township.

Many of the old soldiers are on the hunt of Buffalo this week, H. L. Young is amongst the number.

Mr. Cyrus Gross is spending this week at Buffalo. Returning next Monday he will locate with Dr. N. Cameron, corner Broadway and Wall avenue.

Jacob S. Coxey, who once had to go to jail for treading on a bit of Washington greensward forbidden to all save patent-leather feet, has been nominated for governor by Ohio populists. Good Roads!

The fellow with a wooden leg who is going to the Klondike gold fields is better off than most of the others, as the transportation companies can pull only one, and he can bum the other and keep from freezing from death.

Albert Cole, a repairman for the P. R. R. company was run down by some shifting cars near Irwin and instantly killed last evening. Mr. Cole had many friends here who will be sorry to learn of his sudden death.

One of the severest tests of an intelligent gentleman is to sit and listen patiently and politely to the advice of a damned fool.

The Daughters of Liberty are holding their convention in Pittsburg this week.

C. M. Liggett, of the firm Liggett Bro. is spending a few days at his old home in Washington county.

Rev. W. H. McBride, the popular minister of the M. E. Church, is engaged at nearby towns giving stereopticon entertainments.

We find there is still quite an amount of typhoid fever prevailing throughout the valley, there being three or four cases in our borough.

Prof. D. A. McClenahan, D. D., of the Allegheny Theological Seminary, will preach next Sabbath morning and evening at the United Presbyterian church.

Black labels are to be stuck on the corners of ordinary envelopes, note paper, etc., to convert them into mourning stationary, the device being patented.

Mr. Amos Gress, brother of our genial druggist, left on Saturday for a tour to Niagara Falls, Buffalo and the lakes. Amos has earned his vacation by his strict attention to his brothers interests for the past year.

A Warren woman fell from her wheel the other day and bit off an inch of her tongue. The local papers report the accident caused some of the meanest men in the town to buy wheels for their wives.

T. S. Patch, and Esq. Sibothan, two of Wilmerding's business men were seen on our streets Monday. It is supposed they were after pointers on our mode of paving and sewerage a town, in order to better Wilmerding's streets.

Dr. W. H. Montgomery, of Third street, who is spending Sundays with his folk's in camp up the valley, says camp life is all right in dry weather, but - well maybe you have tried building a camp fire with water soaked logs.

On Tuesday morning, about 5 o'clock, the large barn on the Eli Kistler farm, near Harrison City, was burned to the ground with all its contents. Philip Kistler, son of Eli, occupied the farm, and had stored his large summer crop in the barn, all of which is a total loss.

We are glad to note our veterinary surgeon and all-round blacksmith John Warner, has again opened a shop for the accommodation of his many customers. John is located between Wall and Wilmerding at Spring Hill, and will be glad to see any one desiring his service.

Administrators Notice,  
Notice is hereby given, that letters of administration on the estate of J. D. Laughlin, late of Pitcairn borough Allegheny county, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned by the Register of said county, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and those having claims against the same will present them, properly authenticated, for settlement, to J. L. McKeever, administrator. Irwin. Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Owens are visiting their niece, Mrs. H. C. Adams, of Second street. Mr. Owens resides at West Newton, Pa., and takes an active interest in the miners strike, and believes the miners will win out in the contest for higher wages.

Mrs. Sadler, accompanied by her son Samuel, left for Harrisburg on Saturday morning last, to visit several children and grandchildren at present living there, leaving Miss Sue and Miss Ada to care for the home and guests. We hope both will return safely and well recruited.

Mrs. R. B. Boycott, of Third street, had a surprise visit paid her by her sister, Mrs. J. H. Morris, and husband, of Cecil, Washington county, Pa., on Friday last. Mr. and Mrs.

Morris, accompanied by Mrs. Boycott, returned to Cecil on Saturday morning last.

A disappointment was experienced by the Sunday School scholars and officers of the U. B. Church, yesterday. Arrangements had been made for their yearly picnic, and a number of children with well filled baskets presented themselves at the church but on account of the threatening weather were sent home with the information that the picnic would be postponed until next week.

The supreme court room on the third floor of the court house, Pittsburg, was artistically and appropriately decorated with American flags and bunting for the opening of the 20th annual session of the national council of the Daughters of Liberty, which convened at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning. About 250 delegates were present at the opening of the session. The states represented comprise all east of the Mississippi and a number west of it. Nine years ago when the national meeting was held in Pittsburg the membership was about 10,000; now it is over 60,000.

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**Chapter 9**  
**PITCAIRN EXPRESS**  
**September 1897 Local News Items**

**Sept 2 1897**  
**LOCAL NEWS.**

Labor Day, Monday.

The Pittsburg exposition opened yesterday,

Squirrels cannot be legally shot before October 15.

Read Rev. T. J. Porters sermon on 4th page of this paper.

Born to Mrs. T. J. Dougherty, Saturday last, a daughter.

There must be a little (Y)east in western flour, it is still rising.

Today is the last day to get registered.

The gay and festive oyster now takes in the "shell game."

Mrs. Ed. Closson, of Second street is visiting friends at Indiana, Pa.

It is expected that Derry Express will exchange mails with us after this week.

The coons at Slabtown finding their occupation gone have resorted to highway robbery for change.

The slaters have about completed the slating of the large and handsome new dwelling of J. F. Coursin.

The miners strike is virtually settled, at a compromise of 64 cents, subject to arbitration.

The P. R. R. boys at this place will draw larger

checks this month than for any month in the past year.

Harry McCullough, the genial dispenser of the nectar of the gods, at the hotel Harris, has returned from his vacation and resumed his duties at this popular hostelry.

Joe McElroy of Wilmerding purchased a fast horse from John Warner last week. John Patch, an old turfman, who has speeded the horse says he is just the thing - for a funeral procession.

J. Gettys Mullin, of Pittsburg, a passenger conductor on the Pittsburg division of the Pennsylvania railroad, fell from a second-story window of the National hotel at Green Castle, Ind., Sunday morning and broke both his legs. He was taken to the hospital. His condition is serious. Get. is well-known to most of our railroad men, who will be sorry to hear of his sad accident, as he was one of the oldest and most popular conductors on the road.

Edgar E. Mattox, a bright young man of this place, met with a painful accident about 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon last. He was riding along the railroad on his bicycle, and while crossing a culvert at Stewart station, he lost his balance and fell downward a distance of about twenty feet. He was stunned for a moment, but managed to get out of the water and was assisted to the station by the section foreman. On examination his right arm was found to be fractured at the elbow. Dr. Cameron, of this place, dressed his arm, and he was sent to the West Penn hospital. We earnestly hope the injury may not prove permanent, and his many friends earnestly hope to see him going around in a few days.

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Labor Day, next Monday.

Labor day issue next Thursday.

Get your children vaccinated for school.

The post office at this place will be practically closed on Labor Day.

Chas. Coursin has broken ground for his new residence on Centre Ave.

Many new and handsome buildings are now in course of erection in Pitcairn.

There was a hail storm in Ohio Monday afternoon, doing considerable damage.

A semi-monthly mail route has been established by the Government with Alaska.

The handsome and elegant station at this place has been given a new coat of paint.

J. C. McGinnis will erect a fine pressed brick dwelling on his lots near Wall avenue this fall yet.

The transfer boys are feeling very jubilant over the fact that they are now working ten hours per day instead of nine.

September 6th, next Monday is Labor Day, and should be observed by all true advocates of labor. "Like a specked apple in a barrel of good ones, is an idler in a community of workers." Our valley is noted for its labor producing area, and the sound of the anvil and hammer, the

busy hum of the wheels of many electric machines and the noisy shriek of the locomotive is heard from early morn till late at night. Nowhere on earth is there to be found a more prosperous labor producing valley than the Turtle Creek valley. So let us all, stand together in simple honest work with Uncle Sam and in making Labor Day one to be welcomed every year.

Unless some unforeseen thing enters the contest the strike of the miners is pretty near at its end. As the scheme of settlement is outlined, the strikers make some gains. What more may be added to the schedule, when the details are arranged, or before the final closing of arbitration, is not foreshadowed, but the miners will be better off than before the strike. If the pressure for uniformity of manner in conducting mining operations is then kept up, the final result will be the material bettering of the trade and of the condition of the workers employed by the coal companies. The happy outcome which now seems quite certain is the cause for congratulations all around.

A birthday surprise party was held at the pretty and cozy home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Smail at Jeannette, Pa., last week, in commemoration of the 57th anniversary of mother Smails birth. Quite a number of her near friends and children from this place were present and report a splendid time, with many wishes for a happy return of the occasion next year. Mrs. Smail reluctantly parted with her guests.

On Saturday August 28, Mr. Sidney M. Skiles, a very earnest worker in Wilmerding Lodge No 310, K. of P. and George W. Horner, District Deputy Grand Chancellor, of the 6th district, Allegheny county, paid a fraternal visit to Pitcairn with the object of starting a lodge of K. of P. in Pitcairn in the near future. The above named order is composed of a body of men joined together under the banner of friendship, charity and benevolence, it is also a

beneficial organization. A member in good standing can take out life insurance at a very low rate, from \$500 to \$5,000. This feature is not compulsive. The beneficial rank is called the endowment rank. There is also a uniform rank attached to the order which is the military branch. The last report of the Grand Lodge there was 44,785 members in this state, a large increase over last year. There was last year \$235,600.21 paid out for the relief of brother Knights and their families. There will be a preliminary meeting called in the near future, when supreme vice-chancellor Thomas G. Sample, supreme representative R. H. Jackson, and other prominent members of the Order will be there to address you. All brother Knights and friends who are interested in secret society work are cordially invited to be with us on that eve. The date has not yet been set but will be announced in this paper very soon.

Industrial Exposition at Pittsburg. - Excursion Tickets via Pennsylvania Railroad, For the Industrial Exposition at Pittsburg the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell, on September 9, excursion tickets from stations on the Pittsburg Division and branches, and from stations on the Indiana Branch of the West Pennsylvania Division to Pittsburg and return, at half fare, with price of admission to the Exposition added. (No ticket to be sold for less than seventy five cents, including admission coupon.)

These tickets will be good going only on regular trains leaving stations at or before noon on the day of issue, and will be good for return, passage until the following day inclusive. Excursion tickets for this occasion will also be sold under similar conditions from stations on the Monongahela Division on September 8, and from stations on the West Pennsylvania Division, except Blairsville and the Indiana Branch (tickets read to Allegheny City) on September 8.

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**Sept 9, 1897**

#### LOCAL NEWS.

School.

Are you vaccinated.

Ten hours and overtime at the transfer.

"Verily we should have another car load of sewer pipe."

Labor Day was noted for its grand weather if for nothing else.

And still some people wonder when a holiday comes. The people who read forgot to tell them about it.

An Irwin "Standard" headline says: "Big gas strike near town." It is a very atmospherical day when you can't strike plenty of gas right in Irwin.

A recent ruling of the supreme bench says: "Your sidewalk is yours to protect and repair, you have the right to order away crowds or remove obstacles obstructing or interfering."

Report has reached us of a number of persons violating the game law. We would just say anyone who knows of another killing of squirrels out of season can realize a nice profit

by making information of the same.

An echo meeting will be held at the United Presbyterian church next Sabbath evening. The Wilmerding delegates to the Indianapolis Institute will give reports of the convention. An invitation is extended to all who do not attend services elsewhere to be present. Exercises will begin at 7 o'clock and will take the place of the regular evening services.

A special meeting of Council to-night

Foot-ball hair is beginning to sprout.

Council can give grades but cannot grade sidewalks for individuals.

The coal strike is like an old bill, the longer it runs the harder it is to settle.

A few of our borough officers who insist upon grading private sidewalks should keep about them a Black-stone.

The Pennsylvania railroad company has issued an order directing policemen to break up the practice of boys stealing rides on trains.

'Squire D. G. Mearse, of New Kensington, has been arrested on an order from court, charged with misdemeanor in office.

Col. Norman M. Smith, transfer agent at Wall, states that the increase in freight will make their tonnage for this month one of the heaviest on record. At the present time the transfer men are able to handle the great bulk of freight, but should the increase keep up for a few days longer another force of men will have to be put to work.

The average daily shipment of money from Kansas City banks last week to farmers throughout Missouri, Kansas and Colorado, most of which has been used in moving grain,

was \$745,000.

The Pittsburg Times says that the Pennsylvania railroad company has decided to erect a new passenger depot at Pittsburg that will cost several hundred thousand dollars. It will occupy the present site.

For Sale.

A lot of ground containing 7 acres and 36 perch, near town. Just the thing for a truck or garden patch. Will be sold cheap to a quick purchaser. Good coal under surface.

For particulars address P. O. box 73, Pitcairn, Pa., or call on P. M.

**September 16, 1897**

**LOCAL NEWS.**

This issue of the newspaper is missing.

**Sept. 23, 1897**

**LOCAL NEWS**

Frost.

Klondike weather.

Read "Sunday's" letter.

The Irwin Standard is getting out an industrial edition.

W. S. Barr and son Samuel spent a day in Braddock last week.

Mrs. Pearce, of Second street spent a day with friends at Irwin last week.

Mr. C. S. Reed banqueted the Y. M. C. A. ball team on Monday night.

Why cannot we have our own waterworks and save thousands of dollars.

Between Prof. Andre and Klondike cranks our weather is kept entirely too frigid.

Mr. H. T. Warner, of Groveton, Pa., was a visitor in Pitcairn the latter part of last week.

A recent ruling of the Auditor General makes school bonds taxable same as any other bonds.

Miss Grace Ambrose, of Ligonier, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Conductor Barron, on Center avenue.

How about some street lamps this winter. They will do us no good after we are dead and gone.

Mr. W. M. Cunningham, who had a finger nail torn off while at work in the shops, is again on duty.

Mrs. S. M. Smail paid a visit to her home at Monroeville on Friday last and reports everybody well.

Mr. Thomas Holt and family, of Monroeville, have quit this country and are now residing in England.

When we have gold we are in fear. When we have none we are in danger. Printers are always in danger.

Attorney and Mrs. S. M. Smail paid a visit to their parents at Jeannette, Pa., over Saturday and Sunday last.

If there is nothing to Bar the event, it is en(H)ough to say there will be a wedding the next few days in Pitcairn.

George Myers is taking in the Carrollton (Cambria county) fair and incidentally visiting his parents at Ebensburg,

Mrs. C. W. Palmer is visiting relatives and

friends in Indiana county. She will return before long to her home on Second street.

Mrs. A. G. Tomlinson of Sharpsburg, Pa., whose husband owns property here on Brinton avenue, was a Pitcairn visitor last week.

Mr. A. K. Bash and lady friend, Miss Marie Painter, spent a most delightful Sunday at the home of Miss Painter, south of Irwin, Pa.

The annual state convention of the Jr. O. U. A. M. met yesterday morning in Altoona. Some important affairs of the order were looked after.

Why is it that two Pitcairn young men go up to Irwin every Sunday? Surely it cannot be to see the young ladies, for Pitcairn has young Indies to burn.

The young folks of the Presbyterian church are rehearsing a four act drama of rare merit which they hope to be able to produce in the near future.

Contractor Hobaugh has broken ground on Fourth street for another new dwelling house 20x40. George evidently has a good hold on the building prosperity rope,

Mrs. Wesley C. Perman, of Jeannette, spent a few days with the families of Attorneys S. M. Smail, W. M. Cunningham and S. L. Moorhead the fore part of this week.

New Kensington has adopted a ball and chain and a rock pile for the benefit of prisoners who are unable to pay their fines. The prisoners will also work go the borough streets.

Found - In the postoffice Thursday last, a fine linen handkerchief with the initial "K" worked in silk in corner. The owner can have same by applying at this office and paying for this notice.

The present Council is making rapid improvements in our borough. In fact, if it was not that we occasionally met a man who says he is a councilman we would not know the borough had such an organization.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the M. E. church will hold a supper in their church on Friday evening, Sep. 24. Supper from 5 to 9 o'clock. Proceeds to pay the deficiency on the pastor's salary. All are cordially invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Cunningham, of Broadway, are anticipating a trip to Fulton county to visit relatives and friends for two weeks. Mr. C. will sport in hunting, and it is expected he will bring something in the line of game home with him.

John Allison who for the past two years has been in the employ of his brother-in-law, J. R. McDowell, in the capacity of bookkeeper, left on Monday last for Roaring Branch, Lycoming county, where he has accepted a similar position. Mr. Allison, during his residence in Pitcairn, made many friends, who unite in wishing him success in his new position.

We are sorry to hear that J. B. Lichtenfels, brother of Joseph, had to be removed to the West Penn hospital. He is supposed to be suffering from typhoid fever.

Captain Frank C. Flannigan, of Butler, uncle of Mrs. B. M. Smail, spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Smail. Mr. Flannigan is an old timer in these parts, he having taught school at Monroeville, and later dealt heavily in stock. At present he is the most active member on the State Board of Health. Mr. Flannigan is taking his short vacation now prior to visiting, in an official capacity, every house in Butler, which duty has been assigned him by the other members of the board.

Rev. G. W. Sherrick, of the U. B. church left

yesterday for Conference at Altoona, where he is likely to be appointed presiding elder for this district. Rev. T. P. Orner having decided to retire from the presiding eldership and take a charge which will permit him to be nearer home. At the meeting on Tuesday evening last the officials of the church expressed their earnest desire for Rev. Sherrick's return here, as the church has grown wonderfully under his pastorage.

One of the largest freight wrecks in the history of the Westmoreland County Home branch of the Southwest railroad occurred Sunday morning last. One empty train was just pulling onto the Southwest road at County Home junction, when another long train of empties, running at a high rate of speed, rounded the curve at Hayden's crossing. The engineer reversed the engine, but without avail. Two engines and 14 freight cars were demolished in the wreck and all traffic was suspended during the day. The trainmen escaped by jumping from the trains.

A western newspaper prints the following marriage ceremony that was delivered a short time ago: "Wilt thou take her for thy pard, for better or for worse; to have, to hold, to fondly guard till hauled off in a hearse? Wilt thou let her have her way, consult her many wishes, make the fire up every day, and help her with the dishes? Wilt thou give her all the "stuff" her little purse will pack; buy a boa and muff, and a little sealskin saque? Will thou comfort and support her father and mother, Aunt Jemima, Uncle John, three sisters and a brother?" And his face grew pale and blank; it was too late to jilt; as through the chapel floor he sank, he said: "I wilt."

An Open Letter.

The following letter, written by William A. Sunday, the P. R. R. Y. M. C. A. revivalist, who held the tent meetings here the latter part of July last under the management of Secretary

Callender, will be interesting to his many friends in this place:

Chicago, September 10, 1897.

To the Railroad Men:

My Dear Friends: - Every thought of you is a pleasure, and every prayer a blessing. I never labored in any place that I disliked to leave as I did Pitcairn, and where I liked the people as I did in the town among the mountains. I hope I can return some time if only for a day. I only hope I have as warm a place in your hearts as you have in mine. Nothing delights me more than to hear of your faith in the Lord. One of the brightest pictures that hangs on memory's wall is the recollection of the two weeks spent in Pitcairn.

Remember me to all the base ball boys; those who put up the tent the day we went public. Remember me to that lady whose husband was killed a few days before I came; that lady who is an invalid, and whom Mrs. Sunday and I went to see.

I will think of you often, pray for you much and love you always.

Good bye, boys. I start on my winter's work soon. Just pray for me that God may bless me abundantly in saving hundreds.

Your friend, W. A. Sunday

### **September 30, 1897** **LOCAL NEWS.**

Possum and sweet taters.

Read Jim Burwick's letter.

The frost is on the pumpkin.

Our schools are overcrowded.

Yellow fever is epidemic in the South.

The troops are being withdrawn from Hazleton.

Chicago has quit eating sausage since the

Luetgert trial began.

No doubt the fire in Dawson city was started by a defective flue.

Read the P. R. R. Y. M. C. A. column.

Ask McDowell if he was at the coon hunt Friday night.

Miss Grace Ambrose has returned to her home at Ligonier.

Miss Allen, of Pittsburg, was entertained by Mrs. J. R. McDowell over Sunday.

The K. of P. meeting held in Reed's hall last Wednesday evening was a grand success.

Miss Helen Loughry, of the East End, is visiting her uncle, Mr. Armstrong, of this place.

J. C. Bair returned last week from a two-weeks' vacation spent in the eastern part of the State.

George Myers sports a cane these days. Jumped out of a wagon too late, after the wagon upset.

As there has been nobody killed at Pleasant Unity this week, coffins are likely to be quoted a shade lower.

We are glad to note the fact that Rev. G. W. Sherrick has been reassigned to his charge at this place, for another year.

John Rist, wife and family, of Arnold, Pa., were guests of Mr. Rist's sister, Mrs. Wm. Cole, Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Samuel Bar and Miss Gabrella Hough were united in marriage Tuesday last at Mt. Pleasant. Congratulations, Sammy.

Will Stevens, of Indiana, Pa., is an addition to the many good people from that staid old town,

now seeking a livelihood in Pitcairn.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McFeaters, who have been visiting relatives in Indiana county for the past ten days returned home Tuesday.

Mrs. Riley, son and daughter, of Altoona, spent several days with Mrs. Riley's brother, Mr. John McCabe, of Fourth street, this week.

Joe Kelly, brother of Silas Kelley, this place, spent a day in town this week. Joe has many friends who would have been glad to have him stay over a few days.

Louie Schwartz was in a painful accident Tuesday Morning last while at work in the shops at this place, his hand being crushed to the extent of laying him up for a couple of weeks.

Some \$34 was raised at the M. E. church supper Friday and Saturday evenings, sufficient to meet the shortage in the pastor's salary. The thanks of the pastor is extended to all who loaned a helping hand.

Frank Evans, of Sixth street, met with a peculiar accident while at work Saturday last at the machine shop of P. R. R. at this place. While oiling machinery from the top of a ladder he fell, fracturing one arm and injuring the other. He will be laid up for several days.

Tom Patch and Frank Harris, two of Wilmerding's most popular outing men, are enjoying the fresh camp air of chestnut ridge. Just what the object of their camp life at this season is would be hard to determine, but as they are both jolly good fellows, it may be to cheer one another up a little for the coming fall campaign.

Our milliner, Miss Haase, has returned from New York city, where she has spent two weeks in the best millinery houses, and is prepared to

do the best of work and show the latest styles in hats. Ladies, you will do well to come and see our hats before going elsewhere. Liggett Bros.

A Tom Thumb wedding and children's carnival will be held in the McGinnis Presbyterian church on Tuesday October 19, under the direction of Miss Stoer. Anyone who has ever attended one of these weddings will know the amount of fun in store for them. Children of all denominations are cordially invited to take part in the exercises. The cause being a good one, we expect everybody to turn out. Proceeds for the benefit of the church.

Last Friday evening a number of young folks of Pitcairn participated in a straw ride to the home of Frank Warner, at Monroeville, where an elegant chicken and waffle supper was served. The party was made up of the following popular young people: Miss Grace Ambrose, Ligonier; Miss Wolfe, Altoona; Miss Emma Thompson, Irwin; Miss Helen Loughry, East End; Miss Lysle, East End; Miss Rue Thompson, Miss Myrtle Horner, Miss Bessie McAllister, Miss Mae Matson, Miss Allison, Miss Mary Owens; Messrs. Frank Warner, William Barnhart, Clyde Horner, O. M. Young, Charles and Albert Russell, J. C. Bair.

The editor, of the Irwin Standard fell asleep in his chair the other day and dreamed a dream. He dreamed he was in the Klondike gold fields working a claim that had no end to gold nuggets. Though the cheering draught of the juice rye was denied him, he felt no bad effects other than a cold chill down his back. While the boys plied him with a snake lie or an old vet's story he found no time for either, so he was picking up the precious metal. How was he to convince himself that his dream was not a reality, for when he awoke there was piles of the precious nuggets laying on the table before him. He toyed with them, pinched himself, and was heard to mutter "Be gosh, I've been there and back!" But two hours later, when he found



the office devil had bronzed a lot of lead slugs and some coal stones and placed them before him while he slept, and that the chilly feeling had been produced by someone breaking a piece off the office towel and dropping it down his coat collar, yea verily he was wrath. The office boy is no more, the remainder of the towel was chopped up for kindling wood and a beautiful calm pervades the sanctum of that office ever since. There will be no Klondike news in that paper next week.

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A lot of ground containing 7 acres and 36 perch, near town. Just the thing for a track or garden patch. Will be sold cheap to a quick purchaser. Good coal under surface. For particulars address P. O. box 73, Pitcairn, Pa., or call on P. M.



**Chapter 10**  
**PITCAIRN EXPRESS**  
**October 1897 Local News Items**

**October 7, 1897**  
**LOCAL NEWS.**

Squirrels and pheasants Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. J. D. Laughlin and family moved to Irwin to-day.

F. C. Hocensmith, of Irwin, was in Pitcairn on Saturday last.

Mrs. J. Russell, of Indiana, Pa., is visiting friends in town this week.

The Pennsylvania company's inspection train passed over this part the road Tuesday.

The brick works at this place turned out 60,000 brick in nine hours one day last week.

The Indian summer will probably be much finer this year on account of the Dingley bill.

Winter uniforms were donned yesterday by Pennsylvania railroad and West Penn trainmen.

A company is being formed to buy up this pleasant weather and ship it to the Klondike region.

If, as 'tis said, our schools are overcrowded, why are children under age permitted to attend?

General Miles cables that he is about to do Ireland. At last he will probably see some fighting.

The Misses Myers, of Monroeville were entertained by Mrs. J. R. McDowell the forepart of the week.

We understand the insurance policy of our

school building which the citizens are paying for has been fixed all right.

Civil service examinations in Westmoreland county for postal clerks and carriers will be held in Greensburg December the 4th.

Wanted—glasses for our street committee, in order that they may find a few of the deep mud holes before bad weather sets in.

A Chicago tamale factory was wrecked by the explosion of a gasoline stove. For a few days it will be impossible to have a "hot time in the old town."

Rev. Lester Smith will relieve Rev. J. H. McBride of the pastorate of the M. E. church at this place, Rev. McBride retiring from the ministry for the winter.

Shortage of water is greatly interfering with the coke boom, and if the dry weather continues much longer a great many ovens will have to be banked. Many of the works are already idle.

As a sprinter Esq. Smith of Wall is a success, if we are to judge from the time he made at Wall station Tuesday morning in order his catch a train. If James runs as well for office he's sure to be elected.

The miserable cur who will stone a dog which is tied up and cannot take his own part, only shows to the public his cowardice, and that the dog is better raised than himself, in fact he is the more brute of the two.

The residents of Third street are complaining of horses and cattle running over their lawns and boardwalks at night, in violation of a borough ordinance. Someone ought to read the ordinance to the beasts, perhaps they do not know of it.

At an Italian brawl back of the brick works

Sunday last, one of the participants received several stabs and cuts with a knife, and now is in the hands of Dr. Cameron for repairs. On account of their reticence in affairs of this kind the truth is hard to get.

Mrs. G. W. Sherrick presided at the "Women's Day Service" at the U. B. church last Sabbath and was ably assisted in carrying out an elaborate program. The house was well filled and the singing good. Mrs. Sherrick's remarks were timely and well put.

Conductor Ray, of Wall accommodation, did a heroic act last night for which he should be rewarded for his watchfulness and care of passengers. While his train was pulling out from Braddock west two men rushed down the steps and would have lighted in front of No. 5 going east had Mr. Ray not rushed forward and by almost superhuman strength rescued them from a sad fate. They were strangers, but were very grateful.

Mrs. James Brown, a widow, and her daughter, who reside on a farm near Harrisville, were tortured by masked burglars on the night of October 4th. When they refused to tell the hiding place of their money the robbers choked the women, who when almost dead pointed to a corner of the room in which \$75 was secreted. Securing this and all the valuables in the house the bandits departed. Mrs. Brown and her daughter sustained severe injuries from blows on the head.

#### Pitcairn Public School Report.

The following is a report of enrollment and attendance of the schools for the first month, ending October 1, 1897:

Room No. 1, Miss McAllister teacher  
Total enrollment: Males, 40; females, 33.  
Average attendance: Males, 36; females, 29.  
Per cent of attendance: Males, 93; females, 92.

Room 2, Miss Pickhart teacher  
Total enrollment. Males, 32; females, 24.  
Average attendance: males, 29; females, 21.  
Per cent of attendance: Males, 94; females 93.

Room 3, Miss Stephens teacher  
Total enrollment: Males, 27; females, 29.  
Average attendance: Males, 26; females, 26.  
Per cent of attendance: Males, 96; females, 97.

Room 4, Miss Emma Thompson teacher  
Total enrollment: Males, 27; females, 26.  
Average attendance: Males, 26; females, 24.  
Per cent of attendance: Males, 96; females, 95.

Room 5, Miss Rue Thompson teacher  
Total enrollment: Males 17; females, 14.  
Average attendance: Males, 15; females, 13.  
Per cent of attendance: Males, 93; females, 94.

Room 6, Miss Howells teacher  
Total enrollment: Males, 13; females, 13.  
Average attendance: Males, 11; females, 10.  
Per cent of attendance: Males, 98; females. 92.

Room 7, Miss Kistler teacher  
Total enrollment: Males, 12; females, 18.  
Average attendance: Males, 12; females, 17.  
Per cent of attendance: Males, 96; females, 97.

Room 8, Mr. J. H. Russell teacher  
Total enrollment: Males, 18; females, 15.  
Average attendance: Males, 16; females, 14.  
Per cent of attendance: Males, 96; females, 94.

This makes a total enrollment of 358 pupils, an average attendance of 325 pupils, and average percentage of attendance a trifle less than 95 for all our school. While this may be considered by some a good attendance, but when we consider the state of the weather, no sickness worth mentioning, I think we should have had a better attendance. Just think! Thirty-three pupils out of school every day in the month. Is it right? It gives me pleasure to state to the parents of Pitcairn that, in my opinion,

the board of directors have acted very wisely in their selection of teachers. With a little patience and care on your part we hope to prove the above assertion.

On Friday, October 15, 1897, will be known as Visitor's Day, when we hope to have the pupils entertain you with something more than their regular lessons. While our doors are open to the public at all times this day, we especially invite you to come out and by your attendance prove to the children that you have their welfare at heart. It is not fulfilling your duty when you pay your taxes and send your children and then never give them another thought. We need your presence more than you may at first think. Your presence lends to the interest, adds to the moral tone and helps the general welfare of our schools. Let us, therefore, work together for the benefit of humanity. Very respectfully submitted. E. H. Knoch, Principal.

Reduced Rates to the Pittsburg Industrial Exhibition via Pennsylvania Railroad.

On October 7 and 14, 1897, the Pennsylvania Railroad company will sell excursion tickets from the Pittsburg, West Penn and Monongahela Divisions to the Exposition at half rates, with price of admission added. No ticket to be sold for less than 75 cents, including admission coupon. Tickets will be good going only on regular trains leaving stations at or before noon on day of issue, and valid for return until the following day, inclusive.

**October 14, 1897**  
**LOCAL NEWS.**

Squirrels.

Pay-day Tuesday.

Pheasants and partridges.

Game season opens to-morrow.

The P. O. fight grows warmer.

The McGinnis houses are ready for the roofers.

The coon hunters are having lots of fun.

Mrs. C. M. Liggett is visiting friends in Washington county.

David P. Price says he is still in the ring for the Pitcairn P. O.

The bright two-year-old boy Carl Zuka died of membranous croop Tuesday morning last.

"Pretty full," said Billy Madigen as he bit off the head of a match and scratched his pants with a toby.

C. W. Mattern has taken the turn for better and his many friends expect to see him about again in a few days.

Mrs. Dr. J. W. Rugh, of New Alexandria, is visiting the family of her brother, Mr. C. S. Reed, of Broadway.

Mr. Morrow, formerly of the Arlington hotel, Altoona, Pa., was a guest of John McCabe of Fourth street Tuesday night.

Do not forget the first of a series of entertainments by the P. R. R. Y.M.C.A. is to be held this evening in the Presbyterian church.

Mrs. Sarah Peoples moved to-day into the new house recently erected by William Ramsey on North Second street.

A marriage ceremony will be performed in the U. B. church Saturday afternoon. Neiman Jordan and Miss Marie Boycott will be the contracting parties.

We are sorry to learn that Mrs. Courson,

mother of our worthy townspeople, J. F. and Charley Courson, is confined to her bed, with little hope of recovery.

Monday morning last while Mrs. Fairfax, of Third street, was attending to her cow and chickens a sneak-thief entered the house and carried off valuables to the amount of fifty dollars. There is no clew.

One of Monroeville's citizens is missing and rumors of foul play are fast gaining circulation. He drew some six months pay from his employer and started to attend a miners' picnic. As he is quite a scrapper, fears are entertained for his safety.

John Tilbrook, who for a couple of years has been employed in the Union line freight office at Pittsburg, has resigned his position and taken up the study of medicine at the Western University of Pennsylvania.

Mr. S. J. Brendlinger and Miss Lafever will be united in the holy bonds of matrimony at the home of the bride in Wilksburg to-day. A large number of invitations have been issued and guests from a distance provided with accommodation in Wilksburg. The contracting parties have the best wishes of the Express.

Miss Scorer, of Homestead, assisted by the Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian church at this place will give a Tom Thumb wedding and children's carnival in the church on Tuesday evening, October 19. Miss Scorer is an elocutionist of note and the entertainment will be of a high order. The proceeds will be donated to church uses.

Mr. Harris, of the Hotel De Harris, and T. S. Patch, the whole sale liquor dealer of the valley, returned from their outing at Laurel Hill Saturday morning looking like two moonshiners. The genial, good hearted pair met

with some exciting sport, and we are glad to note that the rumor which preceded their return, "that Mr. Harris had shot his companion for a bear," was a false one. They report game, as well as buttermilk, plenty in the flats at the foot of the ridges. We refrain from any reports until we see Norris.

Last Sabbath morning the Rev. L. W. Stahl, of Johnstown, presiding elder, after preaching an excellent sermon for the occasion, administered the sacrament of the Lord's supper to the congregation. Rev. G. W. Sherrick preached on Sabbath evening from the words: "His name shall be called wonderful," after which he administered the sacrament to those who were not able to be present at the morning service. On Saturday evening the quarterly conference was held, presided over by Rev. Stahl, when the recently elected officers of the church and school gave in their reports, many of which were very interesting, and evinced good management and an increased interest in their work.

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A Surprise Party.

Anyone passing the neighborhood of the Presbyterian church last Wednesday evening might have seen sundry and diverse individuals hurrying and scurrying by. Each of the aforesaid individuals had a look of joyous anticipation glowing on their faces, and each

tried to outdo the other in the mad pace at which they flew on. No one spoke. Had they been on burial bent they could not have acted more decorously nor their every movement been attended with more solemnity. Nor was the look of joyous anticipation referred to above all that the aforesaid burners and scurriers had about them. Not much, Mary Ann. A minute's inspection of this motley throng divulged the fact that each and every mother's son and daughter was heavily laden. Not in the sense spoken of in Holy Writ, but heavily laden with the good things of this life - things calculated to keep life in a man. The objective point of this mysterious procession and its mission as well may have dawned upon the average reader. It was a donation party composed of the members of the Presbyterian church, over which the Rev. T. Jackson Porter, D. D., Ph. D., the recently-installed pastor, holds the reins of government.

The reverend gentleman and his family had locked up their residence and departed, as is their custom, to attend the usual Wednesday night prayer meeting. After several unsuccessful attempts to get in at the door, the way of the thief and the robber had to be resorted to. With one fell swoop a screen on a back window was torn from its moorings, and then everything was as easy as rolling off that traditional log.

When ingress to the ministerial abode was obtained, and the offerings deposited therein, the party, headed by Mrs. Dr. J. C. Stewart, made a grand charge on the prayer meeting room of the church, where Dr. Porter, surrounded by a faithful few, was engaged in expounding the sacred truth. Whether the reverend gentleman tumbled to the fact that something was in the wind, or whether he thought that his congregation had suddenly decided to conform with his oft-expressed wish in regard to their attendance at prayer meeting, 'tis hard to say. But certain it is that whatever he may have surmised, no evidence of it was visible on his exterior. The small room was

filled to overflowing, standing room was at a premium, but it mattered not. The prayer meeting, followed by a brief reference to the Sunday school lesson, was finally concluded, and then with "I hope I will see you all at prayer meeting next Wednesday evening" the reverend gentlemen pronounced the benediction. It should, however, be stated that Dr. Porter's remark was accompanied by a smile, which developed into a laugh, and, being taken up by his auditors, assumed gigantic proportions.

The reverend gentleman then sought wife and children and like the Arab, tried to steal away, the only difference being that the Arab did steal away. Dr. Porter did not. He was taken in tow by the male members of his flock and the lady members took charge of his estimable wife. When "home sweet home" was reached, then, if not before then, it dawned on the minister and his family what was up.

The spokesman for the occasion being of necessity absent, Mr. H. L. Young was pressed into service, several silver-tongued orators in the assemblage declining the honor. Mr. Porter then took the floor, and in a neat speech thanked those present and assured them that their presence and also their presents were quite in line with his views.

Then followed hand-shaking and a good time generally.

It was an event much enjoyed and long to be remembered by those participating.

**October 21, 1897**

**Local News.**

Street lights.

Agitate street lights.

Fresh oysters at Heidler's.

Talk up your town and turn on the light.

S. J. Brendlinger caught La-fever last week.

Many of our shop men had to work Sunday.

C. W. Mattern has moved into his new house on Broadway.

The equinoctial storm has been postponed on account of the weather.

Geo. Hobough opened the game season by bagging 10 gray squirrels.

Mr. J. R. Matson will on November 1 remove his family to Butler, Penn.

Forest fires did much damage to timber and fences in this and adjoining townships the past few days.

The person who failed to laugh at R. W. Jenkins in the "Laugh Song" had better take a lot at Monroeville.

Dr. J. G. Stewart has had his dwelling house on Third street repainted, and it looks resplendent in its snowy robe.

Would it not be a good plan for this present Council to take action on some of the great things they were going to do when elected.

Editor Dana, of the New York Sun, one of the ablest editors in newspaperdom, is now writing editorials in the other world.

A notable feature of our town is that the new buildings now in course of erection are all of a better class than those of former years.

How about the numerous hucksters who come from other towns and encroach on our tax paying merchants? Do they pay a borough license?

Dora Holmes, colored, was arrested at

McKeesport Tuesday, charged with attempting to murder Timothy Joy. There is no joy for that Holmes.

Is it not about time for Council to go to work if it intends doing anything for the borough this year? Or will they put themselves on record as doing nothing.

Rev. Lester Smith, the young M. E. divine, preached a quarterly sermon to a crowded house on Sabbath evening. The young man bears the earmarks of a comer.

George M. Pullman, the great palace car builder, died suddenly of heart trouble Tuesday morning of this week at Chicago. The pullman porter still lives.

A neighborhood naughty story never receives its full significance until it falls into the hands of a dear, sweet, gospel-eyed married woman on the caramel side of forty.

The family of Albert Front, who has been living in Turtle Creek for the past couple of years, will move back to Pitcairn November 1.

The large and handsome building of Councilman Courson has passed through the hands of the painters and is quite an improvement to Third street.

Rev. I. S. Hawn, formerly pastor of the McGinnis Presbyterian church at this place, is gaining newspaper notoriety over at New Kensington through his extreme law-and-order views.

A box social was held in the school building at Old Wall on Tuesday night by the United Presbyterians of that neighborhood. A party of young folks from this place, piloted by Mr. J. C. Bair, participated.

Saturday last, while blasting stone at the brick



yards here, one of the Italian workmen had a large stone fall upon him, breaking his right leg in two places. Dr. Cameron reduced the fracture and rendered medical attention.

Frank Warner, accompanied by a lady friend drove over to Armagh, Indiana county, on Sunday last, returning home on Wednesday. Frank reports having had a most delightful time, the scenery along the route being particularly fine.

The following officers were installed at the last meeting night of the I. O. O. F. at this place: W. N. Agnew, N. G., J. W. McCune, V.G., J. A. Witter, R. S., P. H. Lichtenfels, Asst. R. S., John McGinnis Jr. and O. M. Young P. G.

This week's work of the postoffice inspectors will prove a notable one. United States District Attorney Casey expects that before another week the now celebrated Atwood gang of mail robbers will be in the toils. Pittsburg is now in the cities worked by the gang.

If dame rumor does not lie someone in this village is in a fair way to get into trouble. Various persons at various times have missed lumber from their back yards, from their board walks and from their lumber yards, suspicion points, in every case to one certain individual. If an administrator of a poor family of orphan children will permit these children to be systematically robbed without doing his utmost to expose and bring the person or persons to justice is neither doing his duty to said orphans or to the public at large. A hint to the wise is sufficient.

H. P. Laird, one of Westmoreland county's ablest lawyers and oldest citizens, has passed to a higher court. His remains were taken to Murrysville Monday for interment and was accompanied by nearly all the members of the Westmoreland county bar.

A gang of very bad boys, ranging in age from 12 to 18 years, nightly congregate at the end of the bridge underneath the electric light and make a practice of indulging in profanity and vulgarity of the very foulest character. This nuisance should be suppressed.

Mr. Mapleton, of Washington, D. C., gave an interesting and earnest talk to a good congregation at the United Brethren church last Sunday evening, taking for his text: "Be not overcome of evil." Rev. G. W. Sherrick conducted the devotional part of the service. Mr. Travis presided at the organ and Mr. C. Thomas conducted the singing.

The Tom Thumb wedding came off at the Presbyterian church Tuesday evening as scheduled, and was a grand success, both financially and socially. The little bride looked superb in her bridal robes and white slippers. So real and yet so comical was the ceremony that the vast audience was not satisfied until they had it all repeated the second time. The affair reflects great credit upon the management.

The Irwin Standard, that wide awake, newsy Westmoreland county paper, comes out in its twenty-eighth number of its seventeenth year with an industrial edition which speaks well for its patrons; sixteen pages of bright, clean news, a history of the town and its elegant resources. The entire edition reflects great credit not only on the management but upon its business men and advertisers. It shows to the world at large that Irwin is an up-to-date town with an up-to-date newspaper at the head of it.

The first entertainment of the season given by the P.R.R.Y.M.C.A. was held here Thursday evening last in the Presbyterian church. The entertainers were the New Orleans Jubilee singers, under the direction of Mr. R. W. Jenkins. The programme was profuse in every respect and well rendered. Whilst Jenkins is the

same old Jenkins, he has many new features, and, if anything, more popular than ever. The management deserves much praise and encouragement in his work at this place, as he does nothing by halves in order to entertain and amuse in a religious way the many members of the association.

## **October 28, 1897**

### **Local News.**

Election next Tuesday.

The Socialists will poll a big vote at Wilmerding.

Heavy rains are reported to have fallen in the East.

Notwithstanding the drought some of our boys find it wet enough.

How can a man meet with council if council does not meet; aye, neighbor?

There is quite a difference in the yellow fever south and the yellow fever north.

Our communicant says our streets are as good as other towns. Wonder what he calls towns?

Why is it we have nothing in the way of an entertainment on the bills for next pay day.

Over fifty cars of ore, the first to pass over the new road was hauled in to Braddock Tuesday.

Don't let anyone scare you off the electric light question with the old boogy-boo of high taxes.

Henry Martin, an aged resident of Wilkinsburg, committed suicide by shooting himself at his home on Tuesday.

The East Pittsburg fire department is preparing

a handsome programme for their New Year's eve ball.

John Eaton, brother of Eli Eaton, returned to Pitcairn from England, Sunday last, he reports very dull times over the pond.

Before ordering your wedding invitations, cards, programs, lodge or society work, call at this office and look over our samples.

Mrs. W. D. Kelly of Altoona, who has been visiting her niece, Mrs. S. D. Mattern, the past week returned home Tuesday afternoon.

Heavy storms are raging in the east, they are supposed to be the fore runner of the hurricane that is booked for New York next Tuesday.

The lady who tripped and fell on the nice good board walk the night of the Presbyterian entertainment could give our "citizen" some plain pointers about good streets.

Our banterers have returned from their mountain trip, but as we failed to see any of their abundant game, we refrain from giving a report for fear of under rating the amount.

Mrs. Nancy Martin, wife of Harry Martin, deceased, was yesterday married to a Mr. Pattison at Turtle Creek. What is our loss is Turtle Creek's gain.

The Eighteenth regiment will act as escort to President McKinley on his arrival in Pittsburg, November 3. An order to that effect was issued last night by Colonel N. M. Smith.

Sherriff H. A. Lowry read the death warrants to the two colored murderers confined in the Allegheny jail, yesterday afternoon. Both men exhibited the nerve of a hero.

What may be called the "Gobbler Nob" trial is now in full blast in the United States district

court, wherein John Wesley et al are having a hearing for using the mails for the purpose of defrauding.

One of the evening papers states that the Carnegie line is to make connections with the Union Pacific at Braddock. Gosh! what a jump for an engine to make, clear to Omaha, Nebraska, as that is the nearest point of the Union Pacific.

Instead of the usual sermon, a little refreshing was the discourse given by the Rev. G. W. Sherrick last Sabbath morning at the U. B. church on the Press in general, and the U. B. publications in particular, to a large and appreciative audience.

Sam P. Jones, whose fame as an original speaker, evangelist and man has caused such widespread talk and criticism, and whose good deeds are recorded and remembered by so many men, women and charities, will give one of his bright lectures in the opera house at Irwin Pa, Nov. 11th. All who can should go and hear Sam Jones, at least once in a life time, as he is a whole troop in himself.

We are sorry to note the death of our friend John T. Ashcom, who died Sunday morning last at his home in Ligonier. Mr. Ashcom was one of Ligonier's most popular and highly respected citizens, a member of the M. E. Church and a tried and true friend. He was recently appointed Post master at Ligonier over many prominent applicants. The forests and the streams will miss their genial companion almost as much as the mourning friends at Ligonier.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE.  
Pitcairn, Pa., Oct. 25, 1897.

Editor Express: Much has been said about improvements in our town, and especially by a correspondent of the Express, who claims that our town council is not doing anything, which

is, indeed, a great mistake. Much has been done this summer in the way of drainage and filling places almost impassable with stone and ashes. The writer advocates light and sewerage, which certainly would be a great blessing to our town; but let us stop and consider where the money is to come from.

Our valuation is \$620,000; the school tax is 8  $\frac{3}{5}$  mills, which, if all collected, would give \$5,232 which is not really enough to run our school. Our citizens may depend upon our school millage to remain the same for many years. Our borough tax is 5  $\frac{1}{2}$  mills, which gives about \$3,000 clear of collector's fee and bad taxes. Deducting \$1,000 water tax and \$500 each year on money borrowed allows \$1,500 for improvements, which, indeed, is not a great sum.

The total millage, including county tax, is about 17 mills. A citizen having a property valued at \$1,500 has a tax of \$25.60. Is this not enough to pay with a salary of perhaps \$50 and \$10 or \$15 per month to pay on the home and a family to keep?

No doubt the writer last week, speaking of improvements in neighboring towns, had the borough of Wilmerding in view. Does he know that the valuation of the Westinghouse machine shops (which is within the borough limit) is \$3,000,000, which, added to the valuation of the borough, gives over \$5,000,000 or over eight times our valuation, or in other words, a tax of one mill in Wilmerding would give as much as eight mills in our borough.

If our borough would borrow \$25,000 at 6 percent it would take the entire present tax to pay interest, water tax and other debts and leave nothing for improvements each year. It is evident that if we borrowed this amount our present borough tax would have to be doubled. Are our people able to pay 22  $\frac{1}{2}$  mills tax?

Every member of our council who advocates economy is the best friend of our town. They certainly deserve praise for keeping improvements within the limit that our borough

is able to pay.

Where is the town along the Pennsylvania railroad with as little wealth that has as fine a school building, as good fire apparatus and as good streets? Let us stop and think and know where we are at before we rush into the maelstrom of indebtedness. Citizen.

Pitcairn, Pa., Oct. 27, 1897.

Editor Express: Being a tax payer in Pitcairn borough and citizen ever since the organization the borough, I would like to say a word regarding the improvement our streets. True it is, no doubt council has spent all the available funds in our treasury. See the big cut and grade they made away up on the hill on one of the upper streets. Of course, that cost money, and if there is none collected for misdemeanors, nuisances, Sunday violations, hucksters, horses and cattle running at large, and such like offences, our treasury will naturally run dry.

But \$25,000 of borrowed money, or say \$50,000, would only be at 5 per cent \$1,250, or double that for the latter amount. Take that money and put down good sewer pipe and it is done. You would not have to spend the same amount next year for that sewer, as we now have to do every year and every year dig a little ditch along the streets like the work done on country roads, pay for it and have the same thing to do again next year, and still make the taxpayer pay for it, and so on till the end of time, and then there is no sewerage. To be honest about the matter, we admit the money is short, but as suggested before, it might be overcome. More might be collected - the P. R. R. shops, ground and all, taken into the borough if we had the good of the town at heart.

Just last week a small boy who lives near me on the hill fell over the broken board walk on Highland avenue, near Tilbrook's store, cutting his face and injuring him severely - sufficient for the parent to bring suit if he so desired.

Ladies have tripped and fell there and other bad places on our broken boardwalks. Cannot some

of these necessary repairs be made, even if they are of one-inch hemlock boards, as some of the walks are.

Has there been one good meeting of Council this summer? We doubt it.

Taxpayer.

**Chapter 11**  
**PITCAIRN EXPRESS**  
**November 1897 Local News Items**

**November 4, 1897**  
**Local News.**

The new flag on our school building looks well.

As a result of prosperity, Wilmerding is not with them.

The services at the U. B. church are well attended this week.

The election was a quiet one here. Not half the votes were polled.

Don't fail to hear Sam Jones at the Irwin opera house November 11.

Beacom will be our next State Treasurer as the Swallow homeward flies.

The Spaniards discovered America, and now they are discovering its resources.

New York, as well as Ohio, seems to have gone back into the Democratic lines.

Through some one's blundering no posters announcing election were put up in the borough.

The man who wrote "birds of a feather flock together" never was out shooting around Pitcairn.

Pitcairn, as usual, gave the entire Republican ticket a majority, though a very light vote was cast.

As predicted in our last week's issue, Wilmerding went Socialist. Mr. Adams, to whom the credit is mostly due, had the largest vote polled.

Chaplains are not supposed to pray for Congress to do its best for the country, but pray that they do not do their worst.

Mr. Frank Toohill, Jr., we are glad to note, has associated himself with the Equitable Life Insurance Society. The Equitable is the largest life insurance company in the world.

The duplicates for 1897 taxes are now in the hands of D. H. Winebrenner, collector, and persons desiring to save the percentage can pay their taxes at his home on Sixth street.

The colored boys of Braddock will give one of their famous dances and cake walks November 11, in Sewall's hall, Braddock, under the management of Thomas Harris, D. P. Price and James Johnson.

There will be an entertainment in Reed's Hall November 22, by home talent. A drama of rare merit in four acts will be presented by the young people of the Presbyterian church. Encourage the cause by your presence.

Bill Morrow, of the Irwin Standard, wants to know why the G.A.R. Post does not mount the cannon so generously furnished by the Government. We would suggest that they be loaned to William in order that he may train them on the lakes there on Main street and blow them 'tarnal frogs out of existence.

Quite a number of Pitcairn Halloween sports are in the hands of the law, having gone a little further than mere sport. They rang the fire alarm, fired a large stone through Mr. Howell's window, removed gates from front yards and committed other minor depredations which may cause their parents both expense and trouble. A pound of prevention in such cases is better than an ounce of cure.

Tuesday night as we were wrestling between

“Old Morpheus” and the election returns, we were agreeably surprised to hear sweet strains of music floating upon the balmy night air up to our bedroom window. Upon investigation we found a quartette of Wilmerding and Wall's best musicians neath our sanctum discoursing some of the sweetest music that enchanted Fairies or “Tam O’Shanter” ever listened too. Hastily dressing, we came down and asked the parties in to partake of the printers pie, but having refreshments in tin carriage which brought them hither they declined, and after producing a pair of large gum boots which executed a fair jig to the accompanying music, they gave our druggist Ed. Gress an exhibition of their musical abilities and were liberally applauded and returned from whence they came. Truly we were well pleased and must admit two better cornet players would be hard to find. Call again boys, and don't forget the refreshments.

Our creek here has been so dry the past few weeks that the bed of the stream has cracked and the water disappeared through the crevices. Saturday last a number of people were attracted to the banks of Turtle Creek by a peculiar sight on the one-time stream. There was something about three feet high, shaped like a stone drill, standing erect on the dry rocks revolving at great velocity, slowly disappearing in the hole it was drilling. A close examination showed to a frightened public that it was a large eel boring a hole down through the rocks in order to get water. As it comes up out of the hole about every six hours in order to get air, the P. R. R. company has erected an arc light over the spot and runs excursion trains every half hour from Pittsburg. Tom Patch, Charley Sloan and Frank Harris, of Wilmerding, can vouch for the truth of this statement, notwithstanding the Irwin Standard will flatly deny it.

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#### VOICE OF THE PEOPLE.

Pitcairn, Pa., Nov. 1, 1897.

Editor Express: I see in your last issue a communication signed “Citizen.” His ideas of a town must be rather limited when he says our town will compare with any along the P. R. R. Old Wall is the only possible comparison, and it is not a borough. Penn, Manor, Wilmerding, Turtle Creek and East Pittsburg, all have graded streets, electric light, street car service and elegant school buildings. I know the life of a Councilman is not a pleasant one, but they sought the office; now why do they not fill it to the best of their ability. We mean those members who remain away night after night. “Citizen” says he favors light and sewerage; then, in the same breath, figures up a great, big scare-tax on the people and says “let us stop and consider.” He seems to think if Council should borrow \$25,000 that they would keep it, as he goes on to say the tax would not pay the interest on the loan and make our improvements. We thought the loan was to be used for improvements. He, as well as all other members of Council, are willing to make an extra dollar legitimately for themselves, I have no doubt. Then why do they not exercise the same diligence for the borough. Is Council only created to spend? I think not. There is much adjacent property,

especially that of the P. R. R. company, that could be taken in our borough. There are many improvements and many lots not taxed as others alongside of them are taxed, and as "Taxpayer" says in his article, scarcely anything is collected in the way of fines, licenses, etc. Some people have erroneous ideas of light and its cost. Manor, Penn, Jeannette, and other towns we could name, only pay \$50 for their arc lights, and light their towns well with ten or twelve lights, though I would favor the borough owning their own plant with power furnished by the brick company. It would not cost us a great deal to put in our own dynamos. They have the power there at all times and it is wasted. "Citizen" should profit by past experience in our street improvements. If I mistake not he was a member of Council when, at considerable expense, two bridges were built which stood a few weeks, and, at much greater expense, had to be torn away and rebuilt. That kind of economy is not the kind the taxpayers of Pitcairn borough want. He hits a direct slap at those members of Council who favor improvements, but we feel satisfied that any improvement that will enhance the sale of our own property is a good thing for the borough and its citizens.

Again, a loan amounting to \$25,000 would only be \$1,000, as money can be had in plenty at 4 per cent. Our tax, if as "Citizen" says, only gave \$3,000 for borough purposes last year, based on a three-years-ago assessment, it will now increase for more than sufficient to pay the interest on \$25,000.

We want the people to see both sides of all these questions and consider them in every light, especially electric light. If someone falls on one of our nice (?) streets and breaks a limb \$1,000 would not let the borough out, and we still would have no benefits.

If the State Board of Health gets after us we will either have to have sewerage or each individual will have to have a cemented vault upon his premises and be compelled to keep it cleaned out at the option of the health board.

Which do you consider is to your best interests, the best interests of your family and the borough.

For Rent - House of 4 rooms and basement kitchen; good cellar and outbuildings: at Cavittsville: rent \$8 per month, John Gottschalg, Stewart Station.

**November 11, 1897**  
**Local News.**

More board walks.

The election passed off quietly.

Christmas is only seven weeks off.

Thanksgiving Thursday, November 25.

What's the matter with the street lights?

The rain is getting over its stage fright.

Santa Claus is already considering the annual appropriation bills.

Frank Bros, will erect an addition to their building on Broadway.

If you don't believe a woman can keep a secret just ask one her age.

The rabbit's foot is not bringing much luck to its original owner these days.

Fred Ellwinger, of this place, has been appointed special officer at the car shops.

Old fogy ideas and the price of building lots too high, are drawbacks to any town.

Allegheny has opened its annual exhibition of chrysanthemums with over 8,000 plants.

It appears that rations enough are still issued to the Spanish soldiers to enable them to run.

There are indications that Jack Frost is about to assume the duties of the captain generally.

If Miss Cisneros had just waited she might have got out without spoiling the window of her cell.

At Council's regular meeting Friday night it was agreed upon to have more pavements built in our borough this fall yet.

It seems to the general observer, that the party who asks Council for boardwalks has the most need of one in front of his own house, as a rule.

The second annual reception of the G. I. A. to B. of L. E. will be held in Hoehl's Hall Tuesday evening November 30. Invitations are issued.

You should remember when out hunting that you are not allowed to kill over ten pheasants in one day, as there is a fine of from \$50 to \$100 for so doing.

The Parnassus borough council met last Monday night and paid out nearly \$7,000 for street improvements. There is no "old fogyism" about that enterprising town.

For Rent - House of 4 rooms and basement kitchen; good cellar and outbuildings: at Cavittsville: rent \$8 per month, John Gottschalg, Stewart Station.

As Thanksgiving approaches the turkey takes a higher roost, and in so doing it shows its good sense, as there are quite a number of old soldiers running loose in the woods. - Irwin Standard.

Mr. Logan, of Huntington county, who had been entertained by his brother-in-law, C. W.

Mattern, for the past few days, returned home Monday last, well pleased with our village and its future prospects.

There will be an entertainment held in the U. B. church on Monday evening, November 15, at 7:45. Admission 10 cents. A good programme has been prepared, and you are guaranteed the worth of your money.

Several grain mills of Westmoreland county have combined and raised the toll of milling three pounds more to the bushel. The Grange societies have passed resolutions denouncing the increase, and a lively fight is threatened between mill owners and farmers.

The Jeannette Dispatch speaks of an entertainment there the other evening with the rooms decorated with corn shocks, big yellow pumpkins and red apples. Strange as it may seem, every ear of corn Bro. Trescher husked was a red ear. But we believe they are in the habit of using red paint up there.

We are sorry to learn that the doctors at the hospital where Edward Koch, of this place, is confined have decided that they must remove his left eye entirely. Ed as he is known here, while cutting up a barrel for wood, had a small piece of au iron hoop fly up and hit the sight of his eye, injuring it to such an extent that it necessitated the removal of that organ entirely.

At several points in the mountains above Ligonier and on Laurel Hill wild turkeys are reported as being rather plentiful, but they are so wild that only an expert turkey hunter can get near enough to shoot them. Quite a number have been shot in the mountains since the season opened. Many of the turkeys shot are not the genuine wild turkey, but have strayed away from some farm yard, and in the course of a very short time lose their domestic traits, and are thus classed as wild turkeys.



Complete returns, most of them official, from all the counties in the State show the vote to have been as follows: Stale treasurer, Beacom (Rep), 371,622; Brown (Dem.), 243,268; Swallow (Prohib.), 118,525; Thompson (Ind.), 15,507; Beacom's plurality over Brown, 128, 354. Auditor general, McCauley (Rep.), 411,270; Ritter (Dem.), 265,933; Lathrope (Prohib.), 58,326; McCauley's plurality over Ritter, 145,237. Fifteen counties are returned without recording any votes for Thompson (Ind.).

We clip the two following little locals from last week's issue of the Wilmerding News, both locals appearing in the same paper:

"Don't be always kicking about the town. If you don't like it there are no strings on you, and you can move out."

"Who pays taxes to send your children to school, build your sidewalks and work your streets—your home merchants or the traveling fakir peddlers? Your home merchants, of course. Then kick the fakirs off your premises and trade with the men who subscribe to home enterprises, as a true American should."

Oh, consistency, thou art a jewel.

A gang of robbers took Greensburg by storm Monday night. Several business places were broken into and goods ranging in value from \$10 to \$30 were taken from Moran's shoe store. A big lot of shoes were taken at Bortz's store and a plate glass window costing \$100 was broken. The thieves on the street wrapped a brick in a towel and threw it through the large glass, making an opening just big enough to reach the goods in the window. The muffled sound did not reach the vigilant policeman on the next block.

For Rent - One large well furnished room, to one or two gentlemen. Convenient to restaurants and station. Rent moderate. Joe Carmine.

Complaints are not only an everyday occurrence, but errors are very frequent on account of our railroad station being of the same name as it the post office a mile below us. Our merchants and business men find time does not better the condition of affairs in the least. Their goods are shipped to Wall station, and frequently the bills are sent the same way instead of to Pitcairn post office. We deem it only justice to those who use the mails every day and have goods coming from other states three and four times a week to petition the P. R. R. Company to change the name of station to correspond with that of the town and post office. Much annoyance to the Wall postmaster, as well as that of Pitcairn, would be avoided and an innumerable lot of good done those who are heavy patrons of the road. We firmly believe a petition setting forth our grievances would be favorably received by the P. R. R. Company.

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A New Game Law.

Book agents may be killed from October 1 to September 1; spring poets, from March 1 to June 1; scandal mongers, April 1 to February 1; umbrella borrowers, August 1 to November 1;

and from February 1 to May 1, while every man who accepts a paper two years, but when the bill is presented says. "I never ordered it," may be killed on sight without reserve or relief from valuation or appraisement laws, and buried face downward, without benefits or clergy.

**November 18, 1897**  
**Local News.**

A little dampful.

Houses are in demand in Pitcairn.

Very few men believe all they say.

Turn on the light - the electric light.

The Central mines at Tarr are booming.

The rains have already started a new grass plant.

The Beal-Penrod case will come before court to-day.

There are many cases of typhoid fever in West Newton.

Experience is a dear teacher, but she's worth all she costs.

Scatter more flowers in your friend's pathway and fewer upon his grave.

How would it go for a change to hear the boys sing out "Pitcairn?"

Council gives notice of a special meeting, to be held Tuesday, November 23.

It is wonderful how easy a person can go to sleep in the morning after it is time to get up.

Council held a special meeting last Friday evening and passed some boardwalk ordinances.

Fighting (?) Tom Cooper has been arrested without resistance, and now languishes in durance vile.

We would like to see Mr. Adams of Wilmerding, start a good, live Socialist paper in that town.

Taking off your hat to the flag is not a convincing proof of good citizenship. Paying bills is a better one.

Frank Warner, Hughy Corlette and H. C. Peoples took in "Robin Hood" at the Alvin last Saturday night.

Murders are now so plentiful that it takes an extraordinary one to create sensation or even to attract passing mention.

Did it ever occur to you how much easier it is to bring up other people's children properly than it is to bring up your own?

Mrs. J. R. McDowell, of this place, was called to Cedar Springs, Clinton county, on account of the illness of her mother.

The only direct sort of traveling these days is upward, and as there is very few going that way it does not help matters much.

Misses Daisy and Emma Thompson, of Irwin, attended the funeral services of Mrs. Samuel Kunkle in this place Sunday last.

Miss Edith Myers, of Ebensburg, visited her sisters, Mrs. A. C. Evans and Miss Agnes Myers, in this place, a few days the past week.

O. E. Liggett, of the clerical department of Liggett Bros' stores, has hied himself to

Washington county for a few days' rest.

Miss Margaret Steel, formerly of this place, but now of Bedford county, is visiting here at present, the guest of Miss Lillian Reed.

A marriage license has been granted Marion Fike, of Monroeville, and Miss Eliza Malthouse, of Pitcairn. Mr. Fike is not expected to start a brewery.

Arthur D. Murphy, of Leechburg, Pa., aged 41 years, fell from the bridge at Hyde Park into the Kiskiminetas river Saturday night and was drowned.

A petition, as we suggested, last week, has been presented to the P. R. R. company asking them to change the name of Wall station that of Pitcairn.

Union Thanksgiving services will be held in the M. E. church Thursday morning at 10 o'clock, Rev Smith presiding. All are cordially invited to attend.

A bear whose feet marks measure eight inches in diameter, is killing the farmers sheep and hogs along the Pennsylvania and Maryland line, near Cumberland.

Jerry Carter, of Vandergrift, was convicted of selling liquor and sentenced to pay the costs of prosecution, a fine of \$500 and serve ninety days in the workhouse.

W. C. Hubbs, the Scottdale striker who is charged with the murder of William A. Cummins, a non-union leader, was put on trial in the criminal court at Greensburg Tuesday of this week.

The third annual reception of the Wilmerding Hunting and Fishing Club will be held Thanksgiving eve, from 8 to 2, in Semmens' Auditorium, Turtle Creek, Pa. The Columbian

Orchestra will furnish the music.

Plans for the Greensburg new court house have been received and were subjected to a critical examination by the commissioners, judges and members of the law association and approved without a single alteration.

Elmer Thomas, of Murrysville, a fireman on the Pittsburg, Bessemer and Lake Erie Railroad, fell from a twenty-five foot trestle at Bessemer last Friday and broke his neck. He died shortly after. He was 23 years old and leaves a wife and two children.

One and all should go to see the amateur theatrical, "Tempest Tossed," in Reed's hall Wednesday evening next. Those who have been permitted to witness the rehearsals speak in glowing terms of the production.

The Irwin girls at present are in the lead of the Turtle Creek Valley lasses, as they not only attract the young men of Pitcairn, but occasionally draw from Wilmerding, as a certain clerk whose Sunday excursion to that village of lakes will testify.

The many friends of Rev. I. S. Hawn, formerly of this place, will learn with regret that the suit he had brought against Charles Shultz, of New Kensington, for violation of the Sunday laws, was thrown out of court at Greensburg and the costs in the case put upon Westmoreland county.

A fakir has been traveling around through this section of the country selling electric belts. An examination proves that the "shock" is caused by a layer of dry mustard beneath a strip of gauze. When the wearer perspires a little the mustard is moistened and sets up a burning sensation, and the deluded victim believes a current of electricity is passing through him.

Mrs. S. Kunkle, who died at the West Penn

Hospital Friday last, was taken to Irwin Sunday, where the body was confined to its last resting place. She was aged 83-years. Notwithstanding the inclement weather, a large concourse of friends accompanied the remains to the railroad station. A beautiful wreath of white lilies, donated by the I. O. O. F. of this place, decorated the coffin.

T. C. McKeon and R. T. Warnock, agents for the Iron City S. and L., were in town Wednesday looking up the interests of their company. The Iron City is one of the best loans in the state, and loans money on easy monthly payments. T. C. McKeon is the general field agent, located in Tarr, Pa.

The miners at Avonmore are again on strike. When they returned to work several weeks ago they claim it was with the understanding that 40 cents a net ton, run of mine, was to be paid them. When they received their pay, however, it was discovered that the rate was 40 cents a gross ton, and another strike resulted.

To see the wreck trains and crews moving about constantly is a sign of good business on a railroad. The number of wrecks is always in due proportion to the amount of traffic moving. At present all the wreckers are unusually busy, and the trains with the iron cranes can be seen flitting hither and thither day and night. The wreckmaster is always on the lookout for trouble and these are the days he can find plenty of it.

The first annual report of Postmaster General James A Gary to the President was made public Monday night. Its feature is a strong advocacy of postal savings depositories, a scheme over which Postmaster General Gary has worked for many months in the formulation of plans to present to the President and Congress. He says the time is ripe for their establishment, and that the adoption of a well-organized system would confer a great boon upon a large number of

people, and ultimately be of inestimable benefit to the whole country.

On last Saturday a man signing himself Hoffman called on several of the tenants of Rev. J. I. L. Resler and represented that he was the fire insurance agent in charge of the policies covering Rev. Resler's property and that he was authorized to collect the rent this month to renew the policies. He succeeded in getting \$15.00 from two of the tenants. He seemed to be thoroughly acquainted with Mr. Resler's business, even to knowing the exact names of the tenants, and by his very nice manner and plausible representations succeeded in his scheme to the extent facilitated.

One of the most pleasing and pleasurable evenings that we have witnessed for a long time was at Kelly Cashdollar's last Friday night. Everyone who knows Mr. and Mrs. Cashdollar knows that an invitation to their domestic fireside is sure to be an evening well spent. Some forty guests met at their place last Friday evening and with music from one of Greensburg's famous orchestras under the management of Prof. Sheffler, the many guests tipped the light fantastic until the "wee small hours of the night." Red apples, yellow pumpkin pies and dainty pastry of the amiable hostess added much to the pleasure of the occasion.

#### **November 25, 1897 LOCAL NEWS.**

Give Thanks.

Eat your turkey.

There is no unity at Unity.

Charity covereth a multitude of sins.

There is more dressing for to-days occasion than a little.

Did you recognize the Klondike millionaire last night.

There is some difference between a "safety" and a "safety pin."

The wisest Turk 'tis said, on Thanksgiving may lose his head.

Now is the time of year when whiskers and wind mingle familiarly.

There will be no school at the different schools until Monday next.

Just 37 more days and the year is gone. Have you done anyone a good turn?

Two more murders and several highway robberies is last weeks record for Unity.

Even the turkeys are thankful today—thankful that Thanksgiving only comes once a year.

Prof. Welsh was a visitor to our town yesterday, and left for the Kistler farm in the evening,

The advance in the price of syrup with the pancake season bursting upon us is not showing good taste.

That crowd that Mrs. Donahue wished to have arrested a few days since frightened her with their "antics."

Union services were held this a. m., in the M. E. church, as special Thanksgiving services, Rev. Smith, presiding.

Mr. J. E. Grove, of Hundingdon county, is spending a few days with his daughter, Mrs. Elmer Miller, of Brinton avenue.

The three little children of Mr. McIndoe, of Third street, we are pleased to say, are recovering from their severe illness.

Richard Coulter and Geo. F. Huff purchased a car-load of turkeys in Virginia, which they will distribute to their miners at Greensburg to-day.

Mrs. C. W. Mattern and her brother Mr. I. H. Pecht, have been called to Hundingdon by the death of their father, who was aged 86 years.

The genial agent of the Wall Improvement company has troubles of his own, at least he says the corns he has prevents him from making his collections.

George L. Eberhart had three of his fingers badly cut on the planer at the P. R. R. company's mill Saturday last, necessitating his laying off work for a week or two,

Mr. Kissler, father of our popular young lady school teacher, is erecting a dwelling house on his lot on Eight street, where he intends to remove his family in the near future.

We are sorry to announce the death of the 3-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Dishong, of Ninth street, who passed away yesterday morning at six o'clock, in convulsions.

John Davis and Henry Clark, Allegheny hucksters, were arrested yesterday by Officer Charles Buscha on a charge of giving short measure in the sale of their potatoes. It would be well to look after some of our own hucksters.

The interior of thee M. E. church is being painted and papered.

Down in Georgia they lick the postmaster

instead of the stamps.

The way a sign in a certain public hall reads seems to have the desired effect. It reads "Bald ladies may keep on their bonnets.

The P. R. R. Y. M. C. A. meeting at the car shops last Sabbath was well patronized. The immense audience returned to their respective homes well pleased with the services.

It's a mean man will place a loaded revolver the pocket of his pants in which he keeps his money at night. Such a man does not deserve a wife.

Mrs. Mable Walkup Ketcham, of Chicago, is for the second time a widow. She first married James B. Walkup and then John B. Ketcham. The pair netted her \$200,000. It appears that all she had to do was to walkup and ketcham.

In a recent decision, of Judge Clayton he said that the owner of real estate also owns the sidewalks in front of his property, subject to the right of pedestrians to use them for traveling, but outside of this he owns them as much as any other part of his property and they cannot be used for any other purpose without his consent. Should the owner allow them to become dilapidated so that they may cause anyone to fall and suffer an injury, he can be prosecuted for such negligence and will have to pay damages.

The home talent which presented the drama "Tempest Tossed" in Reed's Hall last night well deserved the large audience that greeted them upon the rising of the curtain. The play was good throughout and the characters well represented. Nathaniel Grey, the aged millionaire, was a true character, and Mr. Peoples deserves great praise for his representation of it. Miss Young as Mrs. Langley, the widowed daughter, acted her part well and was highly complimented, while Miss

Lillian Reed was an entire success as a schemer. Miss Howell having had the most difficult part to perform, undergoing many changes of dress as well as emotion, called forth many favorable comments and did her part well. Hugh Corlett as a villain, might be improved on but his singing was excellent, and "Kitty Riley" was highly encored. Walter Fairfax in the character of Nathaniel Grey's servant, brought down the house. His makeup was par excellence, as was his acting. The little French tailor was the typical Frenchman, in O. E. Liggett. Ernest Girard and Dick Danvers, represented by Frank Warner and Clarence Reed were good characters and only need encouragement. Whilst Bessie Reed, the maid in the hotel and little Marguerite McDowell were minor parts, their makeups and characters were good. For an amateur company the entire cast of characters deserves encouragement and the highest comment. We cannot see why home talent should not furnish all the amusement, as well as lectures, for the winter season. The music for the occasion, furnished by Prof. Briggs of Wilmerding, was enjoyed by all and will be welcomed back at any time.

Cupids Shafts.

On Wednesday evening the pleasant home of Mrs. Sarah Peoples, of Second street, was the scene of a happy event, in which two young hearts were joined together for better or for worse. It was the marriage of Miss Lillian Peoples, one of Pitcairn's brightest young ladies, to Mr. J. H. Goehring. The happy couple left on an evening train for a short wedding trip after which they will return and settle down as regular Pitcairmites. The Express extends congratulations.

Mr. Samuel F. Sloan and Miss Laura Morrow, both of this place, were united in marriage at Hollidaysburg last week. They will take up their abode in Pitcairn.

Foot Ball,

At last it has struck us. We knew it, must come. Our first game will take place Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock on the home grounds between the Pitcairn team and the Penn station. Everybody is cordially invited to witness this game as there is no brutality about it. The following are the names of the players of the home team and their respective positions:

Left end.....Robbins  
Left tackle.....Reese  
Left guard..... Winston  
Center.....Comley  
Right guard.....Davis  
Right tackle .....Soles  
Right end.....J. Jones  
Quarterback. ....D. Jones  
Left half-back.....Glonecker  
Right half-back.....Hornor  
Full-back.....Tarr

Forwarded to Africa.

Mr. and Mrs. Allison Garman, of this place, have shipped to the Bombay mission in Africa a scroll saw, printing press, and other articles, which will be useful among the African children of said mission. A few months ago, while attending Otterbein University at Westerville, Ohio, Edward J., an unusually bright and promising boy, and only son of Mr. and Mrs. Garman, was drowned while in bathing. The saw and printing press were used by him during his childhood, but since his death it is the wish of the parents that these articles should go to make glad the hearts of the heathen children, Mr. Garman and his wife have also undertaken to educate a little African of the mission, to whom they have given the full name of their deceased son. Even though they have passed through deep sorrow and bereavement, yet their service for the Master has in no wise been abated.

We mention these facts because of the lesson there is in them for others.

Mrs. Garman represents the Woman's Missionary Society of the United Brethren Church as Corresponding Secretary, and

Treasurer of the Allegheny Conference, devoting the greater part of her time to this work. - Chas. McCormick, Stewart, Pa.





**Chapter 12**  
**PITCAIRN EXPRESS**  
**December 1897 Local News Items**

**December 2, 1897**  
**Local News.**

This issue is missing.

**December 9, 1897**  
**Local News.**

Get ready for Christmas.

School report on last page.

Now then, says McKinley.

Tom Reed has called school.

Clyde Horner took a "fly" to Latrobe on Saturday evening.

What the children in this land want is more Santa Clauses.

Have you tried the new boardwalks on Fourth street yet?

Don't try to kill two birds with one stone. Use a shotgun.

Do not fail to secure a copy of the Express December 23, Christmas edition.

The P. R. R. company has decided to lay a third track from Altoona to Gallitzin.

Don't think that every sad-eyed woman you meet has loved and lost. Perhaps she loved and got him.

Don't leave kind words unsaid. To-morrow the undertaker may find it necessary to put you in his icebox.

Mr. Smith, father of Rev. Smith, pastor of the M. E. church, spent Tuesday with his son here in Pitcairn.

Miss Helen Loughrey, of East Liberty, is being

entertained by Mrs. W. H. Armstrong, of Second street.

Lightning flashed and loud, thunders rattled in the vicinity of Brickles Barber shop Monday last. No one hurt.

R. B. Boycott presided at Sundays meeting at the P. R. R. Y. M. C. A. cars. - Subject: "Go ye about doing good."

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Goehring have returned from their wedding trip and will go to housekeeping in this place soon.

What's this we hear of one of our young business men going to take unto himself a life partner? We do not believe it, Willie.

Mr. Harris, of Hotel Harris, and Mr. Brubaker, of Wilmerding, were Pitcairn visitors Tuesday last. Move up boys, get into a good town once.

This is going to be one of the best pay days the railroad hoys have had for a long time, and as Christmas is soon upon us, it will be a welcome one.

Mr. Biting Blizzard has returned from his summer home at the north pole and is now traveling through the west in the interest of the coal dealers.

The first reception of the popular Columbian Orchestra, of Wilmerding, will be held Tuesday evening, December 14, from 8 to 2, in Hoehl's Hall, Pitcairn, Pa.

The small boy is now busily engaged carrying in stove wood and saying his prayers regularly, so that Santa Claus will get his name down for two full stockings.

Rev. I. G. Gordon, of Ohio, pastor of the U. P. church of this place, is doing good work here by binding his members more closely together and asking in some new ones.

Sedalia, (Mo.) is a long ways from here, but Joe Graham, who lives there, has finished his boardwalks as soon as those who reside in the immediate neighborhood.

The Columbian orchestra, of Wilmerding, will give their First Grand Reception in Hoehl's hall Tuesday evening. December 14, 1897. Make it a success by your presence,

The many friends of Miss Myrtle Horne will be glad to learn that she recovered from a recent attack of sickness which came near culminating in pneumonia.

Rev. W. R. Dunmire, editor of the Independent Loyal American, will deliver one his famous lectures in Reed's hall, Pitcairn, Pa. Wednesday evening, December 15, 1897. Make it a success by your presence.

Brakeman Win Woods, while coupling cars in the yard Monday afternoon about 2 o'clock, was so unfortunate to have his right hand badly crushed. Dr. Cameron dressed the injury. It is thought the injured member can be saved.

An Arkansas editor who read that a young lady in New York kneads bread with her gloves on says: "We need bread with our pants on; we need bread with our boots on, and if our subscribers don't pay up soon we shall need bread without anything on."

A good joke was perpetrated on a certain married lady of this place a few evenings since. On the evening in question a certain young man, a friend of the family, called to see the husband, and finding the Mrs. attending to some household duties on the outside, determined to have some fun at her expense. It being dusk, the would-be jokist disguised his voice, and in good old Irish style spoke as follows:

"Good avenin', mum."

"Good evening," responded the lady in a pleasant manner.

"Is that divil of a husband of you'n about?" was the next query.

"Yes, sir, he's in, just step in."

"Very well, mum," replied the Irish gent.

After a slight hesitation the young man asked:

"Is your husband a Prisbyterian or a Dimmycrat?"

"He is a Presbyterian and also a Republican," was the answer.

At this point the young man in question ran out of Irish and divulged his identity. This is the first time this lady has ever been fooled, and the young man in this case has shaking hands himself ever since.

Dramatic Club.

The "Pitcairn Dramatic Club" met Wednesday evening at Mr. O. E. Liggett's, Mr. Liggett acting President pro tem. The members decided to form a regular club and elected the following officers:

President—H. C. Peoples.

Treasurer—O. E. Liggett.

Secretary—Mertella Howell.

Manager—H. C. Corlett.

It is the intention of this organization to take up a new drama and also to keep up rehearsals of "Tempest Tossed." Weekly meetings will be held at the houses of the members.

Mrs. Clark Wright, Miss Beryl Umstot, Miss Francis Gray and Mr. C. William Smith who will entertain for benefit of Y. M. C. A. at Westinghouse building, Wilmerding, Pa., Monday evening, December 13, 1897, at 8 p. m., are known to us as people capable of doing all that could be asked as entertaining. Admission 25c. - O. E. Liggett, O. M. Young.

A freckle-faced girl stopped at the post office and yelled out:

"Anything for the Murphys?"

"No, there is not."

"Anything for Jane Murphy?"

"Nothing."

"Anything for Ann Murphy?"

"No."

"Anything for Tom Murphy?"

"No."

"Anything for Bob Murphy?"

"No, not a bit."

"Anything for Terry Murphy?"

"No, nor Pat Murphy, nor Dennis Murphy, nor Pete Murphy, nor Paul Murphy, nor for any Murphy—dead, living, unborn or foreign, civilized or uncivilized, savage or barbarous, male or female, black or white, franchised or disenfranchised, naturalized or otherwise. No; there is positively nothing for any of the Murphys, either individually, jointly, severally, now and forever, one and inseparable.

The girl looked at the postmaster in astonishment, and said: "Please to look if there is anything for Clarence Murphy."

Surprise Party.

A surprise party was tendered Miss Minnie Young last

evening. Miss Young was born on December 8, 18\_\_ , and it occurred to her friends that it would be a good idea to call on her and celebrate the event in a befitting manner. The young lady in question being an ardent church worker betook herself as usual to the Wednesday evening prayer meeting. At the conclusion of the service she returned to her home, never, "even in the slightest degree" imagining what was awaiting her. When she was ushered into the parlor and made the discovery that her friends had put up a job on her, great was her surprise, yet even greater was her joy and happiness. After congratulations had been extended the young lady, Mr. Hugh Corlett, in a few well-chosen words, presented her with a valuable token of the kind regard with which she is held by her friends. The remainder of the evening was spent in a delightful manner, and the guests departed at a late hour wishing Miss Young many happy returns of the day. A disappointing feature of the evening was the fact that Frank Warner, who was on the program for a short dissertation on "How I Became an Actor," failed to respond, owing, as he admitted, to the fact that he had forgotten his lines.

**December 16, 1897**  
**Local News.**

Read our new ads.

Hang up your sock.

Are you ready to swear off.

Christmas trees are about to blossom.

A. C. Evans lost a \$250 horse this week.

The family pocket book is now run wide open.

And now the oily goose is getting it in the neck.

Hang up the stockings as they did in days of yore.

Santa Claus seems to be crowding the streets of Pittsburg.

The shoppers seem to have hit the currency problem all right.

If no change occurs Santa Claus may make the trip on his bike.

Luetgert, of sausage fame, is afraid he may get a Christmas gift.

There wouldn't be much in "keepin' store" if it wasn't for the women.

Football has been kicked clean off the globe by His Majesty Santa Claus.

Worse than home without a mother would he Christmas without a Santa Claus.

Born to the wife of Alex Harvison, a bouncing big boy. Alex, smileth.

The A. P. A. lecture last night was a success. Come again, Rev. Dunmire.

It looks as though it was going to be a rather blue Christmas, at least for some of us.

There isn't much good will to men who get in the way around the counters these days.

We pity the fathers of those Manor dutch girls this time of year. Oh, my, such stockings!

Read borough ordinance No, 45, on last page of this paper. Then put down your walk.

Many people raise "old Nick" all the year and then want to bury "St. Nick" at Christmas time.

The public sale of Alfred Johnston, mentioned in our last issue, has been indefinitely postponed.

It's a comfort that the children can't understand what a bitter mockery "Merry Christmas" is to the old man.

It takes a regular Ananias to stop the inquiries of the tots as to the numerous packages coming home these days.

Wall Lodge B. of R. T. will give its third annual reception in Hoehl's Hall, Pitcairn, Pa., Friday evening, January 21.

Why not extend the new boardwalk on Fourth street through to Highland avenue and not have strangers jump off in the mud half way out the street.

Mr. George Price, of Philadelphia, is a Pitcairn visitor, being the guest of his brother, D. P. Price, of Broadway.

Connellsville raised the wind so high Monday night that houses were unroofed and telephone lines blown down.

Engine No. 931, the new flyer of the Pennsylvania railroad, will be tested on the middle of Pittsburg division this week.

On one of the Pennsylvania line pay cars which passed over the lines this week, they dispensed with over \$200,000 in 12 hours.

We do not remember ever seeing the stores of Pitcairn so well filled with choice goods at the holiday time as they are this year.

With Mrs. McKinley, mother of our President, dead, and Mark Hanna seriously ill, the President's path is scarcely a path of peace.

Mr. Daniel Wonders and Miss Jennie Plender, both of Old Wall, were united in marriage at that place Tuesday last. The Express extends congratulations.

We give fair warning to all our people who wish to retain the good will of our ministers children, to give no slippers on Christmas to ministers who have families.

A neat, eighteen page booklet, published by the State Young Men's Christian Association, reached us this week, and is filled to the cover with choice news of the various associations.

We see by the Wilmerding News that the partnership heretofore existing between J. A. Roesse and J. H. McKean of that paper has been dissolved by mutual consent, Mr. McKean assuming entire control of the News.

S. Wertz, of Third street, employed as a brakeman by the Pennsylvania railroad, was so unfortunate as to

have one of his hands crushed Saturday last. After having the injured member dressed he was sent to his home.

Some of the old maids and bachelors of Wilmerding would do well to follow the example set them by two couples of our young people, this week, and get married. - Wilmerding News. Ah, there! Jake. What's the matter with yourself.

Pennsylvania Railroad Company will Issue Clerical Orders for 1898.

The Pennsylvania railroad Company announces that the issue of clerical orders will be continued for 1898 on the same lines in effect at present.

Application blanks may be obtained of ticket agents, and same should reach the General Office by December 20, so that orders may be mailed by December 31 to clergymen entitled to receive them. Orders will be issued only on individual application of clergyman, to be made on blanks furnished by the Company and certified to by one of its agents.

#### ONE MORE SURPRISE PARTY.

When Hugh Corlett was assisting in the conspiracy to spring a birthday surprise on Miss Minnie Young Wednesday evening of last week, mention of which was made in our last issue, little did he think that he, too, was to be treated in like manner, and on the very next evening at that. Miss Young was a conspirator in Mr. Corlett's surprise, and Mr. Corlett vice versa, yet neither dreamed that the lightning was to strike each of them. Mr. Corlett was born on December 9, 18 \_\_, well, that's his affair. He, however, acknowledges to 24 summers, but says nothing of autumns, winters, etc. The affair was planned by Miss Lillian Reed, of Hotel Pitcairn, where Mr. Corlett resides. Miss Reed, by the way, has recently developed into quite a schemer; so much so in fact that her friends do not know half the time whether to look for the glad hand or a "stab in the dark." The young lady in question having previously invited about a score of Mr. Corlett's friends, prevailed upon this young man to remain home on Thursday evening, informing him that a young lady friend from Braddock was to spend the evening with her, and she (Miss Reed) was desirous that he meet her. At the time set for Mr. Corlett to meet the young lady from Braddock he was summoned to the parlor. "It was worth the price of admission alone," as show people say, to witness the expression that stole softly o'er the

usually placid countenance of Hugh Corlett as upon entering the parlor he ran amuck the horde of conspirators who had gathered there as noiselessly as a Quaker prayer-meeting. The expression referred to is hard to describe. It at first denoted surprise, consternation and almost chagrin, but finally developed into placidity and peace, and when he grasped the situation fully an August sunset could not have been more reposeful. After congratulations and kind wishes for many happy returns of the day, one of his friends presented him, on behalf of the Pitcairn Dramatic club, with a small token of the esteem in which he is held by the members of that organization. Social conversation and parlor games were indulged in until 10 o'clock, when the guests were summoned to the spacious dining rooms of this hostelry, and there spread out before them was a feast fit for the gods. Here, again, Mr. Corlett was treated to a surprise. An enormous cake of the finest quality lettered "H. C., Birthday," stood in front of his place at table. At this Hugh's fortitude gave way, and for the nonce it looked as though he would go up in the air. After the banquet the guests betook themselves to the hall, where the devotees to the art Terpsichore tripped the light fantastic till another day had been ushered in. Beside Pitcairn folks, guests were present from Turtle Creek and Braddock. The editor of the Express desires to state that if the cake sent to this office is a criterion, the banquet must have been a *recherché* event.

## **December 23. 1897**

### **Local News.**

Pitcairn station.

Merry Christmas.

Fill the stockings.

Christmas edition.

Remember the poor.

The Da-goes on as ever.

Let feast and fun prevail

Swiss bell ringers to-night

Look out for the mistletoe.

It may yet be a White Xmas.

There are many backsliders these days.

The turkey is making his farewell calls.

Ambrosia, the imaginary food of the gods.

Tuesday last was the shortest day of the year.

Luetgert will hardly know vat's vat before Christmas.

If your enemy is too big to whip you should forgive him.

The cigars that your wife presents you are of course "domestic."

If a woman's grief happens to be a wrinkle even time cannot heal it.

There is likely to be considerable kleptomania developed this week.

There seems to be a good many ups and downs this slippery weather.

Do not fail to attend the P. R. R. Y. M. C. A. entertainment to-night.

Mrs. J. R. McDowell has arrived home after an extended visit to her parents.

If some men would conceal what they know they would be more popular.

If men were serpents all the women would want to be professional snake-charmers.

If you convince a man against his will you may have to do it over again next day.

Beware of the jags next week that come from bottles labeled "for family and medicinal use."

Because a girl embroiders slippers for you it does not follow that she regards you as a slippery fellow.

Miss Cora Hoey, bookkeeper for Liggett Bros., will spend Christmas at her home, West Newton, Pa.

Some of the stockings are so loud this winter that Santa Claus can hear them clear up on the roof.

If the foolhardy man was only foolish it wouldn't matter so much; but he is always hardy and lives to a ripe old age.

Rev. G. I. Gordon, pastor of the U. P. church, will address the men's meeting at the Y. M. C. A. cars, Sunday, December 26.

As preparations are already being made to turn over new leaves, the caution may be given that the too sudden turning of the leaf should not be marked with a tear.

The merry holiday season is being appropriately celebrated by the footpads with Christmas presents which their winning ways obtain for them from the casual passer-by.

It will no doubt be good news to Pitcairn people to know that our station, heretofore called Wall station, will be known after January 1st as Pitcairn station.

One of the finest '98 calendars we have so far seen is the one T. S. Patch of Wilmerding is putting out - Just like his bonded goods it's up to date.

The installation of Rev. W. G. Stewart as pastor of the Presbyterian church, Wilmerding, will take place Tuesday, December 28, Rev. E. M. Bowman to preside. Rev. D. R. McCaslin to charge the pastor and Rev. T. J. Porter to charge the people.

We acknowledge, with blushes, the honor conferred upon us at the last meeting of the Western Pennsylvania Editors association, by which we were elected Vice-President of the association, and tendered a ten-day excursion trip to Florida and the coast.

A beautiful program of Christmas music and appropriate recitations will be given by the U. B. Sabbath School on Christmas Eve., December 24, at 7:30 o'clock. The house is being beautifully decorated. A treat will be given to the enrolled members of the school. All are invited to be present.

Christmas gift.—Mrs. Frank Harris, of Wilmerding, presented her husband with a fine and beautiful "living picture" for a Christmas gift. Though miniature in size it was lifelike in so much that the usual cry was plainly heard. The little one is a week old, now, and the reason Harris does not "set it up" to everybody is because it is a girl. Mother and child are doing well.

Thursday evening last quite an enjoyable time was spent by a few friends of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Coursin at their home on Third street. Our wide-awake Councilman, Chas. Koch, who is always equal to any emergency, betook himself to the hall where a tea party was about to open its evening entertainment, and securing the orchestra for a brief period, retired to his brother Councilman's (Mr. Coursin) residence with a number of friends and spent the evening as only lovers of sweet music and good singing could spend an evening. Their voices blended with the gentle strains of sweetest music, soft as zephyr sighs, floated on the evening breeze, mingling with the "chu chu" of the locomotive in the distance, gave unexpected joy to the hearts of the happy couple. Gay, guileless, sportive friends, welcomed to the hearth of any home, happy themselves, their host and hostess take up the merry glow and spend the evening oh, so quickly, that e'en the parting hour arrives upon them unawares. With many exchanges of compliments and a request to call again, they betook themselves to their different firesides and homes veil satisfied with their evening's enjoyment.

#### Advertised Letters,

The following list of advertised letters will be sent to the dead letter office if not called for in thirty days: John Baker 2, Mrs. C. Brotemarkel, Wm. Dugan, Harry Hicks, Lizzie Lamb, Mrs. Ben. Lister, Pearl J, McCarty, Mrs. Jennie Orris, Rev. J. G. Shoemaker, Willis Smay, Geo. Zentuer. Persons calling for letters in the above list will please say they are advertised. M. L. Keck, P. M.

#### For Rent or Sale,

A two-story frame house, containing six rooms and hall, with outbuildings; lot 100 by 160 feet. Apply to Mrs. T. S. Stewart, Stewart Station, Pa.

#### Progressive Uchre.

A pleasant event of the past week in social circles was

the progressive euchre tendered Miss Helen Loughrey by Mr. and Mrs. William Armstrong at their pleasant home on Second street. Miss Loughrey is an East End young lady, but having spent a portion of the past summer in Pitcairn, is deservedly popular with the young people here. Play was commenced at 8:30 and waged fast and furious until 10:30. When the smoke of battle, metaphorically speaking had rolled away, 'twas discovered that the Misses Thompson - Emma and Rue, or Rue and Emma as you will - were tied for the ladies trophy, a handsome vase, each having seven wins to her credit. At the suggestion of the hostess a five-point game was played to decide who was who. This contest had scarcely commenced ere it was apparent that Miss Rue was playing the role of the mythical gent who is reported to have fallen out of a balloon; in other words this young lady was not in it. The dexterous manner in which Miss Emma manipulated the pasteboards led those who witnessed the contest to believe that she can give Hoyle a few pointers on the game which he never knew. She was unanimously a voted a wonder (one-dear.) [P. S. - All rights reserved on this jokelet.] The gentlemen's trophy was captured by Mr. Bert Morten, of East End. After the prizes had been awarded, an elegant luncheon was served, to which the guests did ample justice. Music, vocal and instrumental, and dancing concluded an evening of rare enjoyment. Mrs. Armstrong was assisted in the duties as hostess by Miss Loughrey, who bore the honor with dignity and grace. Beside the Pitcairn folks, guests were present from the East End and the city proper

As a result of Monday night's freight wreck, which was caused by a runaway train on the Pennsylvania railroad, three men lost their lives and damage to the extent of \$75,000 was done to rolling stock of the Pennsylvania company. The dead are:

S. KUSTER, Hagerstown, Ind.

CHARLES J. NUMER, brakeman.

S. G. CORBIN, brakeman.

Kuster died a few minutes after midnight after being removed to the hospital. Numer could be heard talking for four hours after the wreck occurred, but he could not be reached until after the mass of debris had crushed him to death. The body of Corbin was found in a pile of debris 30 feet in the air. He probably was instantly killed. Three locomotives, four passenger coaches and 58 loaded freight cars were wrecked. Besides this loss the damage to merchandise with

which the cars were loaded is heavy.

S. G. Corbin, the rear brakeman, had been crushed by fire brick and heavy timber. Neither of the men were much disfigured. Numer was single and aged 28 years. He was a resident of Mapleton, Pa. Corbin was 44 years old and married, and leaves a wife and eight children. He was at one time a minister.

**December 30, 1897**

**Local News.**

Good-bye '97.

Turn a new leaf.

Did you swear off?

Empty pocketbooks.

Ring out the old ring in the new.

You had better get your hand in writing 1898.

The swearing off individual has but one more day of grace.

The little son of F. G. Wissinger had his arm broken by being tripped on our slippery boardwalks last week.

R. S.—Yes, Monroeville is in this State. We have heard of it, but cannot tell you how to get there. Ask an undertaker.

Miss Minnie A. Young, of this place, is spending the holidays in the country near Tarentum, the guest of her cousin, Miss Annie Mahaffey

We are sorry to see our worthy citizen, W. M. Clippinger, return to his old home, in Fulton county, and trust when the April showers come down upon us, he will be found amongst them as Clippinger as ever.

According to the editor of the Irwin Standard, a passenger train, a freight train, a fire engine, two drums, four large dolls, candy, nuts, oranges, and some half bushel of nic-nacs, was found in a Manor girl's stocking, Christmas morning. And yet the stocking was but one-third full.

We know of a party who is willing to start a livery and feed stable in Pitcairn if there is any encouragement given the project. We feel like encouraging any good progressive movement that will aid our town, and know that it will meet with the approval of our best citizens. A board of trade to look after these things would not be a bad idea.

William Hadow, of Larimer, employed as a brakeman by the P. R. R. company in the yards at this place, was so unfortunate as to have his right hand badly crushed while attempting to make a coupling, on Friday night last. Dr. Montgomery administered to the injured man's sufferings, after which he was sent to the West Penn hospital,

On Christmas Eve a musical program was carried out at the U. B. church, conducted by Mr. A. Garman, Miss Grace Jones presiding at the organ. Each Sabbath school scholar and their teachers were presented with a packet of choice candy and popcorn. A finely decorated tree added to the appearance of the church.

Cora Flack gave herself quite a task to train the members of the Y. P. S. C. E. at the U. B. church to recite speeches, etc. The parents of the little people were present in large numbers. Mrs. Garman, ever on the lookout to assist the children, gave an exhibition with a magic lantern. To close the pleasant evening the ladies of the church had provided cake and bananas for each juvenile.

Saturday afternoon, as William Sloan, of this place, was hauling a load of coal from the bank, his five-year-old grandson, Don, was jolted off the wagon, falling under the wheel, which passed over his left leg below the knee, fracturing the member and crushing the bone into fragments. Dr. Stewart was called in and reduced the fracture, and at present writing the boy is doing well. This is the second time an accident of this nature has been visited upon this same boy.

Eddie Robbins says dam the Yough river, Bill Morrow says it's not worth a dam, the Government says the Yough's dam site's too expensive.

Now, that we have secured a change of names for our R. R. station, and henceforth will sail under our true colors' is it now due time we turned our attention to other necessities. Pitcairn borough has rapidly grown

into a borough of more than passing importance. And the P. R. R. Y. M. C. A. with Mr. Callender as General Secretary, has increased proportionate, in so much that the cars allotted to them by a generous company are far insufficient to accommodate the rapidly increasing membership and so unattractive to most of the passersby, that the association is handicapped to a wonderful extent, and surprises even its own officers at the work being done in the small space allotted to them. If we could hasten in any way the building of our long promised station house, with its proposed Y. M. C. A. rooms attached, it would not only benefit the P. R. R. company, Pitcairn borough, the Y. M. C. A. but the traveling public as well. "Ask and ye shall receive," is a proverb we have much faith in. Who will start the good work with an article on this subject?

Tuesday afternoon the last remains of that venerable and well known citizen of Wall, Isaac Good, were deposited in the beautiful cemetery at Copeland, midst a large concourse of sympathizing friends. Mr. Good being a prominent Mason, his own lodge from East Liberty as well as that of Wilmerding, attended the funeral. These brother Masons, with his large circle of railroad friends, did all in their power to comfort the bereaved ones left behind. Mr. Good met his death near his home at Wall station, on the P. R. R. not 100 yards from where Mr. Wall, the father of the town, met the same fate one short year ago. Everyone who lives along the line of the P. R. R. from Pittsburg to Latrobe will remember Isaac Good, who for many years was supervisor of the railroad between East Liberty and Latrobe. He was one of the oldest supervisor's on the road and it is but a few years since he left it. His many friends and acquaintances were shocked to hear that he was killed near his home at Wall sometime after dark Saturday night. His mangled body was found alongside the railroad about 10 o'clock and it is supposed he was struck by an empty engine. He and his daughter had spent Christmas in Pittsburg with his son and had returned in the evening. He was 67 years old and leaves a wife and four children.

The entertainment given under the auspices of the P. R. R. Y. M. C. A. was greeted by a large audience last Thursday evening. The management had spared no pains to accommodate and entertain the many patrons of this organization. Prof. Swearer is not a professional swearer, by any means, but the music he and his little daughter brought out of them old tumblers, would



make one feel like sticking to his glasses forever. They were loudly applauded and frequently encored. The solo by Miss Bessie Swearer, on the glasses, had to be repeated before the audience would give up applauding. The Phonograph in its repetition of the "Old Oaken Bucket" "Coming Through The Rye." Especially, coming through the rye, was considered by the male members of the audience very fine, whilst "Happy Days In Dixie," and "Turkey In The Straw," brought down the house. It is to be regretted that this association has not room of their own, a building suitable and adequate to meet the demands of their rapidly growing order. Popular as they are, under their present management, we think it would not be a very heavy task for them to raise sufficient means to erect a suitable building, if the Company to whom they all belong would take a more active part, and interest in the matter.

COMMUNICATED.

PITCAIRN, PA., Dec. 26, 1897.

Rev. G. I. Gordon, the newly elected U. P. minister, made his appearance at the Y. M. C. A. cars on Sunday afternoon for the first time since his advent among us and was asked by our ever watchful Secretary, Mr. Dunkle, to address the "men" who were in waiting. In opening his address he said it was not a lack of interest on his part that he had not been with us, but acts of duty elsewhere. But, however, he was glad to meet the men on this particular Christmas time, and referring us to the character of Jesus as a man, and to the words of Martha when she was asked: "Is not this the carpenter's son?" he showed him to be a busy as well as a perfect man, endowed with moral courage which was admirable, his heart being in perfect tune with God. Another characteristic was constancy, he being obstinate and possessing a large heart, was an all 'round man, pure, holy and just, having set out to accomplish the work of saving men, teaching them and healing the sick. This was a strong, forcible and pleasing address, and captivated the large crowd of railroad men who thronged the cars eager to receive Christmas tidings. The reverend closed his address with these words: "Is He your Christ." We wish Mr. Calander, McIntire and others of the management had been present on this Christmas occasion and seen the interest shown by the men and the lack of room to accommodate them. We think they would do more than pray for the new building so long talked of, as nowhere on the Pennsylvania lines is it more needed,

as well as a new passenger station than at Pitcairn, whose station after January 1 will be called in honor of Hon. Robert Pitcairn, the personal friend of every railroad man on the Pittsburg division.

JESSICA.



**Chapter 13**  
**PITCAIRN EXPRESS**  
**January 1898 Local News Items**

**January 6, 1898**  
**LOCAL NEWS.**

Good resolutions prevail.

Now the merry sleigh "belles" jingle.

"Swear ye not at all," but if you do, stick to it.

Durant, the California murderer, hangs to-morrow.

Don't attempt to reform the world unless you are perfect yourself.

Young 1898 seems to have a sufficiency of white robes on hands.

When a man makes a fool of himself he generally does the job well.

The favorite sport for the general run of Pitcairn women these days is shoveling snow.

The man who was wishing for an old-fashioned winter ought to have an outside job now.

Public speaking, like drinking, often requires more strength to let go than to hold on.

The present "hot" wave in Ohio politics is accountable for the rapid melting away of our snow.

Have you been to hear George H. Vibbert yet? If not, go to-night, at the Presbyterian church.

Blowing commences at the Chambers & McKee glass factory at Jeanette on Saturday giving employment to 3,000 men.

We are glad to learn that Mrs. Grant Singizer, of Fourth street, who has been ill at her mother's in Wilksburg, is improving and is expected home.

The cold ??? presented by Rev. Vibbert has caused the mercury in Pitcairn to drop considerable, yet the Ambrosia stand remains unfrozen.

The largest amusement building in the world burned in Chicago Friday last. It was the great California building, and the pride of the city.

Our public schools will give an elite musicale entertainment sometime this present month, which is said to be very fine according to rehearsals.

That surprise party at W. M. Cunningham's last week was rather Cunninghamly arranged, and proved quite a success surprisingly as well as socially.

If Council was as particular about building their street crossings as they are about the citizens building their boardwalks, we might be able to find one once in a while.

James Kirkland, of Derry township, who lives on the old Alter place, is a fiend in human shape. His wife and five children have been deserted by this brute, and they have not the necessaries of life.

Special revival services will be held in the M. E. church commencing Sabbath evening, January 9. All persons interested in Christianity are cordially invited to attend.

Joe McElroy, who drives for T. S. Patch of Wilmerding, was trying the sleighing at Pitcairn Monday evening behind that noted fast trotter of his. Joe says he drove from Wilmerding here in two and a half minutes.

Tuesday last Constable Hobaugh took E. A. Hazlett to Pittsburg that the courts may inquire into his mental condition, as it is feared he is losing his mind. Mr. Hazlett's parents reside in Westmoreland county and are well to do.

The P. R. R. Y. M. C. A. has issued one of the handsomest and most convenient souvenir calendars we have yet seen for 1898, with a fine view of the P. R. R. tracks and the grounds and buildings at Cresson, that famous summer resort,

"Please give me ten postage stamps," said a little girl to the clerk at the stamp window. "What denomination," said the clerk. "I don't know," replied the little girl, "but mamma is a Baptist, and I reckon

she wants that kind.”

F. J. Lamp, tax collector of McKeesport, has been missing from his home since Sunday. He left the house Sunday night, and Monday evening his wife, in going through his room, discovered a note bidding her goodbye forever. Mrs. Lamp and her little son have gone to live with friends.

Seven tramps boarded a freight train east of Latrobe last Thursday night, and when nearing Bradenville made an attempt to apply the brake. Edward Brubaker, brakeman, interfered, when one of the tramps pulled a revolver and fired two shots at him. One of the bullets struck the brakeman in the shoulder, inflicting a dangerous wound. He was conveyed to his home at Derry. None of the tramps were arrested.

William Wennagel, of this place, was killed by falling down and under the wheels of a freight train in the yards here Saturday night. He was a brakeman and it is thought the cold had benumbed him. Wennagel was married and had just completed the building of a house for himself and family. They had occupied it only three days when he met his death. He was 34 years old and leaves a wife and several small children. His remains were interred Tuesday afternoon in an East End cemetery.

Now is the time to subscribe for the Express and receive the National Humane Alliance one year free. This paper is given to all subscribers who pay their arrears or any new ones paying a year's subscription in advance. To those who are not familiar with the Alliance we will just say it is a paper of highest merit, especially adapted to teachers and school pupils, lawyers, doctors and parents. No “wild-west” stories or trashy reading, but solid, impartial facts on the betterment of humanity in general. Your children should read it.

Mr. E. R. Stewart, the former P. R. R. agent at Conemaugh, will take charge of the general office at Wilmerding, succeeding John I. Rankin, who has resigned in order to engage in other business. General Superintendent Robert Pitcairn, of the Pittsburg division of the P. R. R., makes the change with several others on the Southwest branch. This is the time of year, and especially so on this division, that a railroad superintendent has his mettle tried in many ways, and

the general, verdict of the public is, we have one of the best railroad superintendents on the globe.

The Westinghouse Air Brake Company, at Wilmerding, started Monday morning on double turn, after the New Year's suspension. The day men will also work overtime until further notice. All the old workmen have been notified to resume work and new men will be employed. Work will be pushed to fill numerous large orders ahead for spring delivery. The works have not operated double turn for several months.

Down in Missouri they have introduced hugging societies to swell the church treasuries, and a Missouri paper gives the following scale of prices: “The prices range as follows, for increasing church fund: Girls under 26, 25 cents for each hug of two minutes; from 16 to 20 years of age, fifty; from 20 to 25, 75 cents; school ma'ams, 40 cents; another man's wife, one dollar; widows from 10 cents to two dollars; old maids, three to ten cents apiece or two for a nickel, and not any limit of time. Ministers are not charged. Editors pay in advertisements, but are not allowed to participate until everybody else is through.”

David D. Watt, a veteran of the late war, died Friday at the home of his son, James Watt, of this place. The deceased had for many years lived in Allegheny. For some time he had been in ill health and the final cause of his death is attributed to general debility. He was 60 years of age and a member of Post 128, G. A. R., of Allegheny. During the war he served under Colonel Richard Coulter, of the Eleventh regiment, Pennsylvania volunteers. His funeral occurred Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Post 128 had charge of the services and the remains were interred in the Allegheny cemetery.

The following poem has been clipped from some paper by one of our lady correspondent and sent us for publication. Here is the poem:

“Lives of poor men all remind us honest toll don't stand a chance,  
More we work, we leave behind us bigger patches on our pants.  
On our pants once new and glossy—now patched up of different hue,  
All because subscribers linger and won't pay us what is due.

Then let all be up and doing; send your mite, however small,  
Or when the snows of winter strike us we shall have no pants at all.  
After Longfellow—a long ways after.”  
We appreciate the young lady’s thoughtfulness and trust that such a misfortune will not befall her during this chilly weather.

**January 13, 1898**  
**LOCAL NEWS.**

Ah, there! Patterson.

The time to buy thermometers is when they are down.

War, and rumors of war with Spain this a. m.

Now that the Ohio trouble is over we may get some fair weather.

Born, to the wife of William Harkness, of Fourth street, a boy.

James Holden, of Jeannette, swings a mighty influence amongst the strikers.

Protracted revival services are held each evening this week at the U. B. Church.

The revival meetings at the M. E. church are growing interesting. Your presence is desired.

An elegant program has been arranged for the school entertainment January 19, in Reed’s hall.

Keep in mind the school entertainment, as it promises to excel anything of the kind we have yet had.

Next week services will be held the Presbyterian church, conducted by the pastor.

Mr. Geo. H. Vibbert, the temperance lecturer, left on Monday morning for other fields of usefulness.

Bill Morrow is now kept busy starving his ground hog so he will be too thin to make a shadow February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Telegrams this Thursday morning says within the next

48 hours intervention in Cuba will be forced on President McKinley.

George Burkett and Mrs. Burkett, who have been occupying rooms at the Tilbrook & Co. building, have removed to Stewart station.

Greensburg is to have a free library, the gift of Andy Carnegie, providing the town agrees to keep it up and pay running expenses.

There was quite a heavy run of livestock and dressed meat on the Pennsylvania Monday between East Liberty, Pitcairn and Altoona.

Jeannette seems to have troubles of her own, and, glass-like, she is very brittle. There seems to be one man Holden all the plants from operation.

Pennsylvania trains will descend the mountain slope from Gallitzin to Altoona with more than usual care while the grading and blasting are being done on the new track.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. McDowell, of Second street, left Tuesday to attend the funeral of Mrs. McDowell’s mother, who died at her home in the eastern part of the State Saturday last.

Now, as our postmastership near its end, we can truthfully say we have not the least ill feeling for any aspirant, and can only wish for the successful applicant the most generous patronage and kind indulgence of all ever indulgent public.

The Republicans of Pitcairn borough held a suggestion meeting in the hose building in Patton township last week, and was not well attended, and little if anything towards securing candidates for the spring election was accomplished.

Several young men from this place have undertaken the study of elocution at Byron King’s dramatic school Pittsburg.

Wm. Winebrenner and Miss Ellison were united in marriage Thursday evening last at the home of the bride, Rev. G. W. Sherrick performing the ceremony.

Miss Emma Thompson, one of our teachers, was called

to her home in Irwin Friday last on account of the serious illness of her father. At this writing he is slightly improved.

Clyde Horner was painfully injured on Saturday last by being struck in the eye by a snowball. For a while it appeared that serious results would follow, but he is getting along nicely.

Milton Smith, who for the past 10 years has been assistant station agent here, has been transferred to Shadyside. Always genial and accommodating, Milton made many friends here, who wish him well in his new position.

Our friend Clayton Walker, formerly of this place, and Miss Jessie A. Lynn, of Fayette county, were united in wedlock by Rev. Barre, of Poke Run Presbyterian church, on Monday evening at 7:80 p. m. The happy couple have the best wishes of the Express for their future happiness.

Monday morning last whilst Mr. Custer, of Stewart station, was on his way to work in the yards of the P. R. R. Co. he was struck by an engine and hurled about fifteen feet. When picked up and taken to his home it was found he had sustained a fracture of his right leg and three ribs and an arm, beside being hurt internally. At present writing the attending physician has hopes of his recovery. Mr. Custer is well known throughout the valley and is the father of Robert Custer, who was killed near Portage by being caught and badly squeezed between two freight cars.

On Saturday last one of the oldest and most respected ladies of Patton township, Mrs. Eleanor Lang, widow of George Lang, deceased, passed peacefully from this world to the other world. Mrs. Lang had long been an invalid and her death was not unexpected. She was 81 years of age and quite feeble. Her son-in-law, W. A. Craft, Esq., with whom she lived, did all that could be done to make her last moments peaceful and happy. She leaves three daughters, Mrs. Glunt, Mrs. McGinnis and Mrs. W. A. Craft, 31 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren behind her. She was a member of the X Roads Presbyterian church for over 50 years and was widely known. Her remains were interred in the Monroeville cemetery on Monday last, Rev. Hayes conducting the services. The funeral was one of the largest held in this section for years.

From the Indiana Democrat.

J. H. Russell gave a party Friday evening in order to have one evening of social entertainment with home friends to relieve the monotony of an eight-month term of teaching at Pitcairn.

Miss Rue Celta Thompson, who was home for the holidays, left Saturday evening for Pitcairn, where she has yet four mouths of labor in the school room. She speaks highly of the kindness of the people, the consideration of the board of directors, scholarly attainment of the principal, and, not least, the splendid care received from Mrs. Schlatter, who has charge of the trio of teachers - Misses McAllister of Turtle Creek, Emma Thompson of Irwin, and herself.

Constable and Preacher.

At the close of the temperance meeting in the Presbyterian church on the evening of the 9th . inst., I said it was the duty of good citizens and Christians to see that borough officers should be elected who would execute the laws anent saloons and "speak-easies." I mentioned, too, the frequent trips of a beer wagon through our streets. I wish to repeat what I then said, for respect for law is a foundation of civilization and just laws and conscientious officers are guardians of public morality. Said Solomon the Wise: "When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice, but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn." Proverbs 29:2. It is our duty to preach and practice righteousness here and now in Pitcairn, and in the Presbyterian church. Public prayers are frequently made for our borough officers, as for our public school teachers and the national government. Is this not right? We should be glad to know that the borough officials prayed for the Presbyterian church.

But I am informed that my words were understood as reflections on our worthy Constable, my neighbor, Mr. George Hobaugh. Hence I write to say that when I spoke I had never heard his work as constable criticized in any manner, I had not heard of the complaints of certain citizens, I had not seen or known of his article in the Express of December 23, I did not have him or any other officer of the borough in mind, I was not complaining, I spoke without any personal reference whatever, and without criticizing anybody whosoever. Had I known of these things I would have guarded my words so that they could not have been misunderstood. I am sorry that my friend and neighbor

has in any way been inconvenienced by my remarks. Were he neglectful of his duties I, as any other citizen, would have the duty of objecting; but, so far as I know, Mr. Hobaugh is a good constable, and I was not thinking of him at all when speaking in the church. Thomas J. Porter. Pitcairn, Pa., Jan. 11, 1898.

Communicated,  
Mr. Editor: There seems to be a great deal of fuss made over one of our citizens being under the influence of liquor one day during the holidays. It seems a little peculiar, to say the least, why one individual should be sought out and persecuted from amongst the many. Christ, in his loving kindness, sought to save the sinner—reached out, down in the mire for his soul. Why cannot we be more Christ-like, and instead of a kick reach out a helping hand. - R. S. V. P.

‘Twas a wise man who said: “When you fight or work don’t make a fuss. The hen cackles after she has laid the egg. The noise and sizzle of the locomotive are not force. All force is silent. The hee-haw of a mule may startle you, but it is not so dangerous as his hind legs. Bear in mind that it is an empty wagon that rattles most when in motion. The noise of a drum is due to the fact that there is nothing in it.”

### **January 20, 1898** **LOCAL NEWS.**

The roads are in very bad condition.

Don’t meddle with other peoples’ domestic troubles.

The rivers are falling, but the streets seem to be as deep as ever.

Editor Tresher, of the Jeannette Dispatch, was in Pitcairn on Friday.

The citizens of Pitcairn will hold their primaries this coming Saturday.

George Birkett and family have removed to Pitcairn from Stewart station.

Frank Fisher, 14 years old, is mysteriously missing from his home at Manor.

Mrs. McKee, of Second street, transacted business in the city Tuesday morning.

Oil has been discovered on the Bothel farm in Armstrong township, Indiana county.

Mr. H. Springer, the Duquesne Cigar Company’s man, was in town Friday last.

W. H. Armstrong will occupy the residence built by John Luckenbill about February 1.

Republican primaries will be held at Wilmerding and in Patton township Saturday, January 22.

J. A. Andre and Miss Pet Welshons, both of Pitcairn, were married at Youngstown, Ohio, on the 13th inst.

If the operators in soft coal and the miners agree in Chicago they will make it hard to get for the poor man.

In the Pittsburg Republican primaries the machine won all the battles, and the reformers were badly touted.

H. C. Robinson, of Sixth street, had a finger of his left hand broken while unloading lumber at the P. R. R. yards.

M. H. Smith, formerly of Pitcairn, but now of Shadyside, was circulating among his friends here Monday evening.

The fight between employer and employee in the New England cotton mills is on, and what it will lead up to cannot be foretold.

Our borough council has given as good sidewalks at the property owners’ expense. But what about our streets and crossings?

Quite a number of young men from this place have secured employment at the Westinghouse Electrical Works, East Pittsburg, Pa.

South Dakota gives a bounty of \$3 for wolf scalps, and the farmers are finding that the raising of wolves pays better than any other crop.

Everybody who did not vote at the Republican

primaries last Saturday are entitled to and should turn out and vote at the citizens' primaries.

James E. Berry, at one time a millionaire, died at Paducah, Ky., Tuesday of this week and was buried in Potter's field at public expense.

On Sunday night the residence of John Pierson, of Webster, was burglarized of \$40 in money and valuables and a lot of clothing, silverware, etc.

The Kistler house on Eighth street will be finished in about a week and the family will remove from the vicinity of Murraysville to this place.

Marriage licenses were granted on Tuesday to Simon Clark and Juda M. Metcalf, and George W. Woods and Ellen Rodgers; all of Pitcairn. Miss Rodgers came to this place from Bellefonte, where she was a leading society belle.

Mrs. Jeffries, Mrs. McKee's mother of Agatha street, died on Friday and was buried on Sunday last. Funeral services were held in the M. E. church.

Mike Luday was fined \$2 and costs Friday last by 'Squire Craft for disorderly conduct. He refused to pay the fine and was lodged in the county jail.

Mr. M. Callender, the railroad evangelist, paid our town a visit last Friday evening and assisted Rev. Sherrick at the U. B. church revival services.

The town of Bridgeville on the Charter's Valley road, 15 miles from Pittsburg, was visited by a disastrous fire Monday night which caused a loss of \$25,000.

Benjamin Butterworth, United States Commissioner of Patents, who had been ill at the Piney woods Hotel, Thomasville, Ga., several weeks, died Sunday afternoon last.

Grant Dodds, the appointed inspector for the Board of Health, of Patton and North Versailles townships, was looking up Pitcairn's sanitary condition Tuesday last.

Miss Helen Loughry niece of W. H. Armstrong, has returned to East End, Pittsburg. Miss Loughry has accepted the position as cashier in Christie's drug store, Pittsburg.

Miss Lizzie Graham, who has been circulating among friends and relatives in the vicinity of Murraysville, returned to her home in this place Monday much benefited in health.

Westmoreland county may lose a slice of territory for the erection of a new county, to consist, in addition, of parts of Cambria, Indiana and Somerset, with the county seat at Johnstown.

The Madrid "Heraldo" says: "If the Government of the United States sends one warship to Cuba, a thing it no longer unlikely to do. Spain would act with energy and without vacillation"

Rev. J. M. Atchison, of Irwin, has received a call to the pastorate of the United Presbyterian church of Parnassus, to succeed Rev. George Whiteside, who recently resigned to accept a call to Ohio.

An explosion of gasoline Monday night in the store of Mrs. Meyers at Export resulted in the total destruction of two houses and damage to several other buildings, including the opera house. Mrs. Meyers' house, and one adjoining, owned and occupied by John K. Jones, were totally destroyed.

The new summer resort down the river will not affect Idlewild Park in the least. This famous picnic ground has its dates pretty much taken for the entire season already. The improvements that are continually being added through Superintendent George Senft makes it one of the most delightful spots on earth.

The Fidelity Title and Trust Company, of Pittsburg, has secured options on 35,000 acres of land in Westmoreland and Allegheny counties, near Export which is said to be very rich in coal, at \$35 per acre. This is a big thing for the farmers of that district, for the land there is very poor for farming purposes.

A bloody shirt belonging to Bruce Neal, a grandson of John M. Neal who with his wife were found dead in their home near Jacksonville, Indiana county, on Christmas day, was found a few days ago. The garment was sent away for examination to determine whether the blood is that of a human being or an animal. Some developments are expected.



Tuesday night a tramp crawled into the drying yards of the brick company at this place to spend the night. At 1:30 in the morning he was found in an unconscious condition by some of the workmen. A search of his person revealed the fact that he had \$56.62 in his pockets. Just why a man possessed of money would adopt such a place as a brick yard to sleep is something we cannot comprehend.

The following ticket was nominated at the Republican primaries Saturday evening last: Council, Charles Koch, John H. Smith; School Directors, J. G. Stewart, Ed. Maguire; Auditor, J. H. Mattox; Assessor, F. G. Wissinger; Judge of Election, H. L. Young; Inspector, John Scott. Quite a large vote was polled and a number of candidates were presented for nomination, with the above result.

The spring election occurs the 15<sup>th</sup> of February, that being the third Tuesday of the month. The Baker ballot law requires the nomination certificates for borough and township officers to be filed in the commissioner's office 18 days before the day of election. This year the certificates of nomination must be filed with the county commissioners on or before the 26th day of January.

On last Thursday evening quite a number of young society people of Pitcairn spent a pleasant time at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Armstrong, in honor of Mr. Hugh Corlett. Some good selections in vocal and instrumental music were rendered which were highly appreciated. Mr. Corlett done himself great credit in the manner in which he sang some of his favorite selections. After a sumptuous repast the party departed to long remember the event of the evening.

Why is it that members of our street committee pass over such dilapidated boardwalks as on Wall avenue above the Presbyterian church and on the north side of Eleanor street and allow such excuses to exist for boardwalks? Is their ordinances of no account? Again, a few people on Fourth street were forced to comply with a boardwalk ordinance and the remainder are permitted to do as they please. The editor of this paper had to put down 110 feet of good plank walk for the accommodation of others, and then Council lets those who have but 25 feet to put down escape. Is this right?

Rev. Mr. Akin, pastor of the flock of Bethel church at

Bourbon, Ind., Sunday night took for his theme "His Satanic Majesty." He is an eloquent man, and he painted the arch fiend in vivid colors. At the climax of the description as being dressed to represent a devil, with large head and switching tail, ambled up the aisle, blowing smoke from its nostrils and bellowing, "I am the devil, and I want all of you!" The audience became panic stricken. Men, women and children were hurled to the floor and trampled upon in the mad rush for the door. In the confusion the stove was upset and the building caught fire. Before the horrified members regained their senses the fire had made such headway that all attempts to save the church were in vain. George Akin, son of the pastor, confessed that he with other boys rigged up a devil suit, and knowing the subject of his father's sermon concealed himself behind a chair and awaited the arrival of the audience.

### **January 27, 1898 LOCAL NEWS.**

February 2nd is groundhog day.

The high winds of Saturday did much damage.

A German newspaper is about to be started at Irwin.

If he can't sell it a stationer keeps a diary for an entire year.

If man is only a little lower than the angels the angels haven't much to be proud of.

If a man is big and fat and able to keep his mouth shut he can bluff almost any one.

If you read the newspapers you will notice that most young men who die were hustlers.

Oh, just to think if January should catch her second wind where would the politicians be.

If a man will persist in painting the town red he can't expect to keep in the pink of condition.

If you would know your faults, quarrel with a friend; if your virtues make up with an enemy.

If a woman is wise she will never remind her husband

of the fool things he said during courtship.

Geo. Hobaugh has broken ground at the corner of Broadway and Center avenue for a large livery, feed and sale stable.

Rev. J. M. Leshner, pastor of the U B. church at McKeesport, formerly of this place, was a visitor here Friday last.

Miss Emma Rineman, of East End, Pittsburg, was the guest of her friend, Miss Mollie Koch, of Third street, over Sunday.

The postoffice at Apollo was burglarized Friday night of last week. The thieves got \$50 in cash, some stamps and mail matter.

Mr. John Naser, of Broadway, was called to Pittsburg Wednesday by telephone on account of the dangerous illness of a grandson.

The marriage of Harry Berlin and Miss Myrtle M. Leffler, prominent young people of Stewart station, will be consummated February 2.

The reception by the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen Friday evening in Hoehl's Hall was a grand success, socially and financially.

Rev. McCormick, of Wilkinsburg, occupied the pulpit at the Presbyterian church Tuesday night. Meetings every night this week.

Andrew Brown, who is farming in Maryland near Pocomoke City, paid a visit to our town last Monday and made a call upon F. R. Hamerly, of Sixth street.

Rev. Hummel, of Jefferson county, is presiding at the U. B. church revivals. Splendid meetings are being held and numerous converts taken into the church.

Somebody is trying to prove that society is responsible for murders. Well, that's wrong; society is made up of people who want to kill one another and never do.

Some Klondike gold has been received at Old Wall. Imbedded therein it a large ruby and is the gift of a friend who has asked as to refrain from giving his name.

Saturday night's storm blew down a number of fruit trees, hay stacks and fences in the vicinity of Monroeville, scattering them over neighboring fields and doing considerable damage.

At a meeting of the members of the McGinnis Presbyterian church Friday evening Dr. J. G. Stewart, J. D. Lewis and H. C. Peoples were elected elders in addition to those already serving.

Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage, D. D., assistant pastor of the First Presbyterian church, of Washington, D.C., and Mrs. Eleanor McCutcheon, of Allegheny, were united in marriage Monday last.

Wilson Woodward, father of Mrs. Penrod, of Eleventh street, aged 79 years, died of pneumonia at the home of his son, William, of Ben Venue. Mr. Woodward spent the summer months in this place.

We are glad to learn that T. S. Patch, wholesale liquor dealer, intends settling down in Wilmerding, where his brother John has been in charge of affairs for some time. T. S. will handle nothing but the best.

The protracted services at the U. B. church continue every evening with marked success. Rev. Stahl, of Greensburg, who missed his way to the church for Sunday evenings service was present on Monday evening.

"I did but taste a little honey with the end of the rod that was in my hand, and lo! I must die," I Samuel xiv 43, was the text of Dr. Talmage's sermon last Sunday. And the doctor was only married on Saturday. —Ex.

Edison, Jr., is said to have invented a machine to utilize the power of the ocean wave. Perhaps we will soon learn what the wild waves are saying. But it's the wave of prosperity that interests the great American public most.

John P. Kilgore, of Greensburg, owner of a big pack of beagle hounds, proposes to give a field trial shortly. The Beagle club recently organized at New Kensington will take part. Many beagle hounds are owned in and near this town.

The storm of last Saturday and Sunday while doing but

little damage in Pitcairn, caused the boardwalk to slip sway opposite Rev. J. M. Leaker's property, on Third street. Danger lights at night prevented any serious injury to pedestrians.

Vandergrift Heights, a suburb of the new town of Vandergrift, was incorporated into a borough last week. An entire list of borough officers will be made up from a citizens' ticket and elected at the February election. A postoffice will be asked for the new borough.

The revival meetings at the M. E. church are well attended. A good work is being done by Rev. Smith, quite a number of persons have presented themselves and some acquisitions have been made. Rev. Hall, of Wilmerding, delivered a splendid sermon to a large audience Friday evening.

The United States battleship, *Maine*, under orders from the government, sailed Tuesday morning for Havana. This is the first time in three years that the United States Government has been represented in Cuba by a warship. The order comes unexpectedly, and what it means exactly is not yet known to those outside of the President's Cabinet.

Pitcairn is not so far behind in education as some persons are inclined to think. We have two or three people here who are educated far beyond the average man. We know of one who reads, writes and speaks four different languages correctly and is a graduate of two of the finest theological institutes, a shorthand expert and well learned in musical art besides being highly versed in allopathy and homeopathy medicine.

A joint meeting of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Order of Railway Conductors, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen and Order of Railway Telegraphers was held at McKees Rocks Monday night for the purpose, as stated in the call for the meeting, of influencing legislation in favor of the workingman. The meeting resolved to place a candidate in the field from the Sixth Legislative District, and indorsed William Boate for the position, his name, however, to be subject to the action of the combined labor bodies of Allegheny county.

Greensburg's Homestead club, one of the elite clubs of that old burg, experienced quite a clubbing among its

own members early Sunday morning. The club rooms with its stock of fine wines and whiskies, Brussels carpets, Turkish rugs, lace curtains, and all, were completely destroyed by the minority members of the club. Large handsome mirrors, bottles, glasses and large decanters were smashed to atoms. Beer and whiskey seeped through the floors to rooms below.

Saturday evening last, while the rain beat down upon the brown-stone front of a pretty little cottage on Wood avenue, and the storm was raging at its highest throughout the valley, there was a grand contrast behind the pretty curtained windows of said cottage, and the merry glow of the soft-coal fire in the large open grate flashed rays of gilded light over the palms and evergreens resting in banks of flowers scattered carefully about the little parlor. The contrast was more noticeable on account of the merry and happy faces, which blended musically with the raging storm without. The occasion was the marriage of Joseph Carmine to Mrs. Rosa Batello, two of our most popular representatives of Sunny Italy. The juice of the luscious grape, cured as only the old Romans can cure it, added much in dispelling any gloom that might possibly linger about on such an evening. The festivities extended throughout the day following. Many beautiful and costly presents were received by the bride and groom. 'Squire Craft was the officiating magistrate. The worthy Squire delivered quite an address in introducing the happy couple.

Citizens' Primaries.

At the citizens' primaries, held Saturday evening last the following candidates were unanimously nominated: Council—J. C. McGinnis, J. G. Black.

School Directors—Frank Leshner, W. N. Agnew.

Auditor—Philip Lichtenfels.

Assessor—A. T. Simpson.

Judge of Election—H. J. Brendlinger.

Inspector—Wm. Cunningham.

Peace and harmony prevailed throughout the entire proceedings, and the ticket is considered an exceptionally strong one. Whilst there are some good men on both tickets one ticket is strictly partisan, whilst the other is made up of citizens in the best interest of the town, regardless of politics. We are now fairly started on what is likely to be one of the liveliest municipal campaigns we have ever encountered. Two tickets, made up of exceptionally strong candidates, indicate that party lines will be lost sight of and the

result of the contest determined by the personality of the various candidates and their ability to study the advancement and welfare of our borough.

## Chapter 14

### PITCAIRN EXPRESS February 1898 Local News Items

#### February 3, 1898 LOCAL NEWS.

Lent will begin on Feb. 23,

Who wants to go to Alaska?

The days are growing longer.

February came in a roaring.

Some people have dollars, but no sense.

The old original ice plant has resumed.

House hunters are making the rounds.

Typhoid fever is epidemic at New Kensington.

A colored man has no use for a safety razor.

Now buy your thermometers while they are down.

More hogs than the ground hog holed up yesterday.

The building and loan men are building up loans for spring.

Many of our temperance people fail to practice what they preach.

We would like to know where Bill Morrow saw his shadow yesterday?

Borough and township elections will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 15.

The ground hog has taken charge of the weather for the next six weeks.

"Still waters run deep" is applicable to the suspicious quietness of our political campaign.

It is not considered profane to speak of a well mended stocking as being darned good.

Quite a number of new subscribers have been added to our list since the first of the year.

School children should not throw things at their teacher's eyes. It might injure the pupil.

If you don't vote you are in part accountable for the condition of your streets, alleys, sewers, light, etc.

It is a waste of time for a sinner to try to convince his conscience, the preacher meant the other fellow.

The defeated candidate for office can console himself with the fact that the majority are not always right.

February the 15th every person who is entitled to a vote, should either vote or quit talking borough affairs.

Rev. T. J. Porter and the officials of the Presbyterian church have completed extensive repairs to their property.

The storms in the East have not been equaled since 1851. Much damage has been done to vessels along the coasts.

We met a man the other day who said he voted the Prohibition ticket once, but excused himself by saying "he was drunk at the time."

The philosopher who said that all things comes to him who waits might have added that the man who goes after them gets them much quicker.

In these days the quality of a man's Christianity may be judged by the condition of his sidewalk.

Delinquent taxpayers at Wilkinsburg will be arrested and imprisoned if they don't pay up. And that a prohibitory town!

The postmaster at Irwin has been granted an allowance of \$460 for rent, fuel and light, by the department at Washington.

A most notable semi-centennial anniversary is to be held in Washington, D. C. February 14th to 20th by the National Woman Suffrage association.

Tramps that are given lodging in the New Kensington lock-up are required to break stone for one hour as a sort of compensation for the accommodation.

The enlargement of Manor borough is being agitated, by which those suburbs known as North and East Manor will be taken into the corporate limits.

William Snowden, aged 50 and married, was found dead in bed at his home in Wilmerding yesterday morning. Heart disease is supposed to have been the cause.

Appeals from triennial assessments of 1898 for North Versailles and Patton townships, will be held at the County Commissioners office, Pittsburg, February 8, 1898.

F. O. Johnson has had sale bills printed at this office announcing the sale of all his farming implements and livestock on the 10th of the present month at 10 a. m. sharp.

And now Uncle Sam tell us that there is neither gold nor grub to be had in the Klondike. All the same, the majority of those who have the fever will go to see for themselves.

Mr. Samuel Brinton, one of our most popular and well-to-do farmers, has returned from visiting his brother in Iowa. He reports plenty of snow and good sleighing out there.

Louis Wichert, of East Pittsburg, a candidate for school director of that place, was a Pitcairn visitor Tuesday evening. Mr. Wichert would be the right man in the right place on the school board.

Spanish society has not at all been backward in showing their displeasure at General Woodford, United States ambassador. During a banquet he was virtually boycotted, the ladies even refusing to take his arm.

Sunday last while Wm. Loutzenheiser, a brakeman in the yards at this place, was making a coupling his right hand was caught between the bumpers and squeezed to such an extent that amputation was necessary.

Fifty gallons of whisky was received at Trauger, a prohibitory town in Westmoreland county, in one day,

and it is said that the shipments of beer to that point run from 1,000 to 1,600 kegs monthly. There are others.

Joseph Nimlist, a resident of East End, Pittsburg, and an employee in the Wall shops at this place, was struck by the south-bound express early Friday morning as he stepped from a Wall accommodation train and almost instantly killed.

Rev. Dr. W. W. Moorhead, for almost 27 years pastor at the First Presbyterian church of Greensburg, died at the home of his niece, Mrs. Ford Foster of St. Augustine, Fla., Sunday afternoon last, presumably of cancer of the stomach, aged 60 years.

Miss Lib Peoples, of Third street, engaged at the West Penn Hospital as a preparatory nurse, made a visit home on Monday last after an absence of six weeks. The hospital board is to make a selection of five permanent nurses during this week and we hope Miss Peoples will be one of the number. There are 25 preparatories.

For Rent—A handsome, large, 8-room house on Third street, with water on lot, and two large lots in connection. The house has just been newly papered, and is in first-class condition. Could be used by two families very conveniently or for boarders. Apply to Frank Leshner, corner Third street and Brinton avenue, Pitcairn, Pa.

At the Democratic primaries held in the Monroeville school house Thursday last the following persons were nominated: School Directors, R. M. Brown, Samuel Creighton; Supervisors, James Cooper, Wm. Lenhart; Assessor, Frank Cooper; Treasurer, James Frank; Township Clerk, Harry Maxwell; Register, Thos. McDowell; Judge of Election, W. A. Craft; Inspector, Andrew Frank.

Yesterday it was announced in Pittsburg that an engine, to be known as the "class H 5" was being constructed, which will be the largest locomotive ever built at the Altoona shops, and will be but a few tons lighter than the largest engine in the world, which was built for the Great Northern by the Brooks Locomotive Works at Dunkirk, N. Y. The new locomotive when completed and ready for service will tip the scales at

112 tons, which will be about 10 tons heavier than "class H 4," at present the heaviest engine on the Pennsylvania system.

#### CALIFORNIA.

##### Personally-Conducted Tour Via Pennsylvania Railroad.

The next personally-conducted tour to California via the Pennsylvania railroad will leave New York, Philadelphia, and Pittsburg by the "Golden Gate Special" on Wednesday, February 16, stopping at the Great Mammoth Cave and New Orleans during the Mardi Gras Carnival. Four weeks will be allowed on the Pacific Coast. Returning, stops will be made at Salt Lake City, Colorado Springs (Garden of the Gods), Denver, Chicago, etc. Round-trip rate, including transportation, meals, carriage drives, hotel accommodations and Pullman accommodations en route, and Pullman berth Los Angeles to San Francisco, and transportation in California, \$335.00 from all stations east of Pittsburg; with hotel accommodations, meals, transfers, and carriage drives through California for four weeks, \$125.00 additional. An experienced chaperon will accompany the party for the benefit of the lady tourists.

For itineraries and full information apply to ticket agents; Tourist Agent, 1196 Broadway, New York; or address Geo. W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia.

#### February 10, 1898

##### LOCAL NEWS.

Election next Tuesday.

Washington's birthday Feb. 22.

Interesting reading on 4<sup>th</sup> page.

St. Valentine's day on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

Vote early and often for the best man.

Miss Cora Hoey spent Sunday in Manor, the guest of relatives and friends.

Read Washington's funeral service as it appeared in the papers in 1779 on 4th page.

Bradstreet's and Dun's reviews of the past month are encouraging. Both say trade continues to improve.

James A. Morrow, of Eleanor street, moved into one of the McGinnis houses on Second street Friday last.

The Young Peoples' Society of the Presbyterian church is going to hold a social at the parsonage on Thursday evening next.

Mr. William Armstrong has removed into the new house recently built by Mr. John Lugenbill on North Second street.

Miss Grace Ambrose, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Wm. Barron, in this place for several weeks returned to her home in Ligonier yesterday.

Pittsburg was last night visited by the most disastrous conflagration she has known since the great fire 1845. The fire and explosions killed and maimed many persons out at Thirteenth and Pike street.

A company has been formed to make a thorough test for oil in what is considered territory near the Murraysville gas field. Wells will be bored on the farms of M. C. Miller and Eli Boyd, in the Turtle Creek valley.

The busy hum of the electrical and steam wheels which form our immense factories between this place and Braddock can now be heard buzzing throughout the entire valley, both day and night. East Pittsburg, Wilmerding and Pitcairn never was in their full working capacity as they are now. If a man is out of employment at the present time here it is his fault. Even all our 16 to 18 year old boys find steady employment and the various works now employ about 12,000 hands, an entire army of workman, to say nothing of the hundreds of miners in the coal pits, and yet there is room for more manufacturers. Come, join the busy world and locate in the Turtle Creek valley.

Mr. John McKeown to Wed.

The marriage of Mr. John McKeown, the prominent furniture dealer of Braddock, to Miss Ella O'Donnell, a charming young lady of Pittsburg, is announced to take place on Monday, February 21, in St. Mary's church, Pittsburg. The wedding will be a quiet one and

only the immediate relatives of the families will be present, owing to the death of the bride's father, which occurred in the past year. After a short wedding tour Mr. and Mrs. McKeown will go to housekeeping at their new residence on Center street, Wilkinsburg.

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At an examination held at the West Penn hospital training school Monday, Miss Lib Peoples, of Pitcairn, passed successfully and entered upon a two-years' course of study.

## **February 17, 1898** **LOCAL NEWS.**

Did you vote Tuesday?

The citizens' ticket was right in it.

The recent cold snap is no soft snap.

The election is over and now everybody is mad.

The weather on election day was very rough.

Mr. Al Bowers lost his pocket-book, containing \$90, while on his way to work Tuesday morning.

The phonograph in Ed Gress' drug store creates quite a lot of amusement and is perfect in its repetitions.

If good resolutions will help a man on his long journey W. A. Bailey, deceased, will surely be safe.

Cy Gross is trying to borrow a double barreled shotgun to go to Irwin and shoot Bill Morrow's g— h—.

A couple of car loads of ashes on the walk from the bridge to the P. R. R. station would be highly appreciated.

The child that was buried on the hill above town

Saturday last was legally interred and was only seven months old.

Our brick works have shut down, probably till Monday, when, it is supposed, a new superintendent will take charge.

When a man has an extravagant wife and a large family to support it isn't a hard matter to make him believe that home is the dearest spot on earth.

The question of removing the stock yards at East Liberty to Pitcairn is up again. It is not very probable, however, that the removal will take place at any nearby date.

The artist who took the photos for the school children has forever ruined the possibilities of a good artist doing any work here. Anyone accepting such work for art must - well, to say the least—must be as bad as the artist (?) himself.

Mrs. Griffith, the aged lady whom we mentioned last week as having broken one of her limbs by a fall, died Sunday evening. She never fully recovered from the shock. Interment took place at Braddock cemetery Tuesday afternoon.

M. H. Smith, of Shadyside, accompanied by Messrs. Winey and Englehart, arrived on an early train here Friday evening with one of Edison's latest inventions—a gramophone. They were met by O. M. Young, who escorted them to his father's house, where a very pleasant evening, as well as an amusing one was spent.

The birthday party given by Claire Moorhead at the home of her parents on Third street was quite an enjoyable affair. The following little folks were present: Hazel and Catharine Eberle, Edna and Lizzie Fry, Isabel Porter, Hazel Patterson, Viola Bethune, Brooks Fling, Russel Fritchman, Chalmas Price, Hearshey Adams. Some nice presents were received by Claire.

The United States man-of-war, the Maine, was blown up in Havana harbor Tuesday night last by an enormous torpedo being placed under the bows of the ship and exploded. The latest official report is that 253 sailors were killed and many more were terribly



injured. It was not an accident, but the work of enemies. How long, oh, how long are we to suffer Spain's impositions.

The little daughter of Mr. Fred Webber, Holland, Mass., had a very bad cold and cough which he had not been able to cure with anything.

Tuesday's election was one of the most interesting and exciting of any Pitcairn has yet held. Whilst the vote was light and the weather exceedingly bad, the contest was spirited and much cutting was done. The citizens' ticket seemed to have the lead from the start, although the regular republicans are by far the strongest, they failed to support their nominees. The following persons were elected: Council, J. C. McGinnis 169, George Black 136; School Directors, Dr. Stewart 144, Frank Leshner 124, being their respective votes. Aside from Dr. Stewart and F. Wissinger the entire citizens' ticket was elected.

A letter just received by the Express from our towns lady, Mrs. W. H Crookston, dated Feb. 8, 1898, at St-Augustine, Fla., says: "The climate is delightful, and the deep blue sky is not marred by even a speck of cloud. My health is much improved, and here at the Magnolia Hotel in summer sunshine I write my friends in Pitcairn, Pa., whom I know are wrapped in midwinter's snowy robes. As all my interests are centered amongst you, I wish you to mail the Express regularly to me here, for I have a warm feeling for my old home and my many friends at Pitcairn." There is an old saying, "We never miss the water till the well goes dry," and we find it applicable to our friends. We never see them aright until distance lends enchantment to the view. We feel safe in saying the many friends of Mrs. Crookston will gladly welcome her back to Pitcairn and I wish her a speedy return.

#### A Challenge

Harry S. Snee, weighmaster at Wall scales, and the acknowledged champion bicycle rider of the Pittsburg division of the P. R. R. wants to capture a few more laurels this season and has entered into training for that purpose. He issues a challenge to any man, woman or boy employed on the Pittsburg division between Pittsburg and Altoona for a one, three or five mile race. Address all communication in care of his manager. Box 433, Wilmerding, Pa. February 18, 1898.

James Smith, newly elected Justice of the Peace of North Versailles township, feels grateful to his many friends for their kind support and aid at the polls Tuesday last. Mr. Smith has proven his popularity, as well as his ability to fill the position of magistrate during the past five years in office, and his many friends can be congratulated upon their choice for the five years to come. Notwithstanding the opposition in the present campaign in North Versailles township, the Squire has no grudge against his opponents and will render justice in all cases brought before him without fear or favor.

#### Y. M. C A. Notes.

Mr. C. J. Hicks, of New York, will address the men's meeting at 4 o'clock in the cars Sunday, the 20th inst. Mr. Hicks is the railroad secretary of the International Committee of the Young Men's Christian Associations. Don't miss this opportunity to hear him,

The following members of the association are attending the State Convention at New York: H. B. Evans, Hugh Corlett., W. D. Fairfax, Richard Woods, Sam Brown, H. L. Young. A. Garman, O. F. Warner, J. Ruoff, E. B. Dunkel and the General Secretary.

The last of the winter's course of entertainments will be held in the Presbyterian church Thursday evening, the 24th inst. This promises to be the best of this season. Members and their families admitted on the presentation of the membership ticket. If others wish to attend, a nominal fee of 25 cents will be charged. Mr. George Kiernan, probably the finest reader in Western Pennsylvania, will assist in the entertainment. See programme.

#### FLORIDA.

Personally-Conducted Tour Via Pennsylvania Railroad.

One must appreciate the advantages of modern railway travel when he can leave the land of blizzards one day and find himself in the land of flowers the next. To do this take the Pennsylvania Railroad to Jacksonville, which will leave New York and Philadelphia by special train of Pullman Palace Cars Tuesday, February 22, allowing two weeks in Florida. Excursion tickets, including railway transportation, Pullman accommodations (one berth), meals en route in both directions while traveling on the special train,

will be sold at the following rates: New York, \$50.00; Philadelphia, \$48.00; Canandaigua, \$52.85; Erie, \$54.85; Wilkesbarre, \$50.35; Pittsburg, \$53.00; and at proportionate rates from other points.

For tickets, itineraries, and full information apply to ticket agents; Tourist Agent, 1196 Broadway, New York; or address Geo. W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia.

**February 27, 1898**  
**LOCAL NEWS.**

Lent.

Ah, there! George,

There is a boom in the fish and oyster business.

Don't forget the Y. M. C. A. entertainment to-night.

Mrs. Samuel Caldwell has moved into the McGinnis homestead.

Miss Royal, of Butler, is visiting Miss Orpha Miller, of this place.

The Socialists took a social walk in Wilmerding Tuesday of last week.

Edgar Meerhoff accidentally shot Charles Smith in the leg at Irwin.

Maine is far more popular than either New Hampshire or Vermont.

Did the Spanish devils do it or didn't they? That is the question.

There are still a few people who never heard of George Washington.

Mrs. George Eberhart left last week for Altoona on a visit to her mother.

One thing the Wilmerding election teaches is that you must not get too "social."

A wise man has said, "The free use of the rod at school will make the pupils smart."

George Washington was not the only one to celebrate Tuesday last.

Ask George Myers.

Captain Jim Laird has, so far, failed to turn out the Westmoreland troops against Spain.

John Board shot and fatally wounded George Green at Mt. Braddock, Pa. Both are colored.

Mrs. Frank Horner, of North Second street, is confined to her room with a severe attack of neuralgia.

The New Kensington Dispatch roasts its ring candidates unmercifully. Right brother, right; go for them.

Council at Washington, Pa., passed a curfew ordinance to keep boys and girls off the streets at night.

The Wilmerding schools displayed their patriotism by a brand-new flag upon their school building on the 22nd.

Miss Lizzie Dohie, of East End, Pittsburg, is spending a few days as the guest of Wm. Cole on Eleanor street.

Great guns! That was a big one the Pittsburg papers had last week about G. Washington loafing around Turtle Creek.

The Westinghouse Air Brake Works displayed "Old Glory" from the top of their mammoth works Tuesday last.

The children of Mr. E. N. Thomas, of Sixth street, are recovering from an attack of la grippe and the chicken pox.

Born, to the wife of John Redhead, of Sixth street, a reminder of Washington's birthday—a girl. John is a true patriot.

That car-load of ashes, so badly needed between the Y. M. C. A. cars and the station has arrived. Thanks, Buckalew.

The parties that scrapped in their scrapping match off

Station street, Wilmerding, the other day have concluded to bury the hatchet and say they will not do it again.

Preaching every night next week in the United Presbyterian church, save Monday and Saturday. The spirit and the bride say come.

O. E. Liggett has purchased the Brinton avenue meat market off D. J. Tarr. Mr. Tarr's many friends wish him success wherever he goes.

Some patriotic politicians are like silver-plated knives. They look sharp and bright, but when you come to use them they are found to be very dull.

The Westinghouse Air Brake works started their men on extra time Tuesday last and will continue working overtime for the balance of the month, at least.

Greensburg public schools and all their banks were closed Tuesday. Irwin public schools were presented with a new silk flag by the Jr. O. U. A. M. on the 22ud.

John Damm, a West Virginian, was married at a distance from home and received this telegram from the old folks: "Accept congratulations from the whole Damm family."

Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Sloan, formerly of Pitcairn, but now of Pittsburg, were guests at the home of Mrs. Sloan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Morrow, of Second street, Sunday last.

The boy who sings, "I want to be an angel" louder than anybody else in Sunday school is just as likely as not to clip the superintendent's tall hat off with a snowball as soon as he gets outside.

Prof. Knoch had the true Americanism to display the stars and stripes upon the school house and entertain with Geo. Washington literature on the 22. Virtues always meet their reward.

An Irwin boy was given a bottle of medicine and a doughnut and told to divide each with a neighbor boy. The neighbor boy got the whole of the medicine and the hole of the doughnut. Pupils of Bill Morrow.

Last week, in speaking of Esq. L. Smith's reign in North Versailles township as Justice of the Peace, we should have said the Squire has held that office for the past ten years instead of five, this being his third term.

Governor Winslow, of North Carolina, during the war once said: "It takes a long time to get the Yankee blood aroused, but when you do it is hell." So the Spanish may find even at this late day the words of Winslow to be too true.

Rev. H. C. White, late pastor of the Presbyterian church at Long Run, convicted of a serious charge preferred by Jessie Jeffries, a member of his congregation, was on Monday sentenced to pay a fine of \$250 and costs of prosecution.

Frank Harris, the popular Station street hotel man at Wilmerding, entertained a few of his friends Saturday afternoon last by setting out an elegant lunch of early vegetables such as radishes, onions, celery, lettuce (us) take a beer, boys, &c.

George F. Myers and Miss Myrtle Spidel, both prominent society folks of our village, were united in marriage Tuesday last. Mr. Myers and his young bride will take up housekeeping on Fourth street and will be at home to their many friends at all times.

Preaching in the United Presbyterian church every night next week, except Monday and Saturday. Communion the Sabbath following.

Whilst patriotic orders in Pittsburg and round about us held special meetings and otherwise observed the birthday of the Father of our country, closing stores and schools, we Pitcairn people were loath to give up our regular pursuits. Hence it was passed as all other days are passed here.

O. T. Howell, an employee of the P. R. R., who has been making his home in Pitcairn for the past four years, quietly took one of Altoona's handsome young ladies to the altar Monday last. The minister, though not a railroad man, knew how to make a coupling. Mr. Howell and his bride will settle in Pitcairn,

Prof. Knoch took an interest part in the temperance meeting Sabbath evening. He clearly set forth the method of scientific temperance instruction in the

public schools, showing how, in connection with Physiology, the effect of alcohol upon all parts of the human body is taught. He estimates that great advantage must come to the cause of temperance from this source.

Mrs. McKelvy, State Secretary of the Children's Home Society, spoke in connection with the temperance meeting Sunday night. She clearly explained the aims of the society and revealed the fact that thousands of homeless children have been taken in hand and placed in good homes during recent years. It is certainly a high form of pure benevolence.

Anyone who believes running a newspaper is all ease, comfort and profit will have his illusions dispelled by the following from a Tennessee paper: "We are mad! Darn the people! How can they expect us out here 12 miles from a railroad, 25 miles from a river, millions of miles from heaven, about two miles from the devil and about 200 yards from a whisky shop, to get out a lively newspaper."

The party in the Westinghouse Air Brake Works who some two weeks ago was persuaded to make his coffee from a pack of Weyman's tobacco and who did empty the same into his coffee-pot under the impression it was ground coffee, became somewhat angry when he went to put his coat on and found the sleeves stuffed full with empty tomato cans. Truly, a billy goat is needed in that vicinity. Butt—it might be worse, aye, Joe?

According to note on page 61 of Pennsylvania school laws, our board of directors may soon have to put themselves on record as favoring Geo. Washington's birthday, with the people, the state and the national laws, as a legal holiday, or voting to force our children to submit to teachers rulings in the case, regardless of their constituents. Each directors vote will be recorded and stand up on its merits before the people for future reference, even to posterity.

The Union temperance meeting held in the U. B. church Sabbath evening was a decided success. The several pastors concerned each had a part, while Dr. Porter, of the Presbyterian church, delivered the principal address. The address was a strong arraignment of the rum traffic, a clear setting forth of its awful work of ruin and death and a most earnest and

fervent appeal in favor of sobriety and the abolishment of the licensed saloon. Another similar meeting is to be held in the near future.

**Chapter 15**  
**PITCAIRN EXPRESS**  
**March 1898 Local News Items**

**March 3, 1898**  
**LOCAL NEWS.**

This issue is missing.

**March 10, 1898**  
**LOCAL NEWS.**

Maple sugar weather.

Are you ready for war yet?

The corner loafer will soon be around.

Prof. Welsh spent Saturday with Pitcairn friends.

Few are anxious for war, but everybody seems ready for it.

McKinley and Fitzsimmons are both alike; neither of them will fight.

McKinley is supposed to be about ready to apologize to Spain for even suspecting.

Mr. Jacob McKean, editor of the Wilmerding News, was a Pitcairn visitor Tuesday.

The American eagle's tail feathers are slightly ruffled and she is liable to claw somebody.

Al. Garman was appointed clerk for the new Council at the meeting Monday evening last.

The clergymen seem to be almost unanimous that Uncle Sam should fight in honor's defense.

John Berggren has had a handsome new awning placed in front of his shoe store, on Broadway.

Have you seen W. H. Jones' circular announcing bargains at his Racket store on Third street?

We understand Pitcairn will soon have a wholesale meat market, wholesaling to the retail markets of the valley.

Wanted—Washing, ironing and cleaning by a young woman of experience. Address M. H. Pitcairn, Pa.

The Y. M. C. A. will hold a cottage prayer meeting at the home of J. H. McFeeters, Kenney avenue. Neighbors invited.

The store room and hall, corner of Wall avenue and Agatha street, is assuming a fine appearance and will soon be completed.

Mrs. Patterson, of Homestead, made a visit to her father-in-law, Robert Patterson, of Eleanor street, yesterday afternoon.

Rev. W. G. Stewart, pastor of the Wilmerding Presbyterian church, gave an excellent talk at the Y. M. C. A. cars Sunday last.

D. J. Tarr has purchased a lot on Second street east of Highland avenue, where he will erect a dwelling and business house this spring.

The boys at Washington, D. C. Tuesday went down in their pockets for \$50,000,000 just for a little hand money to amuse the Spanish monkey.

To any person desiring a home of their own, an elegant opportunity is given them in the "ad" appearing on this page from Derry station. Perfectly reliable.

Frank Morano, the Broadway Italian, yesterday purchased a lot on Broadway from Wall Improvement company and will erect a business building this spring.

A meeting will be held in the Y. M. C. A. cars Thursday evening the 17<sup>th</sup>, to organize a base ball team for the season. Every railroad man interested invited to be present.

Activity is seen at the various United States military posts, and men by the thousands are announcing their readiness to serve the country in the event of a conflict with Spain.

According to a report laid before President McKinley, 10,073,573 able-bodied men are now available for military duty in the United States. Of these 112,082 are already in the militia.

Two million dollars in gold is coming from abroad to this country. People who are short of this commodity can now hug themselves with anticipation, or any other old thing that's lying around handy.

#### COMMUNICATED.

Pitcairn, Pa., March 7, 1898.

Ed. Express: Just at this time I think it becomes every patriotic order, every patriotic individual to demand retribution for the loss, not of the gallant bark Maine, but for the American lives lost through the destruction of the Nation's vessel.

Ever since Velasquez and his blood loving ambitious tyrant, Cortez, stole the Island of Cuba from its rightful owners in 1511, declaring war on that noble old race of true Americans, the Montezumas. They have steeped themselves in crime, loving blood and war far more than honor or life. There remains not a single doubt but that the same treachery which robbed the Montezuma of their birthplace blew up our noble vessel.

Assassination is stamped upon every Spanish brow, though robed in the livery of the court of heaven, they serve only themselves and his satanic majesty.

Mrs. Blanche Bundy is spending a few days with her brother, Mr. Fred Warren, of Fourth street.

Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Beam, of Homestead, made a visit and spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Pickworth, of Second street.

Secretary D. P. Smith, of the McKeesport board of education, and Truant Officer O. M. Edmundson have brought suit before Alderman E. M. Trish, against the parents of Jacob Cramer, William Davis and William Wolf, for violating the compulsory educational law in not sending their children to school.

T. C. McKeon, of Tarr, Pa., was in Pitcairn last week in the interest of the Iron City S. & L. association. Mr. McKeon is a very successful field agent. The Iron City is one of Pittsburg's strongest companies. John M. Dunn is authority that the Iron City stands at the head of B. & L. Associations in the country. Mr. McKeon has good reference from the Columbia National Bank.

Quite a number of young people surprised Mr. Orion Young Monday evening last, by marching in a body to the house of his father and taking entire possession of the building, and judging from the scarcity of breakfast next morning Orion says they must have taken possession also of all the eatables. However, the boys enjoyed themselves until a late hour, and after partaking of a hearty lunch due credit was given the hostess, and they took their departure well satisfied with their evenings enjoyment.

If any of our subscribers desire a complete list of the vessels of our navy, they can be had by clipping them as they appear in the Express, as we intend running one or two each week until completed.

If Eph. Wilson don't take Bill Morrow to task for mixing him up with a lot of skunk eggs and chicken oil and hides for rheumatism and fine feathered game skunks in last week's Standard we'll never buy him another circus ticket.

Pitcairn borough will have more new buildings going up this spring than any other town of its size along the

P. R. R. Lots are being purchased and arrangements made, and in some cases building started already. Get in the push, talk up your town and help one another.

We have received the following communication from I. S. Jones which we cheerfully publish and are glad to learn that he is still to remain with us:

Turtle Creek, March 8, 1898.

Editor of Express—Dear Sir: I read in the news columns of your paper of the 3<sup>rd</sup> inst. that it is rumored that I may leave Turtle Creek. I have not entertained such thought, and to the best of my knowledge have no intention of leaving. I am engaged to the undertaking business, and the success already attained encourages me to continue the business in this vicinity. Very truly,  
I. S. Jones.

**March 17, 1898**  
**LOCAL NEWS.**

Get a move on.

Let's go fishing.

St. Patrick's day.

Scatter your lime around.

The war cloud grows blacker.

“Put me in my little bed,” says the seed.

Big shoot this afternoon at East Pittsburg.

A girl who is crazy to dance must be hopping mad.

All subscriptions began with the January number.

Empty houses in Pitcairn are like water in Irwin—very scarce.

Mrs. H. S. Landis has moved back to her residence on Fourth street.

George Hobough is stocking up his mammoth livery, feed and sale stables.

The groundhog's time is up.—Irwin Standard. And some others should be.

The North and the South now join hands and want to fight together under one flag.

If Willis Conrad had a few houses to plaster just now he could get his mud very cheap?

These are booming times for those who have war ships, gunpowder or scrap iron for sale.

James L. Rowe met with a painful accident to his arm Thursday last, laying him off duty.

Hosiery styles are now all in the direction of gay and startling effects, say the fashion exponents.

Mrs. Marker, of Ligonier, is being entertained by her friend, Mrs. Barron, of Center avenue.

S. P. Martin has leased one of the stone front residences on Agatha street and moved his family therein.

Dr. Stewart is having the foundation laid for another dwelling house on Fourth street, in rear of Express office.

Hereafter all the divisions of the Pennsylvania railroad will be inspected monthly by the executive officers.

Many a man who is now thirsting for Spanish gore will run from a yellow jacket's nest before the summer is over.

J. W. Harris met with an accident while at work in the P. R. R. shops on Friday, crushing two fingers of his left hand.

Johnstown would seem to be the last place that would take to water, but all the same the saloons have closed for a week.

Mr. Ed Gress is removing the ground next to his drug store with the intention of moving his building and lowering it to street grade.

The commissioners of Fayette county, Pa., have asked the court to reduce the daily allowance for feeding jail prisoners, now 40 cents.

The personal belongings of Mrs. Sarah Griffith, deceased, will be sold at public auction by the executor on Saturday, March 26, at 2 P. M.

Robert Campbell has laid off work for the past week. His hand was badly lacerated with a sharp piece of iron while at work at the transfer.

Samuel Corry, who lives on the new pike over from Old Wall, paid a visit to town on Friday after a month's indoors from pneumonia.

The Cubans, as a rule, would be glad to see the Island come under the American flag and would do what they could to bring about that result.

Thomas Martin, better known as Snowball the old colored man above town, was arrested at Wilmerding and given 80 days to the workhouse Saturday last.

Joe Carmine, of this place, met with a painful accident while out driving at Johnstown, Sunday last. The horse he was driving took fright at an electric car, causing a runaway.

F. R. Hammerly, who has the contract for the erection of the business block for A. K. Bash, on Broadway,

has a corps of men at work and will push the building to completion at an early date.

Edward Schultz, assistant track foreman on the Pennsylvania railroad, at Altoona, who was run over and killed while on duty, was a popular young man and his death is lamented by all.

The U. B. Juniors will give one of their popular ten-cent entertainments in the church on Friday evening of this week. It is expected to be good, and, as the cause is a good one, we hope to see it well patronized.

One of the finest coops of homing pigeons it has been our lot to see was received by our Broadway jeweler, Mr. Fred Hoehl, last week. Mr. Hoehl has some birds among the lot which have made 500 miles in 24 hours.

We should judge by recent events in Patton township that the taxpayers are getting a little warmed up, as is also the tax collector, likewise the weather. If we owed Patton township any taxes we would be hustling to pay them.

Thursday last, as President Thompson's car was passing Moss Side the engine struck two cows that appeared on the track, killing them instantly. Mr. C. M. Liggett and Mrs. James McKee, owners of the animals, say they were good ones.

A call has been tendered Rev. John D. Dean, pastor of the Reynoldsville Baptist church, to go to the Klondike to preach. The call comes officially through the Young Men's Christian association. Mr. Dean is considering the matter and may decide to accept.

William N. Thompson, a pioneer citizen and merchant of Irwin, died, on the 11th inst, from blood poisoning. A few weeks ago physicians amputated his foot in an effort to check the poison. The deceased was the father of our popular school teacher, Miss Emma Thompson.



Perhaps the bald-headed reprobates who attended the short skirt performances at the Keaggy theatre last night occupied front seats in order to obtain a closer view of the fatted (or stuffed) calves.—Argus. No, Bro. Jim, they were engaged to use their bald shining pates for reflectors.

Mr. E. P. Schotts, of the firm of Bailey & Schotts, will succeed the firm, since Mr. Bailey's demise, and will open up an office and work room April 1 in the Tomlinson building, opposite Liggett Bro.'s store. Mr. Schotts is an efficient workman and will make many friends here.

The movement of freight over the middle division of the Pennsylvania Railroad in February aggregated 128,494 cars, of which 75,304 were loaded, as compared with 114,600 cars, 66,014 of which were loaded, in the same month of 1897. This is a very satisfactory showing. The movement thus far this month has been very good.

Rev. G. W. Sherrick, pastor of the U. B. church, continued his discourses on the Decalogue of last Sabbath, basing his remarks upon the third commandment. At the morning service he spoke pretty plainly against the habit of profanity. In the evening, taking the fourth commandment as his text, he gave the history of the Sabbath from Eden to Moses, and speaking of the history of the Jews as to their Sabbath was very interesting.

All fools day will soon be here. Wonder how it will suit the Spaniards?

The Daley happenings will occur at the corner of Broadway and Wall avenue after to-day.

The appointment of the Pitcairn postmaster is still one in doubt. Wilmerding, Braddock and other offices are apparently in the same condition, yet by the time the reader has gotten well through this paper the

appointment may have been made, as it is expected now at any time.

Prof. W. B. Wilson, of East Pittsburg, a bachelor, aged 57 years, was sent to jail for a hearing by Justice L. F. Holtzman, of Braddock, Saturday last, on charges of assault and attempt to commit a felony. The defendant was a teacher in the East Pittsburg schools, and it is alleged by the mothers of three girls that he is guilty of improper conduct.

Because she could not properly spell "Monongahela" a little 8-year-old girl pupil in one of the public schools of this place was punished, recently, by being compelled to remain in the room after the other children had been dismissed. They're getting educational matters down real nice and fine up on the hill when they have to resort to such measures in teaching children how to spell jaw-breaking words. - Greensburg Argus. There are others

The Carnegie Steel company has just received an order from an English shipbuilding firm for the manufacture of 5,000 tons of ship plates for use in the construction of British merchant vessels. The order is looked upon as further proof of Pittsburg's steel supremacy and indicates that America's foreign trade, considered temporary during the stagnation here of the iron and steel business, has become permanent.

Mrs. Henry Marberger, a bride of but a few days, is missing from the home of her sister, Mrs. Leon Hart, of Slippery Rock township. Her home is in Butler County. Friday she visited her sister, and on Saturday left for a walk, since which time she cannot be found. Her husband found footprints leading to Slippery Rock creek, and it is feared she has suicided. When married she had considerable money due her, but failure to collect it had made her despondent.

The Daley brothers will open a general store in the Hoehl building, corner Broadway and Wall avenue, March 17, adding one more business enterprise to our

commercial growth and prosperity. The Daley brothers are well known amongst us as honorable upright business men, and as their endeavor will be to please the public in quality as well as in price, we bespeak for them a fair share of the public patronage. Watch for their circular and price list, which will give you some pointers on men's furnishings and groceries.

Thanks.

Mr. C. K. Ruckenbrode desires to thank the many kind friends and neighbors who not only deeply sympathized with him in his affliction, but who aided and administered to his bereaved family in the hour of need. If heartfelt thanks can in any way repay the many kindnesses received you and yours shall always have them, but your true reward will be from your heavenly father.

C. K. Ruckenbrode

**March 24, 1898**

**LOCAL NEWS,**

War preparation goes on.

Give the eagle a chance.

The regular colors for spring cycle suits will be black and blue.

Every true American now takes off his hat to the stars and stripes.

Look out for Humane Agent Dodds. He is stopping in Pitcairn now.

Don Weyler is just itching for a good licking. He'll get it, all right, all right.

Pitcairn has good prospects of being supplied with another grocery store in the near future.

Homer Fritchman, our genial ticket agent, will move into the Horner house, on Second street, April 1.

Goods valued at \$300 were stolen from the Union clothing store at Jeannette, Pa., early Monday morning last.

The one-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Adams died on Tuesday morning last from pneumonia after a short illness.

It looks more every day as if Uncle Sam was going to touch off a mine under Spain's port side. Let'er go, Gallagher!

The recent rains have swelled the rivers and given the coal men a chance to fill their contracts to the Government for coal.

At the Methodist Episcopal church of Jeannette Sunday morning \$2,200 were raised in less than 20 minutes to erect a new church.

Spain will find, if trouble comes, that the rainy season in Cuba will cut no ice. Your uncle will put on his mackintosh, b'gosh!

With the first whiff of the spring air comes the gleeful sound of the small boy swatting the glistening ball with a willow hat on Sunday.

To-day is the day set for President McKinley to receive the committee's report on the destruction of the Maine. What the outcome will be is not hard to guess.

On and after April 1, 1898, Dr. D. McAlister, dentist, Wilmerding, will occupy rooms in Stewart building, over postoffice. Entrance on Westinghouse avenue.

The body of Mrs. Henry Marburger, of Butler county, Pa., who disappeared last week, was found in Slippery Rock creek. A verdict of suicide was returned.

T. S. Patch, of Wilmerding, is preparing to supply the hospital department of the Navy with its medicinal liquors during the trouble with Spain. None better.

What's the matter with the postoffice, anyway? It does seem as if that influence that moves entire administrations (in minds) cannot even move our Congressman.

Mrs. Annie McIntosh has purchased the grocery store of D. C. McPherson, at Turtle Creek, Pa., and will hereafter conduct the business under her own name.

Quite a number of church people say they are going to be very self-denying this spring; that is, they are going to deny themselves the pleasure of seeing their wives in new \$25 Easier bonnets.

There will be divine services in City Hall, Pitcairn, Pa., Sunday, March 27th, at 2 p. m., by Rev L. K. Dietz, Reformed pastor at Turtle Creek. You are cordially invited to be present; all are welcome. The choir of Reformed church, Turtle Creek, will be present and lead the singing.

Mr. Zigler has moved back to Pitcairn from Wall.

The Maine relief bill was passed without division Tuesday by the house.

J. D. McWilliams, of Pitcairn, and Sara E. Marsh, of Wilksburg, were married at the home of the bride's parents Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Marsh, sister to E. W. Gross and C. Gross, of the Walls Improvement Company, died at Greensburg on Saturday last, aged 70 years.

The cold-water people of Turtle Creek and East Pittsburg are strictly in it, so to speak. Even their houses have been invaded, and it is water, water everywhere.

On Tuesday afternoon the large ice house of the Pennsylvania railroad company at Nineveh caught fire from sparks of a passing locomotive and was totally destroyed.

Greensburg's prettiest girls are now wearing garters with their names engraved on the silver buckles. Although they have not been generally adopted, we hope to see more of them.—Argus.

The sad and distressful condition of the starving people of Cuba—no farther distant from our happy shores than is Philadelphia from New York—is presented in the Christian Herald in a plea for aid.

Jacob Scheaner, of McKeesport, died yesterday from injuries sustained by a kick from a horse. He was a stable boss for David Hardy, and while attending the horses Saturday evening one of them kicked him in the stomach.

Spring is evidently near at hand. The robins are singing, the roads are muddy, the corner loafer is on hand at the old stand, people are getting married, and there are a hundred other reasons for the belief that spring, beautiful spring, will soon be here once more.

The McKeesport school board held a long investigation into the charges made by Annie Tate, a high school pupil, against Profs. Day and Boyd, whom she accuses of slapping her face and using bad language. Some of the testimony was sensational. No decision was announced.

J. W. O'Neil, brother of our townsman, John O'Neil, who for a number of years has been on the L. E. and St. L. Railroad, is visiting friends here at Pitcairn. J. W. has not been home for 18 years and says the West agrees with him to such an extent that he will likely remain out there.

The continuous and heavy rains which have fallen for several days have filled all streams to flood tide. News

from the headwaters of the Ohio and its tributaries is that they are full and rising rapidly. The river at Cincinnati at midnight was 42 feet 6 inches, which is within 2 ½ feet of the danger line by Government Standard.

The Allegheny County Sabbath School Association will hold a special meeting for prayer and conference “with reference to the spiritual interests of the great work committed to the Sabbath school superintendents of this county” in the First Presbyterian church chapel, Wood street, Pittsburg, next Tuesday afternoon and evening.

D. J. McCarthy, Democratic jury commissioner, is said to be ready to make the fight for the county chairmanship still more interesting by announcing himself. He is friend of James M. Guffey, but wants to see Joseph Howley defeated for re-election above all things. There is a possibility that the McCarthy candidacy will make things hotter than anything else ever seen here among the Democracy.

Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Funk, who were appointed to Wilmerding and East Pittsburg United Brethren churches by the last Conference, have been successful in their ministrations and church work. Last Sunday Rev. Funk carried out a plan to wipe out the debt upon the Wilmerding church of \$600, which was all promised by his congregation, to be paid in next June.

Cera Fleck and Nellie Gardner originated and carried out to a successful issue a very nice and entertaining program at the United Brethren church on Friday evening last. Rev. G. W. Sherrick presided and called out the numbers and the well-trained little ones belonging to the Junior Endeavor Society did their parts well. Over \$10 was realized and handed over to the church treasurer.

Geo. W. Hobough and brother have supplied Pitcairn with one of the finest and best livery, feed and sale stables in this part of the county. The building is nearly

80 feet in length, two stories high, and besides office and store room, contains five elegant living rooms. The public is guaranteed fair and honest treatment in dealing with the Hobough brothers. They will keep constantly for sale all kinds of feed and the best of hay, as well as saddle horses, driving horses and rigs of all kinds for hire. When in need of anything of this kind, or having a horse to feed, give them a call. Corner Broadway and Center avenue.

Monday night during the rain storm, which prevailed all around us, burglars broke into and looted several of our stores and shops. Amongst others, J. A. Frank's was forced open and money to the amount of \$16 and some goods were carried off. Liggett Bros., Wallace, and A. C. Evans were also called upon and contributed minor articles to the knights of the road. Wall was next in line, and knowing Birt Good kept the best goods at that place, they pried open a side window and helped themselves to various articles of groceries and shoes. It is generally supposed that money was their main object, as in every instance money drawers were forced open and the small change taken that is usually left over night. There seems to be no clew by which the parties can be traced, except that there were but two persons and that they were amateurs.

### **March 31, 1898** **LOCAL NEWS.**

The P. D. C. meets to-night at the residence of the president.

What if there should be a “nigger in the woodpile” after all?

J. E. White, of Hillside avenue, is confined to his home with la grippe.

Mrs. C. S. Reed, of Broadway, is visiting friends at New Alexandria. Pa.

Mrs. James Wilson and Miss Minnie Wilson went to the city on Tuesday.

Barcelona, the largest city in Spain, has 520,000 inhabitants; Madrid, 507,000.

The production of pig iron is now about 235,000 tons per week, the largest ever known.

Mr. John Strouse, of Third street, is making preparations to remove his family to Denver, Col.

As at other places our little creek had a high old time the past week, but no damage is reported.

Mrs. Harry Bradley, on the Toohill estate, is on the sick list. We hope for her early recovery.

John Welchonse, of the Pittsburg fire department, called on Pitcairn friends on Sunday evening last.

Take care of your pennies and someone will come along with scheme to take care of yours dollars for you.

Mrs. R. B. Boycott, of Third street, paid a visit to her sister, Mrs. J. H. Morris, at Cecil, Washington county, on Saturday last, returning Tuesday.

The government authorities are making inquiries in Pittsburg for steel piling to be used in the construction of docks at Key West and Tortugas.

The Y. P. S. C. E. of the Presbyterian church will hold a missionary service on the evening of Easter Sunday; Quite an elaborate program has been arranged.

On Saturday night Alexander Bergen, of Jeannette, was caught between the safety fence and the track by a freight train at Penn station and seriously injured.

Our Presbyterian friends have built a paling fence around their church property, corner Third and Wall

avenue, enclosing the whole property, thereby improving the appearance of the same.

Jacob Parr, president of the Irwin Manufacturing company, has received an order from the government for 1,500 axles, presumably for artillery carriages. The order calls for immediate delivery.

For Sale—A lot of household furniture, kitchen furniture, etc.; good as new. Apply at the Water Company's building, corner Third street and Brinton avenue, Pitcairn. Good bargain to quick purchaser.

At an election for trustees held in the Presbyterian church last Friday evening. Messrs. John McGinness, Ed Gress and Orlando Tilbrook were chosen. A. C. Evans, J. F. Tilbrook and O. M. Young were elected a board of auditors.

As soon as the referee clears the ring and calls the combatants to come up for their final instructions we will see Senor Sagusta start in to kick about our Uncle Sam having straps on his wrists, or spikes in his shoes.

Mr. Mahaffey, of McKeesport, and Miss Lizzie Graham, of this place, were joined in wedlock Tuesday evening last at the home of the bride. Miss Graham was one of Pitcairn's most popular young ladies and has the congratulations of her host of friends.

Mr. B. F. Rubright, of Sixth street, met with a painful accident in the yards Tuesday evening last. Mr. Rubright was in the act of coupling cars, and getting his head between the bumpers had that part of his body slightly squeezed. He was given medical aid and sent home.

The family of Frank Horner left on Tuesday for their new home, near East Palestine, O., where Mr. Horner will engage in agricultural pursuits, he having exchanged his Pitcairn property for a farm in the Buckeye state. They carry with them the well wishes of a large circle of friends.

The new incumbent of Pitcairn postoffice, Mr. Chas. Koch, has made all preparations for receiving the mails—removing counters, shelves, etc. We speak for our successor a kind indulgence from the citizens of Pitcairn and offer our own obligations to them during our four-year term as postmaster.

Rev. S. A. Taggart gave a second very interesting talk on Sunday afternoon to about sixty men, taking for his subject, "The house we live in," basing his remarks on "Behold, I stand at the door and knock." Mr. Taggart appears to be a favorite visitor with the railroad boys who attend the car services Sunday afternoons.

Harry Patch, of the Westinghouse Air Brake works, Wilmerding, has been recommended by Hon. John Dalzell, of this district, for postmaster at that place, vice Esq. Hankey.

The recommendation meets with approval of most of Wilmerding's citizens Mr. Patch is very popular and highly respected by all who know him. We extend congratulations.

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The railroads are preparing to open the excursion season early this year on account of the season being so far advanced. Idlewild park has already donned her spring suit and is more popular than ever. Ligonier valley is more than ever the favorite resort for church picnics and summer excursion parties, and dates should be secured as early as possible.

A movement is on foot to have the United States navy adopt the steam turbine wheel as a propeller for torpedo boats. The Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing company, of East Pittsburg, controls these patents and is arranging to build a model torpedo boat at the shops at East Pittsburg, to demonstrate efficiency. A torpedo boat equipped with this appliance made a record in England of 80 knots an hour. The cost of changing the torpedo service to use this propeller would not be so great.

The soul that was not stirred by the evidence of Spanish treachery, which lay in state in the Allegheny postoffice from 8 to 11 a. m. and from 12 m. to 2 p. m. at the court house, yesterday, in the body of Lieutenant F. W. Jenkins, of the Maine, must be a hardened soul, indeed. Pittsburg never had such a funeral. Postoffices for 100 miles around us were draped in mourning, and bells tolled at intervals in nearby towns. It was an occasion when angels wept and sorrowed. We were with the pall-bearers and funeral directors, and never witnessed or never expect to witness such a vast crowd of mourners.

We were frequently asked on Wednesday last why our school board would not or did not have the stars and stripes at half-mast upon the school house in honor of Lieut. Jenkins during the day. We cannot answer. We noticed they did not hoist their colors at all. The flag pole stood bare during the entire time the body lay in state at the Allegheny postoffice building and later removed to the court house, whilst all other public buildings for a hundred miles around displayed Old Glory with crape attached. The church bells tolled the entire day at all neighboring towns, and bunting and crape was displayed in abundance. Of course, it is national pride, as the dead hero belonged to the government, that prompts the notice of respect, and it might be the slight to the government was not intended. However, it does not pass unnoticed, and Mr. Robert Pitcairn, for whom the town is named, will feel the slight perhaps the most. The large bow of bunting and crape in the Pitcairn postoffice was welcomed and complimented by all our patriotic orders, as well as individuals.

## Chapter 16

### PITCAIRN EXPRESS

#### April 1898 Local News Items

April 7, 1898

#### LOCAL NEWS.

Easter storms.

E. E. Elder has removed to Allegheny.

Martha Moore Avery at Wilmerding to-morrow night.

C. S. Reed contemplates building another business block.

Charles Koch, the new appointee for postmaster, has been sworn in.

Wilmerding is about to hold an election to increase her bonded indebtedness.

John Mattox and family left for their new home in Beaver county on Wednesday.

Tuesday's snow storm was one of the old timers. In fact, a little bluff on the hot Spaniards

Mr. Joseph Iseman, of Irwin, was visiting his friend, F. R. Hamerly of Sixth street, on Tuesday.

Charles McCormick left Wednesday morning for Gainling Military College, near Columbus, Ohio.

We are after one of them photos taken at Wall the other day. We mean the group sitting on the floor.

Don't fail to attend the millinery opening at Mrs. R. E. Miller's on Friday and Saturday, April 8 and 9.

Miss Grace Patton, of East End, Pittsburg, spent Sunday in Pitcairn, the guest of her friend, Miss Cora Hoey.

Go to hear Martha Moore Avery at Wilmerding to-morrow (Friday) evening, under auspices of the Socialists.

If your Uncle Samuel were to work out an honorable peace this week, what an extra-glorious Easier we would have.

The liquor license court has made few changes in the old applicants, nearly all the old ones being granted for another year.

Easter Sunday the young folks of the Presbyterian church will give an entertainment, an elaborate program has been arranged.

If it be true that Consul General Lee is constantly guarded by three Spanish detectives, he may as well prepare for the worst.

Mr. Rubright, who sustained serious injuries in the yards a short time ago, and who is in the hospital, is not improving very fast.

Charley Butler run his delegate election through about as easy as he would run his train. He never side tracked or threw a switch.

Charley McCormick, son of our well-known townsman, Samuel McCormick, left on Tuesday for a military school in the state of Ohio.

Found—A bunch of keys, 1 door and 7 padlock keys, the owner can have the same by applying at this office and paying for this notice.

George Eberhardt, of North Second street, will move his family to Philadelphia, leaving here on the 12<sup>th</sup>. Success be with you, old man.

Rev. S. A. Taggart is preaching a series of sermons at the Y. M. C. A. cars. The sermon on April 10th, subject "The Two Gates," promises, to be a treat.

Last Sunday evening Rev. T. J. Porter, of the Presbyterian church, and Rev. G. W. Sherrick, at the U. B. church, sermonized on the seventh commandment.

For Rent—New house of 6 rooms und attic; also, two nicely furnished rooms, one front and one back; cheap. Inquire of Mrs. Joe Carmine, Wood street, Pitcairn, Pa.

The Duquesne furnaces of the Carnegie Steel Company broke all records for steel making in the month of March, having produced the enormous quantity of 65,000 tons.

The snow shovel is mightier than the garden rake.

William Alcorn, of Derry, flagman on Conductor Joe Bennett's train, was struck by an engine in the Altoona yards about 1:30 Saturday morning and instantly killed.

The question of increased indebtedness will be voted upon in our boro' May 10, for the purpose of building a new school building. The proclamation of the school board will be found on forth page of this paper. .

Mrs. E. K. Henderson of Wall avenue, on last Thursday morning presented her husband with a bouncing baby boy, had it been one day later Ed says he might have thought the doctor was trying to April fool him.

The regular quarterly payment of pensions was begun yesterday by Pension Agent Nesbit. Over \$1,500,000 will be paid out of the local office by the Government during the next 10 days. There are about 48,000 pensioners in this district.

Preparations are already being made for the commencement exercises of the Pitcairn schools. The graduating class consists of the following persons: Misses Katie Frank, Nina Peoples, Eva Houston, Grace Jones, and Messrs. Edgar Maddox and Robert Horner.

The illustrated lecture on Odd Fellowship by Rev. W. B. Hart, in the U. B. Church last night was one that went from Hart to hearts. The Rev. speaks from experience. One who has found the links of love as binding in adversity as well in prosperity. His subject "The Good Samaritan" was well handled.

We are under obligations to Mrs. A. Crookston for a beautiful little pamphlet illustrative of the delightful Winter resort Daytona, Florida. Mrs. Crookston says, "the Sea Side Inn, where I am at present, stands upon a pretty bluff overlooking the broad Atlantic as well as the pretty beach and the soft green pine woods nearby, making this one of the most unrivalled points of attraction in the state as well as the healthiest. Yet I often long for the wooded hills of my native home."

The Brinton school in Patton township has closed, and Miss Agnes Myers, the teacher, has returned to her home at Ebensburg. The following pupils were perfect in attendance for the entire term: Mary Brinton, Florence Jones, Jean Brinton, Maud Lang, Ida Cashdollar, Marshall Briton, William Brinton, Florence Jones was not tardy once during the entire term. Miss Myers, who it a teacher of much ability, won a lasting place in the hearts of her pupils, and they as well as her friends in Pitcairn regret the necessity of her departure.

One of Pennsylvania's laws provides that school boards shall allow each child who desires to attend a pay or select school any time during vacation between the regular school terms the use of the books furnished him or her for that purpose; that the school directors or controllers shall make such regulations for the care and return of said books as they may deem necessary, and it shall be their duty to see that said books are used only



when the pay school is held in the city, borough or district school house.

#### School Report.

Room 1—Miss Bessie McAlister,

Total enrollment: males 37; females 29; average attendance, males 32, females 23;

per cent of attendance, males 90, females 87. Honor Roll— Eddie Duff, Leone Creighton, James McIndoe, Clay McDowell, Lee Kelley. Honor roll for term—Joe Boehme. Lee Kelley.

Room 2—Miss Pauline Pickart.

Total enrollment: males 27, females 24; average attendance, males 25, females 20;

per cent of attendance, males 91, females; 87. Honor roll—Mildred Stewart, Eleanor Hamerly, Laura Powell, Myrtle Shiffler, Elizabeth Boehme Honor roll for term—Myrtle Shiffler, John Wallace, Elizabeth Boehme.

Room 3—Miss Margaret Stephens.

Total enrollment: males 25, females 26; average attendance, males 23, females 23; per cent of attendance, males 94, females 87. Honor roll— Roy Hamerly, Austin Flack, Louis Schultheis, Effie Dean, Laura Flanigan, Esther Johnston, Flora Paul.

Honor roll for term—Joe Black, Louis Schultheis, George Schultheis, Roy Wissinger, Laura Swonger, May Bateman.

Room 4—Miss Emma Thompson.

Total enrollment: males 27, females 25; average attendance, males 25, females 21; per cent of attendance, males 93, females 88. Honor roll—Laura Rugh, George Price, George McCabe, Grover Loutzenhizer, Thurman Brendlinger, Fred Marsh. Harry Wallace. Honor roll for term—Raleigh Andre, George Price, George McCabe, Bessie Liggett.

Room 5—Miss Rue Thompson.

Total enrollment: males 21, females 13; average attendance, males 18, females 11; per cent of attendance, males. 86, females 90. Honor roll---Bertha Book, Lottie McKee, Charlie Ross. Honor roll for term—John Jae, Ardis Hugus, Russell Lichtenfels, Sammie Caldwell, Emmet Jones, Charlie Ross, Annie Koch, Lillie Liggett, Jane Jordan.

Room 6—Miss Myrtle Howell.

Total enrollment: males 13, females 16; average attendance, males 12, females 14; per cent of attendance, males 87, females 89. Honor roll— Gretta Hamerly, Mollie Shields, Mary Weaver. Walter Kring, Frank Pogue. Honor roll for term— Verna Kissinger, Earl Leshner,

Room 7—Miss Viola Kistler.

Total enrollment; males 17, females 17; average attendance, males 14, females 15; per cent of attendance, males 87, females 91. Honor roll—Victor Lichtenfels, Edna Borst, Clara Frank, Ethelwyn Porter. Honor roll for term—Homer Jae, Victor Lichtenfels, Ephriam Loutzenhizer, Mamie Koch, Pearl Leas, Mollie Moorehead, Elisabeth Paul.

Room 8—Mr. J H. Russell.

Total enrollment: males 16, females 15; average attendance, males 14, females 13; per cent of attendance, males 97, females 95. Honor roll—Katie Frank, Robert Horner, Walter Fehrer, Percy Lichtenfels. Honor roll for term—Eva Huston, Robert Horner, William Ludwick, Chas. Jordan, Percy Lichtenfels.

This makes an enrollment of 348 pupils, with an average attendance of 303, and a corresponding average percentage of 90. This shows a slight decrease from last month, both in the enrollment and attendance. The expression, "Honor roll for term," means all those who have been enrolled the first day of school and have never been absent thus far during the term. We find this will be a very interesting study of

parents as well as pupils. It contains the name of 38 pupils and only the names of 30 different families, which goes to show that there is more of a tendency in some families than in others toward having their children at school each day.

E. H. Knoch, Principal.

**April 14, 1898**  
**LOCAL NEWS.**

War!

By jingo!

Fight is the word.

Congress has declared war.

The House has fired the first gun.

After all the message wasn't loaded.

This is a great week for debate and fishbait.

Even the eggs have their war paint on this week.

Good Friday was observed by our public schools.

There were quite a number of "flittings" this week.

This day is the anniversary of the firing on Fort Sumter.

C. B. Butler has placed a new fence around his residence.

Alex. Kerr removed from Pittsburg to Pitcairn Friday last.

Mr. Charles Koch is about to erect a new building on Third street.

When the Stars and Stripes go back to Havana they will remain there.

Old Glory has been hauled down at Havana, but 'twas friendly hands that did it.

The railroad organizations will hold a big union meeting at Renova on the 17th inst.

The infant child of David Brendlinger, of Seventh street, died Wednesday afternoon.

Prof. Howard Welsh, of Freeport, Pa., was calling on friends in Pitcairn Friday evening last.

The Lenten season is over. Spain may now have her little entertainments with the United States.

The postoffice has been removed to Mr. Chas. Koch's residence, corner Brinton avenue and Third street.

Conductor C. B. Butler, of the Pitcairn local, has taken his vacation early this year and is visiting friends in Ohio,

Martin Beatty, of Wall avenue, and several friends went to Irwin Tuesday evening and attended a ball given in Crookston's hall.

As this war will be largely on water, it seems a pity that the President should not have been an adherent to the Baptist faith.

Charles Auer, of Second street, had four fingers cut off his right hand while making a coupling in the yards here Sunday afternoon.

C. W. Palmer, who was employed in the cabinet shops of the Westinghouse Electrical works at Pittsburg for several weeks, has returned to Pitcairn.

For Sale—A good building lot (25 by 79 feet) on Third street; will be sold cheap to a quick buyer. Inquire of C. S. Reed, Broadway, Pitcairn, Pa.

A new plank street crossing is being put down on Eleanor street in front of the M. E. Church. Also, a new foot bridge is being placed over the run on the same street.

The celebration of the current Appomattox day marks the close of the first generation since the civil war. Only half of the country rejoiced over that victory. The next will be one that both North and South celebrate.

On April 10, at Jeannette, the furniture store of John Best was damaged to the extent of \$500 by fire, supposed to be work of firebugs. The wall paper store of M. C. Smith, in adjoining building, has been set on fire twice inside of two months, and the fire on the 10th is believed to be part of a plot to burn the entire block.

The grand conclave of the masonic commanderies of this state will be held at Harrisburg in May.

For Rent—New house of 6 rooms and attic; also, two nicely furnished rooms, one front and one back; cheap. Inquire of Mrs. Joe Carmine, Wood street, Pitcairn, Pa.

The administration might as well take notice that the free-born American will not be restrained longer than until Friday. Then he will go a-fishing, for the season opens.

Rev. G. I. Gordon has acceded to the wish of the U. P. church here and consented to remain as pastor. The Presbytery held its sessions the past week and ratified the church's decision.

E. C. Heasley, the well-known telegraph operator, has received an appointment from the government and has gone to Washington City, where he will manipulate the key in the service of Uncle Sam.

Good Friday evening four of our young men took a trip to the city and were so overcome with the sights they missed the last train for home. They returned to Pitcairn on an early train Saturday morning.

An adept in the advertising business says: Some advertisers reason that if they had more business they would then advertise. You must advertise first—that is the only way to get more business.

The little children who walked from Stewart's station to Pitcairn to attend school Friday morning last carried their tale of woe to their parents, who were not overly pleased at the closing of the school and not notifying the children the evening before.

When the Queen of Spain hears the bands play "Yankee Doodle," "Dixie," "Rally 'Round the Flag" and "We Are Coming, Father Abraham," she will feel the need of somebody to tell her troubles to more than she does now.

Spain's bull fighters made money last year. Mazzantini in 66 fights killed 168 bulls and made 396,000 pesetas; Reverte's score was 71 fights, 160 bulls and 276,000 pesetas, while Guerrita, with 76 fights and 147 bulls slaughtered, earned 456,000 pesetas, or \$91,000.

Talk of removing the Presbyterian Board of Home Missions from New York to Pittsburg has been revived. A number of local ministers have taken up the idea. If the scheme succeeds a building will be erected to house the various Presbyterian institutions. The question will come up before the Presbyterian assembly in May.

The new Radebaugh tunnel was opened to traffic on the 10th inst. Two hundred workmen began work at 11 o'clock Sunday morning, making the connections at both ends with the main line. Over one thousand people from Greensburg, Jeannette and Pittsburg witnessed the work. Passenger train No. 34, going east

and leaving Pittsburg at 1 o'clock Sunday afternoon, was the first train to pass through.

The Easter services held in the M. E. Church last Sabbath were deservedly well attended. In fact, the little church was over crowded, and at the morning service the worshipers had to stand up along the walls in order to attend at all. The floral decorations surpassed anything of the kind heretofore attempted. The beautiful bouquet of Easter flowers, surrounded by many blooming plants, was a pleasing sight, and in accord with the beautiful service.

There were six funerals at Irwin on Wednesday. Four of them were those of children, the cause of whose deaths was measles, which developed into pneumonia.

The limited express trains recently repainted are beginning to look grimy. It does not take many months running through tunnels and dusty yards to impair the color of the cars,

Saturday night as Daniel West, of Larimer, was on his way home from Irwin he was accosted by two colored men, who knocked him down and robbed him of all his money and his gold watch.

The Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company was commissioned last week to supply the navy department with electrical equipment for the auxiliary fleet of dispatch boats, cruisers and transports of the navy, amounting in the aggregate to \$673,900. The contracts were let by the Secretary of the Navy by and with the approval of the Committee on Naval Affairs of both Houses of Congress and the President, and calls for dynamos and equipment for supplying searchlights, ordinary lighting, power for handling loading machines for rapid-fire guns, capstans, steering gears, torpedo service, secondary equipment for discharge of submarine mines, batteries and for signaling, &c.

The extensive plant of the Penn Plate Glass Company, in North Irwin, is in complete ruins. A fire started near the new casting hall Tuesday night, caused by the blowing out of a gas converter. The flames spread with great rapidity from one building to another, and in one hour nothing but the smoldering ruins remained of the largest and most successful independent plate glass works in the United States. The loss is estimated at \$750,000, with an insurance of about \$450,000. The concern employed about 500 men. The works have been successfully managed by the present company for the past three years and have been running day and night for the past year. About \$50,000 worth of improvements were just completed and improvements to cost as much more were contemplated. The fire is looked upon as a calamity to the town, as the semi-monthly pay-roll amounted to \$12,000.

**April 21, 1898**  
**LOCAL NEWS.**

Madrid is mad.

"At Once" says Congress.

Havana cigars will as usual go up in smoke.

We are getting accustomed to the new postoffice site.

Those lock boxes added to the new postoffice are quite an ornament.

Mr. Trout, of Seventh street, has been on the sick list the last week.

'Squire Craft, of Monroeville, is not the craft the government is after.

George Berry, a well-known Pennsylvania railroad engineer, has moved his family from Derry to Irwin.

A handsome new paling fence has been added to the Singiser property on Fourth street. Right, Grant. Now let them grant right and left.

The temperance mass meeting at the Presbyterian church on Sunday evening was a large and enthusiastic one. Rev. Vibbert was the chief speaker.

Albert E. Pepper, of Gallitzen, who has been boss carpenter for the Pennsylvania railroad for five years, has accepted a position in the navy yard at Key West.

The painters will put the finishing touches on the new Pennsylvania railroad station at Blairsville Intersection in another week if the weather is favorable.

The FI moguls of the Pennsylvania are doing great work between Derry and Altoona. Engine No. 890 of this class run into Derry Sunday afternoon with 78 cars.

J. R. McDowell, our popular hardware man, has secured the services of an experienced clerk. Miss Taylor of Manor, who will preside over his counters during the spring rush.

#### TIN WEDDING.

One of the social events of the season was the celebration of the tin wedding of Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Williams of Agatha street Monday evening last. Over one hundred beautiful and appropriate invitations were sent out, and nearly all brought responses either personally or presents with regrets. Their cozy little home was filled with guests from room to room. Mrs. Williams, robed in her bridal dress of garnet silk, deeply trimmed with crème lace, received the guests in company with Mr. Williams who looked after the sterner sex. The entire house was tastefully decorated for the occasion and a profusion of hot-house plants and flowers set off the heavily laden tables at which the guests gathered round at ten o'clock and did ample justice to the many good things thereon.

The presents were many and handsome, amongst the oddest was a large cushioned rocking chair beautifully decorated with tin ornaments, the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Fuller of Wilmerding. Fourteen tea and coffee pots were left with the happy couple, and one of the features of the evening was a coffee pot parade by the guests. Tinware of all kinds from large bread pans down to the little tin rattle, table linen, dinner boxes, pudding dishes, nickel and silverware cuspidors, etc., were received by the wagon load. Mr. Householder, from Braddock with one of his popular graphiphones, and its comicalities, aided in entertaining the many guests who were unanimous in pronouncing it the social event of the season and will be a bright shining "tin" spot in the memories of both the guests and the bride and groom.

Now, "Johnnie, get your gun."

The usual trout lies are being published in the weekly papers.

The shell game will soon open, in which many farmers will be roped in.

Our guns may not talk Spanish, but dollars to doughnuts they will make somebody walk Spanish.

J. W. Sedgwick, of Toledo, Ohio, was a guest of his sister, Mrs. M. L. Keck, the fore part of the week.

Easter bonnets are not in with the present foliage of the orchards, yet we admit some have more various hues.

Mr. Max Houck, of Wilmerding will address the P.R.R.Y.M.C.A. meeting at 4 o'clock Sunday. All men invited.

With the standing army, the grand army, the salvation army and the militia to back our navy the Turtle Creek valley is resting easy.

Many comments are made on the two beautiful pictures of the good ship Maine on exhibition in the windows of this office.

Are you considering the ballot you are to cast on the 10th of next month for or against increased indebtedness for school purposes.

John Lamb, who killed John Jackson, will be more lamb-like than ever this evening. His execution takes place at Pittsburg at 10 o'clock this a. m.

Mr. Wm. Crookston, of the East End, Pittsburg, spent Tuesday in looking after his interests among Pitcairn people.

Mr. Frank Coursin has beautified the grounds around his Third-street mansion by the addition of some handsome limestone walks.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Fritchman, of Second street, died on Tuesday morning. The many friends of this bereaved couple deeply sympathize with them in their unrecoverable loss.

The lecture in the M. E. church last week by W. W. Hall on "Bleeding Cuba" drew a large audience. The little church was filled to its very doors. However, there was little of the sensational in it.

Why do not some of our land companies get after that Wilksburg Electric Supply Company? They are seeking a new location and carry about 50 families with them, which means at least 200 population.

We are in receipt of a beautiful Souvenir issued by the Connellsville Courier in the industrial interests of the Connellsville Coke region. The book is a handsome 30 page quarto devoted to the past, present and future industries of the coke region at that place. The write-ups are accurate and the many illustrations fine and true to life. The Courier deserves great praise for the compiling of the history contained therein.

The secretaries of the railroad branches of the Young Men's Christian association, will hold a meeting in Pitcairn on Thursday, April 21. There are 15 of these associations at 17 different points of the P. R. R. W. W. Callender, who is general secretary at the branch at 28<sup>th</sup> street is also our secretary here and desires a good turnout of all the boys at this meeting. The meeting will be held in the cars set apart for that purpose by Robert Pitcairn, and is one of the most unique Y. M. C. A. quarters in the state. The association aims to help the men, of which there is a membership of over 5,000 employees. General Secretary Callender assures us that secretaries all along the line will be present and it will do you good to be there also.

The American-Spanish war will be with Bread, Butter and Bullets.

Mr. and Mrs. George McKelvy, of Third street, entertained a number of their friends from our neighboring town Wall, Friday evening last, and truly there is life in the old town yet if its representatives are any criterion by which to judge. Mr. O. E. Rambo, brought his phonograph into play in such an amusing way that the parlors rang with the merry laughter of the happy crowd. Some 30 guests were present and partook of a bountiful lunch, which reflected great credit on the culinary powers of the hostess. It was Watt you might call a Roy'l Good, crowd, be George.

The above cut is an exact photograph of Mrs. James McKee's cozy, clean and home-like meat market on Second street. One whom deserves the patronage of the public; one whom many of us remember was left in rather straightened circumstances by the death of her husband; one who, through her own energies and indomitable will power, has overcome all obstacles that at the time darkened the future and seemed to hinder the rearing of a large family; in fact, a woman who through all the hard limes has had the courage and tact to push ahead and bring order out of chaos, She has won, through her manager, Christ Holschuer, the

right to be classed as the author of "home-dressed meats," which means strictly bought and slaughtered at home. Her meat market is always kept in first-class order, her refrigerators the best and coolest at all times; her clerks courteous and obliging, ever ready and willing to accommodate. We bespeak for bar a fair share of your patronage and can assure you the choicest of genuine home-dressed meats, their slaughtering house being furnished with all modern conveniences and latest improvements, and is a model in itself. Notwithstanding the assertions of would-be imitators, we are always found in the lead with genuine home meats. Come and be convinced.

For Rent—New house of 6 rooms and attic; also, two nicely furnished rooms, one front and one back: cheap. Inquire of Mrs. Joe Carmine, Wood street, Pitcairn, Pa.

For Sale - A good building lot (25 by 79 feet) on Third street; will be sold cheap to a quick buyer, Inquire of C. S. Reed,, Broadway, Pitcairn, Pa.

### **April 28, 1898** **LOCAL NEWS.**

Let the eagle scream.

Looks like a quick victory.

The schools close here to-day.

Election May 10<sup>th</sup> for school bonds.

The navies should not play ball on Sunday.

We trust our naval vessels are not as black as they are painted.

The score is 7 to 0 in favor of the American navy club so far.

Miss Margaret Steele, of this place, is visiting friends at Manor.

The Cuban senioritas will now provide cigarettes for the soldiers.

Let all the ends thou aimest at be thy countries, God's and truth.

The filibusters have evidently engaged the weather bureau on their side.

The residence of Elijah Price on Third street has been greatly improved.

Ye editor left Tuesday night on a trout fish up in the mountains of Somerset.

The Turtle Creek Valley Co-Operative store at Wilmerding has agreed to disagree and quit operating.

"If I may trust the flattering truth of sleep," says Weiler, my dreams presage some joyful news at hand.

"War is Hell"—Sherman. He might have added peace under Spanish rule in Cuba is worse than hell.

'Tis said, "though small in stature, Cy Gross knows lots." Well, he ought to; he has been selling them for years.

Judging from the amount of lumber piled around Dr. C.'s office on Broadway, something is going to be done, war or no war.

The borough council through the street commissioner have ordered a new sidewalk to be placed in front of the U. B. parsonage.

T. S. Patch, the Allegheny court just says, can continue to wholesale the nectar of the gods to those who are in need of a wholesome medical stimulant.

Rev. G. W. Sherrick filled the place of presiding elder at Braddock U. B. church Sabbath last. Rev. J. McClay of Wilkinsburg, taking the service at this place.

Reading turns out more patriotic men to the square inch than any town of its size in the State. Twenty-seven of them have urged their wives to go and join the army against Spain.

Miss Rosa McGuire, aged 17 years, whom many of our people knew and respected, and who has relatives here, died in the Mercy Hospital, at Pittsburg, early last Monday morning of diphtheria.

W. N. Barnhart, the leading slate and tin roofer, has just completed an elegant slate roof for Contractor Graham on the new residence in rear of this office. If "Billy" was down in Cuba he says he would roof the whole island and avoid the rainy season.

The secretaries of the Y. M. C. A. from all over the State were entertained at dinner at Mr. H. L. Young's Thursday last.

The 18th left last night for the seat of action, Pittsburg was a mass of old "glory" sighs, kisses and cheers, started the boys off in good shape.

The Misses Mahaffey, of Rural Ridge, after a pleasant visit with their cousin, Miss Minnie Young, returned to their home last week.

A box social and hop was held at the Flannigan residence on Agatha street Tuesday evening. Dancing, singing and speech-making made up the programme.

April 27, 1898, the war with Spain opened in earnest. The New York, Puritan and Cincinnati bombarded the forts at Matanza, doing great damage to the forts and killing a number of Spaniards.

A meeting of the ladies' auxiliary of the Presbyterian church took place Tuesday afternoon at the home of

Mr. and Mrs. James Wilson, on Fifth street. Mrs. Wilson regaled her visitors with refreshments.

A. T. Simpson is making good headway with the excavation for the new brick dwelling of Charles Koch's on Third street. Mr. Simpson has the contract for the entire building, and is about ready for the masons.

J. R. Closson, of this place and Miss Laura Peck, of Derry Station, will be married this evening at the residence of Mrs. H. S. Landis of Fourth street, Rev. G. W. Sherrick officiating. The Supper will be served under the able management of Mrs. Landis.

A number of friends of Mrs. Thos. Patterson, of Third street, treated her to a surprise to a surprise Friday last. A very pleasant evening was spent by those present. The party consisted of Mrs. Charles Butler, Mrs. P. S. Williams, Mrs. J. Matthews, Miss Verna Patterson and many others.

At the regular graduating class of the W. U. P. held in Pittsburg a few days ago, we are glad to note our fellow townsman, J. T. Frank, received second honors. The class consisted of about 70 aspirants, amongst whom was one lady Mrs. Mary Hamilton of Sewickley, who passed 10th on the list.

James M. Graham met with a peculiar accident Tuesday while at work on the new building on Fourth street. A large mortising chisel fell from the hands of a workman on the roof of the building, the sharp edge striking Mr. Graham on the forearm and cutting a deep gash, severing an artery and laying him off duty for several days.

The pastor of the United Brethren church begins next Sunday evening a series of illustrated sermons. Each sermon will be illustrated by three large Scripture paintings, designed and arranged especially for pulpit use. Come, see and hear about the wonders of salvation. We invite you.



A Bible Institute will be held in the Y. M. C. A. rooms at Wilmerding, commencing May 1 and continuing until May 8, inclusive, to be conducted by Rev. Alexander Patterson, of Chicago. Evening service commences at 7:30, Bible talks at 8 and afternoon talks at 3 o'clock. A program has been prepared, but lack of space compels us to omit the same.

#### High School Commencement.

Pitcairn held its first high school commencement in the Presbyterian church Monday evening last in the presence of a very large audience. An appropriate programme had been carefully arranged and carried out, to the delight of parents and pupil. The graduating class consisted of Messrs. E. A. Horner and Edgar Mattox, Misses Katie Frank, Nina Peoples, Grace Jones and Eva Huston.

The ladies in the class wore white and presented a fine appearance. Their parts in the programme did both them and their teachers honor. Messrs. Horner and Mattox handled their perplexing subjects like trained mathematicians. The encores were numerous and the order excellent. The Misses McElroy were also recalled after rendering their elegant duet, "Palermo." From the opening of the exercises, with prayer by Rev. T. J. Porter, Ph. D., to the closing remarks by Prof. Knoch, Principal of the schools, the best of order was maintained.

Misses Steele and Burrows deserve special notice for the parts they took upon themselves throughout the entertainment. Their singing was highly applauded, and in response to an encore rendered the hit of the evening by singing the very appropriate piece, Miss Katie Frank rendered the "Valse Brillante" like an expert pianist.

Mr. Geo. Holland delivered quite a lengthy address in presenting the diplomas to the class.

In fact, our first High School commencement was a grand success.

For Rent—New house of 6 rooms and attic; also, two nicely furnished rooms, one front and one back; cheap. Inquire of Mrs. Joe Carmine, Wood street, Pitcairn, Pa.



**Chapter 17**  
**PITCAIRN EXPRESS**  
**May 1898 Local News Items**

**May 5, 1898**  
**LOCAL NEWS.**

Admiral Dewey.

Dewey has ships to burn.

No authentic news yet from Dewey.

Summer school will open Monday next.

Flags and apple blossoms are out in full bloom.

Miss Vienna Patterson spent Sunday in Homestead.

Mrs. Ed Gress called upon friends in Manor last week.

Spanish balls are not as far reaching as American production.

Whilst there is no fog at the Philippines just now it is very Dewey.

Mrs. George Taylor of Manor, Pa. was visiting her daughter here Sunday last.

Miss Cora Hoey took a fly to her home at West Newton on Saturday evening.

Mrs. Harrison, of Pittsburg, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Wilson, of this place.

A telephone has been placed in the office of Hobaugh Bro.s' livery on Broadway.

M. F. Kistler of 10th street has gone for a two mouths sojourn among friends in Illinois.

'Billy' Armstrong spent Sunday with the family of Frank Horner, at East Palestine, Ohio.

Vote next Tuesday for the increase of debt, or for no increase, but go and cast your ballot.

Wm. Harkness, and wife, were entertained by Mrs. Cutshall, of Ardara the first of the week.

"Curt" Evans is pushing his Broadway building rapidly, and expects to occupy it by July 1.

Last Friday Edgar Mattox and Robert Horner left Pitcairn for their new homes in the Beaver valley and Ohio.

The many friends of Miss Lillian Reed will learn with pleasure that she has recovered from a prolonged sickness.

In home life Commodore Dewey is likened to C. S. Reed. Always polite, carefully dressed and quite entertaining.

Sampson has gone a gunning. Instead of taking the traditional "jaw bone" he intends to smite it when he finds the Spanish asses.

Rev. T. J. Porter exchanged pulpits with Rev. Mr. Hays of the Second Presbyterian church, at Johnstown, last Sunday.

Ed Gress has removed his store on to the new foundation on the lot adjoining. This was necessary in order to get down to street grade.

Chas. Auer, who had his right hand badly crushed while coupling cars here a short time ago, has returned from the West Penn hospital.

All the young lady school teachers have taken unto themselves wings and flown to their respective bowers. Here's hoping they'll all come back again in the fall.

The hot heads at Madrid turned out and held a jollification meeting over the reported capture of the Paris. Now they are in a mood to lynch the editor of the paper which printed the canard.

Orian Youug is not very big, but when it comes to putting up a good, hot scrap he's right in line. For further particulars see Mr. Bryson, care of Conductor Butler.

General Blanco has notified his government that he will need no assistance in case of a bombardment. The General has probably perfected admirable plans for a retreat.

The first game of base ball was played on our home grounds Saturday afternoon between the Ed Koch club, of Pitcairn, and the P.R.R.Y.M.C.A. resulting in a victory for the Koch club. Score 7 to 8.

The corner of Broadway and Centre avenue is at last reaching the place allotted it when our borough was incorporated. Centre avenue, as its name implies, is the center street amongst the avenues, east and west, and is destined at no distant day to become the commercial centre as well.

Miss Belle Ramsey, who fell and hurt herself about one year ago, died from the injury Friday night last. Miss Ramsey was one of Pitcairn's most highly respected ladies and in company with her sister Martha carried on a small grocery, in which they did a fair business. The remains were taken to Delmont for interment.

The patriotism, of our new postmaster is unquestionable. Thursday evening last when the soldier boys passed through our town Mr. Koch, at his own expense, purchased about \$15 worth of fireworks, putting them off at the depot as the trains passed by. The display was grand, and each piece seemed to fire

enthusiasm into the hearts of young America as the various colored lights lit up the Egyptian darkness.

It is not generally known that one of the best posted railway women in the state resides here in Pitcairn. The lady is Mrs. Jones, matron at Union station, though a quiet unassuming woman she has the general details of railroad operation at her fingers' ends. She can tell the exact time and departure of any train and the time it makes connection at distant points. Mrs. Jones is a thorough student of human nature and has saved many a misguided young girl from going astray, or being led off by loiters around the Union station. A badge designating her as matron would be of great benefit to the unacquainted young ladies who are compelled to travel.

Rev. G. W. Sherrick commenced a series of illustrated lectures, subject, "The Prodigal Son" at the U. B. church last Sunday evening, having preached a most appropriate sermon, "Upon Christ the light of the world," at the morning service as a fitting introductory. He presented three oil paintings, illustrative of the "Father's home," the "Younger son asks for his portion," and then takes his journey. The most thrilling picture was the scene of the harlot's home, where the prodigal spent his substance in riotous living. The reverend gentleman promises to continue the lectures every Sabbath evening after next Sabbath. The Quarterly meeting of the U. B. Society will be held on next Sunday evening, when Rev. J. Wilson, of Braddock, will be the preacher,

Wednesday of last week, Frank Harris, proprietor of the famous Hotel Harris of Wilmerding and ye Editor look a jaunt in the mountains of Somerset for trout. The weather being extremely cold the speckled beauties were a little shy and 84 comprised the entire catch, though they were beyond the average size, ranging from 8 to 14 inches in length Mr. Harris catching the 14 inch one, which caused him to leap into the icy waters up to the large part of his pants in order to save his troutship. He secured the fish and

rubbed a little "snake bite" on his clothes, the heat of which soon dried the wet garments and caused Mr. H. to more closely examine his catch, he found fully portrayed on one side of the fish a clear and distinct Cuban flag, which so awoke his patriotism that he could not make it prisoner and left it hack in its native waters again. We put up with that king of good fellows, Mr. Kissel, whose springs are popular all over the state and which is only exceeded in flavor by the old java drawn by the hostess and her daughters.

Died—J. B. Irish, of Wilmerding, one of the best and most popular electricians in the valley while at work repairing a broken electric light wire yesterday morning, was electrocuted. It appears he momentarily lost his balance and grasped a live wire which burned the flesh from his hands and caused his immediate death. He leaves a loving wife and child who have the sympathy of the entire community.

Notice—Notice is hereby given to owners of horses and cattle, that complaints are numerous about lawns being destroyed, and that hereafter any cows or horses caught running at large in violation of our borough ordinances will be taken up and impound.

The M. E. Church, is having a series of revival meetings this week, Rev. H. L. Smith, has secured some elegant talent to help along the services, and some good work is being done.

Battery B of Pittsburg is now at Mt. Gretna, where 25 new recruits from the city joined them yesterday, making a total of 101 men and officers.

The noble 16th and 18th Regiments, N. G. P., now at Mt. Gretna, on close inspection, never lost a man. But in the 10<sup>th</sup>, married men made a heap of trouble for Col. Hawkin's Fayette and Washington county companies.

Company E, of Mt. Pleasant, had two men refuse to volunteer; Company K, of Waynesburg, 11; Company

D, of Connellsville, capped the climax by 21 refusing to volunteer.

## **May 12, 1898**

### **LOCAL NEWS.**

The debt is to be increased.

Manila rappers are all rapped.

The agonies of house cleaning about over.

H. C. Peoples called on his brother at Manor, Sunday.

Fourteen new subscribers last week. Not so bad for an off week.

Mr. Slaughter of Sixth street has removed to West Third street.

The Cape Verde fleet is like the Irishman's flea. It's never there.

May day hereafter will be more generally observed in America.

The new electric lights at P. R. R. station are quite an improvement.

Tuesday's election was very quiet an exceedingly light vote being polled.

Wee'l see Esq. Scott and have a bench warrant issued for that Cape Verde fleet.

It is ungallant for a barber just at this time to ask a Spaniard to have seafoam.

The potato bug and the cabbage worm will have little show with the army worm this year.

About as good a thing as Spain can do is to haul in its horns and then crawl out of the small end of them.

At the rate they're going down, in case the lack of coal lasts Spain might use its bonds for firing.

The largest flag in town waves over the post office door, while the P. M. is keeping cool in a new summer suit.

Felix R. Brunot, one of the widest known philanthropists and a prominent citizen of Allegheny county, died at his home in Allegheny City Monday, aged 78 years.

Rev. Willson, of the First U. B. Church, at Braddock filled the pulpit morning and evening in the U.B. Church at this place Sabbath last, and with Rev. G. W. Sherrick administered the sacrament.

Miss Rue Thompson, of Wilkinsburg, one of Pitcairn school teachers last term, paid a visit to Miss Viola Kistler, at the school Tuesday, and expressed her pleasure that her collegiate was doing so nicely with her summer school, of over fifty scholars.

By the time the war is over the Spaniards will have to go to Wall street New York, in order to have a bull fight.

Admiral Dewey is now protecting and administering to some 300 wounded Spaniards. Such hearts as are in the "Yankey pigs."

At the election Tuesday last it was largely in favor of increasing our school fund, in order to provide additional school room.

The many friends of Miss Mauk, of Third street will regret her permanent removal to Mt. Pleasant.

It wouldn't be surprising if the Spanish nation, found itself shortly without a head. It practically lost it when it went to war.

There's no knowing how soon Havana might be bombarded and Morro, with all its pretenses, prove itself but a castle in the air.

Rev. Smith, is holding successful revival meetings at the M. E. Church, crowded congregations and additions to the church roll are taking place.

The Pittsburg fire department has no use for unpatriotic men. The man who insisted on ridiculing the National Guard was disgracefully discharged and ordered to leave town.

This morning's reports says Sampson has opened fire, and is reducing Porto Rico.

George Hobough is moving into his new dwelling above the Livery stable, on Broadway.

Our patriotic citizen and councilman Frank Coursin, will furnish the flag pole for the Y M. C. A.

The Cape Verde Squadron has turned up at Cadiz, three thousand miles from Sampson, who is trying to turn them down.

T. S. Patch has purchased a new delivery wagon, and his driver is so proud he does not recognize any of his friends in a common wagon any more.

Mrs. McKee's butcher, "Dick" Owens, has gone to join the regular army. Christ Holtzshure says he has another man engaged and will keep right on killing his own cattle.

For Sale.—A first-class barber shop at East Pittsburg doing \$30 a week, for sale cheap; cash or credit. Three chairs and complete outfits. For further particulars apply at this office.

The man that was killed on the West Penn railroad Friday last was not our Adam Tomlinson, as many supposed, but one Andrew Tomlinson from off Deer Creek.

Through letters from our towns lady Mrs. Agnes Crookston, now at Atlanta, Ga., we are glad to learn that her health is vastly improved. She is able to take a spin of 16 miles on her bicycle before breakfast.

We understand the P. R. R. Y. M. C. A., of this place will hold a flag raising at their car-rooms, in the near future. Assistant Secretary, Mr. Dunkel, having almost raised the necessary amount of funds to buy a 12 x 20 foot flag.

Jim Laird of Greensburg has telegraphed Bro. Morrow, of the Irwin Standard, to "come to the front as there is going to be a Spanish circus out there." If there is anything in this world that Morrow loves it is a circus show, and the more show the better.

At a recent meeting of council our borough authorities created a Board of Health, they also ordered Second and Third streets graded. The sewerage question was also discussed and the clerk of council ordered to notify by publication, all property owners who desire to join or connect with the borough at the time of laying said sewer, to appear and make their wants known.

#### IDLEWILD PARK.

Excursion Season of 1898.

Idlewild is the garden spot of Western Pennsylvania.

As an excursion ground it stands unrivaled.

In pursuance of its usual custom, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will arrange with churches, schools, lodges and other organizations for special low-rate excursions to Idlewild during the coming season. Committees desiring to make arrangements should address Thos. E. Watt, Passenger Agent Western District, 360 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburg. Early application for dates should be made.

#### May 19, 1898 LOCAL NEWS.

Air cellers.

Scatter lime.

Scatter sunshine.

Remember the Maine.

Get ready for Memorial Day.

June 14th is the birthday of our flag.

Hurrah for Pennsylvania's volunteers!

John A. Brant, of Wall, was noticed in our town Tuesday.

It is a false rumor that President McKinley has issued a call for more troops.

The shopmen at this place were reduced from 10 to 8 hours per day Monday last.

Mr. and Mrs. F. K. Backus, of Center avenue, were city visitors on Saturday last.

Real estate is gradually advancing on Broadway, Second, Third and Fourth streets.

The Spanish cabinet has gone to pieces, but General Weyler neither resigns nor dies.

Charley Wymard is talking about raising a company of volunteers to go to the front.

"And he smote them hip and thigh with a great slaughter."— Sampson of old. .

The McGinnis Presbyterian church and parsonage look nice in their new robes of pure white.

A. C. Evans will commence the laying of brick on his business block the last of this week.

Myrtle Jay, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Jay, of Sixth street, is ill with pneumonia.

James M. Graham has received the contract for another new dwelling in the Seeley plan.

Joseph Shuster will build an additional dwelling on his lots on 12th street in the near future.

The absence of "Old Glory" was quite noticeable at the convention here Tuesday evening.

Mrs. L. H. Leitzel, of Scottdale, spent Monday as the guest of Mrs. Al. Garman, of Brinton Avenue.

George Hobaugh and his brother have added a handsome flag to the staff on top of their livery stable.

Geo. S. Brant, the genial ticket agent at East Pittsburg, was a Pitcairn visitor on Tuesday evening last.

Now if the Spanish catch Sampson and cut his hair we are done for. But there is no woman in the case, thank fortune.

I. P. Davis, engineer, with engine No. 160, and Harlan Richardson, fireman, hauling P. G. 1, made the run from Wall to Dennison in 3 hours and 30 minutes.

Irwin is preparing for an extensive demonstration on Memorial day. The G. A. R. cannon monument in Union cemetery will be dedicated with imposing ceremonies.

Mrs. Joe Carmine has opened a grocery store, where ice cream and soft drinks can be had at all times, as

well as the choicest tobacco and cigars. See "ad" in another column of this paper.

"Tommy" Stewart, of Third street, smiles and smiles benignly at that; and can you blame him? The angels left a fine baby boy for Tommy last Friday evening, and Dewey is his name.

The war between the United States and Spain is making politics and even base ball takes a back seat.

There is not much danger of France interfering on behalf of Spain. France, according to late reports, is likely to have business to attend to at home that will occupy all her time and talents.

An unknown woman was killed on the Pennsylvania railroad near Thirty-third street Tuesday. She was about 20 years old and clad in dark hat and coat, with blue waist and skirt.

One of our townsmen, by name Lee Ferguson, while purchasing a hat at W. B. Brush's, appealed to the proprietor as to how it looked. "Fitz-hugh-Lee," replied Mr. B. "Dewey," replied Mr. F.

Mrs. Al. Garman, of Pitcairn, and Mrs. L. H. Leitzel, of Scottdale, left on Tuesday morning for Westerville, Ohio, as delegates to the Woman's U. B. Temperance Society, who are holding their sessions there,

The Morgan Engineering Company shipped from Pittsburg this week over 400 tons of castings for gun carriages that are to be used in mounting guns at different points along the Atlantic seaboard. A second shipment will follow in a few days.

Now is the time to spray your fruit trees and kill the little insects that destroys at least one-third of the crop. The cost of spraying is not more than five or ten cents a tree, while the fruit thus saved will be worth many times the cost.



"Dewey" it what conductors on the Pittsburg, McKeesport and Youghioghenny railroad will call when the train stops at the old Saltsburg station. The officials of the road, in a patriotic spirit, have changed the name of Saltsburg.

The Trinity Episcopal Sunday school of Wilksburg erected a flag yesterday from the roof over the main entrance to the church. The event was signalized by patriotic outbursts. Rev. C. L. Alspash pastor of the congregation, had charge of the ceremonies.

Rev. G. W. Sherrick continued his illustrated lectures on Sunday evening last at the U. B. church on the Prodigal Son. He promises to give two other lectures on the coming Sunday evenings. These lectures are full of interest and the paintings representing them are very good.

Citizens of Braddock and Homestead joined hands Tuesday in swinging to the breeze a beautiful silk flag from, the highest point of the Braddock and Homestead bridge. Their colors float 150 feet above the water. The event was the signal for a patriotic demonstration by the citizens of the two towns.

A special train of 14 cars left Pittsburg this week loaded with armor and steel protective plates for the battleship Alabama, consigned by the Carnegie Steel Company. The plates are for the turrets and barbets of the upper work and the sponsons for the broadside guns. The shipment is the final order, completing the equipment of this magnificent fighting machine.

Fred Siebert smileth, a boy at last and its name may be Dewey.

William Ewart Gladstone, England's grand old man, died last night,

Sampson will hunt the Spaniards down or drive them out of West Indian waters.

Miss Elizabeth Peoples, accompanied by her two friends, Miss Mabell Washington Long, of Kane, Pa., and Miss Harriet Ferries, of Milwaukee, Wis., all of whom are students at the training school for nurses at the West Penn hospital, Pittsburg, spent Thursday afternoon and evening of last week at the home of Miss Peoples in this place. Miss Long is an authoress of some repute.

Fred Volk, who last Friday noon had both legs cut off by train No. 248, Pitcairn accommodation, Conductor Cowie in charge, is still living at this writing. Mr. Volk undertook to get on the train while it was moving, at Wilmerding station, and fell between the cars, with the above result. He has been married but a few weeks to Mrs. Bethune, of this place. He was taken to the West Penn hospital.

Wilmerding is to have a school building on the east side. The new structure will be built of red pressed brick, two stories high, with a large tower. There will be eight school rooms with two large halls. The site for the building was purchased last week, and is on the east side of Bridge avenue. The building, with the grounds, will cost almost \$30,000. It is to be completed by November 1. The excavations are now under way.

Information has been made before Esq. Smith, by Mrs. James McKee, against some young boys of this place for stealing money from the money-drawer in her meat market. Money having been missed from the drawer frequently of late, a close watch was, kept and Monday evening one of the boys caught in the act of robbing the till. There is no excuse for these lads, and if their parents cannot keep them from stealing the law should be used for that purpose.

The two weeks of revival services held in the M. E. church of this place has resulted in quite a number of accessions to the church. The Reverends Doak, Braden and Steffey, of Pittsburg, and Reverends Gordon and Sherrick, of Pitcairn, assisted Rev. Smith in the

services. Prof. R. A. Jennings, the noted singing evangelist from Indiana, Pa., conducted the singing with remarkable success. The people appreciated his efforts very highly. Third quarterly communion next Sabbath evening. Dr. Turner, presiding-elder of this district, will preach and minister the sacrament.

**May 26, 1898**  
**LOCAL NEWS.**

Scatter lime.

Remember the Maine.

Bulletins are plenty.

That Spanish fleet must be made of cork, the way it bobs up.

Mrs. James Tilbrook visited her parents at Manor last week.

W. G. Sherrick, is attending the W. Y. C. U. convention at Mt. Pleasant this week.

Mrs. E. B. Dunkle, returned today from a protracted visit to her old home down east.

Mrs. Philip Lichtenfels presented her husband with a handsome young daughter, Monday evening.

John McCabe, of Fourth street, and his daughters Julia and Teresa spent Sunday with friends in Altoona.

Sampson has the Spanish fleet bottled up in Santiago, but the stopper seems to lie midway between the two fleets.

Congressman Dalzell delivered the patriotic speech at the flag raising at Braddock Saturday last. Enthusiasm and something else, flowed freely.

All ex-soldiers and members of families of ex-soldiers are invited to the Memorial service at the United Presbyterian church Sabbath night.

Last Sabbath Rev. Sherrick presented three pictures of the "Prodigal Son" at his services, this coming Sabbath the picture of the Feast will conclude the series.

Two little boys who were playing along the beautiful banks of Brush Creek, near Penn Tuesday, discovered the dead body of an infant. The parents of the child is unknown.

A Memorial discourse will be preached in the United Presbyterian church, Sabbath evening, to which all ex-soldiers and members of families of such, are respectfully invited.

Lost, strayed or stolen, a printer, known for his temperate habits, as he has but two occasions when he drinks, the one is when he is hungry and the other is when he is not hungry.

J. L. Ruffner, of Greensburg, was here Monday looking up the interests of the Washington National B. & L. Association. Mr. Ruffner has placed some very good loans here.

Our garden looks blighted, it's either dry rot or wet rot all the time. I believe this thing of making garden is all rot anyway. Guess we'll move over to Rot-ter-dam where we can give vent to our feelings.

The friends of Lou Brickel sympathize with him in the death of his father, Mr. John Brickel, which sad event occurred at his home, near Murrys ville, Westmoreland county, Saturday morning last. Mr. Brickel was in his 69th year, and was held in high esteem by the people of the community in which he had long resided.

And the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots and with horsemen and with

many ships, and he shall enter into the countries and pass over.

He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown: But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him; therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away many.”—last part of 11 chapter book of Daniel.

At last the Spanish fleet has holed.

The Oregon has arrived safely at Florida.

If you want a cheap lot at Stewart Station, see ad on fourth page.

J. Pluvius is not doing a thing, but keeping the soldier boys from getting dry.

Miss Glen Martin, formerly with Liggett Bros., was calling on friends here Saturday.

A proclamation was issued yesterday by the President calling for 75,000 more volunteers.

Two elegant furnished rooms to let cheap, two minutes walk from the station, Joe Carmine.

John, you can't Patch that trout story up, no way that people will believe it, we've all been there.

Joseph Potonski, was struck by Day Express at Manor, Tuesday morning, and instantly killed.

That suit between a Monroeville man and that hotel man at Wilmerding, was not a law suit after all.

The parties who are firing the cannons here at night ought to go to the front, the noise would be a factor.

Miss Della Cunningham, one of Derry's fair school teachers, is a Pitcairn visitor this week, being the guest of Miss Venna Patterson.

Singing evangelist, Wiley, at the United Presbyterian church to-night and the remaining nights of the week and over Sabbath. All are invited.

We have just received from N.W Ayer & Sons their mammoth newspaper annual for 1898, a standard book of reference on all matters pertaining to newspapers. It is a book of invaluable merit to publishers and advertisers. It contains a carefully prepared list of all the newspapers and periodicals published in the United States, its topography, population and products, also a carefully compiled vote of States and counties the election of 1896, thus making it an excellent book of reference. It is almost an encyclopedia and should be in the hands of every business man.

At a regular meeting of Enterprise Lodge No. 54, A. P. A., Tuesday evening last, the following officers were installed: Past Master, J. G. Fleming; Worthy Master, Andrew Fleming; Worthy Deputy Master, S. W. Howell; Asst. Secretary, J. W. Harris; Recording Secretary, H. W. Borst; Financial Secretary, A. I. Garman; Treasurer, O. M. Young.

The following Past Masters were present, O. E. Liggett, H. W. Borst, J. H. W. Harris and J. G. Fleming.

After lodge adjourned the members proceeded to Koch's confectionery where they enjoyed a hearty lunch.

The Presbyterian general assembly now in session at Winona Lake, Ind. last week resolved itself into a patriotic mass meeting. Enthusiasm ran high, and the following resolution was passed amid cheers: 'That the Presbyterian church in the United States of America indorses the wise and patriotic course pursued by the President in the conduct of the war, and hereby pledge to him and to the army and navy our sympathy, our prayers and our support.'

Dr. Charles Work, of Cincinnati, said that the Presbyterian church must be true to its traditions of liberty. "One hundred years of freedom are looking

down upon us," he exclaimed. "Loyalty to the Cuban cause is loyalty to God."

Many other patriotic expressions and resolutions met with great applause, especially the probability of a great Anglo-American alliance.

#### P. R. R. DEPT., Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, Friday last, a large company of local patriots, headed by the ever obliging Secretary of the P. R. R. Y. M. C. A., Mr. Callender, witnessed the raising of our country's flag, which took place at the Y. M. C. A. cars at Pitcairn station.

The flag 9 x 18 feet was purchased by the association, the money being raised by contributions of its members. Hoisted on a pole eighty feet high, supplied by our highly esteemed general foreman Frank Coursin, it floated in majestic splendor over its smaller protégé, the flag of Cuba.

Mr. Daniel Ashworth, ex naval engineer, delivered a spirited address upon patriotism, showing that all the wars this country has engaged in, have been fought in the interests of humanity, while the wars of Spain have been for oppression and aggrandizement. Mr. Ashworth was frequently applauded and loudly cheered.

"The Red White and Blue," and "My Country 'tis of Thee," were sang with enthusiasm by the audience. On request of Mr. Callender, that the old veterans present should raise the colors to the top of the flag staff, the following old soldiers with the fire of battle still in their eye, heartily responded: Rev. G. I. Gordon, H. L. Young, Robt. Pickworth, Thos. Jordan, John A. Feasle, J.H. Croscope, our burgess Robert Elliott and a Mr. Cummings, a visitor from the state of Indiana, and if Old Glory ever made better time in her ethereal flight we do not know it. We were glad to note the following Ministers present Reverend's Sherrick. Koenig, Smith and Gordon, who, though they deal out different creeds joined as one man to swell the raptures of the glorious song of Liberty. The P. R. R. Shopmen were left off from their work and joined the enthusiastic crowd with their cheers as the large flag was flung to the breeze.

Pennsylvania Railroad 1898 Summer Excursion Route Book.

On June 1, the Passenger Department of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will issue the 1898 edition of its Summer Excursion Route Book. This work is designed to provide the public with short descriptive notes of the principal Summer resorts of Eastern America, with the routes for reaching them, and the rates of fare. There are over four hundred resorts in the book to which rates are quoted, and over fifteen hundred different routes or combination of routes. It is compiled with the utmost care, and altogether is the most complete and comprehensive handbook of Summer travel ever offered to the public. It is bound in a handsome striking cover, in colors and contains several maps presenting the exact routes over which tickets are sold. It is also profusely illustrated with fine half-tone cuts of scenery at the various resorts and along the lines of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

On and after June 1st it may be procured at any Pennsylvania Railroad ticket office at the nominal price of ten cents, or upon application to the general office, Broad Street Station, by mail for twenty cents.

**Chapter 18**  
**PITCAIRN EXPRESS**  
**June 1898 Local News Items**

**June 2, 1898**  
**LOCAL NEWS.**

Circus.

We are going to have a circus.

Cheap lots for sale at Stewart Sta.

Pitcairn has a brass band once more.

Turtle Creek and New Town held enthusiastic flag raisings last week

High lots for sale in Pitcairn—so high it takes a half-hour to get to them.

The hair-breadth escapes of Cerveras's fleet would make a dime novel.

Ask Frank Harris, of Wilmerding, for one of them self-lighting matches.

Pitcairn is to have a circus. Now Bill Morrow of the Irwin "Standard" can come to see us.

The scrap on the train Monday last between here and Ligonier was a victory for Pitcairn.

This circus makes us feel like repeating the 8<sup>th</sup> verse of the xiii chapter of Hebrews.

Hon. John R. Farr, of Scranton, Pa., was in Pitcairn Tuesday looking up some lots he owns in our village.

Hobaugh Bros, our liverymen, did an elegant business Monday last. Every rig they had was out and they had to hire on the outside.

Mr. Schlatter, of Third street, had two fingers of his right hand so badly crushed while at work in the shops here Thursday last that amputation was necessary.

Esq. Smith, of Old Wall, is nothing if not patriotic. Last week he purchased a lot of "Dewey" caps and presented them to his friends upon assurances that they wear them.

Mr. Taylor, of Bedford county, who last year built a dwelling upon one of his lots on Ninth street will erect another this summer. He is here for the purpose of contracting for the same.

J. Augustus Jones' big city shows will exhibit in Pitcairn Monday, June 6. This circus has been recommended by the public as a good moral entertainment, and as it is Pitcairn's first circus we predict a good house for the management.

Born to the wife of Elijah Eaton, a ten pound girl baby on Decoration day. "Behold, I shall send to you, Elijah the prophet, and he shall turn the hearts of the fathers to the children and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse." —Malachi, iv chapter 5:6.

"Peace on earth good will toward men" had a beautiful illustration Sabbath night at the U. P. church. The memorial sermon was by an ex-Union soldier, and probably his most appreciative hearer was an ex-Rebel, a veteran of nearly two-score battles and skirmishes. The two men shook hands heartily after the services.

Next Sabbath, June 5, is Children's Day in the U. B. church and a beautiful service entitled "Among the Trees" will be given by the Sabbath school at 10:30 (sharp) a. m. The usual session of the school will be omitted next Sabbath.

Praise service at 7:45 p. m. preaching at 8:00 p. m. at the U. P. church every night this week except Saturday. Rev. L. E. Smith, of Pitcairn, Thursday

night, to be followed Friday night by J. T. McCrory, D. D. of Pittsburg. Communion, Sabbath a. m. All invited. It has been said of Mr. McCrory, who will preach Friday night that he is the worst hated and the most loved man in Pittsburg—hated by the wicked men and loved by righteous men because of his aggressive Christian work in the city.

Uncle Sum has gone into the bottling business.

Even the girls are now saying “Dewey did it.”

Craig Moorhead of Third street, and James Wilson, of Fifth street, are on the sick list.

James Wilson and his daughter, Minnie, spent Decoration day at Schenley Park.

Alex. Gardner and his family have removed to Wilksburg, where he and his son, Roy, have secured work.

Most of our people were conspicuous for their absence on Decoration day. There was nothing special going on here.

A boiler in the 28-inch mill of the Homestead steel works exploded Tuesday night, seriously injuring four men, one of whom will die.

A special from Santiago, confirming yesterday's bombardment, says the forts were quickly battered into dust. Great events are expected hourly there.

H. J. Highberger was off duty the forepart of the week, Mr. Samuel McCormick taking his run from here to Pittsburg for a couple of days. Mr. H. having got over Decoration day is at his post again.

Rev. G. W. Sherrick gave the concluding lecture on the “Prodigal Son” on Sunday evening last, exhibiting three oil paintings representing the prodigal's return, the family rejoicing and the home feast.

Bills and tickets have been printed at this office announcing the fact that a grand picnic and dance will be held by St. Michaels church at Toohill's grove, Monday, July 4. The spot being a beautiful one, the dancing platform as well as the management, good; a pleasant time is assured all who attend.

The old Scotch woman who sent her granddaughter to the hotel in Irwin for a gill of whiskey, offering her family bible in security until she could “gie him the siller” was heard to exclaim upon the landlord refusing “Losh, now, did onybody ever hear the like o' that! The man will neither tak my word nor the word of God for a gill of whusky.”

G. A. R. ENCAMPMENT, OIL CITY.

Reduced Rates via Pennsylvania Railroad.

For the Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Pennsylvania, to be held at Oil City, Pa. June 8 and 9. The Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets from stations in Pennsylvania on June 4 to 8, to Oil City and return, at rate of single fare for the round trip, good to return until June, 11, inclusive.

Now keep cool.

Council meeting Friday evening.

We are glad to note the fact that after July 1st the Ligonier postoffice will become a presidential office with a salary of \$1,100.

Wonderland, a beautiful illustrated book of 110 pages has been sent us by the Northern Pacific Railway Company. It contains 90 very fine steel engravings, and is one of the best travelers guides we have met with. It is a veritable encyclopedia of facts pertaining to that “wonderland” through which this famous, road passes from Michigan to Oregon. Also reliable information about Alaska, that land of gold, and how to get there.

While the publication is of special value to travelers and tourists, it is also valuable in the family for its general information, and in public schools as a geographical and historical compendium. It will be sent to any address upon receipt of six cents in stamps, by addressing Chas. S. Fee, General Passenger Agent, St. Paul, Minn.

Wilmerding Notes.

The Airbrake Company has a new flag which floats from a 110 foot flag staff.

T. S. Patch has gone to Harrisburg to attend the Republican State convention.

Mr. Harry Patch took charge of the postoffice yesterday morning, Esq. Hankey's term having expired.

We tried to get our circus to stop at Wilmerding and Irwin, but they said they exhibited in large towns only.

The Westinghouse Airbrake men Saturday last held a grand flag raising in which most all the Wilmerding people took part. Patriotic songs and speeches were loudly cheered, and as "Old Glory" was flaunted to the breeze at the top of a beautiful flag-staff 110 feet from the ground the applause was loud and long.

Early this morning a man by the name of Johnston was run down by a west bound train at Wilmerding and instantly killed. His remains were scattered along the road as far as Turtle Creek, and when the engine was examined at the Union station at Pittsburg parts of the body was found still clinging to the cow-catcher.

J. E. Pickford on Monday last hauled a wagon load of Wilmerding boys out to the woods for a social picnic, when during the Rip Van Wrinkle act one of the horses got mixed in his dates and so severely cut and ruined one of his hind feet that he had to be shot. Mr. Pickford's loss will amount to about \$120.

There was a hot old time at Esq. Sibothans, Wilmerding, Monday evening last. Through some ones carelessness, supposed by shooting fire crackers, the Squires stable took fire and was reduced to ashes in a few minutes. Six heavy draft horses were burned to a crisp. So rapidly did the flames spread and consume, that nothing was saved from the building. Although engaged in the insurance business Mr. Sibothan did not have a dollar on either his stable or stock. Much sympathy is expressed for the Squire as he had just purchased a heavy team of draft horses and paid the cash for them, and they were burned with the other four.

**June 9, 1898**  
**LOCAL NEWS.**

The month of roses and heroes.

Was you at the circus Monday ?

The Spanish peseta is worth about 20 cents.

The ice men are the only cool ones these days.

If we are to have a town flag let us have it on flag day, June 14.

Cuba can raise more reports to the acre than any soil in the world.

Several strokes of sunstroke are reported, also a few cases of paternal stroke.

The summer girl will be greatly interested in what the "Wild Waves are Saying," from Santiago harbor this year.

The circus which showed here on Monday last was represented by some very fair talent, and was well worth the price of admission.

George Brinton shot and killed one of his horses, which had its leg broken Sunday, thus putting the poor beast out of misery.

A. K. Bash's new building will soon be ready for occupancy. Rumor has it that A. K. will have a life partner when he moves into his new residence.

The nationalities represented on the Merrimac when sunk in Santiago harbor was Americans, English, Irish and Germans, yet they were all true Americans.

Monday last New Kensington had another murder, while at a picnic just out of town. Joseph Sutton, a glass blower, shot and killed Joseph McCutcheon, an oil well contractor.

Mrs. Joseph Matson, of Butler, formerly of Pitcairn, was visiting at W. H. Armstrong's last week. Mrs. Matson likes her new home very well and says she would not exchange again.

By this time Morro castle and the Spanish batteries may be in ruins The American sailors would think it retribution or justice if part of the score owed by Spain was wiped out at Santiago de Cuba where, 27years ago, the 39 Americans of the Virginius were shot to death.

The old saying, that it was "Hobsons choice," was fully demonstrated at Santiago harbor the other day when Lieutenant Hobson dropped the Merrimac in the only avenue of escape the Spanish fleet had from that harbor. Authentic reports say it cannot be removed in less than four to six weeks.

Frank Leshar has just completed a fine set of plans and specifications for our proposed new school building. The architectural work is complete and well done. Any one desiring the service of an able architect, we would refer them to Mr. Leshar, who intends devoting

considerable time and attention to this branch in the future.

Money is being raised by some of our patriotic citizens for the purpose of buying and hoisting a borough flag, the location of which has not been settled upon, nor who will attend the raising and lowering of it after it has been put in position. As we have no public buildings aside from our school building, which has a flag at its belfry, we would suggest that it be placed upon the hose house.

The brick work on A. C. Evan's handsome dwelling and store-room is nearing completion.

The Continental Mutual Benefit Society will install a new lodge in Pitcairn on or about the 15 of this month.

The republican primaries passed off rather quietly here last Saturday. Some surprises, however, was figured out in the results.

D. H. Winebrenner, of Sixth street spent Sunday with his parents at Bolivar, both of whom have reached the three-score-and ten mark

Mrs. Sadler, of Third street, who has been seriously ill for the past, ten days, is, we are glad to say convalescing, she is 81 years of age.

Mr. Al. Garman just returned from a short visit down East where he has been spending his vacation. He says patriotism is rife among the Lancaster Dutch.

Mr. Wm. Armstrong, of Second street, last Thursday evening raised a beautiful flag on a fifty foot pole in the lawn of his house. The flag was hoisted by the small girls in the immediate neighborhood.

Wednesday morning last Mrs. L. E. Garman and Mrs. G. W. Sherrick left for Moxham, Pa., to attend the district convention of the Woman's Missionary Association of the U. B. church. Mrs. Garman is



recording secretary and treasurer and Mrs. Sherrick editor of the association.

Dame rumor has it that the entertainment of the side-show which exhibited here Monday last, was just a little loud. It is claimed that after the big show at night the "Coochee coochee" was danced by two entirely nude girls, ladies and boys being prohibited from entering at that time.—We are sorry Morrow of the STANDARD missed all this, it would have helped the old vets column.

Sunday last the annual Children's Day services took place at the U. B. church, Rev. G. W. Sherrick presiding. The School entertained the congregation with recitations, music, etc., conducted by A. M. Wakefield. Miss Grace Jones presided at the organ, and Al Garman conducted the singing. A large platform was built and the church decorated throughout with flowers. In the evening Prof. Newell of Wilkinsburg, preached an able sermon, taking for his subject "The value of a Soul."

A traveling salesman, just back from Mississippi, says that this is a copy of a letter used by a merchant in a small town: "Blank & Co., dealers in furniture, hardware, groceries, drugs, coffins, tobacco, snuff, fruits, dry goods, saddles, nails, candies, soaps, cider, vinegar, needles and threads, clothing, hats, caps, boots and shoes, country produce bought and sold, agents for the Life insurance company; will also take your measure for tailor-made suits; livery stable in connection." And then in parenthesis: "Mrs. Blank takes boarders."

Notice to Taxpayers.

All persons who have not paid their taxes in full for the year 1897 are requested to do so within 30 days from the date of this notice, as a settlement in full is desired within that time.

D. H. WINEBRENNER, Collector.  
June 7, 1898.

Quite a shower last night.

By Sunday morning the American flag will float over Santiago de Cuba.

Frank Shaw, of near Stewart Station, last week had his vicious dog taken out and shot.

Miss Catherine Stein, of East Liberty, was entertained Sunday last by Miss Mollie Koch.

The costume of the Circus "coochee coochee" dancers Monday night is said to have been a pair of ear rings.

For Sale - Two fine cows; both fresh; for sale cheap to a cash buyer. - Mrs. Mike McElligott.

A telegraph message from San Francisco says the tenth Pennsylvania regiment will this week go to Manila on the steamer Colon.

Painters are at work upon the U. B. church, and soon will have that edifice us handsome looking as the parsonage in her new dress.

Jacob H. Smith, of this place, and Miss Emma Bair, of Manor, were married at Manor Tuesday evening last. Accept congratulations, Jake.

Mr. Charles Koch, who has been to Louisville Ky., presiding at the German Saengerfest, returned home Tuesday evening well pleased with his trip.

That creaking sound from the Conemaugh, was caused by the reel on Dr. Montgomery and Homer Fritchman's fishing rods, as they landed their bass.

A MAN earning \$500 a year is equal in earning power to a building producing \$500 a year rent. Such a building should be worth \$10,000. Here, then, are two properties worth \$10,000 each. If the building is BURNT UP it is a total loss. Not always, you say, because such buildings are well insured, where the

owner is not a fool. But, suppose the man dies, is not the loss just as great? Yet lots of \$10,000 men carry \$1,000 insurance only; plenty more carry one at all—seem to be sensible enough people, too. But are they not taking a big risk of becoming a TOTAL LOSS? The Continental Mutual Benefit Association will, for 3 to 10 cents a day, provide \$1,000 first-class, solid insurance. Those who have it are pleased. Ask them. You can attend to this important business right here in this place. To-day is a good time. The Continental Mutual Benefit Association is sound, safe and successful. Don't delay to think about it; 70 people die every minute. See rate table in another column.

**June 16, 1898**  
**LOCAL NEWS.**

July 4th, next.

Joe Leiter blames it on the war.

Blanco can now tell his troubles to the American marines.

John Scott says all whiskers do not belong to the Populists.

The train crews hauling freight report business very slack.

Dr. J. G. Stewart and wife will return from their western trip on Friday.

About the only thing hidden by this years bathing suit of a woman is her age.

Miss Lillian Reed has returned from a two weeks' visit to friends in Crabtree and vicinity.

The Tampa troops, now on their way to Santiago, are supposed to land on Cuban soil to-morrow.

The marriage of William Baum, of Pittsburg, and Annie Fundis, of Stewart Station, was published Tuesday last.

The "Shades of Death" has few terrors for some of our citizens. We mean the Shades of Death on the Turtle Creek valley.

Street Commissioner Andre has repaired the Broadway and Second street bridges, which were damaged Monday by the heavy rains.

Dr. Cameron has leased the McClain farm, south of this place, and will install his sister and her family, of Wilkinsburg, thereon.

The taxpayers can keep on building dry weather bridges every year or two, just because they are cheap. The next lot will be reduced to \$1.98.

The Pennsylvania soldiers are sending back photographs from Mt. Gretna, to be used as substitutes for their wives to scold at while they are absent.

The Pitcairn boys find when they go to Wilmerding they must either behave themselves or pay for their fun. A little more restriction at home might be of value in the end to some of them.

An appeal to the sister lodges of the state by Wilmerding Lodge 1067 I. O. O. F., for aid in relieving the distressed condition of Mrs. Samuel Caldwell, and paying off her indebtedness, has been issued.

Orion M. Young, assistant ticket agent here, was last week promoted, and assigned to duty at East Pittsburg as regular freight agent. Mr. Young has been connected with the company but two years and is on the highway to success.

A number of people gathered along the banks of our creek Monday afternoon looking for the Spanish fleet to make its appearance, as reports were rife that the

cork of Sampson's bottle had been drawn. Later it was learned it was only one of Tom Patch's export beer bottles which had been opened.

The recent prohibition movement by the powers was a success throughout the valley. Monday last Turtle Creek was overflowing and considerable damage was the result. One of our bridges, on Second street, was carried away, and Esq. Craft says he has changed his prohibition views, his corn and truck patch being almost ruined by the heavy rains.

E. A. Hazlett, formerly a fireman for the P. R. R. company, died at Dixmont Thursday last, where he had been taken for treatment for temporary aberration. His remains were interred in the Irwin cemetery and was attended by a large concourse of friends. John Brant, Wm. Cole and John McFeaters, of this place were among the pall bearers.

The troops are off for good at last and we trust it is for glory as well.

An elegant report of last Sabbath's Y. M. C. A. services at the association cars, by Jessica, came too late for this issue.

The many friends of John Warner will be glad to learn that he has again embarked into the blacksmithing business in Pitcairn. See ad in another column.

C. W. Palmer, has received the contract for the building of our new school house, being the lowest bidder by some three hundred dollars.

Rev. G. W. Sherrick, pastor of the U. B. Church, left yesterday for Toledo, Ohio, to attend the National Biennial Convention, of the Y. P. C. U., now in session at that place. Rev. Ortle, of Braddock, will preside at services Sunday morning and evening, in Rev. Sherricks place.

William F. Trax, 48 years old, a laborer, living at Bessemer terrace, was struck by a shifting engine while crossing the Pennsylvania railroad tracks at Bessemer late Saturday night and received injuries from which he died Sunday.

The auditors of Patton Township have just published their report for 1897. The report is a good one and reflects great credit upon the auditors. Instead of carrying a lot of worthless accounts from year to year they entirely close the year of 1895, and as good as close those of 1896 and 1897, bringing but small balances up to June 1898.

We have seen some pretty good rye in our time, and Bobby Burns like, have handled some of it, but that brought to our office last Tuesday, by George Brinton, and raised on his farm east of town, gets its head above anything of the kind we have ever seen. The stalks measured seven feet seven inches from root to tip of head, and stands as straight as an arrow. A few stalks of this rye are now on exhibition in the office window of the Express.

Children's jubilee day was celebrated at the Presbyterian and M. E. churches at this place Sunday last. There being no services at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning the M. E. was overcrowded, and a good service was held. In the evening an interesting programme was carried out by the little folks. At the Presbyterian church about 300 young folks and their parents gathered in the evening. The church auditorium was decked with plants and flowers, and overhead was displayed in profusion "Old Glory", and the white dresses and the gay ribbons of smiling little girls made a pretty sight. Mr. Frank Warner, Superintendent of the Sabbath School, took charge of the exercises, which consisted of musical selections and recitations by members of the Sabbath school, aided by the choir. One of the most interesting features of the service was the duet sang by little Ethelwyn Porter and Master James Lenhart. "Christ is all" was well sung by Mr.

Hugh Corlett, and much interest was manifested by the little ones.

The United States officer from Pitcairn who went up before Alderman Groetzinger, of Pittsburg, for larceny by bailee, the other day, put up an elegant defense, but was held under \$300 bail for court. The question of dispute is only \$20.

“There were 115 violent deaths in Allegheny county last month.” The figures are from the office of the coroner, and whatever may he said about others, these tell the truth.

What is a violent death?

A woman in Carnegie lust Saturday tried the unheard-of means of hurrying up the kitchen fire by tipping the oil can over it. Hers was a violent death.

An Allegheny youth at Bellevue last Sunday said: “Well, I'll take another dive.” His was a violent death. Saturday night a man stepped in front of a train at Bessemer. His was a violent death.

That same night a man in upper Lawrenceville called out: “Hello, Sally.” His was a violent death.

More lives were lost by violence in this county last month than have been lost in the American army and navy since this war began.

The twentieth annual meeting of the Allegheny Branch of the Woman's Missionary Association of the U. B. church closed its session on Thursday evening, June 9. In many respects it was the best in its history. It was especially noted for the deep spirit of devotion manifested. Rev. J. R. King, a returned missionary from Africa, delivered the annual address on Wednesday evening. Memorial services for the seven slain missionaries were held on Thursday afternoon at three o'clock. The tender greetings of the association were sent to Mrs. R. B. Cormany, who is seriously ill, at the hands of Mrs. L. E. Garman. Mrs. Cormany is well known here, her husband was the first pastor of the U. B. church of this place. She was instrumental in bringing the branch meeting to Moxham, and although not able to attend, helped to lay all plans, and sent her

welcome greetings at the hands of her daughter, Miss Hattie. The treasurer's report showed \$1,587.45 for the year. The officers for the ensuing year are as follows: President. Mrs. L. H. Leitzel; first vice president, Mrs. Mary G. Funk; second vice president, Mrs. Mary S. Ressler; third vice president, Mrs. Cora Rymer; delegates to board meeting: Mrs. L. E. Garman and Mrs. S. W. Keister; alternate, Mrs. G. W. Sherrick. The delegates from this place to Moxham were: Mrs. Annie L. Reffner, Mrs. G. W. Sherrick and Mrs. L. E. Garman.

**June 23, 1898**

**LOCAL NEWS.**

Get ready for the Fourth.

Pitcairn's Band is expected out to-night.

Charley McCormick is home from Gambier (O.) military school.

Miss Grace Ambrose, of Ligonier, is sojourning in Pitcairn this week.

Manila is the diminutive of mano (hand), and therefore means “little hand.”

Dan Tarr has broken ground for his new business and dwelling house on Second street.

The fruit crop is reported to be the best throughout the State we have had for years.

Dr. and Mrs. Stewart returned from Denver, Col., Saturday, looking hale and hearty.

Water melons, cucumbers, dog bites and bathing keeps the Coroner busy these warm days.

Mantanzas, the scene of Admiral Sampson's first bombardment, means “the place of butchering.”

It is estimated that there will be more fireworks burned this Fourth of July than any preceding Fourth in our history.

Mrs. Jesse Perrine returned Saturday from a three weeks sojourn at her old home at Eldersville, Washington county.

J. W. H. Sedgwick, of Toledo Ohio, brother of Mrs. M. L. Keck, spent a couple of days with his sister here last week.

That little plan to get a part of the public highway for a siding for the Rumbaugh Brick company met with a vigorous protest.

There will be more wheat harvested this year in our western States than ever before as there is more acreage out this year.

The Supreme Court has ruled that chickens running at large and trespassing upon anothers property may be shot the same as other game.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the B. of R. T. will hold a Lawn Fete, near the school house this evening. A good time is assured all who attend.

Mrs. J. H. Morris of Cecil, Washington county made an unexpected visit to her sisters Mrs. R. B. Boycott and Mrs. H. Bradley on Monday last, staying in Pitcairn till Thursday.

With Mr. Carnegie a Scotchman, Mrs. Carnegie an American and Miss Carnegie a Scotch American, it is no wonder that at their reception in the highlands the American flag and the Union Jack were sewed together.

The dude who permitted his girl to furnish him his military outfit to go to Santiago, was a little put out

when he received a 4 inch tin horn, a toy drum about the size of a tin cup, and a bean shooter.

George Clark of Fifth street met with a painful accident at the Machine shops on Monday last. His leg was baily cut between a wheel and axel but no bones were broken. Dr. Montgomery attended him.

The National Relief Commission earnestly requests pastors and churches of all religious communions in the United States upon the 3d day of July or the most convenient Sunday following the Fourth, to take a collection for the relief of suffering soldiers, sailors and marines in the Nations service, and of such families of the same as may be in need. The commission, 907 Drexel building, will faithfully disburse any funds committed to it for this purpose.

Amos Gress spent Sunday at his home in Manor.

When Columbus discovered Cuba in 1492, he named the island Juana.

Every person is preparing to take in the picnic at Toohill's Grove July 4th.

Cristobal Colon, the name of Admiral Cervera's flagship, is Christopher Columbus in English.

The Spaniards have a pet name for their king. They call him el piquenito, "the little one.

Idlewild, on the Pennsylvania railroad, had a record-breaking week, and next week promises to be just as good.

J. M. Graham has the contract for another dwelling for Mr. Taylor of Bedford county to be built on Seventh street.

The Spanish cruiser Almirante Oquendo, pronounced Al-me-ran-tay O-ken-do, was named in honor of Admiral Oquendo.

Miss Essie Lisle, a very interesting young lady from the East End, Pittsburg, spent Sunday last in Pitcairn, the guest of friends.

Wanted—To lease a lot suitable for building a small dwelling house in or near Pitcairn borough for full particulars address A. S. Dodson, Turtle Creek Pa

Our congratulations are due Mr. Lou Brickle and Miss Dougherty of Murrysville who were joined by hymens belt Thursday of last week. Dewey like Mr. Brickle captured his prize without much of a siege.

Wednesday night of last week, the Continental Mutual Benefit association met in Hoehl's hall on Broadway and elected their officers. This association is gotten up for mutual aid and benefits and their insurance while one of the best in the country, is by far the cheapest life insurance we know of.

A musical entertainment by Prof. A. H. List, the blind pianist, supported by the celebrated Shoup Family will be given in Hoehl's hall on Broadway, Friday and Saturday evenings. Admission 10 and 20 cents. Prof. List is well known throughout the valley and we bespeak for him a good patronage.

CONVENTION NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION, WASHINGTON, D. C.  
Reduced Rates via Pennsylvania Railroad.  
For the National Educational Association Convention to be held at Washington D. C., July 7 to 12. The Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets from points on its line to Washington and return at rate of single fare for the round trip plus \$2.00 membership fee. These tickets will be sold on, and good going, July 4 to 7, and good to return leaving Washington July 8 to 15, when stamped by Joint Agent at Washington. By depositing ticket with Joint Agent on or before July 12 and on payment of 50 cents the return limit may be extended to August 31. Tickets for side trips from Washington to Gettysburg, Richmond,

Old Point Comfort, and Southern battlefields will be on sale at the ticket office of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company Washington during the continuance of the Convention.

Gen. Shafter's troops are in Cuba.

An unknown man was instantly killed at Moss Side, Tuesday evening, by being hit by a train.

Along the Pennsylvania railroad the contractors doing new work have repainted and renamed their small narrow-gauge locomotives, and at Mt. Joy, Dewey. Sampson and Schley are hauling mud for new embankments.

The following is the way Havana dispatches are sent to Madrid:

Hongkong, June 6. - The second invasion of the magnificent Spanish squadron cruised along the coast of North America, destroying cities and captured the important city of Cincinnati. The admiral disembarked his great force of troops and immediately began to march against Washington.

We are glad to note George A. Jenks of Jefferson county is amongst the possibilities as a candidate for Governor of the State. We are personally acquainted with Mr. Jenks and his family, and know him to be opposed to all machine politics. Honest and fearless a strict Presbyterian and one of the ablest solicitors in the State. He served as solicitor General during Cleveland's first administration and refused it the second time in order to take charge of the Du Bois estate.

Reduced Rates to Altoona via Pennsylvania Railroad, account Democratic State Convention.  
For the Democratic State Convention, to be held at Altoona, Pa., June 29, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell special excursion tickets from stations on its line in the State of Pennsylvania, to Altoona and return, at rate, of single fare for the round

trip (minimum rate, twenty-five cents). Tickets will be sold June 27, 28 and 29, and will be good to return July 2, 1898, inclusive.

Reduced Rates to Nashville via Pennsylvania Railroad, account Christian Endeavor Convention.

On account of the Christian Endeavor International Convention, to be held at Nashville, Tenn., July 5 to 12, the Pennsylvania Railroad company will sell excursion tickets of the continuous passage, ironclad signature form, from stations on its line to Nashville, at rate of single fare for the round trip.

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### **June 30, 1898** **LOCAL NEWS.**

Prepare to celebrate the Fourth in glorious style.

Ye editor has been courting for the past two weeks.

War bulletins, not bullets, is what concerns the editor most at present.

Miss Laura Wagner, of Irwin, spent Sunday with Miss Cora Hoey, of this place.

Miss Mertella Howell left on Friday for a six weeks sojourn at Slippery Rock.

Mrs. John Buck, of Sixth street, presented her husband with a fine big son, on Sunday last.

Brick business buildings are going up which are improving the lower part of the town, at least.

Mr. Louis Wickert one of East Pittsburgh's popular citizens was a Pitcairn visitor Tuesday lost.

A. T. Simpson's son, Theodore, met with an accident to his foot, which Dr. Cameron attended to.

The brick works at this place, which have been idle for the past week, resumed operation on Monday last.

The large sign board on Broadway, next to Dr. Cameron's office, was blown down by the heavy wind of Saturday last.

Miss Edith Reed, of Blairsville, spent a few days in Pitcairn the past week, a guest of her friend, Miss Venna Patterson.

The Western half of Fifth street is graded. Why not complete the other half and give a thoroughfare to Brinton avenue?

Mr. Lou Brickle, our Second street tonsorial artist, has returned from his wedding trip, and is again on duty at his old post.

East Pittsburg will hold an election on July 12th for the purpose of increasing the borough indebtedness \$20,000. Purpose—street improvements.

A Kansas editor has refused the position of postmaster because it involved Sunday work. We wonder if he hesitates in reporting a Sunday sermon.

A. B. Landis of Lebanon county is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Al Garman. Mr. Landis is looking for a business location, and we extend him a hearty welcome.

The children of the Wilmerding schools have forwarded to Capt. W. S. Finney, of Company I, their former principal, a handsome regulation sword suitably inscribed.

Sunday last Rev. G. W. Sherrick gave an interesting discourse on the history of Joseph, and impressed young men to copy his fidelity and perseverance so as to accomplish success.

Mr. and Mrs. William Barron, of Center avenue, have gone to visit Mrs. Barron's parents at Ligonier Pa, for

a few days, and from there will go to Atlantic City for a ten days sojourn.

The new postage stamps issued by the government, designed to distinguish the trans-Mississippi exhibition, known as the Omaha series, 1c, 2c, 4c, 5c, 8c, 10c, denomination, are now on sale.

Thomas C. Bell, of Turtle Creek, made a vigorous attempt to commit suicide by shooting himself last Friday evening, but while he sent one ball from a revolver into his breast and tried to use the weapon the second time, it is thought he will live to try it perhaps the third time.

Yellow Journals—Those printed by Chinamen.

Commencing tomorrow, July 1, a two-cent tax stamp must be attached to every bank check issued.

It is a sad reflection on Spanish bravery that we have no prisoner of equal to exchange for Lieut. Hobson.

Pitcairn borough council were called together on Monday evening to transact business routine special.

Cervera's fleet cannot be starved out as long as they are provided with an abundance of eggs. Sampson has been laying for them for a month.

Wanted—To lease a lot suitable for building a small dwelling house in or near Pitcairn borough for full particulars address A. S. Dodson, Turtle Creek, Pa.

Frank Toohill has added to the appearance and convenience of his business stand by having a large awning erected over his show window on Wall avenue.

Three o'clock in the morning is a very early hour for a young man to go to see his young lady, but we are informed such is the fact, by one of our young citizens.

Misses Mary and Winnifred Owens, of Curwensville, Clearfield county, arrived in town last week on a visit to their sister, Mrs. Dr. Montgomery. It is the intention of the Misses Owens to remain throughout the summer.

Mr. C. Koch has added to the convenience of the postoffice by adding 70 additional lock boxes, which are being rented by his patrons. Edward and his sister, Mollie, make very pleasing attendants to our postal department.

An exchange says "that when a young lady pins a bouquet on the lapel of a young man's coat and turns her head to one side and tilts up her chin to look at it, the young man who doesn't tumble is too slow to be run over by a hearse."

Henry Logan, of Seventh street, came near losing his life Monday last while working on the poling engine in the yards at this place. As it was, Mr. Logan was so severely strained that he will be confined to the house for some time.

The Junior Christian Endeavor society, of the U. B. Church, held their annual picnic on Friday last in Brinton's hollow. Rev. G. W. Sherrick and other officers of the J. C. S. accompanied the little ones, and added to their amusement by outdoor games and refreshments.

A Grand Gala day at East Pittsburg is set for July 9th, when a large flag will be raised and the entire Fire Department will be out in parade, accompanied by different orders and societies. Good speakers have been secured for the occasion, and the day will be one long to be remembered by East Pittsburg.

Don't forget to attend the third annual picnic of St. Michaels church to be held at Toohill's grove Monday July Fourth. Games of all kinds and dancing from 9 a. m. to 10 p. m. are some of the features.



A good time is assured to all who attend as the committees have spared no pains to make this an enjoyable affair.

Notice—Notice Is hereby given to all persons using ice from us must leave all orders for Ice by 12 o'clock each day and especially on Saturday, as no Ice will be delivered late on any evening. Send your orders in early and avoid being disappointed. Yours truly, Liggett Bros. P. S.—No ice delivered on the 4th of July.

Hon. George A. Jenks, the next governor of Pennsylvania, was nominated yesterday.

Shafter's troops are being massed in front of the gates of Santiago, and a battle is looked for at any time.

Thomas R. Knowlson, one of Wilmerding's foremost citizens, was a visitor to our sanctum on Wednesday.

Maj. Cyrus Thomas, 58 years old, died Tuesday last. He was the father of N. Thomas of Fifth street. In the civil war he was among the first to heed the call for volunteers and he enlisted October, 1862. Rapid promotion followed and he was appointed first lieutenant of Company H., one hundred and Sixty-eight Pennsylvania volunteers. In the spring of 1865 he raised company F. of the One Hundred and Third regiment, and was commissioned as its captain.

"Billie" Barnhart and Clyde Horner have returned home from a trip to Ohio. They were paying a visit to Mr. Horner's parents, who it will be recalled left Pitcairn last April and are now engaged in agricultural pursuits near East Palestine. The boys report having had a splendid time, and that Mr. Horner's family are rapidly becoming initiated into the mysteries of farming. The many friends of Miss Myrtle will when they read this learn that she has become a typical farmer's daughter, and that among her other rural accomplishments she has become an adept in the art of poultry raising. No less than 150 chicks has she

successfully piloted through the dangerous period attending their first appearance on earth. She has also devoted some time to duck raising, not however, so extensively, as seven constituted the sum total of Myrtle's ducklets. She had seven. She has five now. Relentless fate deemed it prudent that two of these ducklets should not remain long in this world of woe, and at an early hour last Friday morning they passed away. Cut off in the very flower of their youth, it is doubly sad to chronicle their demise. They were good ducks, too, and gave every evidence of becoming useful members of the duck creation. They were duly consigned to the tomb on Saturday last. 'Tis a sad world at best.

Reduced Rates to Nashville via Pennsylvania Railroad, account Christian Endeavor

On account of the Christian Endeavor International Convention, to be held at Nashville, Tenn., July 5 to 12, the Pennsylvania Railroad company will sell excursion tickets of the continuous-passage, ironclad signature form, from stations on its line to Nashville, at rate of single fare for the round trip. Tickets will be sold, and good going. July 2 to 5; returning, tickets will be good to leave Nashville to July 15, inclusive, except that by depositing ticket with agent of terminal line at Nashville on or before July 15 return limit may be extended to leave Nashville to August 1, 1898, inclusive.



**Chapter 19**  
**PITCAIRN EXPRESS**  
**July 1898 Local News Items**

**July 7, 1898**  
**LOCAL NEWS.**

What a glorious fourth.

Did you hear the eagle scream?

The ocean waves had a hand in the celebration.

It is evident Sampson is still possession of his hair.

Sampson did like Dewey, Shafter did like Sampson,  
Spain did like h—l

Mr. George Myers, of Fourth street, spent the Fourth at  
the home of his parents, in Ebensburg, Pa.

Miss Marietta Dillen, of Altoona, Pa., is visiting at the  
home of Mrs. Sanford Mattern, of Seventh street.

Miss Jennie Gibbs, of East Brady, spent the “Glorious”  
in Pitcairn, a guest of her aunt, Mrs. Ed Gress.

Mrs. J. F. Coursin, wife of the popular general foreman  
of the shops, was calling on her Altoona friends last  
week.

Mrs. M. L. Keck and children have gone to the  
mountains in Cambria county for a few weeks.  
Mohamed like.

The coroner of Broadway and Wall avenue is  
becoming noted and complaints have been made to our  
borough officials.

Mrs. Reineman and daughter, Emma, of Allegheny  
city, spent the past few days with the Koch family of  
Third street.

There were more Americans killed and hurt at home on  
the Fourth than were injured in the capture of  
Cervera’s entire fleet.

The Pitcairn A. C. crossed bats with the Turtle Creek  
A. C. on the East Pittsburg ground last Saturday and  
won the game by a score of 14 to 4.

Fire and powder and loud reports of both were the  
order in Pitcairn on Monday, which was not only  
begun at daybreak but was continued Monday night.

The good Spaniards like the good Indians are all dead  
ones. In 1873 a close census only found 15 per cent of  
Spain’s population to be genuine Spaniards.

Maybe if the authorities at Madrid would overhaul the  
roster now they might be able to find someone whom  
they might be willing to take in exchange for Hobson.

Sunday evening the usual service gave way to a  
meeting of the Junior Society of the Christian  
Endeavor at the U. B. Church. The members gave  
readings, sketches and with the close sang appropriate  
pieces.

Superintendent Shephard, of the Pennsylvania railroad,  
inspected our shops and yards yesterday and the boys  
had everything shining in anticipation of the event. Mr.  
Shephard came out in his private car, No. 62, and  
remained about three hours.

The Wilmerding “News” of July 1, is a credit to that  
thriving little town. We are glad to see prosperity in  
anything, and truly the “News” has advanced, rapidly  
and deserves the patronage of its people. Encourage  
and aid your home paper. It is continually working up  
your town.

Johnnie and his gun were out on the Fourth.

The pyrotechnical stores did a land office business last  
week.

The stores were closed all day here on the Fourth—also on the Third.

It seems strange Spain cannot get someone to interpret the “handwriting on the wall.”

The red light fountain in front of our popular druggist’s on the Fourth was worth seeing.

The picnic given by St. Michaels church at Toohill’s grove, July 4th, was a grand success.

Miss Eva Mattern, of East Liberty, is stopping for a few weeks with her uncle, Mr. S. D. Mattern, of Seventh, street.

Wanted—To lease a lot suitable for building a small dwelling house in or near Pitcairn borough for full particulars address A. S. Dodson Turtle Creek, Pa.

Lieutenant Michie, who was killed at the battle of Santiago, was a brother of W. R. Michie, of Greensburg, assistant engineer of construction of the Pennsylvania railroad.

While Rev. G. W. Sherrick, pastor of the U. B. church, was preparing to leave Pitcairn to attend the National Christian Endeavor conference at Nashville, Tenn., on Monday evening last, he received a telegram announcing the death of his sister-in-law, the wife of Mr. D. L. Sherrick, of Everson, Pa., thus preventing his going South. The funeral took place on Wednesday at Scottdale.

C. J. Hackett, of Altoona, is the oldest conductor in continuous service on the Pennsylvania railroad, 48 years of his life having been spent in this service. Notwithstanding, his 72 years, he is still a remarkably active and hearty man, and to-day is in charge of what is known as a “five-hour freight,” a train that runs between Altoona and Harrisburg, a distance of 132 miles, in five hours.

Mr. John Bair Fritchman, only son of Jas. Fritchman and Miss Grace Evelyn Miller, only daughter of Mrs. M. M. Wanamaker, both Harrison City were united in marriage on Tuesday, June 28, at high noon. The wedding took place in the Methodist Episcopal church, Harrison City, Rev. S. B. Laverty officiating. Mr. Fritchman is a relative of Homer Fritchman our courteous ticket agent.

At the last regular meeting of Rising Star Castle, No. 331, K. of the G. E. the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing six months term: Past chief, P. H. Lichtenfels; noble chief, George E. Ogle; vice chief, I. D. Dishong; high priest, J. H. Kalin; venerable hermit, C. S. Reed; .master of records, Milton M. Flack; clerk of exchequer, H. J. Brendlinger; keeper of exchequer, E. L. Miller; sir herald, L. F. Wakefield; worthy bard, J. H. Travis; worthy chamberlain, A. F. Hammond; ensign, John F. Flack; esquire, Fred Ellwinger; first guardsman, Charles Mattern; second guardsman, James Cashdollar; trustees, J. H. Travis, L. F. Wakefield, George E. Ogle, Joseph B. Weight was chosen as representative to the Grand Castle.

The toy cannon brigade also had a large killed and wounded column.

C. W. Palmer, has let the foundation work of the new school house to John Paduzzi, of Wilmerding.

Spain it is alleged, is prepared for peace on the basis of the independence of Cuba and the Philippines, the United States occupying Porto Rico until the war indemnity is paid.

Postmasters have received an order from Washington to caution the public about the use of the new postage stamps. Those imprinted with the letters “I. R.” cannot be used to carry mail and any letter or package sent under them will be lost. The new stamps with the initials on their face are for the use of the internal department only.

President McKinley last evening issued another proclamation to the American people asking them at their next assembling for divine worship to offer thanksgiving to Almighty God, who has led our armies on the water to unscathed triumph. Also, let there be mingled the Nations prayers for success on land and water, shielded from disease and scourges.

Miss Kathrine Walsh, one of East Pittsburgh handsome young ladies and a sister of Mr. Charles Butler, of this place, was married on Wednesday to Mr. Robert Swaney, of the same place. Rev Patterson, of Wilkinsburg, performed the ceremony. The infair was held at Mrs. Butlers', on Second street, last evening, where the happy young couple were congratulated by their many friends.

P. R. R. Y. M. C. A.

Come to the meeting next Sunday.

Bible class for the study of the Sunday school lesson Friday noon at the association cars.

The P. R. R. Department Y. M C. A. will run an excursion train to Idlewild Park Saturday July 16th, the rate will be 75 cents for adults and 50 cents for children under 12 years. A train will run from Altoona the same day and a game of base ball will be played by the association teams, Altoona vs. Pitcairn.

Everybody desiring a pleasant day in the finest park in Western Pennsylvania is invited to attend, tickets on sale at the Ticket R. R. offices, get them before Saturday and avoid the rush.

Reduced Rates to Buffalo via Pennsylvania Railroad, account Baptist Young People's International Convention.

For the International Convention of the Baptist Young People's Union of America, to be held at Buffalo July 14 to 17, 1898, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets from all ticket stations on its line to Buffalo and return at rate of single fare for the round trip. Tickets will be sold July 12 to 15 and will be good to return until July 19, except by depositing

ticket with Joint Agent at Buffalo on July 17, 18, or 19. and the payment of fifty cents, the return limit may be extended to leave Buffalo to Sept. 1, 1898.

Special train will leave Broad Street Station, Philadelphia, at 9.30 A. M., July 13, Frazer 10.10 A. M. Lancaster 11.25 A. M., Harrisburg 12.35 P. M., Sunbury 2.00 P. M. and Williamsport 3.10 P. M. Passengers from other points desiring to use special train can use regular trains to junction points.

**July 14, 1898**

### **LOCAL NEWS.**

Cool nights.

Two white frosts so far this week.

Patriotic noteheads and envelopes printed at this office.

A dispatch to Rome says that Santiago city has capitulated.

Work is progressing finely on the addition to our present school building.

The shops of this place will picnic on Saturday, August 27, at Idlewild, Pa.

A. K. Basil, our Broadway gent's furnisher, has moved into his new building.

The Wilmerding school board is becoming popular over the appointment of a new superintendent.

Lambert E. George, of Lilly, Pa., was calling on his Pitcairn friends for a few days the latter part of last week.

America's naval roll of honor will never be complete until the names of the men behind the guns are inscribed there.

Quite a number of our people went to the city on Saturday evening last to attend the celebration of the Sampson victory.

Frank Bros., who were in the drug business here about two years ago, are contemplating opening a new store here in the near future.

Frank Warner, our popular passenger brakeman, whose home is at Monroeville, left our town yesterday on his wheel for a few days vacation to Dunbar and the hilly country.

Geo. W. Pfeil, of Third street, has been appointed Department Grand Commander of the K. of G. E. and has received his commission. This is a very worthy appointment.

There is a young lady in this town who keeps a little book in which she writes down the things she should buy, but cannot afford to wear. Strangely enough, she calls it her ought-to-buy-ography.

There will be a grand picnic held at Brinton's grove, ¼ mile North of Stewart station, on Saturday, July 16, by the "railroad boys" of this place. A cordial invitation is extended to all who wish to attend.

Rev. G. W. Sherrick left on Monday for Tyrone as a delegate to the Ministerial Institute of the Allegheny Conference. Rev. Sherrick also prepared and read a paper last evening, (Wednesday), Subject: "Moses"

Dewey still in it. Despite the aid rendered by the German fleet to Spaniards, Dewey attacks and seizes Grand Island, forces a surrender and takes 500 prisoners, one Hotchkiss gun, many small arms and thousands of rounds of ammunition.

There was a justifiable remark in the remark of Mrs. La Casse, the sole woman survivor of the Bourgoigne wreck, pointing to her husband: "If I am the only

woman saved, he is the only man who saved a woman." A distinction indeed!

One thing has been clearly and repeatedly demonstrated since the beginning of the war. When duty calls one officer away from what seems to be his proper station, there is another ready to take his place, and entirely capable of performing the service

Sampson is still hunting for Cervera's fleet.

Dr. Hoffman, our popular dentist, was an Irwin visitor on Saturday last.

Mrs. O'Brien, of Fifth street, has been on the sick list for the past few days.

Spain has not said yet how she likes our way of remembering the Maine.

Ten dollars will buy an elegant double-barreled, breech-loading shotgun at this office.

Hobaugh Bros. have added to the appearance of their livery stable by having it painted.

Don't forget the lawn fete to be held by the baseball club on the Broadway grounds to-night.

We have a little 10 year old girl who does fancy-work, yet we cannot say that she does fancy work.

The boardwalk connecting Fourth street with the postoffice, on Highland avenue, has been laid the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. William Barron have returned home after a two-weeks sojourn throughout Eastern cities.

The P. R. R. paid their boys by check, as usual, placing the required two-cent stamp upon each and every check.

If Sampson did not get his whiskers trimmed by the Spaniards, Congress trimmed them after the Santiago battle.

John McKeown, the Braddock furniture dealer has added a handsome sign to the gruesome billboard on Broadway.

However it may have been in the past, there is now no doubt as to the whereabouts of Admiral Cervera's Spanish squadron.

Mr. Mattern, of Tyrone, Pa., brother of Sanford and Charles Mattern, of this place, was a Pitcairn visitor the latter part of last week.

Our board of health is about to take steps to introduce itself, and health officers will hereafter look to the sanitary conditions of our town.

The Junior Order of American Mechanics attended the U. B. church in a body on Sunday last. Rev. G. W. Sherrick was apprised of their purpose, and preached a spirited and appropriate sermon.

Carl W. Kimpton, of Philadelphia Supreme Secretary and Treasurer of the Continental Mutual Benefit Society, which has a branch in this place, is in Pitcairn looking up the societies interests.

The big new class H5 engine of the Pennsylvania railroad is a great helper on the Altoona hill, and the long-legged class L machines have no trouble keeping up with the consolidated monster when she is pulling at the head.

Rev. T. L. Jamison, of Hopedale, Ohio,—at present stationed at the U. P. church, Jeannette, was the officiating minister at the U. P. church, corner of Center avenue and Third street on last Sabbath. Rev. Jamison is a young minister of some promise and his sermon was well received.

Even the elements seem to aid Americans in their war with Spain, the heavy thunder and lightning that accompanied the last bombardment of Santiago did much towards frightening the Spaniards. Now heavy frosts are coming along to stamp out any fevers that may be lingering around the camps.

Mrs. Edward Miller, of Brinton avenue, presented her husband with a bouncing big boy on Tuesday last.

Many of our readers will note with pleasure that Rev. Hawn's son, Claude, won the one-mile bicycle race on the Parnasus race course on July 4th. Claude rode against some crack riders, and not only took the purse from them, but reduced the track record, making the mile in 44 seconds. The race was for boys 16 years of age or under.

We are in receipt of an invitation to the Pennsylvania Railroad Engineer's picnic, to be held at Idlewild Park July 30. This famous resort is becoming more popular than ever. Under Superintendent George Senft's care it has surpassed all other picnic grounds in its beauty, its varied attractions, its silvery lakes and its grand scenery.

A patriotic flag-raising took place at East Pittsburg Saturday evening last at 7:30 o'clock. The program arranged included a parade of the various societies of East Pittsburg, Turtle Creek and Wilmerding, about 3,000 in number, together with the fire departments and school children. The meeting was addressed by prominent orators of Pittsburg and other parts of the county.

The school board of Wilmerding last week elected Prof. Norris, of Meadville, to the principalship of the schools. This is the position Capt. W. S. Finney, of Company I, Tenth Regiment held, and it is thought he would be re-elected. He was not even considered. The people are very indignant as 90 per cent of them wanted him re-elected. Capt. Finney was not an

applicant, but it was generally understood that the position would be offered him.

The First Shall be Last and the Last Shall be First.  
Written for the Express by Coal-Digger Johnny

The first shall be last and the last shall be first  
The decree has gone forth from on high.  
So make your hearts strong for the wars will  
prolong.

And we're destined to do or to die.

Our Nation is the last one to rise at the blast  
of the trumpet that bids nations rise.  
And ours shall be the young strong nation free,  
By which tyrants shall cease, neath the sky's

The "Goldite" so snide, with his money and pride  
has long ruled our green Mother Earth,  
And true "Peoples Party" the "Popocrats" hearty  
Now rise in the land of our birth.

But the "Popo" shall rule for the "Goldite's" a fool  
And trickery he ever will try.  
The first shall be last and the last shall be first  
The Decree has gone forth from on high.

After Commodore Watson gets a short range shot or  
two at that thing which serves the purpose of Spanish  
honor there won't be enough of it left to do business as  
"remains."

Fire on Sunday night destroyed \$200,000 worth of  
property in Allegheny. It began about 8:50 p. m. and  
burned until 11 o'clock. It was the most extensive fire  
that ever visited Allegheny.

In criminal court Monday William Hillman was  
sentenced to be hanged for the murder of Bertha  
Speigle, aged 15 years, in Marshall township, March  
29 last. Another murderer, John Szojak, was sentenced  
to the penitentiary for 14 years, having been convicted  
of murder in the second degree for the shooting of

Officer Charles Metzgar on Second avenue, Pittsburg,  
May 1.

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Au Sable Chasm, Lakes Champlain and George,  
Saratoga, and the Highlands of the Hudson are all rich  
in interest and replete with natural attractions.  
Each tour will be in charge of one of the company's  
tourist agents, assisted by an experienced lady as  
chaperon, whose especial charge will be unescorted  
ladies. The rate of \$100 from New York, Brooklyn,  
Newark, Trenton, Philadelphia, Harrisburg, Baltimore  
and Washington covers railway and boat fare for the  
entire round trip, parlor-car seats, meals en route, hotel  
entertainment, transfer charges, carriage hire—in fact,  
every item of necessary expense.  
For detailed Itinerary, tickets, or any additional  
information, address Tourist Agent, Pennsylvania  
Railroad Company, 1106 Broadway, New York; 860  
Fulton Street, Brooklyn; 789 Broad Street, Newark, N.  
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Delaware River Bridge route, the only all-rail line, at



8.40 P. M. Passengers may also spend the night in Philadelphia, and proceed to the shore by any regular train from Market Street Wharf or Broad Street Station on July 22, August 5 or 19.

Tickets will be sold from the stations at the rates named below:

	Rate	Train leaves
Pittsburg	\$10.00	8:55 A. M.
East Liberty	\$10.00	9:05 A. M.
Braddock	\$10.00	8:17 A. M.
Wilmerding	\$10.00	9:28 A. M.
Irwin	\$10.00	9:85 A. M.
Jeannette	\$10.00	9.48 A. M.
Greensburg	\$10.00	\$9.56 A. M.

Tickets will also be good on regular trains leaving Pittsburg at 4.30 and 8.10 P. M., carrying sleeping cars to Philadelphia, and 7.05 P. M. carrying Pullman sleeping care through to Atlantic City.

For detailed information in regard, to rates and time of trains apply to ticket agents, or Mr. Thos. E. Watt, District Passenger Agent. Pittsburg.

P. R. R. Y. M. C. A. Notes.

M. W. Callender, Secretary of the association, was the speaker at the men's meeting last Sunday afternoon. He spoke on "A Wasted Gift," taking the bible story of Sampson as his theme.

Mr. J. F. Robinson, President of the Young Men's Christian Association, of Pittsburg, will address the association meeting next Sunday afternoon. He being a very forcible and sympathetic speaker, he ought to draw a car-load of men to hear him.

The prospects are bright for a large picnic party at Idlewild next Saturday, July 16. Bring your baskets and enjoy a pleasant day in the woods. A game of baseball will be played between our team and the Altoona Association team, at 2 p. m.

The tent meetings will probably begin Sunday, July 24. They will be presided over by Rev. S. A. Taggart.

Hardly Anything Left,

Spain has very little navy left, and has neither money, skill, credit nor time to provide a new one to meet the pressing necessities of the future should she persist in war.

### **July 21, 1898** **LOCAL NEWS.**

Wet.

More reign.

Good fruit outlook.

James Wilson, of Fifth street, is on the sick list.

When the troops attack Porto Rico Miles will not be miles away.

The teacher's institute will be held in Pittsburg August 22, this year.

Mrs. Frank E. Backus and Mrs. Lee Furguson were city visitors on Tuesday last.

A young lady admires Dewey because, she says, he advocates short engagements.

The new brick house being erected by Chas. Koch, on Third street, is nearing completion.

Toral surrendered 22,879 men at Santiago, with 10,000 rifles already given up and more to follow.

D. J. Tarr will erect a business and dwelling house on the foundation just completed on Second street.

The latest news from Spanish headquarters is that "the Council has unanimously agreed to seek peace."

The products of Porto Rico and the Philippines are ready for the thresher. As harvest is here why not reap?

Mr. Geo. W Swartz, wife and son, of Philadelphia, are visiting Mrs. Swartz's sister, Mrs. Frank Coursin, of Third street.

The latest bulletin posted over Eastern Cuba reads, "boarding furnished free to all Spaniards," apply to Genl. Shafter.

Joe Schuster will be ready to rent his new dwelling house on 10th street about the 12th of August, as it will be completed at that time.

The Germans at New York City desire to show their loyalty to the United States by presenting them with a full equipped battle ship.

Santiago's Custom House is open for business. We hope the custom's have changed considerable lately, or we would not care to do any business there.

It is said that preachers and 'squires are violating the new revenue law by failing to attach the necessary stamp on marriage certificates.

Quite a cut was made in the P. R. R. shops of this place on Saturday and Monday, their being in the neighborhood of 60 employees laid off or suspended, some of which have been taken back already.

All mail for officers and soldiers connected with General Shafter's array in Cuba should be addressed: Military Station No. 1, Cuba, via Tampa, Florida. The company and regiment should be included in the address.

George Maxwell, who was wanted for attempting to outrage a Polish woman at Bessemer and robbing her of about \$5, was arrested at Connellsville, Saturday, and in default of \$600 ban, lodged in jail for trial at court.

The picnic at Brinton's grove Saturday last, was a grand success.

A. C. Evans, will soon move into his handsome brick building on Broadway.

Extensive repairs are being made on the Pennsylvania railroad platform at Brushton station.

Excelsior Hose Company No. 1 will hold their second annual festival early in August, this year.

The Young Peoples Society the of the U. P. church, will hold an ice cream festival in their church on the evenings of 21 and 22 inst.

Preparatory services at the U. B. church commencing last evening will be held the remainder of the week, when the presiding-elder will administer the Sacrament on Sabbath morning and evening. Baptism will be offered in the afternoon to one desiring immersion.

That commerce follows the flag again proved. The Stars and Stripes had not been hoisted over Santiago 24 hours when the announcement was made from Baltimore that work in the iron mines would be resumed and that the Earn line would return steamers weekly to that port.

The many friends of General Mc Kibbin in Pittsburg will be especially gratified to learn of his assignment to the position of military governor of Santiago, for, as indicated, it is an honor paid only to officers of the highest standing and in whom the commander-in-chief has the most absolute confidence.

Wm. Barnhart, our ever accommodating and wide-awake slate and tin roofer, is doing the roofing and plumbing on A. C. Evan's new brick business block. "Billy" is a graduate of the school of "what is worthy doing is worth doing well," consequently Mr. Evans is assured of a good job of work.

Two Braddock boys in the American army were injured in the siege and battles at Santiago, their parents having just received word. They are George Dewart, of Company E, Seventeenth regiment, and William Carothers, of Company A, Seventeenth regiment. Both are seriously injured, but will recover.

The Monongahela Iron and Tin Plate company started work with 14 mills on Thursday morning, employing 125 more men and producing 50 per cent more tonnage than formerly. The firm is rushed with orders and the enlarged mills will be pushed to their fullest capacity. The number of men now employed will be over 400.

The members of the Wilmerding school board have again aroused the ire of their constituents by declining to accept a portrait of their former principal, Capt. W. S. Finney, now with Company I, and whose re-election they had recently refused to consider. The portrait was proffered by a friend of Capt. Finney, who wanted it hung in the school house.

Jeannette cut herself loose Monday last and paraded the streets with over 4,000 people in line. The event was the departure of Company M. Sixteenth regiment, Pennsylvania volunteer infantry, for the regimental headquarters in Charleston, S. C., with Capt. Jim Laird, of Greensburg, in charge. A farewell was given by Mrs. Henry Wentzell to her three sons, triplets—Silas, Jacob and Joseph.

Mr. John Welshons, of New Florence, and Miss Venna Patterson of this place, were united in marriage Tuesday evening last at the home of the bride at Eleanor street. Rev. T. J. Porter of the Presbyterian church officiating.

Miss Patterson, was one of Pitcairn's most promising young ladies.

Latest war news will be found on second page.

The Spanish troops will go home in Spanish vessels.

Our government is arranging to extend the mail service to Hawaii.

Owing to lack of space this week "Coal Digger Johnny's" poem was held over until next week.

Conductor Pogue, of the P. R. R, his wife and child, are off on their vacation to the Huntingdon mountains.

An army squad was arrested at Huntingdon the other day for holding noisy meetings. It was the Salvation army however.

Spain will kindly note that this "nation of shopkeepers" has just made a notable addition to her bargain counter in Eastern Cuba.

The recent heavy wind storms have played havoc with the popular resort near here known as the "Shades of Death." A large number of trees in the grove have been blown down.

Of course the paroled Spanish troops will not be allowed to carry their arms from Santiago, but they can take their heads with them, and there ought to be a good deal of satisfaction in that.

One of our young ladies was overheard to remark the other evening in Liggett's store, "that many of our young men were like the Spanish navy, they would run away to avoid an engagement."

Miss Mollie Koch paid a visit to Mrs. A Reineman, of Allegheny, and upon her return home brought with her Miss Emma Reineman, for an extended visit to our postmaster's family. Misses Koch and Reineman make a pair of beauties when seen together.

A murder, enshrouded in mystery, occurred on Monday night in Shera?? borough, Panhandle railroad. The victim was a man of 20 or 21 years and his murderer was his companion, 18 years old. Victim and murderer resembled each other and dressed almost

alike, in dark coats and vests, striped trousers, black shirts and white stripes, red and white scarfs, and white hats with plaid bands.

It was our pleasure last week while up in the lumber district of Cambria to stop with Mr. Chaplin, Proprietor of the Alpine House. While the word Alpine means lofty, very high, it is only directly connected to the lofty character, the high state of this noted resort of commerce and traveling men; for the rates most reasonable, and the table applied with all the delicacies of the season, speaking well of the culinary accomplishments of the hostess. We can cheerfully recommend this place even to his honor, Judge Barks a first-class house.

P. R. R. Y. M. C. A. Notes,

The large new association tent will be erected tomorrow.

The P. R. R. Y. M. C. A. will erect their large meeting tent on the same ground occupied last year, and will have the entire tent lighted with electric lights by Sabbath morning. The first service will be held Sabbath afternoon at 4 o'clock, for men only. Services conducted by Rev. S. A. Taggart, there will be no service at the tent in the evening.

Dear Editor:—Will you kindly allow me space in your paper to chronicle a very pleasant surprise, and thank the participants for same: Last Monday evening at the beginning of our regular bible study, Mr. Callender, General Secretary of the Association, after making a few interesting remarks, presented me with a very handsome and beautiful bible as a gift from the Bible Class. It was a very timely gift, indeed, and I fail to find words to show my appreciation of same. The surprise was such a complete one that it rendered me almost speechless. My desire is that I may be continually found making the best use of this most highly appreciated gift, and thanking the participants most kindly, I shall ever remain with thanks, yours truly, E. B. Dunkel.

The Pulpit and the Press.

A preacher came to a newspaper man in this way: "You editors dare not tell the truth, if you did you could not live, your newspaper would be a failure." The editor replied: "You are right, and the minister who will at all times and under all circumstances tell the whole truth about his members, alive or dead, will not occupy his pulpit more than one Sunday, and then he will find it necessary to leave town in a hurry." The press and the pulpit go hand in hand with whitewash brushes and pleasant words, magnifying little virtues into big ones. The pulpit, the pen and the grave stone are the great saint-making triumvirate.—Ex.

PENNSYLVANIA CHAUTAUQUA.

Reduced Rates to Mt. Gretna via Pennsylvania Railroad.

For the Pennsylvania Chautauqua, to be held at Mt. Gretna, Pa. July 1 to August 4, 1898, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell tickets to the general public on June 20 to August 4 good to return until August 10. Inclusive, from stations on its line in Pennsylvania, and from Washington D. C., Baltimore, Md., and Canandaigua, N. Y. and principal intermediate stations, to Mt. Gretna, at reduced rates.

New Rule at Santiago,

It is safe to say that Santiago never in its history had so good a government as now—under the military control of the United States. The rights of man for the first time rule supreme. The announcement that the army of the United States is the forerunner of just law, and that established institutions will be respected as far as they harmonize with the new order, will help to remove the doubts the people may have felt regarding the methods of the conquering nation, while the assurance that trade and civil relations are not to be affected will inspire the city and community to a new activity.

Odd Fellows' Annual Outing, Idlewild Park, Wednesday, August 8, 1898.

A new feature will be inaugurated on the occasion of the outing of this illustrious order among the many other attractions that date, by conferring the Degree of

Chivalry of the Order, giving the public an opportunity to witness same. This alone is well worth a visit to the grove on that day, besides the enjoyment of a day of extreme pleasure in the prettiest park in Western Pennsylvania.

The following special trains will be provided over the Pennsylvania Railroad:

From Etna 7.15 a. m. and from Allegheny Jct., 8:05 a. m.

Two trains off the West Penn Division J From Conemaugh, 8:00 a. m.; Johnstown. 8:05 a. m.

From Altoona, 745 a. m.

From Fairchance, 6:55 a. in.; Uniontown, 8:05a. m.

From East Liberty, 7:45 a. m.

From Pittsburg, 7:85 a. m. until 8:05 a, m. Special trains make principal stops. Consult ticket agents for time of trains and for special excursion rates that will be in effect from all points at which specials stop.

Game Law in Brief.

Appended are the laws for this state in brief and compact form:

Deer, November 1 to December 1;

Duck, September 1 to May 1;

Wild turkey, October 15 to December 15;

Squirrel, October 15 to December 15;

Grouse or pheasant, Oct. 15 to December 15;

Quail or partridge, October 15 to December 15;

Prairie chicken, October 15 to December 15;

Woodcock, Oct. 15 to Dec. 15, and July;

Rabbit, November 1 to December 15.

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**July 28, 1898**

**LOCAL NEWS.**

Spain squeals.

Now for peace terms;

Pitcairn military band.

Olive branches are waving.

It may be Hon. James Smith yet.

Of course the Don will try to "beat down" the price of peace.

To-day is the United Presbyterian church reunion, at Idlewild Park.

The shopmen here in the P. R. R. shops are now taking their week off.

The board of health is kicking itself because it is too healthy here for them to operate.

A. C. Evan's, our Broadway grocer, will move into his new brick building to-morrow.

For a non-combatant Admiral Sampson gives a very fair report of the battle of Santiago.

Spain has come direct to the parent house for peace terms and will save the middleman's profits.

Why does Dr. Cameron take up the oak plank every night from the culvert in front of his office?

Between the barking dogs and the howling puppies these warm nights, a man must be an iceberg to keep cool.

The battery on the banks of Turtle Creek Monday evening was not Shafter's, neither were the "Bowers" bowers of roses.

The Pitcairn military band is booked for a three day dance next month. Amongst the latest is the "Dewey" dance.

Quite a number of Pitcairmites attended the picnic given by the employees of the Westinghouse Electric Works, at Idlewild, on Saturday last.

B. F. Baker, of Ninth street, who is employed at the transfer as a laborer, had his ankle badly crushed by a heavy casting falling on it Monday afternoon last.

Died—On Saturday morning last, Lincoln McKinley, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wakefield, of Ninth street. The child was the pride of its parents and was aged nine months.

Miss Emma Reineman, of Allegheny, Pa., who spent the latter part of last week as the guest of her friend, Miss Mollie Koch, of Third street, returned to her home on Sunday evening last.

Miss Jessie Schley, who went to Madrid on a peace mission, has found what honorable (?) people the Spaniards are. Miss Schley was refused admission to any one of note and peremptorily ordered to leave Spain.

James T. McMunn, of Port Perry, 31 years old, was killed by a train on the Pittsburg, Bessemer & Lake Erie railroad bridge sometime between Saturday night and Sunday morning. He was a brakeman in the yards of the Bessemer steel works.

We believe it would be a good idea for our sportsmen to petition Council to pass an ordinance prohibiting rabbits from running at large during night time, especially in the borough limits. There is no doubt but what we would have plenty of shooting after that.

Many of the shop men are visiting friends in Altoona this week.

What has become of the sewerage question, is it to die for want of support.

Fighting in the borough and its immediate vicinity is becoming quite popular.

J. R. McDowell finds it necessary on account of increasing business to enlarge his lumber sheds and stabling.

The Rumbaugh Brick company are shipping quite a lot of brick from their works in this place the past week.

Complaints are frequently being made about the mob who congregate near the railroad bridge and make unpleasant remarks of those passing by.

Russia and Japan have both sent war vessels to the Philippines—Russia in order to back Germany and Japan to aid, if necessary, the American vessels.

Mr. Perry, of Old Wall, who was but recently married, died Sunday last of lockjaw. The funeral services were conducted Wednesday by the Jr. O. U. A. M.

Men in nearly all the departments of the Pennsylvania railroad shops in Pitcairn and Altoona have been suspended. Monday foremen in the freight car departments notified their workmen that there would be no work till August 1. No cause is assigned for the retrenchment.

Mr. Scott, assistant yardmaster at the P. R. R. yards at this place, resigned his position with the railroad company to accept an office in the U. S. Navy. "Scotty" has a brother an officer in the Navy, and through him has secured the position and expects to go right on to Puerto Rico.

Cigarette users will do well to be warned by the declaration accredited to the U. S. Army surgeon, that nine-tenths of those who failed to pass the medical examination at Mt. Gretna, failed because of the effect produced upon the heart and other vital organs, through cigarette smoking.

Rev L. W. Stahl, the presiding-elder for this district of the U. B. church, held the quarterly conference on Saturday evening last, and preached on Sabbath morning, after which he administered the Sacrament. Rev. G. W. Sherrick preached in the evening and gave the Sacrament to any who were unable to attend the morning service.

"Courting a girl" Bill Morrow, of the Irwin "Standard" says "is like running a newspaper. You start out weekly, then semi-weekly, tri-weekly then merge into a daily, and if it has any enterprise comes out with an extra about once a year, and sometimes it's a dutch edition, too." Though the press work may be a little heavy at times, Morrow is willing to do either.

Mrs. A Crookston, who has been, sojourning in the South for several months, spent Friday last in Pitcairn

looking after her interests—which in real estate and property is considerable here. Mrs. Crookston informs us that she is now on her way to Cambridge Springs, Pa., where she will remain during the warm weather. Her many tenants were glad to welcome her back, but sorry to learn of her short stay with us.

#### Who Could be Meaner Than This?

We would like to know the lady's (?) name who owns the brindle cow that was pasturing on our vegetables and grape vines on Sabbath morning last. We would like to know a woman mean enough to go to a man's garden when the family are all away and drive her own cow out of said garden and leave another cow in eating vegetables, young fruit trees, grape vines, etc., refusing to drive her out when requested by a generous neighbor, because "it was not her cow." Though the borough laws prohibit cattle from running at large at night the enforcement of them is a farce, and it is not safe for a family to leave their home, on which they pay heavy taxes for protection, even one night, for fear of loose cattle destroying their property. A man who had some respect for his neighbor did the kindness of turning the remaining cow out and closing the front gate, after they spent the entire night in the very heart of our village in an absent families garden. As we said before, we would like to know the woman and what religion she enjoys.

#### The Pennsylvania Railroad's Popular Excursions to the Seashore.

August 4 is the date of the Pennsylvania Railroad's low-rate excursion to Atlantic City and the principal South Jersey seashore resorts. A special train of Pullman parlor cars and day coaches will leave Pittsburg on the above-mentioned date at 8.55 A. M., arriving at Altoona at 12.15 P. M., where stop for dinner will be made, reaching Philadelphia 6.25 P. M. and arriving Atlantic City, via Delaware River Bridge route, the only all-rail line, at 8.40 P. M. Passengers may also spend the night in Philadelphia, and proceed to the shore by any regular train from Market Street Wharf or Broad Street Station on July 22, August 5 or

19. Tickets will be sold from the stations at the rates named below:—

	Rate	Train leaves
Pittsburg	10.00	8:55 A. M.
East Liberty	10.00	9:05 “
Braddock	10.00	9:17 “
Wilmerding	10.00	9:23 “
Irwin	10.00	9:35 “
Jeannette	10.00	9:46 "
Greensburg	10.00	9:56 "

Tickets will also be good on regular trains leaving Pittsburg at 4:30 and 8:10 P. M., carrying sleeping cars to Philadelphia, and 7:05 P. M. carrying Pullman sleeping cars through to Atlantic City.

For detailed information in regard to rates and time of trains apply to ticket agents, or Mr. Thos. E. Watt, District Passenger Agent. Pittsburg.

#### Achievements of Three Months.

Three months ago the world doubted the power of the United States to cope in conflict with even so inferior a nation as Spain. Now there is no intelligent observer in any part of the civilized world who will question our ability to meet and overcome any single government or empire in the world. Where in history has so much ever been achieved before in so short a time.

#### Pitcairnite Killed at Santiago.

We are sorry to announce the death of Leonard Weber, brother-in-law of Joseph Schuster, who but a few weeks ago left here with the Seventeenth regiment, United States infantry, for Santiago. Mr. Weber was killed at the battle of Santiago.

#### The Robert Pitcairn Military Band.

“The meaning of song goes deep. Who is there that in logical words can express the effect music has made upon us?” - Thomas Carlyle.

The Robert Pitcairn Military Band was reorganized under a different management than heretofore. A Board of Directors have been chosen consisting of the following persons: J. Frank Coursin, Dr. J. G. Stewart, Charles Koch. Fred Ellwinger, James Tilbrook. Fin

Liggett, Edward McGuire and Jos. Lichtenfels. The Board of Directors have exclusive control of the Band in its financial affairs—holding the light of ownership of all instruments and any property that may come into the possession of the Board contributed by the citizens of our town or from any other source. In order to have this binding and legal our popular attorney, Mr. T. J. Wilson, has gratuitously prepared an article of agreement between the Directors and the Band which has been properly signed by each director and member, our jovial citizen, Mr. James Tilbrook, has been elected treasurer. He has a deep pocket and will gladly receive any amount from ten cents up to one hundred dollars. The Band has already made rapid progress under the leadership of Mr. B. F. Lister. He is an earnest hard worker. This can be easily seen on any Tuesday or Friday evening at Hose House No. 1. Each member seems to take a great interest in his work, coming faithfully every appointed evening for practice. The names of the members of the Band are as follows: B. F. Lister, H. B. Woods, S. J. Brendlinger. C. B. Householder, John McCarthy, G. M. Householder, Wm. A. Baker, Wm. G. Wilson, Jas. C. Householder, E. J. Houck, Leslie F. Baker, W. H. Simpson, W. J. Landis, W. A. Frank and Geo. B. McDowell. We trust that the citizens of our town will give the Band their hearty support both financially and otherwise. Jos. S. Lichtenfels, Secretary of Directors.

#### The Presbyterian Church in a very Flourishing Condition.

On Sunday morning, July 17, Rev. Thomas J. Porter, Ph. D. preached his first anniversary sermon from Psalm 103: vii “Bless the Lord oh, my soul and forget not all his benefits.” During the year he has aimed to preach according, to the needs of the church and to reorganize the congregation and remove the causes of past trouble and to prepare for future usefulness. His first act was to put everybody to work in the sphere best suited for him. The church having gladly listened to his instructions in the gospel together with the hearty co-operation of officers and members we certainly have great financial progress resulting in the



purchase of the manse its payment and handsome increase in pastor's salary and contributions amounting to two and a half times the funds contributed the year before. The session has been improved by assuming its proper place and is now the supreme governing body of the congregation; its word is law therefore dancing is at par. The Sunday school is under good management and in elegant condition. Also the Y. P. S. C. E. The new society is fast becoming a feature in church work. A woman's missionary society has been formed and ready for business. It is said that home work will be looked after first. Each member is expected to make at least one visit during the week in this way keeping up the social interests of the church and bringing the people closer together. This feature is particularly commendable. During the past year there has been an increase of 35 per cent, or 56 members, parsonage and church have been repainted and beautified; in fact the spirituality has deepened so that whenever the reverend mentions money they commence to go down in their pockets. The past year almost \$3,400 has been raised without a struggle. Never before has the church enjoyed such peace, harmony and prosperity. Rev. Porter had formerly been a missionary among the heathen in Brazil. Bless the Lord, Oh! my soul and forget not his benefits. - Jessica.

In Spite of the Little Critics.

The people of this country are giving Gen. Shafter his due in spite of the little critics who are throwing mud at him.

Gold Bondage "Galore"

Written for the Express

By Coal Digger Johnny

Bold Shylock, gold bondage, gold bondage galore  
 Gold bondage bold Shylock would place evermore.  
 With stealthy gold bondage be cyphons our strength  
 Let us see that gold bondage has got to its length.

(Refrain)

Gold bondage bold Shylock would place evermore,  
 Bold Shylock, gold bondage, gold bondage galore

One Grover a glutton who in dark sixty-one  
 With his whiskey and mutton took nary a gun  
 Could place as tariff on yankies so blue,  
 Gold bondage in millions just two- sixty-two.  
 Refrain

See now the proud goldite to war's been hissed  
 And fearing lest this time his game would be missed  
 The war he prolongs, and Congress he hounds  
 And for six hundred million gold bondage he  
 pounds.  
 Refrain

He blockades the ports of poor Cuba distressed  
 'Till reconcentrados are starved with the rest,  
 And works for the bonds while he gloats in his greed  
 On wealth he would wring from humanity's needs.  
 Refrain

Napoleon "the straddler" thus comes to the charge.  
 By millions six hundred our debt to enlarge. The  
 fraud passed Congress neath Hobart and Czar.  
 Repub's. lay their necks for the juggernaut car.  
 Refrain

In the Senate the battle was not for awhile.  
 All dem'os. but seven, all Pope's but Kyle,  
 Fought hard 'gainst the steal, their votes in good trim.  
 To checkmate the game of bold Shylock the grim.  
 Refrain

The shrill alarm sounded by Greenback cranks  
 And Popocrat shriekers who joined their brave  
 ranks.  
 Has roused the Jacksonians in wrath to withstand  
 Gold bondage that Shylock would place on our  
 land.  
 Refrain

But goldite the greedy found traitors who'd flop

Some recreant Dem's and one backboneless Pop.  
Betrayed us again to the big banking bore  
And fastens upon us gold bondage yet more. Refrain

Republican party, gold bondage "galore,"  
Gold bondage that party would place evermore.  
Gold bondage that party continually rants  
'Tis time that our people kicked its Gold pants.

#### ANCIENT ORDER HIBERNIANS'

Annual Outing at Idlewild Park, Thursday, August 4,  
1898.

Special trains will leave Uniontown 7:10 a. m., and  
Pittsburg 8:10 a.m., making principal stops, at which  
special excursion tickets will be sold. This will include  
Herminie and Madison, on the Hempfield Branch.

## Chapter 20

### PITCAIRN EXPRESS

#### August 1898 Local News Items

August 4, 1898

#### LOCAL NEWS.

Peace.

Cuba Libre!

Puerto Rico. U. S. A.

Commissioner to settle Philippines

The wild waves are rejoicing with swell airs.

The olive branch and the white dove reigns at last.

The earth is the first revolver of which we have any record.

The bachelor leads a single life, but the married man is often led.

When one boy sees another eating something he always gets hungry.

The P. R. R. Y. M. C. A. flag has been replaced by a 20x30 foot one.

Braddock's new postmaster, C. H. Sheets, took charge of the office on Monday.

The pet fox of H. S. Landis lays for chickens, whilst the chickens lay for Landis.

The suspended shopmen have all been taken back and put to work again at eight hours per day.

The mail clerk missed his train this morning, consequently we could not send out or receive any early morning mail.

Mrs. Leamon and Mrs. Dickey, of Tarentum, have been entertained for the past week by their cousin, Mrs. H. L. Young.

Contractor F. R. Hamerly will soon commence the building of another dwelling house on Seventh street for Mr. Robinson.

Richard Boycott last week received the contract for carrying the mails from the postoffice to the railroad station and vice versa.

Mr. George Coursin, whose home is in Florida amongst the orange groves, is visiting his brothers, J. Frank and Charles Coursin, of this place.

Mr. Cyrus Gross, of Greensburg, has engaged Miss Mamie Chamberlain, of Broadway, and taken her to Greensburg. Our congratulations are extended Mr. G.

A. K. Bash, the Gent's Furnisher on Broadway, has added a repair shop to his shoe department. A competent shoemaker will have charge, and be found ready and willing at all times to do repair work.

Wheat is lower in price than it has been for a long time, being a dull sale at 63 to 64 cents. A little over two months ago it was sold for \$1.85 per bushel, when Joe Leiter went "dead broke."

Why is it parents can try to teach the public temperance, religion and morality, and cannot teach their own sons even decency? The language of one the other night on Broadway would make angels weep.

Amongst the many removals from our village, none has been more regretted, by those who have been closely acquainted with the Peoples family, than the removal of Mrs. Peoples, her son Cooper and her daughters, on Tuesday last to Brushton. Verily what is our loss is Brushton's gain.

Spain accepts the inevitable and gives up the unequal contest accepting the terms of peace dictated by president McKinley, thus ending the war. Whilst there are many little conditions yet to be gone over the main questions have been settled by Spain agreeing to all the demands of the United States,

The tent meetings are being well attended.

A. O. Evans is now doing business in the new block.

Solomen said it all; there is nothing left for us but a little remodeling.

It may pain a mother when she corrects her naughty offspring, but not in the same place.

Frank Toohill, Jr., our popular Wall avenue business man, is enjoying a two-weeks vacation in and about Nashville, Tenn.

Louis Brickle has sold his property on Second street and removed his tonsorial parlor to the Wallace building, on Broadway.

Are you going to Conneaut Lake, with Wilmerding Lodge 319, Knights of Pythias, on August 6, and have a good time?

A large number of locomotive engineers and their families of this place, attended the B. of L. E. picnic at Idlewild, Saturday last.

Misses Eva and Anna Mahaffey, who have been visiting their cousin, Miss Minnie A. Young, returned to their home, Rural Ridge, Pa., Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Gress, of Third street, left for an extended visit to Conneaut Lake and other places of interest. Amos, Mr. Gress' brother, and Mr. H. V. Naley, of Manor, have charge of the pharmacy during the formers vacation.

We regret very much the necessity of removing the arc light at the bridge leading to and from our railroad station, but admit that it was necessary, on account of the small boys who loaf around it at night and whose parents have no knowledge of their actions. It is the old saying verified "the many have to suffer for the few."

Quite a jolly crowd left Wilmerding Sunday morning last to spend the day at New Florence, where "him" singing and recitations were the order of the day. As we have not seen our old friend, Norris—the hermit of the ridge—we cannot give; a detailed account of what transpired but the boys have the right spirits to enjoy and entertain wherever they go.

Rev. G. A. Landis, who for the past sixteen years has been doing missionary work at Brazil, with his wife and seven children made a surprise visit on the Rev. T. J. Porter, Third street, yesterday morning. The Reverends were college chums and worked on the foreign missionary field together for some years, as missionaries of the Presbyterian church of America.

There is complaint being made by both Patton township and Pitcairn people at the refuse being hauled up the run between here and the Catholic church and dumped, which creates a stench and at the first high water is washed down into our borough. It seems strange that people will insist on going up stream to empty their refuse matter when they know water runs down stream. Let us be more careful in the future and thus aid our board of health in its sanitary work.

From Our Man About Town.

Born to the wife of H. W. Borst, a girl.

Born to the wife of Harry Woods, a girl.

Born to Mrs. Connor—nee Fairfax—a girl.

Born to the wife of Rev. Thomas J. Porter, a girl.

Verily the war will soon be over, according to an old maxim.

J. L. McKeever, administrator of the Laughlin estate, is in town to-day.

Mrs. Logan of Seventh street was called to Allegheny yesterday by the serious illness of her sister.

D. W. Shupe, the gentlemanly agent of S. D. Ache & Co., of Pittsburg, was in town yesterday.

James Auston, of the Bloomfield Electric Company, was a visitor to the Reed House Tuesday night.

Contractor Palmer is placing the joists in the new school house and getting ready for the brick work.

Mrs. J. D. Laughlin, formerly of Pitcairn but now of Irwin, is visiting her many friends in Pitcairn this week.

Mrs. Crayton, of Pittsburg, spent Tuesday last with her aunt, and cousins Mrs. and the Misses Fairfax, of Third street.

Henry Logan, of Seventh street, started to work yesterday after a layoff of six weeks, having been caught by the "bumpers."

Smith Hostetter and Charles Decker have returned from the wild and woolly West. They claim the wind is so strong out there they have got to spike the bark to the trees.

Joseph McDowell, whose mother resides on the lower end of Third street, came home from Chicago yesterday, and was married to Miss Theresa Spanier, one of the Windy City's handsome young ladies. Accept congratulations Joe. - Jessica.

The Oddfellows' excursion train off the West Penn, on their return from Idlewild last night backed over the

switch at Blairsville Intersection upsetting the rear coach and fatally injuring Mrs. McClelland, of New Florence the Postmasters wife, many others were injured but it is hoped not seriously.

How's This for Timothy Hay?

Michael Toohill, Tuesday, left a small bunch of timothy hay in this office as a sample of what can be raised in this valley. The stalks measured five feet four inches and stood strong and erect. It takes but a few stalks of this hay to make a bale, and was raised by Mr. Toohill on his place above town. Samples still in our show window. Bill Morrow may doubt this, but if he eats hay and will come down here I will set him up a lunch of the finest timothy, with a wash down of the longest rye he ever seen.

Notice to Business Men in General.

Notice is hereby given to business men in Pitcairn and vicinity not to sell anything to my wife—Mrs. J. Clutter—on my account, as I will not be responsible for any accounts that may be contracted by her. - James M. Clutter.

Y. M. C. A. Notes,

Tent meeting to-night. Come.

Have you been attending the tent meetings?

The ministers of our town have decided to hold the tent meetings another week in conjunction with the P. R. R. Y, M. C. A.

The prayer of Rev. Hall, Tuesday night, in behalf of the future generation was grand, showing the great responsibility of parents for their children - the future Dewey's and Shafters,

The meeting Tuesday evening was of the best order. A male quartette from Wilmerding sang Wednesday evening, and this Thursday evening a Miss Frickie, of

East End Pittsburg, will assist the choir. Be sure and come.

George W. Flowers, Attorney.  
No. 440 Diamond Street, Pittsburg.  
Orphans' Court Sale.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT BY virtue of an order Issued out of the Orphans Court of Allegheny County, there will be exposed to sale by public venue or outcry on the premises, on

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1st, 1898,  
at 10 O'Clock A, M, the following described real estate situated in the

Borough of Pitcairn,  
Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows; Being all of lot No. 30 and all of lot No. 13 in the Plan of the Walls Improvement Co., except 18 feet front on the west side of lot 13 fronting on Broad Street 18 feet and running back of equal width and parallel with the west line of which divides lot 13 and lot 12 extend back even width to the alley, bounded on the front by Broad Street on the East by McGinnis Avenue on the North by the Alley and on the West by land of Harriete Mattox in plan of lots laid out by Walls Improvement Co., in Patton Township, County of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania.

Said piece of land having thereon erected a frame, slate root building known as a

Planing Mill

together with the boilers, engines and machinery usually belonging thereto, late the real estate of J. D. Laughlin deceased

Terms of Sale:

Fifteen per cent cash in hand, balance of one-half on confirmation and remainder in one year. Deferred payments to bear interest from date of confirmation and to be secured by bond and mortgage with 30 day Scire Facias, insurance and 65 per cent commision clauses. Sale to be conducted by

J. L. McKeever, Administrator.

Notice—All accounts on the books of J. D. Laughlin not closed at once will be left in the hands of an attorney for collection.

J. L. McKeever

A Close Call to Death.

Friday last, Esq. Jones, who resides near Stewart Station, while driving along the "narrows" above the Brinton school house, came near losing his life as well as that of his family. In trying to pass a team they met on the road, the 'Squires buggy was backed over a perpendicular embankment of 50 feet or more. The horse, however, kept the footing it had on the roadway, and refused to be dragged down by the buggy and its load. In haste the occupants scrambled over the shafts to safety, and with the assistance of George Brinton and others passing at the time, succeeded in drawing the vehicle back upon the roadway. Mr. Jones says it was the closest call of his life.

DELIGHTFUL VACATION TRIP.

Tour to the North via Pennsylvania Railroad  
Visiting Watkins Glen, Niagara Falls, Thousand Islands. Quebec, Montreal, Au Sable Chas., Lake Champlain and Lake Saratoga, and the Highlands of the Hudson. Leave Philadelphia by special train August 16. The tour will be in charge of one of the company's tourist agents. An experienced chaperon will also accompany the party, having especial charge of unescorted ladies.

The rate of \$100 from New York. Brooklyn, Newark, Trenton, Philadelphia, Harrisburg, Baltimore, and Washington covers railway and boat hire for the entire round trip, parlor, car seats, meals en route, hotel entertainment, transfer charges, carriage hire—in fact, every item of necessary expense.

For detailed Itinerary, tickets, or any additional Information, address Tourist Agent, Pennsylvania Railroad Company, 1196 Broadway, New York; 860 Fulton Street. Brooklyn; 789 Broad Street. Newark, N. J.; or Geo. W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia.

What About Pitcairn?

The Greensburg, Jeannette & Pittsburg Electric railway will be greatly improved at an early date. At

this end of the road the line will be extended from its present terminus, Manor station, to Wilmerding, and will there effect a junction with the Second avenue line, and by this route outer Pittsburg. We believe it would be worth our while to induce them to enter our town and pass along Broadway, therefore securing at least one paved street in our village. That strangers desiring building sites would be more impressed by such a measure we firmly believe, and in the end we would be the gainers.

Exempt From War Tax.

Internal Revenue Commissioner Scott has decided that checks, drafts, orders, vouchers or warrants of town, municipal and State officers, drawn in an official capacity in discharge of duties imposed by law or local ordinance, are not subject to the war tax.

**August 11, 1898**

**LOCAL NEWS.**

This issue is missing.

**August 18, 1898**

**LOCAL NEWS.**

Philippines—"uit."

Dewey did it again.

Get it out of the wet!

The tent meetings are over.

Our boys and girls should not eat all of the Philipinas.

Ground is being broke for another residence on Fourth street.

The question of our doctors. "What will the harvest be?"

Trimble and Miller were again to work last week on Third street.

If all reports are true the doctors here can look for a harvest this fall yet.

Charles Thomas, of Hillside avenue, is suffering from an attack of pleurisy.

That rain Sunday afternoon reminds one of the music from a phonograph—it just gushed out.

Mr. J. N. Stouffer has moved with his family into the handsome brick building on Third street.

F. X. Toohill, Jr., of the firm of Toohill Bros, returned last week from Nashville, Tenn., where he spent two weeks recuperating.

Now save your flags for Labor Day and let us try and have something—even if it should only be a watermelon on that day.

The religious services which have been so successfully conducted the past week by our local clergy, came to a close Sabbath afternoon last.

There seems to be much scandal in our town at present, assailing some of our best people, which reminds us of one of Shakespeare's plays, "Much ado about nothing."

Patrick Corbett, of San Francisco, Cal., father of James J. Corbett, the pugilist, shot and killed his wife at 5 o'clock Tuesday morning and then shot and killed himself.

Don't forget to attend the Robert Pitcairn Military Band's series of three night's dancing, commencing to-night. Tickets \$1—good for the series—three night's dancing.

The assessor would have no trouble taxing at least 1,001 dogs in this borough at the present time, and 990 of them are entirely useless to both the owners and the owners' neighbors.

Our jovial friend Mr. Joseph Patrick Larkins of Pgh. transfer is summering at "Butler Soap Mines." The boys of the Transfer hopes that he will enjoy his vacation and return to his work with renewed vigor.

J. T. Harris found a cyclometer on the railroad tracks near the station on Saturday last. All he needs now is to be the lucky finder of a good wheel and he will get over his paper route in quick time.

George Bitter, 12 years old, of Grandview avenue, Allegheny, was drowned in the Ohio river at the mouth of Jacks run while bathing Sunday. This was the 70th drowning reported to the coroner since the beginning of 1898.

Saturday, was the day this time, set by Admiral Dewey for the Spanish general at Manila to either surrender the city or be convinced of general Sherman's definition of war. Having not yet heard of the peace protocol, surrender followed.

Harry, the five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Simpson, of Eighth street, died Friday last of diphtheritic croup. The remains were interred in Greensburg cemetery. Rev. G. W. Sherrick was the officiating minister.

Mrs. G. W. Sherrick, of Brinton avenue, left home on Monday last for Everson Pa., where she will enjoy a few days of much needed rest.

Blanco will be madder than ever when they begin to spring the gag, "Let us C-U-B-A-going."

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Gress returned home on Friday last from a well-earned summer vacation, which they spent at Conneaut Lake.

Mrs. J. R. McDowell and family, of Second street, are spending their summer vacation at Mrs. McDowell's home, in Clearfield County,

The bicycle riders are filing objections to the railroad company placing long ties across their pathway between here and Wilmerding.

The festival given by Excelsior hose company, No. 1, on Broadway, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, was a successful affair.

Edgar E. Mattox, of Industry, Beaver county, formerly one of Pitcairn's bright young men, is the guest of Pitcairn friends this week.

The picnic at Brinton's grove, yesterday, given by the McGinnis Presbyterian church was a nice little affair. Many happy events were enjoyed by both young and old.

The Pitcairn Express is howling for a board of trade. Oh, pshaw, Keck, what you want is a good, strong jail.—Irwin Standard. Thinking the matter over, Morrow, I believe you are right.

The man who was killed at Brinton station on Monday night by a Pennsylvania railroad train was identified Tuesday by his wife as William E. Watson, of Pittsburg. He was an iron molder, and had been at Homestead looking for work.

Mrs. Wm. A. Pecht, of Huntingdon, Pa., is visiting her son and daughter Mr. I. H. Pecht and Mrs. Charles Mattern. She is accompanied by her daughter, Miss Ida May, of Philadelphia, who is supervisor of music in the public schools of that city.

Mrs. Kistler, of Eighth street, who has been sick for the past few weeks, is lying very low at the present writing. We hope for her speedy recovery, and if strict



attendance, good nursing and kind wishes will give it she will again regain her health quickly.

The women of Braddock are about to take up a crusade to prevent loafing and spitting up the street. Braddock avenue is the principal street of the town, and on it all the young men of the town congregate and loaf. An ordinance will probably be passed prohibiting such conduct.

W. A. Baker, who but recently moved here with his family from Birmingham, Huntingdon county, Pa., died Friday last of typhoid fever at his home on Sixth street. Rev. McClennahan, of Allegheny, conducted the services at Baker's home. The remains were taken to Birmingham for interment.

James O. Howell, the leading grocer of Irwin, Monday morning made an assignment for the benefit of his creditors. No schedule of assets and liabilities is given, but it is expected that creditors will receive dollar for dollar. Dull business and slow collections caused the assignment. The failure is also attributed indirectly to the burning of the Penn plate glass factory in April, the establishment having had a big trade from glass workers.

Mr. and Mrs. William Tilbrook, of Ninth street, are stricken down with typhoid fever

Mrs. D. P. Highberger and Mrs. Herbert Troup, both of Wilksburg, mother and sister of H. J. Highberger, of Third street, were the guests of Mr. Highberger on Wednesday last.

Worse, And More Of It.

Communicated:

Editor Express: Dear Sir: In last week's issue of the Express I see an article signed "Teamster" which I very much approve of, but why does not "Teamster" show what our street commissioner has done for the \$765 dollars he drew from the borough funds last year? No doubt he earned it, but what have we to show for

it? Our hose houses, bridge and contract work are paid for outside of this sum. And why does he not show amounts paid Trimble & Miller for surveys, and for what?

It would make interesting reading for general taxpayer. Also, why the road and bridge near the blacksmith shop is in such good repair, and the bridge so much traveled, on Broadway, below Centre avenue, is in the worst of order? He would not have much trouble, we think, to even find warrants which have passed the banks in favor of Trimble & Miller without being signed by the Burgess then presiding, showing the demands of this championed firm to be beyond the control of our Executive.

Being a hill resident or a teamster or a school supporter does not seem to count with some particular persons, and there are many taxpayers in favor of "Teamster's" suggestion to open Centre avenue up to the hill.

We are informed by parties who are in a position to know, that the present surveyors have been paid enough by the borough in the last two years to open a good road from Centre avenue to Seventh street, and what has the taxpayer got to show for it? Why not go further, and ask our Executive to see that his officers execute and enforce what laws and ordinances Council has acted upon? If the officers refuse to perform their duty—or even the Executive himself—there is recourse, and why not resort to it? - Taxpayer.

Brief mention.

Born to the wife of Sam Brendlinger—a son.

Miss Owens is visiting Miss Grace Ambrose, at Ligonier Pa.

Mrs. S. S. McCormick and family have returned from a visit to Altoona.

The Presbyterian picnic at Brinton's grove Wednesday, was a success.

Harry Borland, of Wilkinsburg, is visiting Samuel McCormick, on Second street.

Mrs. Esq. Grahame, of Pleasant Unity, Pa., is visiting Mrs. E. T. Ludwick, on Sixth street.

Quite a number of our people are attending the Christian Endeavor picnic at Idlewild, to-day.

It is to be hoped our citizens will turn out and encourage the dance given by the "Band Boys" this week. They are indispensable and must be supported. The band will play while the dance goes on, so if you never danced in your life dance now. - Jessica.

#### Y. M. C. A'S KEEP IT UP.

Columbia Fell Before Them Saturday, but Died Hard. The game of ball played here Saturday last between the Y. M. C. A. team of this place and the Columbia Athletic Club of Pittsburg was in many respects an unusually good one. It was intensely exciting from start to finish. Stottler, the regular pitcher was on the rubber for the Y. M. C. A. and he was mainly responsible for the Y. M. C. A.'s victory. The features of the game was the pitching of Stottler who struck out 18 men, and the catching of Miller, who has 16 put-outs to his credit. Stricker, Lippert and Reis played good ball for Columbia.

#### YELLOWSTONE PARK AND OMAHA EXPOSITION.

The personally-conducted tour of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, which leaves New York on September 1, affords the most satisfactory means of visiting this wonderland and viewing its marvelous features. A stop of two days will be made on the return trip at Omaha, affording an opportunity to visit the Trans-Mississippi Exposition. Tourists will travel by special train, of Pullman smoking, dining, sleeping, and observation cars in each direction. Eight days will be spent in the Park. A stop will also be made returning at Chicago. The round-trip rate \$235 from New York,

Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington, \$230 from Pittsburg, covers all necessary expenses.

For detailed itineraries and full information apply to ticket agents. Tourist Agent, 1196 Broadway, New York, or address Geo. W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station. Philadelphia.

#### Of Importance to Voters.

Pay your own taxes or you can't vote. The act of July 16, 1897, provides, that from and after the passage of this act it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to pay or cause to be paid any occupation or poll tax assessed against an elector, except on the written and signed order of such elector authorizing such payment to be made, which written and signed order must be presented at least thirty days prior to the date of holding the election at which such elector desires to vote. Any person violating this act is subject to imprisonment for a term of not less than twenty days and not exceeding six months, or by fine not exceeding two hundred dollars.

All voters should pay their own taxes and take no chances of violating this law

#### A Daring Thief.

The ticket office of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company in Union station was robbed of \$210 at 9:20 o'clock Sunday night in the presence of nearly 50 persons and while the agent in charge was scarcely 10 feet away.

#### August 25, 1898 LOCAL NEWS.

Shopmen's picnic Saturday.

Frank Bros. have opened up a new drug store on Broadway.

Born, to the wife of Harry Cameron, on the 23d inst., a girl.

Council has adopted the motto of “try, try again,” to get a quorum.

Mr. O’Brien, humane agent at Pittsburg, was in our town on Monday last.

C. W. Palmer has broken ground for a dwelling house on Sixth street, for John O’Neil.

Our readers will be pleased to learn that the P. R. R. shops are again working ten hours a day.

Rev. H. L. Smith, pastor of the M. E. church, left on Monday for a ten-day vacation in Clarion county.

John C. McGinnis and wife, of Wall avenue, are spending a few week’s vacation at Cambridge Springs Pa.

Spain publishes fewer newspapers than are issued in the state of Illinois. She has a population of 18,000,000.

A large delegation of railroad men and their friends from this place attended the firemen’s picnic at Cresson on Saturday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Ferguson, of Stewart Station, left on Monday last for a week’s visit to Mr. Ferguson’s parents in Mercer county.

The picnic to be held at Idlewild Park by the shopmen next Saturday promises to be a big affair. Over 1,000 tickets have already been sold.

George Hobaugh and family, Elmer Blystone and family, and John Hobaugh, attended a reunion of the Hobaugh family near Murrysville, on Monday last.

The brick work on the new school house is about completed. Contractor Palmer assures us he will have at least one room ready for the teachers by the opening of school.

The boardwalk along Wall avenue, from Third street, to Agatha street, is in such a bad state of affairs that it is dangerous to walk along it in day time not alone at night.

Miss Behe, of Cresson, sister of Jerome Behe, of Second street, and John H. Dailey, our popular Broadway grocer, have had their bans announced for their marriage September 13.

Hobart Mechling wears a 10x12 smile. The cause of all Mr. Mechling’s joy is the fact that last week he became the father of a bouncing big boy. Mother and child are both doing well.

A man owes his first duty to himself, his next to his town and neighbor, and instead of trying for a “chunk” of tax money it should be his aim to work for the interest of his borough and its laws.

“Coon hunting” is now at its best. The woods adjacent to a good cornfield, is the place for the sport. A large iron pot is used with which to capture the animals, and plenty of good butter and salt should be taken along as bait.

Albert Palmer was placed in jail Friday on a charge of larceny preferred by M. E. Brown, of Blairsville. The young man was not able to furnish bail and will languish in jail until September term of court. - Indiana Democrat.

We notice in our travels to and from the city that when a conductor of a train calls to his passengers, “this way out,” that they are sure to go out at the other end of the car, presumably to make the brakeman run down to their end of the car to help them off.

We observe our school children smiling their approval as our new building progresses. It means much to them.

Charles Koch, our popular P. M. has returned from Atlantic City, where he took his daughter Mollie, for a little recreation.

Rev. R. L. Porter, of Columbia, O., visited his brother, Rev. T. J. Porter, pastor of the Presbyterian church, on Thursday last.

Martin Beatty, our genial Wall avenue tonsorial artist, will leave on Saturday for Niagara Falls and the lakes. He will return Monday.

Whilst the inclement weather greatly interfered with the three-night dance of our band last week, they realized very handsomely, and deserve it.

L. S. Jackson, a car repairman in the P. R. R. shops, Friday last had his foot broken by a car being pushed back upon it. He was sent to the West Penn hospital.

The republicans of Pitcairn borough will hold their primaries at the office of Esq. Scott, on Broadway, next Saturday, August 27, between the hours of 2 and 7 o'clock p. m.

J. R. McDowell, our popular hardware man, is wrestling along in bachelordom. He says "life is not all a pleasant dream," and longs for the return of his family.

The Braddock school board held a meeting Saturday evening and elected George C. Taylor truant officer. It was decided to hold a meeting next Saturday at the Third ward school building of teachers and directors to formulate plans for the coming year.

H. M. Butler, the renowned depot-master at Union station, Pittsburg, and father of our popular passenger conductor, Charles Butler, took suddenly ill Monday forenoon last and had to be carried to his home, where medical aid was summoned. We understand he is in a fair way to recovery.

William Padzder, of Seventh street, an employee of the P. R. R. car shops at this place, had his ankle badly crushed on Saturday last by a heavy piece of timber falling on it. Dr. Montgomery dressed the injured member and he was taken to his home.

James Smith, Esq., the popular railroad man, has announced himself as a candidate for nomination for State Legislator from the 42nd district. Mr. Smith has the endorsement of the best democrats in this end of the county, and if nominated will put up a stiff fight.

Joe Wallace, the Italian who was cut in the East End Friday night, is improving under treatment at the Mercy hospital and will probably recover. The man who did the cutting has not been arrested.—Pittsburg Post. Now just which end of Joe is his east end we are at a loss to know.

Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Patch, of Wilmerding, are sojourning amongst the islands of Canada, having visited at Niagara and Toronto on their way. A letter just received from T. S. says as yet, he has found no place like Pitcairn, or Wilmerding. Brother John is looking after the thirsty mortals and keeping cool beverages for his at home patrons.

John Faulkner, a Pennsylvania railroad brakeman, was run over and instantly killed while at work in the yards at this place on Tuesday afternoon about 8 o'clock. He was on a draft of cars that were being shifted to another track, and in putting on a brake the chain broke and he fell under the cars. His body was taken to Dennison, O., for interment. The Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen have charge of the funeral. Faulkner was 23 years old and single and boarded at Old Wall.

We are sorry to announce the serious illness by diphtheria of the little son of J. A. Witter, of Sixth street.

It is not only unfair to whip the willing horse, but cussed mean for absentees from council meetings to prevent the willing men from working for the interest of the borough.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Hallinger, of Lebanon, Pa., are being entertained by Mrs. and Mr. Frank Lasher. Mr. Hallinger thinks well of our town, and believes it would be a good place to locate, of course he has not seen "Gobler's Nob" yet.

The democratic primaries will be held at the office of Holbaugh Bros, corner Broadway and Centre avenue, Saturday 27th, between the hours of five and seven o'clock in the evening for the purpose of electing delegates to the several conventions as well as county committeemen.

The young lads who threw stones through the windows of one of the P. R. R. accommodation trains the other day were arrested and fined. Why parents will permit their children to resort along the railroad, when they have had a foretaste of the dangerous habit, we cannot understand.

Alfred Kagy, employed as a call boy by the Pennsylvania Company, was killed on the Pennsylvania railroad Sunday night. While crossing the tracks at Twenty-eighth street to put some mail on an east bound train, and failing to notice an approaching westbound train, he was struck by the latter. His left leg and arm were torn from his body.

An Indiana farmer who has always been noted for his strict religious views is now teaching his children to shoot, using the leaves of his bible for targets. He asserts that the American gunners have done more good in the Philippines and in Cuba in 30 days than the bible has done in 400 years, and hereafter the sword and the gun will have first honors in rearing his family.

Glen Smith, brother of Rev. H. L. Smith, of this place, accidentally shot himself through the hand on Saturday

morning last. Mr. Smith was playing with a revolver and in some manner the cylinder got caught and refused to revolve, and it was while in the act of adjusting the difficulty that the weapon was discharged. The doctors at the hospital said no bones were broken. Mr. Smith did not know the weapon was loaded.

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### Y. M. C. A. Still Winning.

The third game of the season between the Pennsylvania railroad Y. M. C. A. team and the Wilmerding Y. M. C. A. team was witnessed here on Saturday with quite a good deal of anxiety. The games stood one a piece, and the two teams came together with great determinations. Happily it was soon revealed that the Wilmerding boys were outclassed, and but for the carelessness of some of our boys they would have been shut out entirely. Nevertheless it was a good game.

The game next Saturday will be between our own and the Mt. Washington Athletic club.

The Altoona P. R. R. Y. M. C. A. will visit us and play Saturday Sept. 3d. Our team is planning to entertain them royally.

Our meeting last Sunday, conducted by Mr. J. H. Smith, was one of the best we ever held. Mr. George Calder, of Omaha, Neb., was present and thrilled the meeting with his earnest words. He will address the meeting next Sabbath, every man is cordially invited. Come. - M. W. C.

#### Largest Flag in the World at Tyrone.

Saturday, August 20, was a great day at Tyrone. On that day the largest American flag ever made was unfurled between the mountain tops over the beautiful Juniata valley, and the rock-bound hills re-echoed the triumphant cheers of a patriotic multitude. The flag is over 100 feet in length.

#### Rough Rider Returns Home.

William Weldon, a member of Troop B, Sixth United States Cavalry, returned to his home in McKeesport, Monday night, from Santiago. He is a mere shadow of his former self having been a sufferer from fever for several weeks. He landed at Santiago with the Rough Riders, and took part in both battles they fought, coming out without a wound.

#### The Flight of Our Army.

The army of the United States is in flight. Not from the Spanish soldiers shooting Mauser rifles at our boys in blue fleeing; but from yellow fever, malarial fever, typhoid fever; and not only from Santiago, but from Chickamauga, Tampa, and Jacksonville are they hastening north from the only enemy that could quell their spirit, and make their officers insubordinate to the command of their superiors. Thousands of them come, after a few weeks of campaigning in Cuba, broken down in spirit; and hundreds of them will never come back, but lie in tropical graves, the victims of the pestilence that walketh in darkness and the destruction that wasteth at noonday.

So far as the sacrifices made to disease have been unavoidable, the country will hear its loss with resignation; but already a blaze of indignation is sweeping over the country for the sacrifices that were

not unavoidable, The country is demanding to know who is responsible for the condition of the ships that brought the wounded from Santiago; who is to blame for insufficient medical supplies after the battles at Santiago; who is to blame for the unsanitary condition of the Southern camps.

These questions are all pertinent, and must be answered.

#### Counterfeiter Held For Court.

James H. Fossett, of East Pittsburg, was held for court by United States Commissioner Lindsay Saturday on the charge of passing counterfeit money. He was arrested by Burgess M. H. Ferrell, of East Pittsburg. Burgess Ferrell said much of the bad money had been in circulation and that some had been found in the possession of Fossett. The accused pleaded not guilty.

The government has offers for the construction of 28 torpedo boats and torpedo boat destroyers, to cost not exceeding \$6,900,000, the largest single addition to the navy yet made.

#### Big Coal Land Deal Reported,

A New York syndicate, headed by J. Pierpont Morgan, is said to have purchased a large tract of coal land in Penn and Plum townships, this county.

#### Eight Men Killed.

Eight men were killed and four injured Monday night by the caving in of a tunnel at Glendale, about one mile beyond Carnegie, on the Chartiers division of the Panhandle railroad.

## Chapter 21

### PITCAIRN EXPRESS

#### September 1898 Local News Items

September 1, 1898

#### LOCAL NEWS.

Labor day next.

After labor day days of labor will follow.

Our public schools will open Monday, September 19.

J. A. Pennington, of Second street has been granted a patent on a nut-lock.

Sam'l Loutzenhiser, of Third street, has returned from a week's vacation at Atlantic City.

Born to Mrs. Harry Naley, Monday last, a girl. Harry smileth and grandpa Newlin feels much older.

C. M. Liggett and family drove to Washington county to spend a vacation of two weeks visiting friends.

The Sunday picnic below town last Sunday, we are sorry to say, was patronized by some Pitcairn people.

The number of drunks and scraps each Saturday night is entirely too large for a town noted for peace and good order.

Turtle Creek patrons of the Pennsylvania railroad, are proud of the floral decorations and the beautiful lawn at their station.

Mr. John Snyder has broken ground for another new dwelling house on Second street, the property of Mrs. Marion Hout,

Master Everett and Miss Margaret Sherrick accompanied Rev. G. H. Sherrick to Scottdale last Saturday, returning home Monday.

Passenger Conductor Cowie, of the Pennsylvania railroad, had the honor of taking care of the special train carrying President McKinley.

At the republican primaries held at Esq. Scott's office \_\_\_\_\_ was nominated for county convention. The vote was very light on account of shopmen's picnic.

The Fox Hunter's picnic was a grand moonlight affair, and pronounced the most orderly of the season's dances, reflecting great credit upon the management.

Pitcairn soldiers who went to the front will soon return. They will likely be mustered out this week. Dick Owens was seen a few minutes on the train last week and says "he did it."

Patrick Conroy, who was committed to jail Sunday evening last by Justice of the Peace Autus, of East Pittsburg, was one of the bartenders at the Saengerfest picnic, below town, Sunday last.

Dr. Montgomery received from the west a pair of fine pointer dogs Tuesday morning—a three-months old puppy and its mother. The dogs stood the trip well and present a good appearance.

Our friend, Wm. Barnhart, who is fast gaining a reputation as a plumber, has the contract for plumbing the Tarr property, on Second street. Both hot and cold water is being run through the entire building.

Mrs. Hammerly, while coming home from church meeting last week, fell on, or rather off, the boardwalk on Third street, sustaining slight injuries. John Warner also stepped in a broken place on the same walk, severely spraining his ankle.

The Lutheran school-term 1898-99 —will begin Monday, September 5, Rev. Koenig teacher. Mr. Koenig has won the high esteem of his entire congregation, as well as the love of all his scholars,

and his work amongst them is bearing abundance of fruit.

A letter dated July 28th, Camp Dewey, Manila Bay, has just been received from Harry Evans, who left his job of "firing" here for the Pennsylvania railroad to join the Tenth Pennsylvania volunteers, which is now at Manila. Harry speaks well of all his officers, and says the health of the boys is good. He sends his regards to all "the boys" and speaks in highest terms of Admiral Dewey.

The big hospital train which passed through here Monday last attracted considerable attention.

Since his return from Atlantic City, Western District Passenger Agent Thomas E. Watt has been busy making out his report of the Idlewild excursion business. It is said that the business handled was heavier this year than ever before.

Peace has received a great deal of praise from its supporters—from Spanish as well as American diplomats. But we think, from the present outlook, Sherman's definition of war would be very applicable to the present peace conditions of our Army

Our borough officials should have made a raid on one of our public street corners last Sunday night—or at least secured a list of those who make life a burden to peaceful citizens, their wives and families, and issued warrants for them the next morning.

The democrat primaries held here Saturday last resulted as follows: For county convention, James Duffy; congressional convention, George Hobaugh; senatorial convention, J. S. Lichtenfels; legislative contention, Fred Gillespie; county committee, J. C. McGinnis and M. L. Keck.

The Pennsylvania lines and the Baltimore & Ohio are hauling an immense amount of fruit from the central part of Ohio. The peach crop is immense all over the

State, and thousands of carloads of the finest kind of that fruit will be hauled East and West from the Buckeye State.

Patton township's school board has made friends with its entire roll of scholars as well as parents. At their meeting last week they purchased a library of 300 volumes, and a Webster's dictionary with easel and stand for each and every school. A number of charts illustrating the scholar's lessons have also been ordered and will be on in time to aid the teachers in impressing upon the young mind the lessons which become tedious and tiresome to learn through books alone. The board of directors deserve great praise for their untiresome zeal in making their township schools equal to the best in the county.

A very pleasant surprise party was held at the home of Mr. Wallace Fresh on Thursday evening, August 25, in which a few hours was spent in dancing. Among those present were: Misses Lizzie Sheriden, Hattie Hilind, Esther Walters, Lillian Reed, Bessie Reed, Nellie Sheriden, and Messrs. Lou Eberly, Harry Burleigh, Ed. Hendricks, R. Fitzsimmons and Prof. George Litte, Mrs. Beck, of Wilkinsburg, and Mr. and Mrs. Fresh, of Pitcairn. Music by the Ideal Mandolin and Guitar club of Wilkinsburg.

Col. John Irwin, of the Pittsburg Transfer station, will leave in a few days on his annual vacation. He will visit Philadelphia, New York, New Jersey and Massachusetts, and will spend considerable time at the Thousand Islands, Clayton, N. Y., and at Ocean Grove, N. J. Mr. Irwin is a very popular railroad man, and is a veteran in the service, having been connected with the Pennsylvania railroad for the past thirty-five years. He is at present chief clerk in the claim department at the transfer station, Wall, Pa. Mr. Irwin has always been noted for his strict integrity, his polite management and his executive ability. He is a man that does one good to meet, and his genial disposition has made for him many friends. He is a resident of the 19th ward, Pittsburg, and has a very pretty home at 119



Mayflower street, where he resides with his family, consisting of his wife and two sons—Carlin and Fayette. In politics Mr. Irwin votes the prohibition ticket.

Democratic county convention in Pittsburg to day.

Rev. D. Speck, of Mt. Nebo, near Scottsdale, conducted the services at the U. B. church Sunday last.

H. S. Armagost and Mr. Mohny will open a hardware store in the Mattox building on Brinton avenue.

Alger is responsible for Algerism in hospital and camps, but McKinley is responsible for Alger and his cabinet.

Mr. Homer Fritchman, our courteous ticket agent, will leave early next week with his family for a three weeks tour in the West. Mrs. Fritchman and child will stop off in in Iowa with friends, while Homer goes on to South Dakota to enjoy the early fall duck shooting.

A Letter From Cuba.

Mr. Joe Shuster last week received the following letter from Louis E. Lamprecht. Sergeant, Co. G.

Seventeenth Infantry, in regards to the death of his brother-in-law:

Santiago de Cuba, August 4, 1898.

Mr. Joseph Shuster, Pitcairn, Pa.

Dear Sir:—The commanding officer of Co. G, Seventeenth infantry instructs me to answer your letter front July 21, 1898. You would have been notified sooner, had we known your address. I wish I could give you better news, but your brother-in-law, Leonard Weber, was killed in the battle of El Caney on July 1, 1898, shot through the heart, he was buried the same day on the battlefield and while the number of the grave is not known, the grave can be readily found. Your brother-in-law was a brave boy and was cheerful up to the time he was shot, he was liked by all his comrades. Nothing was found on him but his watch,

and this with what he has in his bundle in Tampa, Fla., will be sent to his nearest relation.

The company sympathizes with you in your loss and will always remember Leonard Weber.

Yours respectfully,

Louis E. Lamprecht, Sergeant, Co. G, Seventeenth Infantry.

Unknown Hangs Himself.

Tuesday two laborers who are “batching” together on the hill above East Wilmerding found a tree in the woods that was bearing ghastly fruit. The remains of what was once a fine specimen of man was hanging by the neck about ready to fall to pieces from petrification. The flesh on the face and the eyes were eaten away, and recognition was almost impossible. He had a new pair of shoes hanging to his feet, and a pair of good pants partly covered his limbs. The corpse must have been through all the heat and rain of the past four weeks at least. No papers or identification marks were found.

Col. Smith Slowly Improving.

Col. Norman M. Smith, Eighteenth regiment, Pennsylvania volunteers who was brought home from Camp Meade in a dangerous condition resulting from sunstroke and general prostration, is resting much easier and his physician, Dr. McClelland, thinks the prospects for his recovery are bright. Col. Smith is anxious to, get back to his command, but the doctor says it will be several weeks before he can leave his room. Col. Smith is superintendent of the transfer station at this place.

An Enjoyable Outing.

The finest crowd that ever left Pitcairn was that of the Wall shop picnic to Idlewild on last Saturday, two sections being crowded to their utmost with many women and children, while the baggage car “ahead” groaned with the good things of this life carefully prepared by loving housewives, mothers and lovers, each one trying to excel in the culinary line. The first train moved out at 8:30 a. m. leaving many outsiders at

the station in doubt as to their chances, but fears were dispelled when Superintendent J. F. Coursin passed around announcing that excursion rates would be given by the conductors on train on orders by R. P. to outsiders. At this point we began to realize that it meant us, and we at once began to gather up our effects and get in shape to enter the varied scenes of islands, lakes and flowers on the soft side of the coal box, seats being at par.

This being your scribe's first visit it was certainly a grand treat. At Latrobe, 25 miles east of Pitcairn, we were switched on to the Ligonier Valley railroad and taken through a lovely farming country to the base of the Chestnut Ridge. At once we were lost among the beauties of nature as they tumbled around us in their rustic grandeur. As we look up at the peaks that tower so proudly above us we think of the great work of nature in ages gone by, while the rapid waters of the mountain stream plunges down the gorge in thundering tones which dies away in the mountain pass, and as we muse in wonderland we are ushered into the region of beauty and in admiration look around upon the scenes of grandeur at Idlewild Park,

And as we meet and greet friends who had gone before and look around us at the ancient upheavals clothed in nature's green with natural springs of living water gushing from their sides and with its natural lakes and bowers of flowers we are reminded of the handiwork of our Creator. It is safe to say that this is a place where you forget all your cares, so you might just as well throw off that long face and leave it at home "for your wife." There you will soon throw off all restraint and turn in for a good time and before you know it you will forget your age and be whirling around the pavilion in the embrace of some other fellows "old" woman, or be seated in some shady nook talking to your best girl about the latest ice cream fad. The provisions made for general sports are great there being tennis courts, boats, swings, ball grounds and a bicycle course. The very air is full of pleasure. We must not lose sight of the auditorium, dining halls and ladies' cottage, which in themselves are perfection. On entering the dining-room we were heartily welcomed

by our shrewd and ever-watchful foreman, C. K. Whitmire, who tried, with General Foreman Coursin, to make it pleasant for all visitors. I would like to describe the one-horse shay but brother Keck shut me off.

Miss Mary, daughter of ex-Sheriff Wilhelm, of Uniontown, is visiting her cousins, Lillian and Bessie Reed, on Broadway.

Gov. Hastings with his hospital train passed through from Chickamauga at 2:10 p. m. on Monday. - Jessica.

Reduced Rates to Pittsburg via Pennsylvania Railroad, Account Republican State League Convention.

On account of the Republican State League Convention, to be held at Pittsburg, Pa., September 7 to 9, inclusive, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company has arranged to sell excursion tickets on September 5, 6 and 7, from all ticket stations in Pennsylvania to Pittsburg, at rate of single fare for the round trip (minimum rate, twenty-five cents.) These tickets will be valid for return passage until September 16, 1898 inclusive.

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**September 8, 1898**

**LOCAL NEWS.**

Cooler.

Dances galore.

Next week's pay week.

Use plenty of lime now.

Where are all the candidates?

Ducks are already coming from the lakes.

It's Swallow Jenks and Robb Smith this fall.

The Pittsburg exposition opened for the season of 1898 last night.

The navy has remembered the Maine and the army will not forget Alger.

John Redhead, another of our best men, has gone to Newark, O., to look after work.

Notice to contractors for grading Third street will be found in another column of this paper.

The postoffice flag tore loose from its fastenings Tuesday and remained upon the roof of the house during the day.

Our sporting fraternity held a live pigeon shoot Monday last, doing some fine work. Out of a possible 30, 29 birds were killed.

The man killed on the Pennsylvania railroad at Wilmerding Monday evening, has been identified as Michael Cady, a brickmaker.

George Hobaugh has just purchased a first-class stone crusher and will use it in filling his large contract with the Westinghouse company.

J. C. McGinnis, Esq. wife and child, returned from their outing at Cambridge Springs, Pa., Saturday last, much pleased with their two weeks stay at the Springs.

Why Councilman Black should go over to the party that tried to defeat him and "cut dead" the party that elected him, was a question not explained at the recent appointment of Council.

We are sorry to announce the removal of Mr. George McKelvey and H. B. Evans to Newark, O. Both men have been connected with the P. R. R. Co., for a number of years and were our best citizens. More work and better wages was the inducement.

W. M. Cunningham has opened a wholesale and retail produce and commission house corner of Brinton avenue and Broadway. Mr. Cunningham is well known to most of our citizens and has always been found honest and upright in all his dealings. We bespeak for him a fair share of your patronage. See ad in this paper.

A minister in a neighboring town a few Sundays ago surprised his audience by reading the following announcement from the pulpit: "The regular session of the donkey club will be held as usual at the close of service. Members will line up just outside the church door, make remarks and stare at the ladies who pass, as is their custom."

A committee consisting of R. M. Glassmire, J. E. Morrow and J. K. Hobaugh, having leased the Toohill grove and dance platform for Wednesday evening, September 14th, will hold an open air dance the entire evening. The management has went to considerable trouble and expense to make this an enjoyable evening for all who may wish to attend.

Mr. Lappey, of the firm of Lappey & Co., of Pittsburg, now operating a fancy leather trimming factory in Pittsburg, was out here looking for a site to move their factory upon. The factory employs about 200 hands and is one of the oldest houses in the city. Mr. Lappey was very favorably impressed by our location and if the ground can be secured will locate

Get ready to receive Johnny when he “comes marching home.”

The Westmoreland County Fair will be held at Greensburg, September 27, 28, 29 and 30.

When Harry Bradley and “Billy” Madigan get to riding bicycles we will have paved streets.

Quite a number of the men who were laid off in the shops about a month ago have been taken back this week.

Monroeville is credited with having one of the nicest little churches in this section of country. We mean the building.

One week from to-day the Robert Pitcairn Military Band will hold a lawn fete—the last of the season—when everybody should turn out and aid the boys by patronizing them.

R. J. Elliott, of Washington, Pa., has been elected principal of the Turtle Creek school, over J. B. Keener, his opponent. The school board has been at a deadlock for the last 10 days over the election.

John Bridge, of Moss Side, and John McCabe, of Fourth street, were both hurt in the P. R. R. shops this week. McCabe carries a black eye and Bridge a severe sprained back, from too close acquaintance with heavy timbers.

Powerless to escape it, the three leading express companies announce that they have become reconciled

to the stamp tax, which they have endeavored to unload on their patrons. The railroad companies, however, have done away with their duplex tickets in order to avoid it.

Mr. Kurtz, who for years has kept a little store at Cavittsville, lost a valuable horse yesterday while driving through our town. The horse had not been well for a day or two, but seemed able to travel all right. Mr. Kurtz hitched him in his buggy and drove to town for bread and turned to go home when the beast fell over dead.

A terrible thunder storm passed over the northern part of the county on Sunday afternoon. The wind was extremely heavy, throwing down fences, uprooting trees and blowing down small buildings and doing other damage. John Walker’s barn was unroofed and cornfield beaten flat.— Irwin Standard. That storm was evidently mistaken in the day it was traveling.

The P. R. R. Y. M. C. A. have just completed finest tennis courts in Western Pennsylvania by their rooms near the station. The entire court is handsomely fenced with planed lumber and wire screens. Credit is due Secretary Callender for his untiring zeal in building up this association until it has become one of the most useful Christian institutions on the western division of the Pennsylvania railroad.

What is our street commissioner giving the people in return for his salary of \$540 of the taxpayer’s money? Could he not shovel the clay out of a ditch, or off the boardwalk, or place a board where needed in order that our sidewalks may be safe to walk upon. Yea, could he not condescend even to take a scythe and mow off the weeds from our sidewalks.— Taxpayer. No, taxpayer, the cows must have their pasture in the borough at night.--Ed.

James Smith, Esq. the subject of this sketch, having been duly nominated at the recent Democratic convention for Slate Senator is so widely and popular

known that many republicans have already expressed their intention of supporting him. Mr. Smith is a railroad man, prominent in railroad organizations and has the capacity and honesty to make a faithful representative.

#### A Pleasant Time

Last Saturday thirteen or fourteen young men claiming to be base ball players from the P. R. R. Y. M. C. A. of Altoona, led by Mr. Aukerman, their jovial and confident secretary, arrived in our quiet little town with the full purpose of seeking revenge from two previous base ball defeats. Mr. Callender, manager of our home team, equal to the occasions, very wisely concluded to show our mountaineer brethren a royal good time, but did not intend to show them such a warm time. Thus with the generous kindness and assistance of several ladies who are interested in good, clean, base ball playing, the program was carried out to the letter. We confess that the game was not begun with any lack of fear and trembling, as our defiants have seen better days by defeating anything Altoona could produce, and being so much stronger than when bats were last crossed by our boys. At 2:30 p. m. all eyes were turned to the home plate, when the umpire called out "play ball," and for two hours great results were achieved for the Pitcairn Y. M. C. A. which can be seen in the score. After the game both teams sat down together to partake of refreshments tendered them by the ladies above mentioned. It is hard to tell which team scored the best at this feature of the game.

Next Saturday the East End Athletic club will play their third gam upon our grounds Come and witness it.

Tuesday Governor Hastings appointed J. Albert Evans, the republican candidate for Judge of Common Pleas Court No. 3, to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of Judge W. D. Porter, recently elevated to the superior bench.

**September 15, 1898**

#### **LOCAL NEWS.**

To-night at hose house No. 1.

Band lawn fete and festival to-night.

\$100 bills were plenty in Pitcairn Monday last.

Eleanor and Second streets have been piped for city water.

The Y. M. C. A. base ball team will play in Altoona Saturday.

The meat market of O. E. Liggett will hereafter be closed on Sunday.

The grand jury on Friday last returned a true bill against C. W. Palmer for larceny.

The Eighteenth regiment returned home Sunday last and had a royal greeting in Pittsburg.

The rebels evacuate Manila. Fully 15,000 insurgents march out. Americans gave parade and military honors.

Next Saturday has been set by the Court to hear evidence in behalf of an appointment for Burgess for Pitcairn borough.

Prof. E. H. Knoch has moved into the Rolland house. Though late for the fall election will be in good time for February.

Did you ever examine the inside of the water tank on the hill? Limburger cheese and green frog ponds are not in it with this receptacle of filth.

By bills printed at this office J. F. Horner, of West Third street, announces his household goods for sale

Saturday, Sept. 17, at 4 o'clock. Sale is positive as Mr. Horner leaves for the West.

The boys of the Eighteenth regiment have things largely their own way since their homecoming. Pittsburg seems to like the boys and the boys are showing some evidences of fondness for Pittsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Young returned home on Friday last from Cincinnati, where they had been attending the National encampment of the G. A. R. They report having an enjoyable time and speak well of Cincinnati.

Dick Owens who has been doing duty as a private in the renowned Eighteenth, is home again on a furlough preparatory to being mustered out. Dick is still in the slaughtering business, but it is now cattle instead of Spaniards.

D. John Bozeljok, the assumed Polish priest who took charge of the Catholic church last Sunday without permission, and married the parties from Gobler's Nob, and who got beautifully done up in the scrap later, on the hill, is being looked up as an impostor.

The 60th annual session of the Allegheny conference of the United Brethren church will be held in the First United Brethren church at Braddock beginning on September 21 and continuing four days. It is expected that about 400 pastors and over 1,500 laymen will be present. The conference will be presided over by Bishop E. B. Kephart, D. D. L. L. D., of Annville, Pa.

Harry Boycott, of the 18th, returned with the boys as far as Altoona Sunday last where his wife has been staying with Harry's parents in his absence. They are expected to arrive at Wilmerding to-day.

The Sabbath school department of the Presbyterian board of publication has invited the Sunday schools of the Presbyterian church to make Sunday, September 25, a great rallying day for the inauguration of an

aggressive movement to be known as the twentieth century movement for bringing half a million of new scholars into the Sunday school of the denomination by the beginning of the new century.

The Sixteenth boys go to Puerto Rico.

H. R. Cameron, of Third street, has removed with his family to Turtle Creek.

Wilmerding need not get so scaucy, if she has bigger weeds than Pitcairn. We have more of them.

Wes Ellison is laid up with a crushed foot received while at work in the P. R. R. shops.

The Pittsburg conference of the M. E. church will meet in Braddock during the last week of September.

The Pennsylvania railroad wreck trains have been busy in the vicinity of Greensburg during the past few days.

Joe Toohill, brother of Toohill Bros, our enterprising Wail avenue business men, left last week for St. Vincents college, Beatty, Pa., where he will receive schooling until spring.

Ed. McConnell, of Conemaugh, a fireman on the Pittsburg division of the Pennsylvania railroad, was struck on the head by a stone at South Fork Tuesday afternoon. A deep gash was cut in his right temple.

A hail fellow well met, in the form of T. S. Patch, of Wilmerding, was shaking hands with his many friends in Pitcairn Wednesday. You feel about ten years younger after a few minutes with Tom. It you have a case of the "blues" try a "case" of his export beer it is sure to cheer.

John H. Daily and Miss Behe, whose marriage license was announced sometime ago in the Express, were Tuesday joined in hymen's bonds at the home of the bride at Cresson, Pa. The happy couple returned last

evening to Pitcairn, where they will engage in housekeeping in the Hoehl building, corner Broadway and Wall avenue.

H. L. Young, one of our best known citizens and his amiable wife will celebrate the thirtieth anniversary of their wedding tomorrow evening. A number of invitations have been sent out and an enjoyable time is anticipated, the Express extends congratulations and best wishes for their future happiness during the remainder of their pilgrimage here below.

On Sunday morning about 5 o'clock a big freight wreck occurred a short distance below Ardara. A westbound freight was wrecked, caused by a broken axle, and an eastbound freight ran into the wreck. About 20 cars were badly smashed, some of them into kindling wood. The tracks were blocked and passenger trains were delayed several hours. Fortunately no one was injured.

#### WESTMORELAND COUNTY FAIR AT EMMENSTON, PA.

For the Westmoreland County Fair, to be held at Emmenston, Pa., September 27, 28, 29 and 30, 1898, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell special excursion tickets to Emmenston and return from Johnstown, Fairchance, Pittsburg and intermediate stations, September 27 to 30, inclusive, good to return until October 1, 1898, inclusive.

On September 29 and 30 special trains will be run between Greensburg and the Fair Grounds as follows: Leave Greensburg 11:15 a. m. and 1:15 p. m., arrive Emmenston 11:35 a. m. and 1:35 p. m. Leave Emmenston 11:40 a. m. 1:40 and 5.15 p. m., arrive Greensburg 12:00 noon, 2:00 and 5:35 p. m.

This fair promises to be a most interesting event. Horse racing will be made a special feature, and the grand display of livestock and agricultural products will prove highly interesting and instructive.

Just what is behind the man of florid complexion who made his appearance amongst us Saturday last and

pretended he wanted an express money order for \$50,000 and who went to the postoffice instead of the express office to have the clerk fill the order is still a mystery. That he did go to the express office at this place and send a package to Treasury Department, Washington, D. C., valued at \$50,000, receiving a receipt for the same from the agent here is correct. The rates, however, were not paid but to he collected at the other end. Everything upon the face seems legitimate, but just why anyone should come to Pitcairn to send such a valuable package seems a little mysterious. Our express boys are equal to the occasion, however, and if it was \$500,000 it would be just the same. He gave his name as George C. Thompson, of Butler, Pa., and said he wanted to buy a farm. The man when last seen was going North, and still had in his possession a roll of \$100 bills as thick as your arm, but which have been pronounced "no good."

Two of Pittsburg's best men from the detective bureau arrived on the scene at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon but the wily bird had flown.

It was also learned that he had slept in Mrs. Glendenning's barn, above Stewart's, last Friday night. Later—Mr. George C. Johnston was arrested by Constable Hobaugh for trying to defraud, and when searched a counterfeit \$100 bill and a few old shiplasters were found in his possession. Esq. Craft committed him to jail for a further hearing.

#### Dead Easy.

A few days ago a young man sailing under the name of P. B. Spencer, who gave his residence as Bloomfield, Pittsburg, came to Wilmerding and painted a few roofs, stopping the while at the Glen Hotel. Saturday last he had Mr. Redfern cash a check for some thirty dollars. Mr. T. B. Thompson and the hotel proprietor next were called upon and each cashed checks for near the same amount, Mr. Hankey, was then called upon, all being on Turtle Creek bank and supposed to be drawn by Turtle Creek business men. Upon investigation Monday the checks were found to be forgeries and Mr. Spencer amongst the missing. He used some of the fraudulent money to purchase himself

a suit of clothes before leaving the town, and remarked to the storekeeper "he hated to leave such good friends and such generous people as he had met in Wilmerding, but the climate did not agree with him."

Lots of Game.

The following letter was received by Postmaster Koch, Monday last, and shows how our genial ticket agent, Homer Fritchman, can shoot: Lake Preston, S. D. Sept. 9.

Friend Charley:—I am having an elegant time getting lots of game. Killed 52 ducks and 11 chickens yesterday. Fine country out here. All well. - H. Fritchman.

Just Like Wilmerding.

We had occasion to speak some time since of our prolific municipal crop of weeds, and it is now our pleasure to revert to them again as one of our most conspicuous objects of beauty. They have now attained their growth and like all vegetation will soon don their autumn garb, when their beauty will be vastly enhanced. Strangers coming to our town stop and gaze in open eyed aspiration and envy us our beautiful weeds. Oh, we are all proud of our sweet wild flowers, and what a pity we have no hot house where they could be protected from the killing blasts of winter.—  
Wilmerding News.

**September 22, 1898**  
**LOCAL NEWS,**

Ah, there! Mac.

Burgess McDowell.

A bird in the bush is worth ten in the hat—and more.

Experience is a good teacher, but dreadfully unpunctual.

The Court says Wilmerding police are too free with the mace.

Burgess McDowell is singing "All Kuhn's Look Alike to Me."

"Billy" Madigan says he is a candidate for burgess of Patton township.

Stupidity is the wisest looking thing we know,—  
Wilmerding business men.

Theory and practice are two very different things, as any young lawyer will tell you.

The case of larceny against C. W. Palmer comes before our courts today (Thursday.)

Mr. G. C. Stockdale, of Thurmount, Md., is the guest of Charles Coursin, of Fourth street.

Frank M. Rambo was appointed postmaster at Wall, Pa., on Monday last. Congratulations, Frank.

Young America is happy, there is a real live "merry go round" in town, —wait til our burgess goes round.

Mr. Charles McCormick left on Monday last for one year's stay at the Kenyon military academy, Gambier, O.

In going through the Roadabaugh tunnel it is downright mean to kiss the back of your hand with a loud smack.

In this country we know no East, no West, no North, no South—and Spain wishes we didn't know any Puerto Rico or Philippines.

The state council meeting of the Jr. O. U. A. M. this week in New Castle is one of the largest and most enthusiastic meetings the order ever held.



J. D. Lewis Tuesday last sold out his grocery store, on Third street, giving possession immediately. So far we have failed to learn the purchaser.

Hon. Geo. F. Huff, of Greensburg has left with other capitalists for Santiago and other Cuban ports, he expects to aid in developing the unimproved country.

The postoffice safe at Mahaffey, Pa., was dynamited Friday, and the robbers secured \$600 in stamps and some change. A reward of \$200 is offered for the detection of the thieves.

Judge White laid down the law to Justices of the Peace Tuesday, and severely scored McMillan, of Carnegie, for not producing his records. He gave him to the next morning to bring in his records.

The largest bunch of native pawpaws we have ever seen; was handed us on Tuesday by H. S. Landis. There was eight large pawpaws in the bunch and was gathered in the woods near the shades of death.

The feature of the State Sabbath school convention to be held at Johnstown on October 18 will be a parade of hundreds of members of the Sunday schools of that city. Delegates to the convention are expected from every county in the State.

Whilst a number of children were playing about a large bonfire back of the livery stable of Hobaugh Bros., Monday last, Edna Wennagle, the eight year old daughter of Mrs. Wm. Wennagle, of Second street, had her clothes badly burned and the flesh of one of her arms burned to the bone.

Mrs. Burns, of Petrolia, Pa., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Knoch, of Brinton avenue.

The Brotherhood of Railway Employees are on the eve of a big strike for ten hours and more pay.

Dr. Joseph Sowash, who has been practicing here for some time past, has permanently located at Irwin.

Lost—On Sunday last, between Agatha street and the Catholic church pair of glasses. Finder will be rewarded if return them to the “Express” office.

Someone ought to dynamite the postoffice safe, so that the boy could open it in the morning. Then customers would not have to go to Wilmerding to send their orders.

Rev. Sherrick left on Wednesday morn to attend the annual conference at Braddock, Pa. The report of the year's work is the most encouraging yet made from this work.

Dr. T. T. Stokenburger, of Galena, O., has purchased through Reed's agency, O. E. Liggett's property, on Sixth street, and is moving in to-day (Thursday). He is an optician of some note and has located here permanently.

John McKeown, the furniture dealer of Braddock, sailed last week from Brooklyn on the government transport Abdam for Puerto Rico and Santiago. He will stop at Havana and all the important cities of Cuba. During his visit he will write a series of letters concerning the points of interest he visits.

Mrs. Richard N. Durburrow and sister, Miss Della McCormick, of Altoona, were visiting their uncle, S. S. McCormick, of Second street, last week. Mrs. Durburrow's husband is master mechanic in the Harrisburg and Philadelphia shops and a man much appreciated by the railroad company. Mrs. Durburrow comes from Philadelphia.

North Braddock councils met Thursday last and awarded the contracts for grading, paving and sewerage Belle avenue to Ott Bros., of Pittsburg, and J. H. McCready & Co., of Braddock. It will cost \$20,000. Rankin council will ask Contactor John P. McIntyre to

relay the Second avenue sewer, claiming it is too near grade.

The Rev. W. W. Hall, pastor of the M. E. church at Wilmerding, addressed the Y. M. C. A. men's meeting in the M. E. church Sunday last. Rev. Hall has labored for five years with the Wilmerding church and the fact of him being personally popular with railroad men, and this likely the last chance to hear him before his removal, crowded the little church to its fullest capacity. Rev. Smith, the esteemed pastor of the church, conducted the devotions.

The home merchant is the man who gives you credit when you have no money to buy the necessaries of life. The home merchant is the man who helps you to pay your taxes that run your schools and fix your streets—did we say streets.—The home merchant is the man to whom you appeal in times of distress for favors. Why then should you ignore him when he wants you, when you desire to make a purchase? Very often he sells as good goods at lower prices than the man who does business in the big city. The fields look green far away.

Last Sabbath morning Rev. G. W. preached the closing sermon of the year to a large congregation. There was evident sympathy between the speaker and the auditors, and as the memories of the three years of his pastorate here were made to flood all hearts tears were seen in many eyes. The text was an Old Testament Benediction, Num, 6: 24-27, and the sermon was not a discussion of a sermonic proposition but the earnest expression of love and religious desire and prayer, with the lessons of encouragement which may always be taken from successful church life.

Mrs. George Lacock, of Fourth street, is visiting friends this week in Indiana county.

Mrs. Mary McIndoe of West Newton, is the guest of her mother-in-law Mrs. James Wilson, on Fifth street.

W. L. Markle, formerly of Third street, Pitcairn, now residing at Mammoth, Pa., was a visitor in our town this week.

The Pittsburg members of the Order of Railway Conductors have arranged to entertain all visiting members of the order during the week of the Knights Templar Conclave.

For Rent—Fine store room and dwelling house, location the best on Third street between Centre and Highland avenues. Call on or address this office or W. L. Markle, Welty, Pa.

Thirtieth. Anniversary.

Mr. H. L. Young and wife, of Robinson avenue, celebrated their thirtieth anniversary of their marriage on Friday evening last, which was a very creditable affair and the supper was beyond description. Friends were there from Pittsburg, McKeesport, Braddock, Wilkinsburg and several families of Pitcairn. Although your correspondent was present he has been unable to get a list of guests or presents. But there were fully 75 took supper and the presents were numerous and useful. Mr. Young has been connected with the railroad company for some years, and is held in high esteem by those people. He is an untiring church worker and an all-through good citizen. May he have many returns and we as many good suppers. Jessica.

Knights Templar Conclave,

The 27th Triennial Conclave of Knights Templars, to be held in Pittsburg, October 10-14, will constitute the largest and most brilliant gathering ever witnessed in Western Pennsylvania. The citizens of Pittsburg have evidenced such a remarkable degree of public spirit in connection with the Conclave celebration that it is now taking on enormous proportions.

Pittsburg is the home of electricity, and it is therefore fitting that this city is about to give the grandest electrical display the world has ever witnessed. To walk through the business streets of the city during

Conclave week will resemble a stroll through fairy land. As far as the eye can reach will be the glitter of countless thousands of electric lights. Some of the designs are marvelous in their conception. On the highest hill top of Allegheny will be seen the gigantic figure of a Knight in full armor on horseback, and on the hill top on the South Side of Pittsburg will be seen an enormous Passion Cross blazing with light.

Welcome News,

We are in receipt of a letter from the firm of J. C. Lappe & Sons, who have branch stores in Boston, Philadelphia and St. Louis, with their factory located in Allegheny City, established in 1841. The firm employs about 200 hands and desires to locate at Pitcairn borough. Mr. Lappe says in his letter, "I have positively decided to locate in or near your borough, so you are sure of the plant if I can get the location." We welcome this as good news, and will use our utmost endeavors to have Messrs. Lappe & Sons locate with us.

Extract of Game Laws.

Pennsylvania—Act of May 27, 1897.—No person shall take any wild turkey, pheasants, grouse, quail, partridge or squirrels, only from the 15th day of October to the 15th day of December.

Ohio—Act of April 28, 1898, brings the game law in season for quail from the 10th day of November to the 15th day of December only.

Michigan—Act of May 26, 1897, prohibits the killing of pheasants, quail, prairie chicken or spruce hen, save only from October 1st to December 1st.

## **September 29, 1898**

### **LOCAL NEWS.**

School began Monday.

Another new house is being built on Second street below Wall avenue.

On Monday last 43 persons attended court from Pitcairn borough.

School opened here Monday morning with an enrollment of 400 scholars.

If the wages of sin is death, what a lot of back pay is coming to some people.

Speaking of country roads, why, they are boulevards compared with our streets.

J. R. McDowell was sworn in as burgess just in time to catch the merry-go-round people for a fine.

"Fighting" Joe Wheeler will command the mounted Knights Templars in the parade Tuesday, October 11.

The annual inspection of the Pennsylvania railroad and the Pennsylvania lines will begin on October 15.

Master Clare Riley, of Braddock, was calling upon his cousins, the McCabes, on Fourth street, over Sunday.

Mrs. John Buck returned home on Monday last from a two weeks visit with Mr. Buck's parents at Jeannette, Pa.

Mrs. Scringer, of Altoona, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Fred Shiffler. The ladies took in the exposition at Pittsburg Tuesday.

The infant child of Terrence Deere, of Brinton avenue, died Tuesday morning last. The interment was made at Pittsburg yesterday.

Master Joe Toohill, son of F. X. Toohill, Sr. is taking a course at St. Vincent college, where he expects to graduate some time next June.

John Hobaugh, of Hobaugh Bros, left Tuesday for Armstrong county to take charge of a gang of men on repair work for the Peoples Gas Co.

Robert McHenry, of Ninth street, is laid up with a sprained ankle, caused from jumping off a moving engine at the roundhouse Thursday evening.

Mr. Stockdale and family, who have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Coursin for the past week, left for their home in Maryland on Monday.

At the meeting of the Democratic convention at Braddock Monday afternoon, John S. Robb was again nominated on the Democratic ticket for Judge.

Mr. Al. Garman, clerk of council, who has been confined to his home for the past ten days with rheumatism, we are glad to note is able to get around again.

Secretary M. W. Callander, of the Pennsylvania Railroad Y. M. C. A., was at Philadelphia last week attending the annual quarterly conference of the association.

James C. Mates, aged 61 years, a flagman for the Pennsylvania railroad for 32 years, died of apoplexy at his home on Grant street, Turtle Creek, Friday last.

William Sloan, the Centre avenue teamster, lost another horse from being kicked in the stifle this week. Mr. Sloan has lost six horses since he has engaged in teaming here.

The game of ball here Saturday last between the Y. M. C. A. team and a team from the Panhandle, resulted in our boys being competently shut out, the score being 6 to 0.

The young lady at Wall who placed the piece of wedding cake under her pillow in order that she might dream of her future husband is somewhat worried, as all night long she dreamt of the 14th regiment.

Latrobe has just learned what pajamas are.—The Clipper. After consulting Bill Morrow, Van Laird and the Ligonier “Echo,” they have arrived at the conclusion that it is some new disease just broke out among the soldiers.

We understand the contract for grading Third street has been let to a Pittsburg firm and work will be commenced shortly.

Rev. McBride, formerly of Ohio, has accepted a call for the United Presbyterians at this place, and will move his family here.

Rev. Bracken, of Elderton, Pa., will fill the pulpit in the M. E. church Sabbath evening at 7:45 p. m. You are cordially invited to attend.

The Pennsylvania shops at Altoona are building 20 poultry cars for service on the Panhandle. These cars are of new design and arranged for carrying live poultry.

The Second Reformed church has about concluded the purchase of three lots at the corner of Sixth street and Highland avenue, whereon they will erect a house of worship.

The “Conclave” Tie is the latest thing in “UP-TO-DATE” neckwear—can be tied five different ways. It is part of Toohill Bros., window display of fine neckwear.

A West Newton man named E. M. Conover is in the Greensburg jail awaiting trial on charges made by Constable Copeland, who charges him with committing an assault upon a four-year-old girl.

The “Woodmen of the World” instituted a Camp here in Reed’s hall last week, closing up Tuesday night of this week with between 30 and 40 members. The order is a fraternal beneficiary order and quite popular throughout the country.

Major E. E. Robbins arrived this morning from Puerto Rico. He did not learn of his defeat for Congress until his arrival in New York, and now says he is out of politics for the present. He will take charge of the Mobile, at the Brooklyn navy yards.

While J. W. Simpson was at work "drilling" a train into Derry station yards Tuesday morning he fell from a car and sprained his forearm. Mr. Simpson was taken to the West Penn hospital where the ex-rays were brought into use and no bones found broken.

If there is anything in this world we abhor it is a scandalmonger—one who goes out of their way to gossip about their neighbors. If everyone would remember that she who fetches a story will carry a story, such people would receive little encouragement. Rev. Rallston in his time called them "back fence gossipers."

Contracts have been awarded, or will be within a few days, for the building of 35 new war vessels of various types. If any nation should tread on our coat-tails in the future there will be no necessity for hiring or buying ships in a forced market. We will have ships of our own to burn—smokeless powder.

The business session of the United Brethren conference at Braddock closed Saturday. The following conference trustees were elected: Rev. L. W. Stahl, Rev. G. W. Sherrick, Rev. J. L. Ressler, John Thomas and J. C. Bates. The First United Brethren Church, Altoona, was chosen as the next place of meeting.

C. L. Taylor, a well-known passenger conductor on the Pennsylvania railroad, Pittsburg division, died last Saturday at his home in Somerset, Pa., after an illness which lasted more than two years. Charlie was a favorite with all the men on the Pittsburg division, and it was with great sorrow they learned of his demise.

Wm. Scott, 16 years of age, son of Joseph Scott, while out hunting woodchuck's on the Brinton farm, where William Beswick now resides, met with a painful accident by the premature discharge of his shotgun. When climbing over a rail fence the lock of the gun caught upon the fence, discharging the entire load in Mr. Scott's right arm at the shoulder. It is expected his arm will be saved.

Dick Owens is still under the impression he is fighting Spaniards. Sunday night he shot and killed a horse for William Sloan, just to keep his hand in.

Rev. I. S. Hawn, of the First Presbyterian church of New Kensington, resigned his pastorate and asked presbytery to dissolve his pastoral relations with that church. Rev. Hawn and his flock have not dwelt in unity for some time and his resignation is the culmination of the trouble. The session of the congregation is said to be united in the opposition to Rev Hawn, while the trustees stand divided.

Thomas Tilbrook, of McKeesport, suffered a stroke of apoplexy at his home in the eastern part of the city Saturday evening, from the effects of which he died Monday. He is one of the best known politicians of McKeesport. He was first mayor of that city, and has served a term in the Legislature from the Eighth district. He was mentioned as a candidate for the McKeesport postoffice, but withdrew, intending to run for mayor at the next election.

Monday, September 5, Patton township schools opened with a fair attendance, the children being highly pleased with the board of directors in securing them their handsome new libraries and unabridged Webster's. Miss Agnes Myers again has charge of the Brinton school, which has been remodeled and put in first-class condition. Miss Myers gave such satisfaction at this school last term that the directors acted wisely in securing her services the coming season.

Rev. Smith, of the M. E. church preached his annual sermon to crowded house Sunday last, his text being "Past, Present and Future, or Faith's Reward." In summing up Mr. Smith's work for the past year he gives the number of Sabbath school scholars as 196, present membership of the church 205, a gain of over 125 per cent. The revenue of the church was almost \$2,000, a splendid showing for a young minister, whose congregation will try their utmost to get his services another year.

Rev. G. W. Sherrick is now presiding-elder of Eastern district, Allegheny conference, and will be located at Tyrone. Under the Reverends pastorate here the U. B. church has increased its membership vastly, improved the church property and its financial condition is good. Whilst the congregation are sorry to lose Rev. Sherrick, they rejoice in his advancement, and wish him success wherever he locates. The Rev. T. P. Orner, who has been one of the presiding elders relieves Mr. Sherrick and will be given a hearty welcome to Pitcairn.

Mr. J. F. Coursin, General Foreman in the P. R. R. shops at this place, has just returned from Nebraska, where he went to attend the Great Western Fair, held at Omaha. Whilst Mr. Coursin admits Nebraska's manufacturing industries has made great strides in the past two years, and the fruit growers have materially advanced the quality of their fruits, they cannot yet reach old Pennsylvania in their large, rich, highly colored and fine flavored apples, nor touch at our large machine or railroad shops and steel manufactories. Mr. Coursin is an advocate of the old adage "Better put up with the ills we have than to fly into the face of others we know not of."

Reduced Rates to Pittsburg via Pennsylvania Railroad, Account Knights Templar Triennial Conclave.  
On account of the Knights Templar Triennial Conclave to be held at Pittsburg. Pa., October 10 to 14, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets from stations on its line to Pittsburg and return

at a rate of single fare for the round trip, with minimum of 25 cents.

Tickets will be sold October 8 to 13, good to return until October 17 inclusive. The return limit of tickets from Harrisburg and points east thereof can be extended to October 31 upon depositing same on October 13 to if with the Joint Agent at Pittsburg and the payment of fifty cents.

#### A Grand Sight.

We would advise every person who can, to spend at least one evening in Pittsburg during conclave week. It will be a sight never to be forgotten, and one which we may never witness again. Altogether about 7,000 lights will be used in the arches, and the display will be the most brilliant ever witnessed at any conclave. Fifth avenue, with its numerous quadruple and single arches, supplemented by the brilliant display of the private interests, will present a night scene during conclave week the like of which has never been seen in the history of the world.

## Chapter 22

### PITCAIRN EXPRESS

#### October 1898 Local News Items

October 6, 1898

#### LOCAL NEWS.

Next week is conclave week.

The nut crop promises to be a fair one.

La Fayette day at our schools October 19.

Born to the wife of Wm. Armstrong, a girl.

Chestnuts are reported plenty—the same old chestnut.

The O’Niel house, on Sixth street, is framed and being roofed.

Mr. Knoch, father of our school principal, is visiting his son.

Some people, who are a good deal in evidence, don’t prove much.

Born to the wife of Chas. A. Gardner, of Sixth street, on Sunday last, a boy.

The surveyors are working on Third street preparing it for the contractors to grade.

George Reed, son of C. S. Reed, in “jumping” the other day fell and broke his collarbone.

A brewery to cost \$40,000 will shortly be erected at Suterville by McKeesport capital.

Get your visiting cards for the conclave at this office. Plain or with emblem of the order.

Squirrels are reported scarce, but they may yet show up all right. The season opens October 15.

Mr. Isaac Baird of Latrobe, spent Saturday last with his friend Miss Annie Blair, of this place.

We hear that “Johnny Comes Marching Home” but find he is being carried home on a litter.

Patton township schools will be closed two days next week in order to permit the children to attend the conclave.

Mrs. J. L. Yeater and Mrs. Lear, of Harrisburg, and Mrs. Collier, of Columbia, were guests of Mrs. H. L. Young last week.

Under oath we make the following statement: “That 71 new subscriptions were added to our list last week.” And still they come.

Friday is set by the court’s for argument in the application of C. W. Palmer for a new trial in the McKeever vs. Palmer case.

Within the past month 15,000 immigrants landed at New York, beating all records for a like period for in the past 10 years. And this under the new law.

Theodore Young, his wife and family, of Wilkinsburg, spent Sunday last at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Young, of Robinson street.

Democrats remember that the 7<sup>th</sup> day of October is the last day which you can pay your taxes in order to get a vote in November. You must attend to it yourself.

The Westmoreland “Democrat” says: “The J. M. Rumbaugh Brick Co., this place, has received an order for 750,000 brick to be used in the construction of a block of 80 houses at Wilmerding.”

The Pittsburg conference of the Methodist Episcopal church closed its annual meeting Monday. We are glad

to note that Rev. H. L. Smith has been retained as minister to the M. E. church of this place.

Look out for pickpockets while at the conclave. Keep your hand on your pocketbook—if you have one.

Next week is the week when the innocent go up against the shell game.

Our neighbor, L. H. Walthour, will soon remove with his family to East McKeesport.

John K. Dinges is now in charge of the Johnstown accommodation on P. R. R. as conductor.

E. B. Dunkle has returned with his family after a ten days outing in the eastern part of the State.

To understand the real meaning of a good appetite watch any one of the returned soldiers at a meal.

Miss Mary Robinson, of Jacksonville, Indiana county, spent Sabbath with her cousin, Minnie Young.

Class L engine No. 926 with 80-inch drivers has been making some fast runs on this end of the P. R. R.

Teresa Hamerly sued Fountain R. Hamerly for divorce, alleging cruelty. They were married in 1886, and lived together about 12 years.

The meanest man we ever heard of lives near Irwin. It is said he is so stingy he won't let bicyclists fill their tires with air from his farm.

By the time a man has learned to speak with discretion and weigh his words carefully, a younger generation springs up, thrusts him in a corner, and will not let him speak at all.

The painting of a mounted Sir Knight at the P. R. R. shops here was executed by Robert Martin, an

employee, and stands 14x16 feet. As a work of art it is hard to beat, and was viewed by hundreds of people

Quite a social event took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Eaton Monday evening last. A score or more friends called with some fine music and spent a delightful evening enjoying themselves and the elegant lunch prepared by Mrs. Eaton.

Mr. John A. Dorrow and Miss Nettie Yannacci were united in marriage Thursday, Sept. 22, in Pittsburg. After a fine wedding dinner at the Hotel Rome, on Penn avenue they left on a wedding tour to Chicago and other western cities.

Thomas S. Patch, wife and family are taking a two weeks outing at Mt Clemment, after which they expect to settle in Wilmerding. Many Wilmerding people will remember T. S. as the Station street wholesale liquor dealer and will gladly welcome him back to their town.

Two pet foxes belonging to H. S. Landis got out of their cage one night last week and played havoc with the neighbor's chickens. After considerable trouble one of the sly animals was caught, but the other one wandered up on the hill and was killed while in the act of stealing chickens.

Besides the many new houses now under way Mr. Schrum and his son—who by the way, was in the railroad wreck at Jeannette Friday last—will erect three brick dwellings, and Mr. J. K. Russell five frame ones this fall yet. It is also reported that J. C. McGinnis will build two more houses on his lots back of Wall avenue, In fact Wilmerding with her contract for 30 new houses is not “the only pebble on the beach.” Wait till our factory starts.

The first session of the third biennial convention of the ladies' auxiliary of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen of the United States and Canada was called to order in the lecture room of the Allegheny Carnegie library Monday morning. There are over two hundred



delegates present, representing nearly all the auxiliaries of the two countries. The sessions are held behind closed doors. The session is being presided over by Mrs. Ray M. Watterson, of Eldon, Iowa.

We are glad to note the assignment under the civil service rulings of John S. Brant, of Old Wall, who has been in the employ of the P. R. R. company as engineer for several years past. Some time ago Mr. Brant became dissatisfied with the road, and through the instructions of friends passed a civil service examination, and now has his eight-hour job at \$110 per month. Mr. Brant is one of the most deserving and promising young men of our valley. Congratulations John.

One of our kindest but aged citizens, Mrs. Hattie Sadler, passed away to the great beyond on Tuesday morning last. Mrs. Sadler has lived at the corner of Third street and Highland avenue with her devoted family—Samuel G, Miss Susan and Miss Ada G, for the past seven years, and had reached the ripe old age of eighty-one. Two other sons also survive her. They are Joseph, who lives at Harrisburg, and John, who lives at Rushville, Ind. The funeral services were held last evening (Wednesday) and after the services the in mournful cortege left for Harrisburg, where the remains will be interred at the side of her husband in Camp Hill cemetery. Her end, like her cheerful life, was peaceful to the last.

**A WALL SHOP PAINTING AT THE CONCLAVE.**  
The Pennsylvania railroad has arranged for a grand system of electric illumination and artistic designs in colored electric lights at the Union station. From the beginning to the end of the conclave the old station building will be so magnificently decorated that visitors will go away with the impression that Pittsburg has a finer station than the grand St. Louis building. Prominent among the beautiful decorations and works of art is a Knight in full armor mounted upon a snow-white steed environed with myriads of electric lights. “That soldier, the man of iron.

Whom electric lights all environ” is placed in position upon the decorated front of the Union station facing down Liberty street, and stands out in bold relief amongst the other decorations, reflecting great credit upon the artist.

Why we call especial attention to this large painting is from the fact that General Superintendent of Wall shop, Mr. Frank Coursin, had the painting executed here at Pitcairn by one of the employees of the P. R. R., Co., Mr. Robert Martin.

The painting is 14 feet high by 16 feet in length, and was executed from a two-inch square photograph. The proportions of both horse and rider are par excellence, the colorings exquisite and the rough ground true to nature. In the days of chivalry, or about the 10th century, the ideal Knight was clad in complete armor. His arms consisted of a short, heavy sword or a battle ax. He was a man trained to the use of arms, imbued with generous sentiments, possessed of all human virtues, brave and courteous, chaste and temperate, generous and pious, such men as our pioneer settlers. Men with the iron of old Viking ancestors in their blood, descendants of Puritans, who, went forth, single handed, to wrest from primal nature and fierce men and beasts, the soil in which was to be the busy, whirling, manufacturing city of Pittsburg.

Live Pigeon Shoot.

At the live pigeon shoot Tuesday afternoon held by that popular hotel man, Mr. Charles Wymard, on the grounds of John S. McIntosh, the race for first place was hotly contested. On the last fifteen birds the score stood:

	Dead.	Lost.
J. A McIntosh	14	1
McNereny	14	1
Boyd	14	1
Vischuer	16	0
Wymard	14	1
Keck	14	1
Watters	10	5

The German brewer, Vischuer, asserts it was his first live pigeon shoot, and as an amateur he did good work,

as a man must to get 16 out of a possible 15, but he was equal to the occasion, and says if he had of shot the second barrel first he would have done better.

**October 13, 1898**  
**LOCAL NEWS.**

Big week.

Big parade

Big conclave.

Then the rain fell.

Big Pittsburg and big heads.

The elevated buildings on Third street are rather high.

The Pittsburgers are mashed on Maryland's pretty women at the conclave.

Our local as well as through conductors have their hands full this week:

Frank McConaghy, of Ligonier, spent Monday at the home of C. S. Reed, of Broadway.

Our business houses were mostly all closed Tuesday in honor of the big parade at Pittsburg.

At the rate the laborers on Third street are working, that street will soon be down to grade.

Dr. Hoffman, our Broadway dentist, and wife, spent Sunday at the doctors home in Delmont.

George Wilhelm, son of ex-sheriff Wilhelm, of Uniontown, Pa., is a guest of C. S. Reed, of Broadway.

An exchange says: Some are born in Ohio, some immigrate to Ohio, whilst the rest have Ohio thrust upon them.

Ground is being broke on Third street between Brinton and Highland avenues for two new brick-cased dwelling houses.

Mr. Garman, of Lebanon, Pa., is spending this week in Pitcairn as the guest of his brother, Al. Garman, of Brinton avenue.

Mr. Oliver Jones, of Blackburn station, left Tuesday morning for Missouri, where he intends locating permanently.

Miss Ida Wallace, one of Indiana, Pa's pretty and accomplished young ladies visited her friend Miss Emma Thompson here this week.

At the initiatory service at the U. B. church Sunday morning, Rev. Stahl, presiding elder of the Pittsburg district, preached a good sermon.

We would advise anyone seeking insurance to join the "Woodmen of the World." By joining now before the charter closes you save six dollars on initiation.

Our town is fast becoming a residential location, and numbers live here having employment at Wilmerding and East Pittsburg, going to and from work by the local trains daily.

Nearly 2,000,000 people will call Pittsburg their homes during the week, every hotel, private house, in fact every shed, shanty and house having a roof over it is packed to its utmost.

Whilst we are ever anxious to get local news, we must insist on our friends and patrons to hand in their articles by Tuesday evening, that we may have one day to arrange them and put them in shape.

On account of the absence of Rev. W. Koenig, who is attending the semi-annual Lutheran conference at Sharpsburg, Pa., school closed its doors for three days this week. They will be opened again to-morrow.

The immense electric cross of Tancred commandery which stands out from the Grant street front of the court house tower is 107 feet long by 65 feet across. The letters are six foot letters formed of incandescent lights.

Rev. Dr. T. P. Orner, the newly appointed minister to the U. B. church of this place, preached his first sermon as pastor on Sunday last to a crowded house. Rev. Orner made a good impression for future usefulness.

Frank Toohill, Jr., our popular Wall avenue gents furnisher, paid a visit to his brother, Joe, who is at present an inmate of St. Vincent's college, Beatty, Pa., on Sunday last. Frank reports that Joe is getting along nicely with his studies.

Pittsburg has seen fine parades and parades, but never such another one in size, brilliancy and uniform music or in the eminent men who took part as that of the Sir Knights of the Templarism of the United States Tuesday last.

Mary E. O'Neil of Millvale, aged 20 years was burned to death Tuesday. She went to reach up on the mantle for water when her clothing caught fire from the grate. Her screams brought the family to her assistance and the blaze was extinguished, but the young lady was so terribly burned that she died within an hour.

Don't forget Lafayette day at our schools October 190.

Mr. J. W. C. Sedgwick, of Toledo, O, is visiting his sister, Mrs. M. L. Keck, of Centre avenue.

Thirty dollars a night is what a good sleeping room is bringing in Pittsburg this week.

C. S. Reed, the popular hotel keeper is talking of building an opera house adjoining his Broadway property.

F. W. Liggett, of West Alexandra, is spending a couple of days with his uncles the Ligget Bros, on Brinton avenue.

School opened again this morning after a holiday at the conclave, the children look quite as bright as the morning.

Tuesday afternoons rains put a damper on the ardor of the conclave people, but showed visiting Sir Knights just how gloomy Pittsburg can look when it tries.

At a congregational meeting the other evening the Turtle Creek Presbyterians decided to erect a new brick edifice on the site of their old one on Church street; their lot has frontage of 146 feet.

One of the Braddock papers tersely puts their streak of conference luck in this manner: "Three Conferences have been held here in the past week, two of them opened with prayer, and the third with cork-screws."

"Woodmen of the World" will erect their first monument in Westmoreland county at Ruffsdale, Sunday October 23, over the grave of sovereign Thomas Sheppler, all the lodges of the county will be represented.

We can cheerfully recommend to our many new subscribers, their dealing with any firm, or individual whose advertisement is found in this paper. We accept nothing but what we know to be all right, and perfectly reliable.

A shrewd business man purchased a musical clock for his eighteen-year-old daughter the other day, which plays "Home Sweet Home" at 10 o'clock, "Tramp,

Tramp, Tramp” at 10:15, and “Johnny Get Your Gun” at 10:30.

Pitcairn was well represented in Pittsburg this week, and some of our foremost citizens took part in the great parade Tuesday. Mr. Samuel Brinton, Jr., who was “Knighted” in 1874, says he never seen anything so grand, so magnificent.

The state Sabbath school convention will be held at Johnstown, on Oct. 18 - 20. Reduced rates are offered by the railroads. A new feature of the convention will be a parade, Wednesday afternoon, of all the Sunday schools of Johnstown and vicinity.

A new order has been issued in regard to the quarterly payment of box rent in postoffices. The department has issued rigid instructions for the collection of all box rent on the 10th of January, April, July and October. Failure to do this compels the postmaster to mark the box vacant and put the mail matter in the general delivery.

A few hours spent in our schools will prove pleasant and profitable to all who have any interest in educational matters. Great improvements will be found over the methods and appliances of a few years ago. Appreciative visitors are always welcomed in the schools, and there is not as much of a manifestation of interest in that way as there ought to be. The principal has extended an invitation to parents to visit the schools October 19.

On Wednesday evening, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>, the study of the McKees Rocks Presbyterian church was the scene of a pleasant little event. After the usual midweek meeting Mr. W. H. Weaver and Miss Francis Jones retired to the study and were made husband and wife by the pastor of the church Rev. O. N. Verner. Mr. Weaver is a well known P. & L. E. conductor and the bride a popular young lady of Stewart Station. They will make their home at Turner’s station, McKees Rocks.

At the serenade over the Miller nuptials last week, a number of shots were fired from a small cannon. Also considerable dynamite was put off on the hill above the house, frightening a number of neighboring families, some of whose women folks were prostrated with nervousness to such an extent that the doctor, had to be called in. People should consider when resorting to such measures that there may be someone in a delicate condition in the neighborhood and that such uncalled for noise may do an irreparable wrong.

Beautiful weather now that the parade is over.

Quite a number of our sporting men will leave for the quail district to-morrow,

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Kelley, of Altoona, are visiting their niece, Mrs. S. D. Mattern, of Seventh street.

We noticed a fine new upright piano going into Mrs. Herman Highberger’s on Third street, this week.

Mrs. L. C. Buck, of Fort Wayne, Ind. and daughter Magnet, are on a visit to Mrs. Colwell, of Second street.

Commercial men are almost crowded out of Pittsburg this week, and a few of them are stopping over in Pitcairn.

Mrs. E. E. Elder, of Allegheny, spent Sunday in Pitcairn as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Heasley of Fourth street.

Mrs. Ellen Riley, of Altoona, will open a first-class millinery store in the Markle building, on Third street, this week.

The plans and specifications are out for Pittsburg’s new P. R. R. station. It’s a dandy, and will cost \$2,000,000.

Born to the wife of S. M. Smail, Monday morning last, a handsome young daughter. Just in time for the conclave.

Three of our heavyweights met accidentally in the postoffice last week. Mr. James Tilbrook, of Tilbrook & Co., who tips the scales at 235 pounds; Mr. D. J. Tarr, who tips the scales at 220 pounds and our genial postmaster, Mr. Charles Koch, who weighs 220 pounds. A pleasant chat of the heavyweights of Pitcairn not present was discussed. 675 pounds of well fed humanity divided by these three active citizens is not a bad production of the Valley.

Passionate people can no more control their natures than they can their religion. They would sooner law with their neighbor or quarrel with those about them than ask their Savior for wisdom or council. Their prayer is like the 109 Psalm, and their friends few and far between. It is only a question of time when either the humane agent gets after them or the law is called upon to correct their hasty judgment or enforce compliance to their professed religion.

The Associate Society of the Red Cross of Philadelphia is maintaining its hospital at Camp Meade. Patients too ill to be moved to city hospitals are taken there. Its capacity to receive all these cases is inadequate because of the Society's inability to secure experienced women nurses for the nominal sum of sixteen dollars per month. Nurses willing to make the sacrifice and to engage in this laudable work will kindly apply by letter or report to "The Committee on Nurses," 1501 Chestnut street, Philadelphia. Funds are needed to meet the increasing demands made upon the Society.

Reduced Rates to Philadelphia via Pennsylvania Railroad, on Account Peace Jubilee  
For the grand Peace Jubilee at Philadelphia, October 20 and 27, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets from all ticket stations on its line to Philadelphia, at rate of single fare for the round trip

(minimum rate-25 cents). Tickets will be sold and good going October 24 to 27, and returning leaving Philadelphia to October 31, inclusive.

This jubilee will be one of the greatest events in the history of Philadelphia. The rededication of Independence Hall, recently restored; the unveiling of the Grant Monument, Fairmount Park; a monster civic and industrial parade, and a grand military, and naval pageant, led by General Miles and other distinguished heroes of the late war, will be prominent features. The President and his Cabinet are also expected to be present.

Pittsburg's New Station,  
The Pennsylvania Railroad company will soon begin the erection of a magnificent Union Station at Pittsburg. For a long time the city papers have been announcing that such a building would be erected, but it hung fire and many people had made up their minds it would not be built for a long time yet. Work will soon be commenced on the grand building now and rapidly pushed to completion. It will be built of stone and brick, five stories in height with a large sub-way. The station proper will be 200 by 537 feet with a cab stand 123 by 209 feet and a train shed 240 by 540 feet, and will be the finest one in the United States.

## **October 20, 1898**

### **LOCAL NEWS.**

Powerless to act  
This is a plain fact.

So the residents of Third street say  
The street is a puddle,  
Contractors in a muddle,  
And for how long, likely next May.

The chestnut roaster now has nuts to burn.

Colonel Bacon says there will be no Indian summer this year.

In the scrap the other night the under man said he knew when he had enough.

We have added 100 new subscribers to our town list in the past two weeks,

There are more people getting their guns off this week than are getting any game.

George Piper and family, of Seventh street, removed to Greensburg on Monday last.

Even nature weeps for the Third street resident who has not high top rubber boots.

The average Pitcairnite does not think much of our city water. He uses it for a chaser only.

We welcome the Rev. T. P. Orner and family to the U. B. parsonage from Altoona this week.

Did our good wife quail before us on our return? No, the quail disappeared before our good wife.

Burgess McDowell says he is not envious. He is glad to live in a town where some big people live.

Born to the wife of S. M. Barr, on October 13, a boy, which is no bar to future generations. 1st Samuel, 1-20.

Rev. Orner, pastor of the U. B. church will address the meeting at the Y. M. C. A. cars next Sunday. Go and hear him.

Ray Raygor was instantly killed, and John Halberg seriously injured by being struck by a train at Irwin, Saturday last.

Mr. Harry Amalong, of Wilmerding, and Miss Effie McCurdy, of Edgewood, will embark upon the sea of matrimony to-day.

There was a lull in the work of grading Third street for a few days on account of the "noble romans" striking for more pay.

Rev. Father M. H. Ward, the popular pastor of St. Aloysius church, Wilmerding, has returned from a three months trip in Europe.

Mrs. M. L. Keck and children spent Friday and Saturday with their friends, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Cowan, of Reseca street, Allegheny.

Sunday school services at the U. B. church last Sabbath was cut short on account of the furnace in the basement not working satisfactory.

Burglars made a clean sweep of everything contained in the bakery and confectionary store of William Stahl, Jeanette, Pa., Saturday last, causing a loss of about \$300.

To-day (Thursday) Mr. Henry Obermier, of Pitcairn, and Miss Florence Robinson, of Pittsburg, will be joined in the bonds of wedlock and immediately take up housekeeping on Third street,

Mr. Ackling, a repairman at the shops here, fell from a car Tuesday morning and caught his chin on the car roof fracturing his jaw bone and severely cutting his face. He was removed to his home at Braddock.

William Leasure, of Butler, Pa., and Miss Katie Bangard, sister of Mrs. Robert Ramsay, of this place, were united in marriage at Butler, Pa., Wednesday. Notwithstanding the inclement weather the happy couple will leave this morning on a brief wedding trip.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. Mattox will learn with pleasure that they are comfortably located on one of the finest fruit farms in Western Pennsylvania, with over 200 bushels of fine large fallowater apples in their

cellar and many, more late winter apples in their large orchard yet to pick.

The exercises at our public schools yesterday, "La Fayette Day," was one of the best and most patriotic exercises we have attended for some time past. The children were well instructed on the historical points of this great and good soldier in connection with our country. Much credit is due the principal and teachers for the historical entertainment given the visitors. Just what the receipts were we did not learn, but sufficient were the contributions to assure our village schools a permanent place amongst the donators to the La Fayette monument.

Mud.

Knee deep on Third street.

Was you at the Y. M. C. A. entertainment Tuesday night.

Born to the wife of George Sigler, Sunday morning last, a girl.

Contractor Jolly paid off his striking Third street hands yesterday.

Charles Wymard, the proprietor of that popular hostelry the "Norman," is off for a quail shoot down the Ohio.

D. W. Wonders, who has resided in the Hoehl building for a year past, removed yesterday to Stewart Station.

James Smith, 'Esq. of Wall, Pa., is pushing his canvas for State Senator, 44th district, with a fair show of winning.

Contractors should not fail to read "Ordinance No. 58," on last page of this paper, as it is of vast importance to them.

Rev. McClennahan, of Allegheny, formerly pastor of the U. P. church at this place, was calling on Pitcairn friends Wednesday.

To-day (Thursday) is the day set by the B. of R. T. for a reply from the railroad officials in regards to their demand for more wages and less hours.

John S. Brant called in our office Tuesday evening and informed us he was perfectly satisfied with his government job, and did not think he would ever go back railroading again,

Charles Nagle, brother of Mrs. J. H. Travis, of Third street, who was taken sick while on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Travis, is on a fair way to recovery, although not yet able to leave his room.

Joseph March, a miner of Latrobe, has brought suit against the Latrobe Coal company for injuries sustained in its mine near that place on June 17, 1898. The plaintiff has asked for \$20,000 damages.

Mr. Charles McCormick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel McCormick, of Second , street, came home on a visit from Gambier Military academy, Gambler, O. on Tuesday last. He will return to Gambier on next Monday.

Among the Sir Knights who visited our town last week were Mr. and Mrs. Chas. H. Van Gorder, of Fort Wayne, Ind., and Dr. and Mrs. Geo. Carpenter, of Denver, Col. They were the guests of their friends, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Keeley, of Eleanor street.

The old saying that three frosts bring rain was more than verified this week.

We had a remarkably heavy frost Sunday morning, another one Monday morning, and the rain did not wait for the third one, but poured down Tuesday morning turning our streets into rivers of mud.

The postoffice department will recommend in its annual report this year the reduction of ocean postage between this country and Great Brittan to two cents a half ounce. The present rate is five cents; so that, for business houses on both sides of the Atlantic having a large correspondence, this will mean a very great saving in expenses. This is the first time such an official recommendation has been made, though the subject has been agitated at various periods for more than forty years.

Communicated,

Editor "Express" Sir:—"Could you inform a constant reader of your paper if it is a contempt of court to ignore the court's appointment of a Burgess, and have President of Council erase "Burgess" on warrants and sign them "President of Council?" Has the court's no law or authority in the matter?"

We would advise "constant reader" for safety's sake to employ an attorney. Ed.

#### RHODODENDRON PARK.

Special Excursion to Lloydsville via Pennsylvania Railroad.

To behold the Allegheny Mountains clothed in all the richness of their Autumn-tinted foliage is a rare privilege. To afford such an opportunity the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will run a special excursion from Pittsburg and principal points on the Pittsburg Division to Lloydsville on Saturday, October 22. Special train will be run on the following schedule, and excursion tickets will be sold at rates quoted:—

	Train leaves.	Rate.
Pittsburg	8.05 A. M.	\$3.00
East Liberty	8.15	3.00
Wilkinsburg	8.20	2.95
Braddock	8.27	2.95
Turtle Creek	8.31	2.90
Wilmerding	8.33	2 80
Irwin	8.46	2.70
Jeannette	8.59	2.50
Greensburg	9.10	2.40

Returning leave Lloydsville 5.00 P. M. making same stops, and stopping twenty minutes at Altoona for supper.

Tickets good to return until October 24, inclusive, and good to stop off at Altoona on return trip;

#### Railroad Notes.

At the Altoona shops of the Pennsylvania railroad all the men are busy. They are working on an order for 1,400 box and gondola cars. The Juniata shops are busy on a large order for new engines.

Twelve more new 100,000-pound capacity steel cars built for the Pennsylvania lines have been received and placed in the coal service. These cars have been used long enough in lake traffic on this system to demonstrate their great superiority, and it is understood that next year the Pennsylvania and Pennsylvania lines will order several hundred of them.

These are the days when baggage men must face all day an awful dint, with crusty dogs of every kind tied in the car they have to mind, and not expose their legs at large for fear the curs at them may charge. With growls and howls and clank of chain they almost stop the flying train, or tangled up in scrapping match at everything they grab and catch. With doleful wail of piercing sound, the loud complaint of tortured hound is heard above the wild melee, while others scratch at many a flea, and yet the patient baggage man must do the very best he can, and if a dog should get away, there would be "Hades" then to pay.

For several weeks past the engineers of the through fast trains of the Pennsylvania railroad have been making some great speed records between Altoona and Pittsburg. The running time of the three flyers, Nos. 5, 25 and 21, for the 117 miles is about 8 hours and 5 minutes, and as fully 25 miles is a steep grade, some great spurts must be made on the favorable stretches of track. Three times already Nos. 5 and 21 made up 80 minutes of lost time, and in order to do this the big class L engines had to be pushed to the highest limit of



their speed between Blairsville Intersection and Greensburg, and from the summit at Radebaugh down through Jeannette, Penn, Larimer and Irwin, a 70-mile-an-hour pace was maintained with the 10 and 12 car trains.

Dr. Montgomery leaves on the 25th inst. for a ten-day sporting trip in the wilds of Fulton county.

W. B. Brush, the Wilmerding shoe man, will hie himself to the Ohio line for quail and rabbits October 1.

Mr. A. K. Bash, our popular Broadway merchant, will spend a couple of days in about New Alexandria this week.

T. S. Patch and Frank Harris, Wilmerding's popular nimrods, will shoot on the ridges at Nineveh this week.

George Hobaugh left for the mountains in Huntingdon county Saturday last where he will seek the gay and festive deer, wild turkey, etc.

Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup>, was hunters day, and the woods was full of them. We spent the day with our former Pitcairn friend, Mr. J. H. Mattox, who now resides near Industry, on the C. & P. railroad. We met many good people on the road but none better than our host and hostess. In the eight hours of Saturday's hunt we "bagged" 9 quail and 4 pheasants and 1 large woodcock, making 14 pieces. Just how many rabbits we tramped on and killed we did not try to count. We might have got a few more birds as they are fairly plenty, but we lost about an hour driving the rabbits off the road while Mr. Mattox hauled in a load of pumpkins. We were pleased to find our friends so well located, and feel certain of their future prosperity. When they feel inclined for a rabbit dinner they take the gun and go out to the woods shoot a few shots into a briar patch then go in and gather up the amount of rabbits needed and return home, where Mrs. Mattox

and the maid, Dora, brings forth the rich, golden pumpkin pies and serves a dinner fit for the gods.

Monument Unveiling.

There will be a monument unveiling in Mt. Lebanon cemetery at Tarr station on Sunday afternoon, October 23, at 3 p. m., which will be attended by a couple of fraternal orders, and a number of persons from Greensburg.

At a special meeting of Westmoreland Camp, No. 18, Woodmen of the World, it was decided to attend the ceremonies attendant upon the unveiling of the monument recently erected by the Woodmen over the grave of the late Thomas H. Sheplar, who was drowned in the reservoir at Jamison's works some eight or nine weeks ago, in a body. The Knights of the Golden Eagle and the Greensburg City band will also attend the ceremonies, leaving Greensburg on a special train at 2 p. m.

**October 27, 1898**

**LOCAL NEWS.**

See school report on Fourth page.

Those who have seen them say our school is a good deal higher than Turtle Creek's.

Secretary Alger has issued orders for 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> regiments to be mustered out of service.

Robert McElroy of Second street, near Third, has been appointed by counsel as street commissioner and borough police. What has become of our Health officer?

It is reported agate quenches thirst. If this be true a carload should be shipped to Wilmerding immediately.

Rev. T. J. Porter, pastor of the Presbyterian church, officiated at Murrsville Sabbath last and gave the Sacrament.

On account of the Philadelphia jubilee Governor Hastings has set aside this, the 27th day of October as thanksgiving day.

Harlan Horne, who has been connected with Dible's music house for years past, was a caller at this office Tuesday.

Rev. Lincoln Wiley, of Allegheny, occupied the pulpit at the Presbyterian church last Sunday morning and evening.

Prof. Knoch informed us that \$7.90 was the amount subscribed by the school children to the La Fayette memorial fund.

George Brickle, brother of Lou Brickle, our tonsorial artist, was caught for \$600 in the German National Bank failure.

Mrs. Edward Elder who removed from Fourth street with Mr. Elder and family, was in town looking up a house to return to Pitcairn.

The owner of the ducks down town should not allow them to linger around a doctors premises. They are continually hollering "quack."

Don't think because you have had money all these years by pursuing your present policy that you can run successfully in the same old rut eternally.

Mr. C. A. Hensel, cousin of A. K. Bash, is home from Puerto Rico. He is a member of Company M, Sixteenth infantry. Mr. Hensel is now on his way to the Philadelphia jubilee.

New Kensington's foot ball team is right in it this fall, having won three straight games. We always knew when it came to kicking the glass blowers are hard to beat.

Grant Singiser, of Fourth street, and W. B. Tenney, of Brinton avenue, spent Saturday to Monday at East Liverpool and attended the Y. M. C. A. meeting convened there.

Thomas M. Marshall, the oldest and for years the foremost lawyer at the Allegheny county bar, died at his home, Marshall avenue, Allegheny, at 11:30 Tuesday night.

Hon. Howard Brinton, of Iowa, brother of S. M. Brinton, Jr., spent last week here looking up his interests in the estate. He was his brother's guest, at the Brinton mansion, above town.

Where are our dramatic clubs this winter? Cannot some of the young ladies get up a few entertainments for the coming holidays. We have the talent here if they only had the courage.

Talking too much while a member of the Elliott borough council cost William J. Hamilton \$200. A jury Tuesday morning awarded a verdict for that amount to Homer L. McGaw.

John Warner, the blacksmith, has secured the services of a first-class wagon maker and is now prepared to furnish you anything in that line from a wheelbarrow to a four-horse wagon.

Mr. J. A. Witter, the contractor and builder, is putting himself up a dwelling house on Fourth street. We welcome Mr. Witter and family as neighbors, and hope they will soon get into their new home.

The members of the U. B. church and their friends are cordially invited to attend a reception to be tendered their new pastor and wife, in the church, Saturday evening, October 29, at 7:45 o'clock

Thanksgiving day.

Miss Reed entertained a few friends on Saturday evening last.

There was a second tournament at live birds held at the McIntosh grounds by the sporting fraternity of Wall, led by that indefatigable hotel man, Charles Wymard. We failed to learn the score.

Mr. and Mrs. Elliott, of Chicago, formerly of Agatha street, this place, have been visiting friends here the past few days. Mr. Elliott was transferring his property over to Mrs. Lang who purchased the same.

Mr. George Myers and wife, of Fourth street, will shortly remove to the frame dwelling of A. C. Evans, in the rear of their store room. George is having some extensive repairs put upon the building making it comfortable.

John Stewart, assistant to Homer Fritchman at Pitcairn station, took a trip over the mountains on Saturday last as far as Rhododendron Park, and returned on Monday evening with improved looks, fairer and fatter.

We are pleased chronicle the fact that a club is being organized in Pitcairn to be called the Pitcairn Gymnasium club. All intending members will please give their name to Herman McDowell, captain of the local base ball team.

T. T. Stoutenburgh, Oph. D., has located in our town, and is prepared to examine the human eye scientifically. The Dr. comes well recommended, and we trust will meet with good practice. See ad in another column of this paper.

The "Express" has booked more new subscribers in the past three weeks than any other paper in the valley. In championing the cause of the people it has become a popular paper, and now goes to almost all the homes in and around Pitcairn.

Mr. James Lavelle, of this place, and Miss Mary Lovett, one of Irwin's fair young ladies, were united in marriage at Braddock on Tuesday morning last. The happy young couple have the congratulations of the "Express" for their future prosperity.

The weekly cottage prayer meeting of the U. B. church was held at the home of John Buck, Brinton avenue, on Tuesday evening, and was led by Milton Flack. Next Tuesday evening the meeting will be held at Mr. Edgar McGuire's, Broadway.

The Pennsylvania railroad has placed steam pipes from the shop boilers to carry steam to heat the accommodation trains leaving Pitcairn. So our mothers and maidens need not be cold when entering the cars, but will be comfortable and warm.

A couple of communications concerning Third street has been intentionally left out this week, as we think the Residents of that street deserve a rest. Knowledge drawn from experience is of quite another kind from that which flows from speculation or discourse.

Mrs. Samuel Cashdollar, of Stewart station, has returned from a trip to New Florence and Johnstown, where she has been entertained by her many friends and relations for several days past. Mrs. Cashdollar formerly lived at New Florence and her friends at that place are legion.

John Newlin, eldest son of James Newlin, of Wall avenue, met with a painful accident Monday morning last. While assisting to lift a wheel to the lathe at the car shops here the wheel suddenly slipped and fell against the young man's right leg severely injuring that member.

Mrs. Nancy Lang, of Monroeville, last week purchased the Elliott property, on Agatha street, and will soon move to town. Mrs. Lang deserves to rest the remainder of her days. By hard labor and economy she

has accumulated considerable property, which we hope she may now reap the benefit of.

The German Military club, Jeannette, Pa., has purchased the Methodist Episcopal church building there and will take possession in about one month, as the church people will move into their new building by that time. The military company will use their newly purchased building for a drilling room and armory.

Monday night George F. Brunt, president of the Brunt Porcelain company, and one of the most prominent manufacturers in East Liverpool, O., shot and killed his colored hostler, Dudley L. Lee. Lee was 30 years old and single. He came here from Cadiz, O., six weeks ago. His father is an African Methodist preacher said to reside in or near Pittsburg.

Miss Emma Rineman, of Allegheny, Pa. spent Sunday with her friend Miss Mollie Koch.

Found - A watch of some value was found in Pitcairn yesterday, the owner can have the same by proving property and paying charges. N. S. Gilson.

Monday last as Dick Owens was driving Mrs. McKee's team on the pike north of town, they took fright at some object along the road and became unmanageable. The horses ran off, upsetting the wagon and hurling Dick out amongst the brambles. Meat, sausages, wagon, Dick and all were so badly mixed up that it will be some time before "Richard is himself again."

Every newspaper, man is blamed with a lot of things they can't help, such as using partiality in mentioning visitors, giving news about some folks and leaving others out, etc. The editor simply prints the news he can find, keeping in view the town's best interests, some people inform him about such things; while others do not. The "Express" is always glad to receive and publish items of local news and personal intelligence, but the editor must not be held responsible

for omissions when the interested persons fail to give the necessary information.

#### Republican Meeting,

There will be a Republican meeting held in Wilmerding at the public school hall, Friday evening, October 28, at 7:30 o'clock. Everybody is cordially invited. Prominent speakers have been engaged for the occasion and true Republicanism will be thoroughly discussed. Turn out and hear the issues of the campaign.

#### An Editor Loose.

This is the way the editor feels when he does his sentiment in blank verse:

"I would flee from the city's rule and law—from its fashions and forms cut I loose—and go where the strawberry grows on its straw and the gooseberry grows on its goose; where the catnip tree is climbed the cat as she clutches for her prey—the guileless and unsuspecting rat on the rattan bush at play; I will catch with ease the saffron cow and the owlet in their glee, as they leap in joy from bough to bough on the top of a cowslip tree; and list while the partridge drums his drum and the woodchuck chucks his wood, and the dog devours the dogwood plum in the primitive solitude.

"O let me drink from the moss-grown pump that was hewn from the pumpkin! And I'll rise at morn with the earliest bird, to the fragrant farmyard pass, and watch while the farmer turns his herd of grasshoppers out to grass."

#### PASSENGER TRAIN WRECKED.

The Derry Express Collides With a Freight Train Near Carney—Several Other Wrecks.

What might have proven a disastrous wreck, occurred at Troy's crossing near Carney station on Thursday afternoon last. A westbound freight was pulling west on a middle siding, Engineer Jerome at the throttle. Near the town the air was put on and the cars jammed together so hard that one of the trucks left the track and

the car swung across toward the main track. Just then the Derry express came running swiftly along and struck the end of the projecting freight car. The baggage car and three coaches were instantly derailed. The last car containing about 30 passengers, most of them women, was thrown on its side and the passengers were badly mixed up. Some jumped from the windows and for a time the greatest excitement prevailed. Most wondrous to relate, not one was in any way injured save a few trifling bruises and a terrible scare. The tracks were blocked for about two hours before the wreck trains had them cleared up to permit travel to be resumed.

Yesterday train No. 7, on the P.R. R., ran into a carriage loaded with children on their way to school at Wilkinsburg, smashing the carriage and seriously injuring the occupants. How any of them escaped instant death seems miraculous, as the carriage was smashed into kindling wood and scattered for over 100 yards along the track.

Monday night westbound freight No. 25 and eastbound No. 86 had a head end collision at Cassels, O., wrecking the engines and 15 cars of merchandise. Engineer McKelvey was seriously injured. Our readers will be sorry to learn that the engineer was our friend and fellow citizen, George McKelvey, formerly of Third street.

Tuesday a disastrous wreck occurred just west of Latrobe station, the tracks were being repaired when a heavily loaded freight train dashed onto the torn up tracks, derailing the engine and smashing several ears. No one was hurt.



**Chapter 23**  
**PITCAIRN EXPRESS**  
**November 1898 Local News Items**

**November 3, 1898**  
**LOCAL NEWS.**

Get out the vote.

Are you registered?

Vote early—vote often.

Election day next Tuesday.

If you can't Swallow Stone try Jenk.

Even the bravest soldiers will run—for office.

Vote for who you durn please—that's the way we do.

Not everybody who has a red nose these days is a patron of the saloon.

J. C. Bear will auction off his farming implements and stock this fall with the intention of moving North.

Fortunately for himself, the man who knows it all doesn't seem to know what other people think of him.

Pitcairn people have discovered what investigation is merely hunting up a lot of blame and fixing it on someone else.

We know a landlord who is certain that if he had a haunted house he would be trying to collect rent from the ghost.

Born to the wife of J. C. Moorwood, of Third street, on Thursday last, a daughter. Mother and child both doing well

Mr. J. E. Freed, of Brinton avenue, returned home on Tuesday from spending a pleasant vacation at his old home in Fayette county.

If not registered you may vote by having a voter swear to your residence in the district. You can vote if you have paid taxes within two years.

E. B. Dunkle, assistant superintendent of the P. R. R. Y. M. C. A. Monday last removed his household goods and family from Third to Ninth street.

The Jeannette Bottle has resumed operations in full after an idleness of several months, during when the entire plant has received a complete overhauling.

Somewhere between the 15 and 25, astronomers say, we will have showers of shooting stars, due to the rapid transit of Beal's comet and close proximity to the earth.

Mrs. J. Burkett, of Hillside avenue, returned home to Pitcairn yesterday week from a visit she made to Sheffield, England, where she visited old friends and relatives.

W. B. Patterson, court constable, of West Liberty, was a visitor to Pitcairn on Tuesday, calling on Dr. J. G. Stewart, president of the school board, and Constable George Hobaugh.

James Smith, of Wall, candidate for State Senator from the Forty-fourth senatorial district, has received the endorsement of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen of this place.

A. K. Bush, our Broadway merchant, is chaperoning a hunting party near New Alexandria this week, while ye editor and W. B. Brush of Wilmerding, are down the Ft. Wayne quail shooting.

Some of our Third street residents now say they want their street paved, at it is down to paving grade. Well,

we see no objections as long as they are willing to pay the fiddler they should be let dance.

It is plainly seen by the depredation committed Monday night that our borough officials have made another mistake in thrusting so many offices upon our borough police. Are there no other people in town?

There is still a case or two of larceny that may be brought against certain parties who seem to fear neither courts nor citizens. Should it become necessary to institute proceedings after November election the evidence will be found permanently located.

J. C. McWherter, aged 45 and a car inspector, residing at Derry attempted to jump on freight train 1522 on the Pennsylvania road, near this place, Sunday night when the train was moving and slipped and fell in under the wheels. His right foot was badly injured and amputation may be necessary.

The small boy and the “h ??? de hoy” fellows were out in full force on Monday evening, doors and windows were unhung and carried away causing an endless amount of trouble to replace. At the corner of Broadway and ????? avenue buggies, signs, gates, etc. were piled up in order, and presented a desperate looking appearance

While out hunting with companions at Herminie, near Irwin Monday last, Joe Boleti, and another miner, accidently discharged a weapon and some of the shot entered the body of John Macholi, another of the party. The accident frightened Boleti and he started to run, when without hesitating Macholi raised his gun and shot Boleti through the heart. The murderer is at large.

All Spanish needles do not come from Spain—Harris says they are plenty on the Clugston farm.

Don't forget to vote for the man who is so big that after the election he thinks he did it all himself.

Mrs. L. H. Walthour, of Centre avenue, returned home yesterday from Greensburg. Her daughter, Mary, who has been sick with fever accompanied her.

Dr. Montgomery is expected home from the mountains of Fulton county to-day, where he has been shooting wild turkey and the mountain passes for the past ten days.

An Irwin girl remarked to a lady friend the other day that she “could not conceive what anyone could see in that dude Smythe.” “Marry him and you may” was the reply.

Mayor J. P. Baughman, of Jeannette, and Mrs. Nancy Hughes, of Belle Vernon, Pa., were married on Thursday evening at the Seventh Avenue hotel, Pittsburg. Rev. Dr. F. W. E. Perchau, of the Second Lutheran church of Greensburg, officiated.

Mr. W. H. Armstrong, of Second street, has received a letter from George McKelvy, who removed from Third street to Newark, O., about three weeks ago, and who was reported killed in a wreck on the B. & O. railroad. In his letter George states he is as lively a corpse as there is on earth.

Mr. and Mrs. Graff, with their infant son, made visit to the Rev. and Mrs. Orner on Saturday last, returning to their home in Greensburg yesterday. Mrs. Graff, a daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Orner. A very interesting genealogy was present at the parsonage. Mr. D. Pines, father of Mrs. Orner, aged 82, Mrs. Graff, daughter of Mrs. Orner, and Master Billie Graff made four generations.

Major Sam Heilman, surgeon of the Fifteenth Regiment, passed through Pitcairn Saturday morning from Philadelphia. In speaking of the peace jubilee he said it was the greatest demonstration of its kind to be ever witnessed, and that there was no figure or speech that would express the amount of enthusiasm that was



displayed. Maj. Heilman further said that he thought the Fifteenth regimen would soon be mustered out of service.

Thursday of last week Mr. Frank Harris, of Hotel Harris, Wilmerding, and T. S. Patch, the perquisite medicinal beverage expert, hied themselves to the Clugston farm, north of town in quest of wild game. In company of Alf. Johnston, the veteran of that neck o' the woods, they succeeded in "bagging" a fine large wild turkey, which, when the farmer was paid that raised it from a seedling, they wended their way homewards, financially poorer but wiser and more experienced in the arts of sporting life.

A daring set of Pitcairn young ladles made a descent upon the quiet domicile of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Armstrong, of Second street, on Halloween. Their first act was to take hold bodily of Mr. Armstrong to carry him out onto the street, which conduct he strenuously resisted. After a very social time was spent, a repast given in Mrs. Armstrong's best style was laid upon the table, to which they were all invited. The piano was in use and singing and quiet Halloween talk was indulged in. Mr. W. H. A. had a heavy job on his hands escorting each one home when the small hours arrived.

#### Knocked Down and Robbed

S. M. Smail, our Second street attorney was knocked down and robbed by three burly negroes Friday night. Mr. Small had just left his home and started up Second street towards Highland avenue about 7 o'clock, and when about 50 yards from his home he was approached by three colored men, one of whom asked him what time it was. He told them when they sprang upon him, felling him to the ground and taking his gold watch and \$148 in money. His assailants then fled and left their victim lying in a semi-conscious state for some time when he recovered sufficiently to drag himself home.

Winter Excursion Tickets on the Pennsylvania Railroad.

On November 1 Pennsylvania Railroad Company will place on sale at its principal ticket offices excursion tickets to all prominent Winter resorts in New Jersey, Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Florida and Cuba. The tickets will be sold at the usual low rates, with the usual liberal return limits.

The magnificent facilities of the Pennsylvania Railroad, with its many connections, make this the favorite line for Winter travel.

An illustrated book, descriptive of Winter resorts, and giving routes of travel and rates for tickets, will be furnished free after November 1 on application to ticket agents.

#### Recognition Service.

A very interesting meeting took place on Saturday evening last at the U. B. church. The reception was the recognition of the new pastor and his family to Pitcairn—the Rev. T. P. Orner. The meeting was rather unique in that all of the ministers of Pitcairn took part and gave addresses of welcome. The arrangements were made by Mr. and Mrs. Kellner, who were assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Doty. Mrs. Reffner sent out invitations to all the members, who assembled in good numbers. A large choir added to the interest of the meeting. Mr. Reffner acted as president of the meeting, and called upon the speakers to make their addresses of welcome. Rev. H. J. Smith, of the M. E. church, made the speech of the evening. Rev. Orner replied with an address of power and pathos. Rev. T. J. Porter, pastor of the Presbyterian church, and Rev. Jamison, of the United Presbyterian church, gave addresses of welcome, after which Mr. M. W. Callender, in a short but interesting address, reviewed the church history of Pitcairn. The meeting was a splendid success and reflects great credit to all concerned.

#### Personally-Conducted Tours via Pennsylvania Railroad.

Season of 1898-9.

The Personally-Conducted Tourist System of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company is the final evolution

of absolute perfection in railway travel, the summit of the excellence of modern luxurious railway travel.

For the-season of '98 and '99 it has arranged for the following tours:—

California.—Tour will leave New York, Philadelphia, Harrisburg and Pittsburg; February 9. Nineteen days will be spent in California. The party will travel over the entire route by the “Golden Gate Special,” the finest train that crosses the continent.

Florida.—Four tours to Jacksonville will leave New York and Philadelphia January 24, February 7 and 21, and March 7. The first three of these admit of a sojourn of two weeks in the “Flowery State.” Tickets for the fourth tour will be good to return by regular trains until May 31, 1899.

Tickets for the above tours will be sold from all principal points on the Pennsylvania Railroad. For detailed itineraries, giving rates and full information, address Thos. E. Watt, Passenger Agent Western district, Pittsburg;

B. Courlaender, Jr., Passenger Agent Baltimore District; C. Studds. Passenger Agent Southeastern District, Washington; or Geo. W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Philadelphia.

A “Ghost” Party,

Mrs. Dr. W. H. Montgomery invited about twenty couples of young people to her mansion on Third street to meet herself and sister, Miss Mamie Owens, on Halloween. Each invited guest provided a mask, sheet and pillow-slip. Through the phantom dress each wore youth and beauty were hid, and all looked alike, but Mrs. Montgomery made everyone feel at home. Refreshments were served in hearty style by the hostess and Miss Owens. The young people wish every night was Halloween. This certainly was a good way to keep our young fellows from doing Halloween mischief.

**November 10, 1898**

**LOCAL NEWS.**

Gov. Stone.

Judge Evans.

Congressman Dalzell.

Senator William Flinn.

Now prepare for February election.

Hunters say this is a good fall for coons.

Now the wise man is about, saying “I told you so.”

Third street is assuming a more pleasing appearance.

Robb and Smith ran ahead of their ticket considerable here.

The roosters and turkeys can now prepare for Thanksgiving day.

We wonder which is worst, stuffing the ballot box or stuffing the voters.

Fred Hoehl, our Broadway jeweler, has some fine holiday presents in stock.

Miss Mollie Koch paid a two days visit to friends in Allegheny City last week.

The bank of Monte Cristo never had such a run as some of the candidates had Tuesday.

Mrs. C. S Reed, of Broadway, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Dr. R. Brinker, at Corry, Pa.

Charley Koch wants to know if we annex Cuba and Havana where in dunder is de imported cigars to come from.

John Smith, of Braddock, 14 years old, was riding his father's horse Monday when it slipped and fell on him. He may die.

Mrs. Newlin, wife of Dr. Newlin, of Pacific Grove, Cal., visited her niece, Mrs. Dr. J. B. Hoffman, of Broadway, this week.

William Lance, who gave the gramophone entertainment at Wilmerding, Saturday night, reports a good house with fair receipts.

Master Joe Toohill, who has been absent attending school at St. Vincent's college, Beatty, Pa., is home on a ten-day vacation.

Mrs. John Brady, of Greensburg, wife of the first soldier in the Tenth regiment to fall in the battle of Malate, has made application for a pension.

Henry C. Schaffer has purchased the Jamison and Fogg property, on Third street, through the Reed agency, which gives our town another good citizen.

The average local hunters are faring reasonably well, as there is scarcely a day but someone brings home a pheasant or two and a couple of cotton tails.

Lorretta, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Webb, of Twelfth street, fell down the front door steps last Thursday and fractured her left arm at the elbow.

Arthur Allan Hobis, of Wilkinsburg, 9 years old, played near a grate Monday night, his clothes caught fire and he was burned to death. The child lived on Franklin street.

W. N. Walker has broken ground for a two-story frame dwelling house on Fourth street. This street is rapidly building up, and soon will be a solid block of resident homes.

Prof. Herkert's orchestra, of this place will hold their first grand reception in Hoehl's ball, Broadway, on Tuesday evening, November 15. Dancing will be indulged in from 8 to 2.

The people of any town can do a great deal of good for it by sounding its praises wherever they go, but they can do a lot more for the town by active and energetic work at home.

#### Death's Call.

Our townsman and resident physician, Dr. J. G. Stewart, was last week called home by the sad news of the death of his mother, Mrs. William Stewart, aged 81 years, who died November 4, at her home near Apollo. She was an active energetic woman until three years ago. She was born near Parnassus, in Westmoreland county, and lived there till 1860, when she moved to Armstrong county. She was a kind mother, and a helpful and sympathetic neighbor, always present among her neighbors when help was needed. She leaves behind her an aged husband and four children—Mrs. Geo. Gallaber, of Allegheny; Mary, who is at home; J. G. of Pitcairn, and Will A. at home. She was a lifelong member of the U. P. church, and her last words were a verse of Mrs. Mackay's hymn.

"Asleep in Jesus! Oh for me  
May such a blissful refuge be,  
Securely shall my ashes lie  
And wait the summons from on high."  
The agony is over.

Rev. Koenig, who failed to discourse on the subject of the American Vote is the only minister voting here Tuesday.

The weekly cottage prayer meeting of the U. B. church was held at Mr. ??? on Seventh street, on Tuesday evening. Mr. Milton Flack was the conductor. There was a large attendance.

Invitations were issued this week by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pickworth, Second street, for the marriage their

daughter, Miss Edythe, to Mr. J. Harry Green, of Wilmerding, to take place Wednesday evening, November 23, at the home of the bride.

We are sorry to learn that Messers. Lappey & Sons have located their factory, and are fast pushing their buildings at another point than Pitcairn. They were given their present site, which our people seemed loth to do. We do not fault the firm. A town that will not hold out any inducements whatever for its own betterment does not deserve great things.

Victor Engle, of Jeannette aged 15 years, while examining a new rifle Saturday last, aimed it at an outhouse a neighboring yard and fired. Mrs. Joseph Lunn was in the building and the bullet struck her fair in temple, entering her brain. She cannot possibly recover. The woman was aged about 30 years and was the mother of children. The father of the boy almost distracted, and may lose his reason.

#### Church Notes.

Rev. Orner is holding special services in the U. B. church every night this week commencing at 7:30 o'clock,

Rev. T. L. Jamison preached a good sermon from Gal. x., 19<sup>th</sup> to ?? verses Sunday morning last. There was a large congregation.

Rev. H. L. Smith, pastor of the M. E. church, preached a very elegant and powerful sermon Sunday last. Subject—"The American ???; his duties and his privileges."

The text of Rev. Thomas Porter, Ph. D., pastor of the Presbyterian church, was "After the wisdom of God set magistrates and judges." The congregation was large and appreciative.

**November 17, 1898**

#### **LOCAL NEWS.**

One more week to Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving number next Thursday.

Don't forget to get the Thanksgiving number of the "Express."

Mrs. H. Bradley has been confined to her home by sickness the past week.

S. P. Martin had his right leg taken off at the knee at a result of his injuries at Grapeville.

Prof. List, the blind musician, gave a lecture in the Brinton school house Friday evening last.

The Presbyterian Sabbath school netted a little over \$25 at their unique entertainment last week.

Our street commissioner will have his hands full if he complies with sections 3 and 5 of ordinance No. 59.

Mrs. Krumanocker, of K street, died of pulmonary disease Monday last, leaves a husband and three small children.

Wilmerding officers are receiving notices of certain speakeasies in Patton township which they are asked to suppress.

It is generally understood now that Spain will give in. As she has already given out, it is expected she will soon give in.

Thomas McKee, a Pennsylvania railroad track walker, aged 47, was struck by freight train at Packsaddle Saturday morning and instantly killed.

William Rhoads, of Agatha street, received a message from Harrisburg Tuesday morning announcing the

death of his father. Mr. Rhoads left No. 8 to attend the last sad rites.

Where was our officer Sunday last when the three loose horses kept running over Fourth, street boardwalks most all day, breaking the walks and violating the borough ordinances.

Last Friday morning William Cook, of Second street, was watching the carpenters at work on the new houses near his home, and while the men were hoisting up lumber he stepped into a deep hole and hurt himself rather badly.

Irwin council is considering the right of way for what is known as the McKeesport & Irwin street railway company, which means a streetcar line to Greensburg and westward to Pittsburg. We wonder if this takes in Pitcairn?

Back in old Missouri a man named Angel is in jail for horse stealing, and in the same county a man named Crook is teaching the Bible class in Sunday school. Missouri is eternally springing something startling on us just to keep her name in the papers.

A very nice surprise party was held by the Ladies Auxiliary at Old Wall, last evening, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Montague, refreshments were served at 11 o'clock. Miss Marie Trout, of Pitcairn was a present, who kept the crowd roaring.

J. H. Goehring of Third street, was hastily summoned to Harmony, Pa., on Friday morning. Before he and Mrs. Goehring arrived at his mother's home at Harmony his mother, aged 65, passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Goehring have our sympathy in their bereavement.

The congregations at the U. B. church were very large last Sabbath. The Rev. Orner preached an admirable discourse from the parable of the mustard seed, Matthew, 13 chapter, 31 and 32 verses. At the morning

service Miss ???? presided at the organ, and Mr. C. Thomas led the large and efficient choir.

Conrad Ryan, aged 53, and residing at New Florence was run down by an engine on the Pennsylvania railroad at Derry round house Friday night and was severely injured. Ryan was on the turntable, at that place, when the engine ran over him. He was taken to Greensburg hospital, where his recovery is doubtful.

"Give thanks, O ye, of Third street!" as next Thursday is Thanksgiving day, a day set aside for thanksgiving and prayer. We particularly call the attention of our Third street residents to the fact that they have much to be thankful for. Dwelling softly on the high places and mountain passes, receiving the lion's portion of the work of our borough council, they should rejoice together and be glad, as the rest of us are "not in it" unless we undertake to walk down or up your street. Therefore be thankful for what you have.

Rev. I. Hawn last Sunday preached his farewell sermon at New Kensington.

Mr. Samuel McCutcheon, of Cleveland, O. stayed Tuesday as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Trout, of Seventh street.

The Pitcairn Military band, of Pitcairn, serenaded Mr. Robert Pitcairn, for whom the band was named, at his home in Shadyside, Tuesday evening last.

Charles P. Williams, a brakeman one of the Pitcairn accommodations, lost his left foot Thursday morning last while getting off to turn a spur switch near Pitcairn station. He was taken to the West Penn hospital. He is 22 years old, and lives at 114 North Atlantic avenue Pittsburg. He has only been in the service about two months, and is said to be the first uniformed man to be seriously injured while at work in 16 years.

S. P. Martin, of this place, a freight conductor on the Pennsylvania railroad, had his left leg badly dislocated

and his body severely bruised Friday night at Grapeville, by being caught between the cabin and the station fence. He was taken to the West Penn hospital, when, after examination by the doctors, it was decided to remove one of his limbs. Mr. Martin has just purchased a house and lot on Fourth street, and while paying for the same is raising a family of five small children. His case is a sad one; and merits the sympathy of our entire community.

“Who Killed Cock Robin?” was demonstrated to a large audience Friday night last in the Presbyterian church by 18 members of the Sabbath school. The young people did exceedingly well, and showed their thorough training, reflecting great credit upon the management. In fact the woods scene was so perfect that when the hunters appeared we actually imagined we could hear the bears growling, but were informed later it was only “The Silent Woman” getting ready to meet her lover. The “Cock Robin” cantata was followed by the ingenious farce, “A Silent Woman,” which caused much merriment and received considerable applause, both parties acting their part well. The performance was interspersed by some very fine singing by a male quartette, which, was highly applauded and frequently encored. In fact the audience was so pleased that they are anxiously awaiting the next children’s entertainment.

Cards are out announcing the fifteenth anniversary of the Pennsylvania Railroad Department of the Young Men’s Christian association of Pittsburg, in the car shop, Pitcairn, Pa., on Sabbath afternoon, November 20, 1898, at 3:15 o’clock. Addresses by Mr. C. R. Towson, General Secretary of the Pennsylvania Railroad Department Young Men’s Christian association, Philadelphia; Mr. H. J. Aukerman General Secretary of the Young Men’s Christian association, Altoona, and others. A train will run from Pittsburg to Pitcairn for the accommodation of all P. R. R. employees and invited guests of the association. The train will be free only to those who present their invitations or a special ticket which will be issued to

such employees and the members of their immediate families as desire to attend the meeting. Tickets can be obtained by applying at the association rooms either at Pitcairn or Twenty-eighth street. The train will stop at all stations, leaving Pittsburg at 1:00 P. M. Returning, leave Pitcairn at close of the meeting.

#### THE “PITTSBURG LIMITED.”

A New Fast Express Train, Pittsburg to New York, Baltimore and Washington, via Pennsylvania Railroad. Beginning Tuesday, November 15, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will place in service the “Pittsburg Limited” a new fast express train from Pittsburg, to New York, Baltimore and Washington, leaving Pittsburg daily at 10:00 P. M., East Liberty at 10:10 P. M., arriving New York 8:00 A. M., Baltimore 6:85 A. M., and Washington 7:45 A. M.

The train will carry through Pullman sleeping cars to Baltimore and Washington, and sleeping cars and Pennsylvania Railroad standard coaches to New York. It will be the fastest train in service between the above points, and will appeal to those who desire to spend the evening in Pittsburg and reach New York, Baltimore or Washington early the next morning,

#### Sporting Notes.

Pheasants are reported rather plenty hereabouts.

Alex Moore’s son shot a black and white rabbit in the woods Saturday.

George Fairfax is relegating himself these days by eating rabbits, which, with his little 16-gauge gun he furnishes himself.

If we were sure our dog, which accompanied three Wilmerding sports to Ohio in quest of quail was as safe as the quail we would rest easier.

Frank Harris, T. S. Patch and Gust McNally, the barber, are spending the week in Ohio, quail hunting or

shooting the farmers turkeys being their object. Right boys, prepare for Thanksgiving.

W. B. Brush, Harry Rambo and Mr. Nagle, of Wilmerding, just returned from their eastern hunt, having spent the past ten days with Mr. Hartman, in Huntingdon county. Judging from the amount of game they brought back with them, and the inclement weather prevailing, rabbits and wild turkey must be plenty in that section.

Thanks.

I desire to publicly express my thanks to the people of Pitcairn and vicinity for their support during my campaign at the last election, giving mean expression of their friendship beyond the regular vote of the party. Yours respectfully,  
James Smith

What About This?

Quite a number of our citizens would like to know what became of the money —nearly \$20—raised some time ago to purchase a borough flag. They all say as the school flag is worn out they would like to see their money invested in a couple of good flags for our school building. Why this tardiness?

In reply, to the above the treasurer of the fund referred to says there was only about \$10 received, S. B. McCormick turning in the most of that, \$7 and some cents, which he still has in his possession and is willing to buy a flag for our school building with the money. We would now suggest that the school board, teachers or a committee appointed, be instructed to raise funds, or in any way they deem proper, secure a flag pole to be raised on the school grounds in the manner of the Y. M. C. A. flag pole, and have the same placed in position so that the flag can be hoisted and lowered at will, or when Providence removes one of the bright pupils from our schools or school board the flag can be half-masted if so desired. The money is ready for the flag, who will famish the pole?

Lafayette Memorial Commission,

Prof. Knoch has received the following receipt from the Lafayette Memorial Commission in regards to the money sent them by the children of our schools: Washington, D. C., Oct. 24, 1898.

Pitcairn Schools:—Your remittance of \$7.90 to the fund for the erection of a monument in Paris to the memory of General Lafayette is received, and I desire to thank you in behalf of the Memorial Commission for the amount you have so generously contributed. Yours respectfully,  
Charles G. Dawes, Treasurer.  
Souvenir receipt will follow.

**November 24, 1898**

**LOCAL NEWS.**

Thanksgiving.

Give thanks for the “beautiful” snow.

Special services at the Presbyterian church this week.

The turkey is a noble animal, for which we are thankful.

Beautiful weather, and many other things be thankful for to-day.

The McGinnis houses, under course of construction by Frank Leshner, are nearing completion.

Miss Birdie Betz, of Pittsburg, is visiting the Misses Fairfax, of Third street for a few days.

Mr. T. Starkey, of Brinton avenue, had his fingers badly lacerated at the shop here Saturday last.

Notice - Mrs. Alberta Shroyer is at Dr. T. Stoutenburgh's, 6th street extension, and desires Dressmaking of any kind.

Carnegie Steel Company and the Westinghouse Electric Company harvested a large number of contracts in England.

The barbers of the State started an organized movement against the training school for barbers, where free shaves are given.

By placing trucks of 100,000 pounds' capacity the Pennsylvania railroad will replace a lot of its 80,000-pound cars strong enough to carry 50 tons.

Elmer Barron, employed at the transfer, met with an accident to his foot by a heavy tire falling on him. Dr. Montgomery is attending him,

There are dead loads of good things in the market for this Thanksgiving. Loads of dead turkeys, dead ducks, dead chickens, dead beats and things to be thankful for.

A number of young men of this place have formed the "Pitcairn Athletic Club," a social club with some iron-clad rules attached. The object is social enjoyment.

DRESSMAKING—Dressmaking and plain sewing at Mrs. Brown's residence, on Brinton avenue at head of Third street. Mrs. Brown & Trout.

The Union Thanksgiving service was held this morning at 10:30 o'clock in the United Presbyterian church. The collection will be devoted to charitable purposes.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Fairfax, of Third street, celebrated the thirty-seventh anniversary of their marriage on Saturday last. A good number of children and grandchildren were present.

Mr. John P. Cowan, wife and family, of Allegheny City, spent Sunday last as the guests of Mrs. M. L. Keck. Mr. Cowan has been in his present position, in the Pittsburg postoffice department over fourteen years.

Mr. Witter and Mr. Walker have commenced the mason work on their new dwellings on Fourth street. H. M. Tilbrook, who has the contract for the Walker house, expects to complete the building in four weeks.

The Knights of the Golden Eagle will attend the M. E. church in a body next Sunday morning, when Rev. H. L. Smith will preach a special sermon for the Knights. The members will meet at Reed's hall, Broadway, and march in order to the church.

J. S. Custer, of the Westinghouse air brake works, at Wilmerding, has won considerable money by prize advertising designs for manufacturers of railroad supplies. M. F. Smearman, of the Pennsylvania railroad shops at Altoona, is another man who has won similar distinction.

Stanley Cowie, the popular passenger conductor of the Greensburg express has been changed and will run from Pittsburg to Altoona. Harry Ray will take charge of the Greensburg train.

We have learned two things the past week: First. That a man with a healed jaw and a mashed tooth is no company for man or beast. He can neither chew tobacco nor eat hay, and gets no more sympathy than the traditional jawbone did from the Philistines; Second, That a painless dentist is a liar.

The I. O. of O. F. of Pitcairn lodge will celebrate their second anniversary on Saturday, November 28. An open meeting, to which all Odd Fellows, their wives and families cordially invited, will be held at Reed's hall, at 8 o'clock p. m. A pleasant time with some explanations of the "goat" by able speakers is assured.

Mrs. P. Fogarty announces she will open a class for Elocution, Painting and Fancy Work, for ladies, at Mrs. C. Evans, on Second street, at one o'clock, p. m. Thursday, December 1. Anyone wishing to take private



lessons will please call at Mrs. Evans's on the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup>. Terms and arrangements will be made to suit.

A ten-day special service was opened last evening at the McGinnis Presbyterian church, on Third street, by the pastor. To-night (Thanksgiving night) address by Rev. John A. Marquis, of Greensburg, followed by a social with plain luncheon. There will be regular service every Sunday and every week evening to December 2. From the evening of November 28th Rev. William S. Miller, of Pittsburg Presbytery, will officiate. You are invited.

T. S. Patch, Frank Harris and Gust McNally, all of Wilmerding, who spent the past week and much money in the State with a big "O" front of its name, and a little "o" at the end, with a "high" place in the middle, returned home "loaded" down with game. Their load was a little mixed, but when we consider one was a wholesale liquor merchant, another a hotel keeper and the other a cashier of a dime saving bank, we cease to wonder at the variety of the load. However, as they brought the dog back alive and quite a number of quail and rabbits— which were evidently dead—we consider they had a good time with plenty of shooting. We do not believe the stories about them shooting at rabbits running alongside of rail fences, and shooting the top rail off the fence, knocking it off and breaking the rabbits back; or that one member of the crowd laid his gun down in the weeds and tried to catch a rabbit and lost his gun, or that another forgot his gun was loaded and used it for a club among a covey of quail. These little stories will get out on the best of hunters, you know.

#### Y. M. C. A. Work at Pitcairn

The 15th anniversary of the Pennsylvania railroad department of the Young Men's Christian association of Pittsburg was celebrated Sunday afternoon at Pitcairn. The meeting was held in the paint room of the car shop. The program was made up of excellent music and interesting addresses. A special train was run from Pittsburg. The paint room had been fitted up with more

than 2,000 seats, and these were all occupied by railroad men of all classes and departments, many of them accompanied by their wives and children, including a number of babes in arms. Sup<sup>r</sup> Robert Pitcairn was present and responded to the chairman's request to make a few remarks. Mr. Pitcairn said: "I made a vow that I would never make another speech until we had a new building, and I only rise now to testify that I am interested in the work. I have enjoyed this meeting and I am glad to see and hear the babes. It has been a longtime since I held a baby in my arms. I see no babies in the homes I visit and I don't know where they keep them. The Pennsylvania Railroad company will erect a building for us, I believe, but even then we will look back on the good work that has been done here in the old shop."

#### Notice to Taxpayers,

On and after December 16. 1898, 5 per cent will be added to Borough taxes and from January 1, 1899, to all school and building taxes for 1898. - D. H. Winebrenner, Collector.

#### Pretty Home Wedding

A very pretty wedding uniting the lives of one of our brightest young ladies with that of a popular young telegraph operator, of Wilmerding, occurred last evening at the home of the bride, on Second street, Miss E. Delwood Pickworth to Mr. J. Harry Green. The ceremony was solemnized at 6 o'clock p. m., by the Rev. J. Elmer Bittle of the Lutheran church, Turtle Creek, Pa. The bride wore a gown of white organdy, trimmed in white satin, which harmonized with the beautiful decorations of the room. She carried a bouquet of white roses in her hand during the ceremony, which was solemn and impressive, with the bride and groom standing upon a bed of roses, the groom dressed in the conventional evening dress. The bridesmaid, Miss Emma Pickworth, was a sister of the bride and wore a handsome dress of green crepe over white muslin with puffed sleeves and knots of ribbon.

Mr. Whitman Kent, of Wilmerding, acted as best man, while the ushers Miss Martha McCormick and Miss Estelle McElroy, were arrayed in white gowns and white slippers, with knots of white satin ribbon, tastefully arranged throughout, added to the scene of beauty and happiness.

About 75 guests witnessed the ceremony and attended the reception and wedding supper which followed. The banquet room being decorated with evergreens and carnations, lighted with Chinese lanterns, the table presented an appearance of tasteful art as well as satisfaction to the most severe critic.

The presents were many, both handsome and costly, consisting largely in silverware, onyx stands, cut glass, fine china ware, mahogany and teak wood furniture, parlor lamps and pictures.

Mr. and Mrs. Green left on No.4 for an eastern wedding trip, after being serenaded by the Robert Pitcairn Military Band. "At home" cards announce their return Dec. 10.

## Chapter 24

### PITCAIRN EXPRESS

#### December 1898 Local News Items

December 1, 1898

#### LOCAL NEWS.

Snow.

Snow difference.

The small boy is happy.

Bad days for cotton tails.

Wilmerding has a girl named Pan Cake. And she is self-rising, too.

The next entertainment of the Y. M. C. A. will probably be held December 13.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Stewart, of Third street, visited Mrs. Stewart's parents, at Manor, Pa., on Sunday last.

Notice—Mrs. Alberta Shroyer is at Dr. T. T. Stoutenbnrgh's, 6th street extension, and desires Dressmaking of any kind.

Dan Tarr is building again. He has broke ground on Highland avenue for a meat market, which is going up in all haste.

J. C. Speigle, of Brinton avenue, is at Irwin sick with fever, while his mother, with whom he is stopping, is laid up with diphtheria.

M. H. Stoa, clerk in Hobaugh Bros.' livery and feed store, paid a visit to his parents at Delmont, Pa., and returned to business Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wohlert, of Altoona, Pa., paid a visit to Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Coursin on Friday last, returning home on Wednesday. Mr. Wohlert is a sister of Mrs.

Coursin. Mr. Wohlert is head of the P. R. R. conservatory at Altoona.

Rev. T. P. Orner, the respected pastor of the United Brethren church, took a trip east to Altoona and places in Perry county. He left on Thursday last and returns the end of this week. The purpose of his journey is to assist in dedicating a new church.

Mr. B. S. Rhine, of Eighth street, received urgent information of the serious illness of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Annie Parry, of Pine Flats, Indiana county, Pa. She died on the 23<sup>rd</sup> inst. of cancer. Mr. and Mrs. Rhine were at her bedside. Mrs. Parr had nearly reached her fifty-first year.

Mr. Greggs, General Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. of Pittsburg, preached at the United Brethren church last Sabbath morning, and Mr. M. W. Callender P. R. R., Y. M. C. A secretary, in the evening. A good choir and large congregations were present, attentively listening to the excellent discourses.

NOTICE—Notice is hereby given to all members of the K. of G. E. and all persons interested, that a special meeting will be held at Kidd's Hall, Turtle Creek, Pa., on Friday evening, December 2 at 7:30 p. m. Good speakers have been secured for the occasion, and a general invitation is extended to all friends of the order.

It is said that American girls are growing taller and the young men smaller, or rather shorter. As to the first part of the proposition it's all right, for we can't have too much of a good thing. But as to the second, it might be said that it augurs ill for the domestic repose and peace of the men, for no man can be entirely happy whose wife is a head or two taller than he is.

Miss Laura Walters, of Broadway, and Miss Marie Clinton, of Second street, two of Pitcairn's bright young ladies, returned home on Sunday last from a brief trip throughout Eastern Ohio and Western

Pennsylvania. They stopped off in Pittsburg on their way back and viewed the flower show at Schenley park and also the animals in the Highland park zoo. The young ladies say they were highly pleased with their trip.

Much regret is expressed by the railroad men of the Pittsburg division over the sad fate of Conductor William McLaughlin, who was found dead on top of a boxcar Friday last. It is supposed that while in the performance of his duties he was struck by the coal tippie at Millwood and instantly killed. Mr. McLaughlin's run was between here and Altoona. He resided in East Liberty.

The grocery men of Wilmerding are worried over a rumor that a well-known dealer of Pittsburg, who does a big business on small margins, is about to open a branch store in that town. It is said that negotiations are now on between this grocer and C. M. King for the purchase of a handsome three-story brick store and dwelling on Westinghouse avenue, which Mr. King is now building at a cost of \$5,000. If the Pittsburg grocer starts a branch in Wilmerding there is likely to be a lively cut-price war

W. Winebrenner, oldest son of D. J., who is confined in the Allegheny General hospital, we are pleased to announce is slowly recovering.

It is rumored that the restaurant near the bunk room and owned by the railroad company is to be opened for business in a short time.

Mrs. P. Fogerty is in town to-day looking after her elocution class. Mrs. Fogerty is well known here and deserves the patronage of our people.

We sympathize with the young man who stepped off the station platform Monday night onto the icy walk and took his measure on the ground softly.

DRESSMAKING—Dressmaking and plain sewing at Mrs. Brown's residence, on Brinton avenue at head of Third street.

Mrs. Brown & Trout.

E. Boller and A. Hudson, who contracted for the painting of Dan Tarr's house on Second, street have completed their work. W. J. Snyder had the contract for the erection.

Rev. S. W. McCorkle, of the Fifth Avenue M. E. church, Pittsburg, was a visitor at the home of Mrs. McDowell, west end of Agatha street, this week. Mrs. McDowell has been on the sick list for some time.

Having just returned from the mountains of Centre county and resumed our seat in the editorial sanctum, we find the Irwin Standard on our table with quite a threat against us if we do not divide our game with its editor, Bill Morrow. Whilst we brought home a turkey, some rabbits, pheasant and squirrel, we cannot send ye editor of the Standard even the wishbone. But the latch string is hanging out and if Morrow will come down for dinner any day this week we will feed him on wild turkey and printers "pi." We put up at Mr. Geo. Williams, whose good wife made us feel at home, while the boys, Harry and Clyde, both expert hunters, joined in our rambles through the mountains. Four turkey were killed and two deer seen, one of which we wounded severely but did not get. We cannot speak too highly of that section of country and its inhabitants. Game is plenty in the way of deer, bear and wild turkey, pheasants and squirrel fairly plenty, with lots of rabbits. If Morrow, of the Standard, wants to convict himself just let him tell any old vets lies on us once.

Special Sermon for K. of the G. E.

The order of the Knights of the Golden Eagle, who meet in Reed's Hall, every Friday evening, presented themselves in a body and full dress before Rev. Smith, at the M. E. church, Sunday morning. After the singing of the 134th hymn, the young and talented Reverend asked a special blessing upon the order, and that

benevolence might spread throughout the world, and after the singing of the "Doxology," he gave the origin of the order, which now numbers 70,000, and gave a brief but full explanation, and a plea for true man and womanhood, speaking from two texts, the first being a short prelude to the second, first text Numbers 13:33, which revealed a man in a false and debased position and estimation of himself, and the second to call him from it and to make him stand in his free and true humanity, giving him a broader view of life; his duties and responsibilities to God and his fellow man. He also spoke of the "Pessimist," the people who think the world has gone to the dogs.

We learn with regret that E.B. Dunkle has received and accepted a call to the Y. M. C. A. branch of the P. R. R. at Juniata, to take effect December 1. Mr. Dunkle has acted in the capacity of assistant secretary at this point for the past three years, and stands at the head of the class. He has been courteous and obliging, ever ready to enjoy the sports of the association, or to administer to those in distress. He will be succeeded by G. Frank Warner, the popular passenger brake man. They will both speak at the meeting in the cars Sunday. Go give Dunkle a parting greeting and Warner a welcome. - Jessica.

#### BUSY PITCAIRN IS SPRUCING UP.

Progress and Prosperity Walk Hand in Hand There. At Pitcairn, on the Pennsylvania railroad, there are signs of progress and prosperity on every hand. As the winter-season closes in the town has completed two important public improvements and a number of others are booked for next year. On the hill back of the business portion of the town is the line big brick public school building. Previous to the present term it had eight rooms, but increasing population made it necessary to make an addition of four rooms at a cost of \$4,000. It is said that if business keeps up for a year as at present, the number of new families coming into the town will make it necessary to build another school house.

The finishing touches are being put on the grading of Third street, one of the principal residence streets of the town. This is the first street to be graded, and just now there is considerable trouble over the matter. In the original plan of the town there was no grade established for the streets, so when the residents of this street petitioned the borough council to have it graded it was necessary to employ an engineer to arrange a convenient grade. This work was done, and the proper ordinance was passed, the contract being let for the work. On paper, the street as graded looked very pretty, in fact, it does now, but the residents along the thoroughfare are objecting loudly and hard to the improvement. They say that the grading has brought them down to where there is deeper mud. The properties of some are six feet higher than they were before, and in other places it was necessary to make a fill of eight feet. The meetings of the borough council have been hot ever since the grading commenced. The property holders on the street have had many objections to make to the work, but council stuck to the original plans and the street will be completed next week.

It is said there is no doubt that a number of damage suits will grow out of the grading of Third street, in fact, the members of council expect to settle with some whose properties have been damaged in beautifying the street. There will be trouble, too, when it comes time for the payment of the benefits assessed. When the petition was sent in to council it was understood that the property owners on each side of the street would pay one-third of the cost and the borough the other third. The grading will cost about \$4,200, and many of those who signed the petition will object to the payment of the assessment, as they say they did not understand the proposition that way when they signed the paper.

This bit of trouble over Third street will not retard public improvements, however. It is intended to pave Third street next year, and the people who hold property on the street are already getting the matter in shape to present to council.—Pittsburg Daily News.

Wilmerding's New School.

The new school, a brick building of eight rooms, being erected at a cost of \$30,000 on Bridge, near State street, Wilmerding, is nearing completion and will soon be ready for occupancy. It is thoroughly up-to-date in all its appointments. The opening is awaited with great anxiety by Principal Grant Norris and the directors. The borough school at Herman and Marguerite avenues, a brick building of eight rooms, has been overcrowded for some time, and a few months ago two overflow schools had to be arranged. One of these is in the borough hall and the other in a vacant store room. The borough has over 700 school children

Two Pointed Questions Answered.

What is the use of making a better article than your competitor if you cannot get a better price for it?

Ans.—As there is no difference in the price the public will buy only the better, to that while our profits may be smaller on a single sale they will be much greater in the aggregate.

How can you get the public to know your make is the best?

If both articles are brought prominently before the public both are certain to be tried and the public will very quickly pass judgment on them and use only the better one.

**December 8, 1898**

**LOCAL NEWS.**

The President's message is full of personal pronouns.

The deer season is out, but the real "dear" season has just begun.

Mrs. Fred Gillespie, of Wall avenue, is seriously ill with typhoid fever.

The wicked are not the only persons this weather to stand upon slippery places.

Our store windows look handsome in their holiday attire, filled to overflowing with Santa Claus Supplies.

The Tenth Pennsylvania regiment, now in Manila, will be sent to their homes sometime next month.

James Newlin's son, "Hat" who is confined in the West Penn hospital with typhoid fever, is slowly recovering.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Swonger, of Fifth street, a girl on Thursday last. Just in time for Xmas presents, Joe.

L. H. Weaver, of Brinton avenue, has a fine line of Christmas Candies, and is doing quite a trade owing to his low prices.

The Manor Dutch girls have adapted a combination pajama and stocking attached for dear, old Santa Claus to fill on Xmas.

G. Shrumm Brant, of Wilmerding, was a caller at this office Friday last. Geo. informs us he is still single and open for engagements.

Again Pittsburg is exercised over greater Pittsburg, and we may yet, Cevera like, sink our ships and pass into the fold of a greater government.

The dance held last week by the Pitcairn Athletic Club, in their rooms on Broadway, was a pleasant little affair. About 20 young couple were present.

J. Ralph McDowell, our present burgess, took Thanksgiving dinner at his mother's home, in Centre county where the children and many friends held a reunion of the family.

Mr. Smith, father of Reverend Smith, has purchased through Reed's agency, Dr. Stewart's new house on

Fourth street. This secures for our town another good family.

The Rev. T. P. Orner preached a practical well prepared sermon on Sabbath at the U. B. church, subject, "The two Roads of Life." There was a good and attentive congregation.

Ex-Councilman Geo. Rolland spent the fore part of the week with friends here. Mr. Rolland and family are now residing in Armstrong county, but contemplate moving back to Pitcairn.

The Pittsburg Post of last Sunday has quite an article under the head "To Become Fleishy Eat Before Going to Bed." For forty years we have not ate a mouthful after going to bed and still we are not fleshy.

The following headline appeared in one of the city papers the other day: "Shelling the Spanish Camp." Had the first and last letters of the first word been cut off we should suspect the author of being Sherman.

On account of the heating apparatus the new addition to our school building is being delayed. Contractor Palmer, however, has had one room required for the surplus pupils finished and it is being used right along.

W. H. Wertz and his mother, Mrs. Wertz, have returned from a visit in the eastern part of the State, looking up old friends at Lewistown and Philadelphia. Will did a good deal of hunting while away and brought back a little game.

Western District Passenger Agent Colonel Thomas E. Watt announces that orders for half-fare transportation will be issued to the clergy in the year 1899 as usual. For a while it was thought that the custom of issuing permits would be abandoned.

Judging from the amount of ammunition the parties took from Wilmerding Saturday afternoon last on their coon hunt, they must be after that same old coon T. S.

Patch and Frank Harris have been chasing for so long up at New Florence.

The L. A. to B. of R. T. will hold an oyster supper in Hoehl's Hall, Thursday, December 15, where they will serve oysters, hot coffee, cake, fruit, etc., from 8 o'clock in the evening, after which a free entertainment by the "phunny" gramophone will be given. You and your friends are cordially invited.

The school banking system is getting quite popular.

It is all a matter of taste. A pig will not chew tobacco.

An unknown man was killed by a train at Brinton Monday night.

The Turtle Creek borough council will lease a plot of ground on Penn avenue for a borough building. The lease will go for nine years

Mr. Henderson, of Tyrone, Pa., was in Pitcairn yesterday. He has decided to locate in our town and rented a house on Brinton avenue near Sixth street.

Owing to the rapid increase of circulation we ran some fifty papers short last week, but will see that it does not occur again, as we have increased our regular order to exceed the demand in the future. Some two hundred new subscribers have been added to our list in the past three weeks.

The United Presbyterians held a social at the residence of the minister. Rev. T. L. Jamieson, of Second street, on Thursday evening, December 1. There was a short program arranged with recitations and music, after which refreshments were served. A jovial time promoted acquaintance. There were forty couple present.

Yesterday Mrs. T. P. Fogerty, of Greensburg, spent the day with her many patrons here giving notice that any one desiring lessons in elocution, painting and fancy

work or leave orders for the same, can arrange by meeting her at Mrs. Highbergers, on Third street, next Wednesday. Mrs. Fogerty holds premiums from the Johnstown and State fairs for fine work.

#### Death on The Rail.

Monday evening as Mr. Wynn Woods, a Pennsylvania railroad freight brakeman, aged 24 years, who resided on Third street, was braking on his train near Bolivar, he accidentally fell between the cars and was so badly injured that he died within 2 hours. Mr. Woods was one of our popular young men and a member of several secret societies. He was highly respected, and his sisters and widowed mother deeply feel his untimely death, and have the sympathy of the entire community in this, their hour of bereavement. Mr. Woods leaves a young wife and one child, now residing in Bellfonte, Pa. Funeral services at his home at 7:30 o'clock last evening by Rev. H. L. Smith, pastor of the M. E. church. The interment will be held this (Thursday) morning at New Florence cemetery, where Rev. Laverty, who preached the funeral sermon of Mr. Wood's father, will assist in the services.

#### She Thought of Papa.

"A Boston mother was instructing her daughter how to behave when she went to luncheon at the bishop's house. "Now, dear, when the butler hands you something the first time take a little on your plate. When he comes the second time you may help yourself to a little more, but the third time you must say, "No, thank you," Just as you always do at home. So the little Boston girl went to the bishop's house to lunch and came home delighted. "Did you do just us I told you, darling?" inquired mamma anxiously. "I took something very nice when it was handed me the first time, and then when the butler came again I took a little more, but the third time I said 'No, thank you.' But when he came the fourth time you hadn't told me what to do, so I just thought of papa and said, 'No, damn you!'"

From Far Away England.

Steamship Hispania.

Off Liverpool, Nov., 1898

Editor "Express: "Some of our Pitcairn friends may be interested in knowing where our missionary party en route for Egypt are and how we have been faring since we left America, two weeks ago yesterday. We are now leaving England, going by ship along the coast of France and Spain, through the Strait of Gibraltar and over the Mediterranean Sea, landing at Port Said, Egypt. In about two weeks. We expect to reach our destination in about a month from the time we left New York. Our ship is now about 3,000 miles northeast of New York. We are so far north that the sun never rises very high up in the heavens: we are so far east that when it is 11:30 in the forenoon at Pitcairn, the sun is about setting. We will continue to move eastward on our journey until in Egypt the time will be about nine hours faster than at home.

"We have seen many new things and have had many strange experiences since we left home. The trip across the Atlantic, being my first ocean voyage, was full of interest, although I was down on my back with miserable seasickness during really the entire voyage. We are just leaving our wharf now and are still in smooth water, but I suppose that within a few hours we will be out on the ocean swell and will have the same experience again. The rolling and pitching of the vessel on which we came to England is said to have been caused by her great size and light loading. That ship was nearly 600 feet in length but this one is smaller and a slow sailer and we hope that we will have a smoother trip.

"Our seven days wait in England gave us many opportunities for seeing new and curious things. Indeed, from the time that we stepped on land at Liverpool until we took ship again to-day there has been scarcely a moment that has not been intensely interesting to us. One wonders that two people as closely bound together as Americans and Englishmen could be so unlike. They do so many things differently from us. Take for one thing—their railroads. Their coaches are divided up into compartments which



contain eight or ten passengers, and are entered by side doors like a horse-carriage and are fastened in from the outside by a man called a "guard." The engineer sets on the left side of his engine. The cabs of the engines are very small and would never do for America, where we have so many furious storms. The engines themselves are peculiar looking affairs, without cowcatchers. The trains run smoothly and at a high rate of speed. The tickets are not examined as you enter the train, but are taken by the gatekeeper as you pass out of the station at the end of the journey. The engineer signals his approach just as his train is about to enter the station by a short blast of a small whistle, which can be heard only a short distance away. There is no bell on the engine, but one of the employees of the station rings a hand bell as the tram comes up, "This is only one of the hundred things that have interested me. I have not the time or space in this paper to tell you of all of them. When I reach Egypt I hope to have the opportunity of telling you through "The Express" of some things of interest there, especially in the way of missionary work among the natives of that country." - Wm. L. McClenahan

Wall Items.

Our new postmaster is getting along nicely.

A number of our young people are arranging to take in the oyster supper at Pitcairn, December 15.

A grand shooting match is announced for Wall and Pitcairn sports here on Monday, December 28.

One of Wall's oldest and highest respected citizens, Mr. Joseph Penrod died at his home on Thursday evening last. Mr. Penrod spent a long and useful life in this neighborhood, was honest as the day was long and will be greatly missed by his many friends. The interment took place at 2 o'clock on Sunday last at Copeland cemetery.

Mr. John Luchsinger, one of Wall's best citizens, renewed his subscription to the "Express" this week, as he has continued to do since the start of our paper. We are only sorry that John will not violate the game laws by the use of a ferret, he being used to water all his life as a "chaser" he requires no "catcher." A merry Xmas to you, anyhow.

Pennsylvania Railroad Company will Issue Clerical Orders for 1899.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company announces that the issue of clerical orders will be continued for the year 1899 on the same lines as in effect at present. Application blanks may be obtained of ticket agents, and same should reach the General Office by December 20, so that orders may be mailed December 31 to clergymen entitled to receive them. Order will be issued only on individual application of the clergymen when made on blanks furnished by the Company and certified to by one of its agents.

**December 15, 1898**

**LOCAL NEWS.**

Popular fiction—Santa Claus stories.

This is the last day of the game season.

The mercury has taken a drop too much.

School will close Friday, the 23d, until after the holidays.

The usual number of coasting accidents are being reported.

Don't forget the oyster supper at Hoehl's hall, to-night.

Christ Holtzschure says Richard III is not in it with his Richard since the Spanish war.

Mr. Al. Foreman, of Wilmerding, was in Pitcairn on Tuesday last, calling on Edward Koch.

Remember the poor during the holidays. "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver" and who don't?

If all the game that was shot and got away survives the winter it will be awful plenty next year.

Dang a sausage liar, anyway. Just think of the stuffing that one in the Irwin Standard last week took.

We still find a few people who think the world is square, but never find anyone who thinks the inhabitants are.

Robert Walker, of Weisters X Roads, drove to Pitcairn yesterday in his two-horse "cutter" in a trifle over two hours.

Miss S. E. Lentz, of Pittsburg, is spending a few days in Pitcairn as the guest of her friend, Miss Mollie Koch, of Third street.

The district superintendent of the Western Union Telegraph Company assures us an office for Pitcairn in the near future.

"What use is this article?" said the shopper. "I really don't know," said the clerk, "I think it is intended for a Christmas present."

A Philadelphia dry goods house has opened a room where mothers can check their babies while shopping. This is progressiveness.

Through Supt. Robert Pitcairn our band boys will each be fitted out in a nice, neat, military band suit, at a cost of about \$13 per suit.

Our storekeepers, whose ads appear in the "Express," want you to know they have just what you want for Christmas, and at prices as low as city prices.

Freight brakeman find the steel cars dangerous in cold weather, as the ice accumulates fast on the ends, and it is almost impossible to get over them.

The committee on the grand Christmas shooting match to be held at Wall, Pa., Monday, December 28, have just received a fine lot of pigeons from Chicago for the occasion.

Rev. Kendig, of Irwin, preached last Sabbath morning at the M. E. church and administered the sacrament of baptism. The communion was also given by Dr. Kendig.

Angus Sinclair, editor of "Locomotive Engineering." has the sympathy of all journalists, as well as his 40,000 subscribers, on account of having been burnt out of house and home.

We had to invest in a new office towel last week, as one of the boys took our old one to stir up paste in last winter's paste pot. That means another call on our subscribers or no Christmas.

Mr. Charles Koch returned home on Monday evening from Cincinnati, O., where he spent a week in the interest of the Orpheus Singing society, of East Liberty, of which Mr. Koch is the president.

Our genial friends, Mr. Frank Coursin, Dr. N. Cameron, Rev. Koenig, Edward Gress, Grant Singiser. Prof. Knoch, Alex. Heasley, Philip Cotter and "Billy" Lyons are arranging to give their children a handsome Christmas tree.

J. H. Mattox, of Industry, Beaver county, a former resident of Pitcairn, was looking up his old friends here Thursday last. Mr. Mattox is well pleased with his new location and does not think of returning permanently to Pitcairn.

S. P. Martin, of Fourth street, came home on Tuesday from the West Penn hospital to which institution he was confined for the past month as the result of the accident by which he had one of his legs amputated, mention of which was made in this paper at the time.

Liggett's meat market will be closed all day Monday, the 26<sup>th</sup>.

The band boys are to have a Xmas present worthy of the giver.

Mrs. Davis, of Bridgeville, Pa., is visiting her son, D. J. Davis, of Broadway, for a few days.

Esq. Scott, of this place, has a number of lots and fine dwellings for sale cheap to quick purchaser.

Elizabeth, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Campbell, of K. street, is sick with inflammation of the chest.

Special Christmas services will be held at the Lutheran church December 25, at 7 pm. A cordial invitation is extended.

Notice—Mrs. Alberta Shroyer is at Dr. T. T. Stoutenburgh's, 6th street extension, and desires Dressmaking of any kind.

The cure by laying on the hands is an ancient custom. Bill Morrow, of the Irwin Standard, practiced it here and at Monroeville years ago.

Marriage license was Tuesday granted to John Gordon, near Pitcairn, and Lizzie Reese, of Camden, and John Douglas and Annie Couch, of Turtle Creek.

A large sized drawing of the new Union station for Pittsburg hangs in the old depot and attracts large crowds, who invariably pronounce it a "dandy."

Dr. L. Seaton, a prominent physician from Mt. Pleasant, Pa., died of aconite poisoning Sunday morning last in Pittsburg. There seems to be a great deal of mystery connected with the case. Over \$1,200 was found on his person at the time.

Rev. Dr. Turner, presiding-elder of the Blairsville district, held the quarterly conference at the M. E. church on Thursday evening last. Dr. Turner found the membership had increased and complemented Rev. Smith, the pastor, and the church on the progress made during the quarter.

A movement having for its aim the consolidation of Braddock borough, North Braddock, Rankin and East Pittsburg boroughs, with a population of over 30,000 is underway in that section. Braddock people for several years have thought their town should be a third-class city.

Now take your "cutter" and best girl out and enjoy the beautiful, or your beautiful and best cutter out and enjoy the girl, or your best beautiful girl out and enjoy the cutter, or enjoy your beautiful cutter out and best your girl, or your beautiful best girl cutter out and enjoy yourself, dang you.

The new school building in East Wilmerding is approaching completion and will be ready for occupancy in a short time. There are many parents who anxiously look forward to this important event. Wilmerding is now the proud possessor of over 700 children of school age.—Wilmerding News.

An explosion of a gasoline burner in the bar of Frank Harris, Wilmerding, last week, caused excitement for the time being. Considerable presence of mind and a little water sufficed to extinguish the blaze before much harm was done. It took even more than a little water to extinguish the excitement, however.

John McMasters Larimer died Sunday at his home, in Turtle Creek. He was born in North Huntingdon

township, Westmoreland county, in 1844. In 1857 Mr. Larimer moved to a farm with his parents in Versailles township, Allegheny county. While attending New Wilmington college, during his 18th year, he joined Company E, One Hundred and Fifth P. V. I., and served through the war. He leaves a wife and four children. He was 54 years old.

A pleasant surprise was given Rev. T. P. Orner, pastor of the U. B. church last evening after the usual weekly prayer meeting was over. The entire congregation accompanied by numerous friends marched to the parsonage, where parcel after parcel was deposited, and the Reverend and his good wile informed that the guests had taken charge of his premises. There was an abundance of good things and every person enjoyed themselves until a late hour.

A new rule has been established on the Pennsylvania lines with regard to employees who are unable to sign their names to the pay checks. Heretofore the clerks in the pay cars signed for such men, but now the men must sign their names or make their mark in case of being unable to write. Some of them are afraid that the new rule is only a step in the way of finally discharging all men who cannot write their names and they are much worried over the matter.

A P. R. R. Freight Brakeman Meets Death for Duty, A coal and coke train in charge of Conductor W. G. Smith, of Derry, going at full speed down the mountain about 1:55 o'clock Saturday morning parted in the middle near McGarveys station, about two miles west of Altoona. The accident happened on a steep grade and all efforts of the crew to stop the rear section were futile.

When the first section had reached the hole, a frightful collision occurred, wrecking 27 cars and killing 19-year-old brakeman, J. M. O'Hara. The latter was on the last car of the first section, and could have saved his life by jumping, but preferred to stick to his post. O'Hara was a new man, that being his sixth trip. His body was dug out of the debris and taken to his home

in Derry where he had lived with an aged mother. The wreckage was sufficiently cleared for passenger traffic within six hours after the collision.

Y. M. C. A. Notes,

Rev Thomas. J. Porter, pastor of the Presbyterian church, will address the men's meeting at the association cars Sunday, December 18. Every man invited.

The next association entertainment will be held in Reed's hall, and will be conducted by Prof. Simeon Bissel, accompanied by advanced students from the Pittsburg Conservatory of Music and King's School of Elocution. The professor always gives a good entertainment.

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The following resolutions were adopted by the members of Pitcairn Castle, No. 203. A. O. K. of the M. C:

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C. S. Reed,  
W. A. Craft.

**December 22, 1898**

**LOCAL NEWS.**

In the primary arithmetic class every little thing counts.

James Wilson, of Fifth street, is confined to his bed with catarrh of the stomach.

Hereafter no fireman will be employed by the Pennsylvania railroad who is over twenty four years old.

On Sunday evening at the U. B church "Christmastide" will be rendered by the Sabbath school and choir.

Lawry, the Third street grocer is prepared to furnish parties, church entertainments, etc., with choice, fresh candies.

Miss Emma Reineman, of Allegheny, spent a few days last week as the guest of her friend, Miss Mollie Koch, of Third street.

Rev. H. L. Smith, pastor of the M. E. church, has arranged special Christmas service for next Sunday. All are invited, to attend.

The oyster supper in Hoehl's hall by the Ladies Auxiliary last week was a grand success, and considerable money was realized.

Mr. W. D. Graff, of Greensburg, gave quite an interesting talk on "Perseverance," at the Y. M. C. A. cars on Sunday afternoon last.

An exchange announces, on the death of a lady, that "she lived fifty years with her husband and died in confident hope of a better life."

Greensburg citizens will celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the incorporation of the borough, and

the return of Company I, Tenth regiment, from Manila, March 1, 1889.

Rev. Koenig, of the Evangelical Lutheran church, has arranged a treat for the Sabbath school scholars of the church. The good old custom of a Christmas tree will be adhered to.

The grand jury of Armstrong county, ignored a bill charging Zachariah French with violating the liquor laws by selling a drink called Ambrosia. This drink has a large sale in this county, and it is said that it will bring the answer.

Michael Shallenberger, round house foreman in the Twenty-eighth street yards of the Pennsylvania railroad, and for 39 years an employee of the company, was killed by a passenger train at Ben Venue station at 6 p. m. Saturday.

Wednesday of last week Sadie, daughter of Mrs. McKee, who lives in the Carmine house, on Wood avenue, fell on the open fire while in an epileptic fit, and was seriously burned about the head and arms. She will lose the sight of one eye.

The Christmas service at the Presbyterian church will take the place of the preaching service next Sunday at 11 a. m. All young persons who have ever attended Sunday school there are cordially invited to take part in this exercise.

Someone has suggested that the coming candidates for February election should announce their official desires, if there be any who really do desire office, and not wait until some other person is requested to come out as there is no candidate, then get angry and say they are trying to "turn you down."

Rev T. L. Jamieson, who was formerly pastor of the United Presbyterian churches at Ligonier and Jeannette, was installed Tuesday evening as pastor of the United Presbyterian church of this place. The

installation was conducted by the Westmoreland Presbytery, and was participated in by Rev. A. L. Young, Rev. A. P. Duncan, Rev. J. M. Garver and elder J. G. Graham. A hearty expression of thanks was made to Pitcairn congregation for their hospitality,

The week of prayer begins Monday evening, January 2, and will continue during the week.

The first talking machine was made from a rib, and it is a question if the recent manufactories have improved it any.

Notice—Mrs. Alberta Shroyer is at Dr. T. T. Stoutenburgh's, 6th street extension, and desires Dressmaking of any kind.

Judging from the many suspicious looking parcels arriving in Pitcairn, Christmas will be opened here Saturday with a corkscrew.

The new storeroom and dwelling now being erected at Wall is being put up by Mr. Ruoff, necessitated by his large and increasing mercantile business.

The Turtle Creek Electric Light Company is the name of a new company just being organized and in which a number of Pitcairn people have taken stock.

Mary Imogene, the eight-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sigler, of Agatha street, died December 11, of pneumonia.

"There came into our home a sweet and tender flower.  
It cast its fragrance around.  
But it was so sweet to bloom on earth.  
So Jesus took it back to heaven."

Employees of the Pennsylvania railroad will be interested in knowing the result of the voting contest for members of the advisory board of the Voluntary Relief association, that Engineer W. R. Jones, of the Pittsburg division, has succeeded in defeating Sam T.

Lowery, of the Philadelphia division, who was up again for reelection.

The Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company has just let a contract for an extension of its factory buildings at East Pittsburg, as well as the erection of a building for the general offices of the company. Work was commenced on these buildings last Thursday, and when they are completed, which, according to the terms of the contract, is next June, this factory will be one of the largest manufacturing plants in the world, and it certainly will be one of the largest electrical manufacturing establishments that can be found anywhere.

The P. R. R. pay car passed over the Pittsburg division last week. Beside paying the employees, the track foreman who received prizes for having the best track on the Supervisors' division were given their premium money. On Supervisor Buckelew's territory between East Pittsburg and Latrobe two prizes were given. Mr. Isaac Shindovnick, of Radebaugh, received a check for \$60. He had the best subdivision between Altoona and Pittsburg. E. A. Seaman, of Wilmerding, received a check for \$50. He had the best subdivision, or second to Shindovnick, between Latrobe and East Pittsburg.

On Thursday last probably one of the most pleasant events of recent date of a social nature, in our town, was that held at the home of Mrs. John V. Kennedy, Jr., on Second street. It was the occasion of the visit of the Ladies Aid Society, of Mifflin Avenue M. E. church, Wilkinsburg, of which Mrs. Kennedy is an honored member. That she is a popular member also was evinced by the fact that fully as many ladies attended the meeting in Pitcairn as ordinarily do when the meeting is held at home. The ladies arrived on the 10:57 train and were escorted to the Kennedy home by Mrs. H. D. Whitfield, a sister of Mrs. Kennedy, and wife of the pastor of the church represented. The day was spent in most pleasant social intercourse. This society has some noted fun-makers and not a person belongs who cannot laugh a hearty laugh and see a

good joke. It was just such a day as “drives dull care away” and gives us a new lease on life. When the ladies departed in the late afternoon they voted Mrs. Kennedy and the day a great success. Mrs. Kennedy invited some of the neighbors to meet the visiting ladies and to help enjoy the day.

We are sorry to announce the death of Mr. Emanuel Markle, brother of our well-known townsman, James Markle. Emanuel Markle came here from his home near Bellefonte, Pa., about six weeks ago to work for the P. R. R. Company as machinist, and had only worked but two or three weeks when he was stricken with typhus pneumonia and was taken to the West Penn hospital, where every care and attention was given him. Saturday evening last he quietly passed away, while friends surrounded his bedside and performed their last sad rites. He was in the prime of life, being but 25 years of age, and was loved and respected by all who knew him. His brother, James Markle, as well as the bereaved parents have the sympathy of the entire community, and we trust that they may find consolation during their sad Christmas mourning in that Christ was born to save and their loved one now rejoiceth in the birth of a Savior who saves. The remains were taken east Monday on No. 12.

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#### Agents Must Pay License.

Tarentum borough won a favorable decision in the Allegheny county court last Friday which brings agents and canvassers within municipal license regulations; the same as a regular peddler or hawker. The defendant in the Tarentum case is a butcher and he had been fined by Justice Owens for violating the peddling ordinances of the borough. He appealed the case on the plea that he did not peddle but took orders. The case was decided purely on interpretation of law, and in the opinion Judge Frazier said that a canvasser who takes orders and afterwards delivers the goods and collects for them is a peddler within the meaning and intent of the law and cannot evade the payment of a license.

Look them up, Mac,

**December 29, 1898**

#### LOCAL NEWS.

Good-bye, old year.

Have you sworn off?

Or turned a new leaf?

Take a good “grip” on the new year.

Don't forget after this week to write it 1889.

John Newlin is becoming quite a pigeon shot.

It's a poor traveling man that hasn't experienced the grip habit.

The different churches looked well in their holiday attire Sunday last.

The absence of "Mistletoe" was a great barrier to our young folks Christmas enjoyment.

The only person so far heard from that did not receive something in their stocking Christmas morning, is Sockless Jerry Simpson.

Our neighbors, Mr. Al Boehm, Mrs. Alex Heasley and Mrs. Barron have each an attack of grippe. Sort of a Christmas gift, you know.

The telephone station at Hobaugh Bros, livery stable has been removed to A. K. Bash's general store, one door below its former location.

The soft weather last week has given our contractors and builders a chance to finish their partly built foundations, and now the buildings will be pushed to a finish.

Quite an improvement to Third street is the new street lamp placed in front of our druggist's residence by Ed. Gress. Ed. is a firm believer in the old adage, "Turn on the Light."

George Myers, who has been with A. C. Evans, our Broadway merchant, has reentered the service of the Adams Express company in the capacity of messenger on the P. R. R.

The many friends of Jerry Baughman, a well-known Pennsylvania railroad conductor, gathered at his home near Greensburg Saturday and had a grand time. "Tom and Jerry" were both present.

At a recent meeting of East Pittsburg council a communication from the Turtle Creek Valley Electric Light Co., agreeing to reduce the cost of lighting the streets from 80 dollars to 70 dollars per lamp was read and ordered filed.

Miss Cora Hoey, former bookkeeper for Liggett Bros, has resigned her position with that popular firm to accept a similar position with Messrs. Rowe. & Co., in Pittsburg. Miss Seth, a popular young lady has succeeded Miss Hoey.

Mike and James McCabe, of Fourth street, who have been with Bennett & Talbott, the railroad contractors, for the past year, spent Christmas with their parents here. The boys look well and say they are doing much better than they could in Pitcairn.

Christopher McCormick, of East Pittsburg, and Miss Margaret Quinn, the daughter of Capt. E. P. Quinn, of Braddock, went to Wheeling last week where they were married. The bride is very young and for this reason her father had objected to the marriage.

The American National Bank, of Lima, O., gave a nice Christmas gift to some expert robber Sunday morning. He mysteriously entered the bank and helped himself to all the gold and paper money in the bank and as mysteriously disappeared with \$18,162. No clue.

Monday evening last a number of our German citizens met at the residence of Fred Siebert, Broadway, for the purpose of organizing a Beneficial German Singing Society. We have quite a following of Germans here and we consider it wise for them to have an organization of their own.

The most popular insurance order, and a very reasonable one, is the Woodmen of the World, recently instituted in Pitcairn with a membership of 36. Officers were elected the last meeting night of this month for the coming year, and the order starts off in a flourishing condition.



Mrs. John Stack died suddenly Saturday evening last with heart failure at her home on Seventh street. It appears she was over to a neighbors late in the evening and borrowed a book which she was perusing when the attack came on suddenly and death ensued. She leaves a loving husband and two small children.

Two men were killed Saturday on the Pennsylvania railroad. William Wallan was the first to meet death. He was struck by the fast Atlantic express going East near Latrobe and hurled into eternity. He was about 45 years of age and his body was horribly mutilated. His home was at Cold Springs, N. Y. An unknown man was instantly killed by the Unity branch passenger train the same day at St. Xavier's station.

We wish all a Happy New Year.

The "bushwhackers" did well at the Wall shoot.

Mrs. Richard Boycott, of Third street, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Morris, at Cecil, Pa. Richard is himself, again.

The Robert Pitcairn Military band received on Christmas Eve their new uniforms. The total cost of the uniforms amounts to \$875.

The soft snows give the small boy and his Christmas sled a chance to get even with pedestrians who insist upon walking up and down their coasting places.

General Merritt praises the Tenth in these words: "I had the flower of the volunteers." Every report from the Philippines makes a rousing reception for these heroes all the more important.

The wife of Sidney Carrison, of Wilmerding, died Tuesday evening from burns received on Christmas eve. She was making preparations for the holidays and while working over a hot stove her dress caught fire.

Old Wall held its grand chicken, turkey and live pigeon shoot Monday as arranged. The program was a good one and carried out to a finish, Mr. Charley Brown doing the best regular shooting, J. R. McDowell and Robert McElroy cleaning up the pigeon race, carrying off all the laurels, and a fair portion of Hotel Norman's turkeys.

The officers of the Greensburg, Jeannette and Pittsburg electric railway last week asked Irwin council for the right of way through Irwin, saying that probably they would want to come down Pennsylvania avenue to Main street to Second street; thence to Oak street; down Oak street and across the bridge to North Irwin and Larimer and on to Pitcairn.

One infant in Pittsburg, should he reach maturity, will have occasion to turn back to this Christmas as marking sad event in his career. The good things that Santa Claus brought him were desertion by his parents and to be cast on the cold world without even a name. He was left in a common chip basket in an alley back off Penn avenue, and when found by a passing lady his bright eyes were full of tears. He seemed to be about six weeks old and healthy, was warmly and well clad, his cloak and hood being of good quality. There were no marks of any kind on the clothing.

Mr. and Mrs. George Coursin, who have been spending some time in our town with Mr. and Mrs. Stouffer, left on Saturday evening for Altoona to visit old friends. Mr. and Mrs. Coursin propose to spend the balance of their days in the State of California, where they own considerable property and the climate and associations appear to their taste. They have been good and worthy neighbors while in our midst. Mr. J. F. Coursin, General Foreman at the P. R. R. shops, and Charles Coursin, of Centre avenue, are brothers of Mr. Coursin, while Mrs. Stouffer is a sister.

Christmas day of 1898 marked the completion of a marvelous improvement in the line of the Pennsylvania railroad between Johnstown and Portage, of about 20

miles. The improvement was begun three years ago and eliminated every one of the sharp curves in the track. It shortens the line by about a mile. It is regarded as one of the most wonderful feats of engineering in the history of the Allegheny mountains. The work commenced in 1895. A large number of officials made the initial trip over the improved line, and there were large crowds all along the route the greater part of the day.

There is no longer any doubt that we are suffering from an epidemic of "La Grippe." In many respects its progress has been similar to that of the memorable, because deadly, epidemic of the Winter of 1891-2. It began in the first cases with a mild attack of cold in the head, which later developed into influenza complicated by pulmonary troubles and ended in the bone-racking, nerve-shaking disease which weakened vitality and made thousands of persons an easy prey. Without distinction of persons it afflicts all classes and the strictest observance of sanitary laws does not grant immunity from seizure. The theories regarding its origin are as numerous as the remedies prescribed for its relief. It has been identified in medical history as an epidemic as far back as 1510. In recent years few countries have been exempted from its visitations.

Revival meetings will open at the M. E. church with a "Watch Night" service, New Year's Eve, December 31.

Philip Kunkle, an employee of the P. R. R., residing at Greensburg, while removing icicles from the Radebaugh tunnel Tuesday morning, was struck by the Chicago Limited while the train was going 60 miles an hour. Kunkle was ground to pieces. The limited ran nearly two miles before it could be stopped. Kunkle was 55 years old and leaves a family.

Christmas in Our Churches.

Christmas carols in our churches. Joy of the celebration of the Savior's birth was sung in solo and chorus. Anthem, hymn and chant. Many houses of

worship was prettily decorated, and in nearly all there was special services.

The coincident of Sunday and Christmas day made the services in the different churches one long to be remembered.

At St. Michael's the regular Christmas services were held, Father Ward officiating. The altar was handsomely and appropriately decorated with flowers and evergreen.

The Trinity Evangelical Lutheran church had quite a nice tree, and the smiling faces and bright eyes of the children was evidence sufficient of their enjoyment. Appropriate services were held by their pastor, Rev. Koenig.

The treat given the scholars of the Presbyterian church on Christmas day was a most enjoyable affair. Out of an enrollment of about 200 but 25 were absent. The superintendent earnestly desires their presence on next Sunday, that they may receive their treat that is reserved for them. The services were well attended and highly appreciated by the congregation. Dr. Porter, the regular pastor, conducted the services.

At the U. B. church, on Brinton avenue, the first church built in Pitcairn, the Rev. T. P. Orner gave a very interesting sermon. The building throughout was handsomely decorated and a large evergreen arch spanned the entire room. At the Sabbath school service the children recited their different parts to a large audience, acquitting themselves handsomely. Each scholar had a pound of candy and a large ball of popcorn given them by the officers of the school. By request of Mr. Al Garman, Miss Grace Jones, the organist, listened to a presentation speech made by a former Sabbath school superintendent, Mr. W. D. Graff, who at the conclusion of his remarks handed her a handsome toilet case, with the compliments of the Sabbath school. The services both morning and evening were well attended.

The Christmas entertainment at the Methodist Episcopal church, held Saturday evening last, was quite a success. The church, which serves as a Sabbath school room as well as for divine worship, was crowded in every part. Each part of a well prepared

program was well rendered by the performers, and was appreciated by the audience. After the Christmas service prayer well entitled "Christmastide" was given, every scholar was presented with a candy treat and some suitable books. The school numbers over 200.

The Rev. H. L. Smith conducts a bible class each Sunday morning and each member remembered him with a present. Several members of the congregation also gave gifts to their pastor. Sunday being Christmas day the services were interesting and well attended. The church was suitably decorated with evergreens. All workers for this effort deserve all the praise the visitors gave them.

The U. P. church at Stewart Station, Rev. McCarroll, pastor, held their Christmas treat Tuesday evening. The Great Western Band furnished the music for the occasion, and a pleasant time was had by all present.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

A Happy New Year.

The men's meeting next Sunday will be conducted by the General Secretary. Every man that attends will be given a handsome motto calendar for 1899. All men invited.

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