

WORK TO BEGIN SOON.

RAILROAD OPERATIONS TO BE STARTED IN EARLY SPRING.

Rights of Way Now Being Secured by the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg, Route via Marion Center Probably Adopted—Main Line to Pass Through the County.

The report published in the PROGRESS some time ago in reference to the early railroad operations by the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg Railway Company in this county is about to be realized if indications count for anything.

This week, Messrs. N. C. Simpson, of Hamill, and J. K. McElhoes, are securing the right of way for the new road between Hamill and Chambersville, and already a great portion of the route has been secured. The article of agreement made with the landowners covers a period of six months and when the article is signed, a small cash payment is made to each landowner. Messrs. Simpson and McElhoes are at present along Crooked creek and expect to complete the work within a few days. They have been greatly encouraged by the landowners, and, with few exceptions, have met with no opposition in securing the rights of way.

In all probability, the route down Little Mahoning creek and via Marion Center to Crooked creek surveyed some time ago will be adopted by the company, and Mr. B. C. Leasure is at work securing the rights of way in Canoe township and along Little Mahoning creek.

The civil engineers of the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg Railway Company are still located at Indiana. They have completed surveying three different routes in the county. The one which seems most feasible is from a point along the main line of the road above Punxsutawney, down through Canoe township to Rochester Mills, and thence down Little Mahoning creek to Hamill. The route from this point extends south via Marion Center and Kellysburg to Crooked creek. A line has also been surveyed from a point near Locust, in Canoe township, up Little Mahoning creek to Robertsville and Nashville, and thence to Deckers Point. The route then follows Dixon's run through Dixonville to Twolick creek. A line has been surveyed down this stream to a point near Indiana. Another route has been surveyed from a point along Twolick creek by Dixonville to Crooked creek via Tanoma and Gableton.

Another route surveyed from the main line of the road is from a point west of Punxsutawney, through North Mahoning township, to Little Mahoning creek, and the other route is from Rural Village and up Crooked creek.

The route along which the right of way is now being secured is the best one for the development of the county, and persons who are in a position to know believe that it will become the main line of the new railroad.

DIVISION OF WILLS.

Bequests Made Public in Brief Wills Filed During the Last Week.

The will of the late Lucinda Brandon, of East Mahoning township, was filed during the last week. She bequeaths all her property, both real estate and personal, to her husband, Edward J. S. Brandon, during his lifetime, in trust for his daughter, Nancy A. Getty. Her husband is appointed executor. The will is dated October 31, 1901.

The will of the late Mrs. Susan V. Jackson, of Indiana, was filed during the last week. She bequeaths her organ to Margaret V. McClurgan. She bequeaths the balance of her property, including her dwelling, to Harry S. McClurgan, who is appointed executor of the estate. The will is dated December 14, 1901.

The will of the late James S. Lewis, of Indiana, was filed this week. He bequeaths his home in Third ward to his widow during her lifetime, and at her death it is bequeathed in equal shares among his five children. The remainder of his estate is divided equally among the children. William H. McCullough is appointed executor. The will is dated July 12, 1901.

John Fyock, late of Cherryhill, by direction of his will, bequeaths his entire estate to his niece, Zora Fyock. His brother, J. M. Fyock, is appointed executor. The will is dated December 11, 1901.

CHURCH NEWS.

Rev. J. Milton Snyder, pastor of the Strongtown Lutheran church, will begin a series of meetings at Strongtown, commencing tomorrow evening and continuing for a week or more. Mr. Snyder closes a successful meeting at Brushvalley this evening.

Communion service will be held in the M. E. church on next Sabbath morning, presiding elder, Rev. Dr. W. P. Turner, will preach both morning and evening.

A revival meeting is being held this week in the Baptist church. Rev. D. P. French, of Plainville, is assisting the pastor.

Rev. John Adair, of town, will preach in the Brushvalley Baptist church on next Sabbath forenoon, at 10:30 o'clock.

Now Real Estate Agency.

Mr. S. M. McHenry, of town, has opened an office on the second floor of the Rowe building, on Philadelphia street. Mr. McHenry will engage in the real estate business and offers a number of farms for sale in this week's issue of the PROGRESS.

Will Build a Home Here.

Mr. John Miller, of Blairsville, has purchased the J. M. Watt lot, on east Church street. Consideration, \$1,200. The lot formerly belonged to Hon. John P. Blair, and adjoins the property of Mr. James S. Blair. Mr. Miller expects to erect a home here next spring and will move his family to Indiana.

A Serious Fall.

While on her way to her store Saturday evening, Miss Mary Scott slipped and fell on Seventh street, fracturing her left arm at the wrist.

AN EASY VICTORY.

Ganter's League Team Outrageously Defeated in Basket Ball.

On Monday evening, before a large gathering, Ganter's Pittsburg League team was defeated at Library Hall in a one sided game by the basket ball club of the Indiana Athletic Association. The visitors did not present their strongest line up as several of their players missed the train. When the team arrived here they had only four players, but Manager B. H. Lichteberger consented to let them play John St. Clair, of the local club, who has been playing a fast game on the second team. Even with their crippled aggregation the visitors put up a good game during the first half and were not far behind their opponents at the end of the first half, when the tally was 16 to 7 in favor of the local team. Indiana played far below its standard during this half. The team work was very poor and there was too much crowding around their own goal, which lost many points for Indiana. The poor playing in the first half stood out in contrast to their game in the last half, when Indiana easily ran the score to 45 while the visitors only succeeded in adding eight points to their low score. Indiana made a change in its line-up during the game, which seemed to work well. Moorhead was substituted for Lockard, and he played a fast and pretty game. His dribbling was the best seen here this season.

The score and line-up follow:
INDIANA—5. Postum,.....Pittsburg—15.
McCreight B.....left forward.....Fox
Edmundson.....right forward.....St. Clair J. & Orl
St. Clair P.....center.....Orth & St. Clair
McCreight C.....left guard.....Marthens
Lockard C.....right guard.....Land
Time of halves—20 minutes. Timekeepers—Lambrecht and Hood. Scorer—Brake.

A COMPLETE HOSPITAL.

Well-Known Veterinary Surgeon Now Equipped for Better Service.

During the last week, a PROGRESS representative visited the hospital of Dr. J. H. St. Clair, the veterinary surgeon. The stable is located in the rear of his residence, on South street, and is equipped with every convenience and comfort for treating the ills of the domestic animal. The hospital has been recently enlarged and improved, and Dr. St. Clair can now boast of the most complete institution of this character outside of the cities.

On the first floor are four stalls where the sick and disabled horses are treated and nursed back to health. Two of these are box stalls and are furnished with every comfort for the patients. Here, also, is located the large operating table, which was designed by Dr. St. Clair. It can be placed in any position with the aid of pulleys, and far exceeds anything that is in use in this county.

On the second floor is located the hospital department for dogs, cats and other small animals, which make up a large part of Dr. St. Clair's practice. The office is equipped with a fine library, medicines and drug and instrument cases. The hospital is well lighted, and is a model institution in every detail. Dr. St. Clair enjoys a large practice both at home and over the county and with his well-equipped hospital he is now able to treat more successfully than ever before the diseases heir to domestic animals.

TERMS EXPIRE FOR MANY.

Borough and Ward Offices to Be Filled Next Month.

The Republican suggestion meetings to be held on next Saturday evening between the hours of 7 and 8 o'clock should be attended by every Republican of the borough. At this meeting names will be suggested for the different borough and ward offices, and on the following Saturday the primaries will be held, and the nominations for the coming February election will be made.

The borough ticket to be elected this year includes one poor overseer, high constable and three borough auditors. The terms of Poor Overseer James McNeal, High Constable James Forsha, expire.

Constables will be elected in all the wards this year. In Fourth ward three councilmen will be elected. The term of Mr. H. M. Bell expires, and the other two members, Messrs. R. E. Young and John R. Carnahan, have moved from the ward. The other members whose term expire are as follows: First ward, Jackson Smith; Second ward, J. T. Bell, and Third ward, J. L. Orr. One school director will be elected in each ward. Those whose terms expire are as follows: First ward, J. N. Langham; Second ward, G. T. Hamilton; Third ward, V. M. Cunningham; Fourth ward, Ernest Stewart.

WILL OPEN DOORS IN SPRING.

New Wholesale Grocery Will Have Large Storerooms Well Equipped.

The new wholesale grocery, which will open here next spring, in the storeroom formerly occupied by W. H. Johnston, on Church street, at the railroad crossing, will make some decided improvements immediately. The large bank, just in the rear of the storeroom, will be taken away, and the warehouse which occupies the rear of the lot will be added to the main store building. The interior of the storeroom will be remodeled, and adapted to the demands of the wholesale business. Among the improvements will be a large hydraulic elevator.

The men included in the new firm are Messrs. A. W. Mabon and Alexander Stewart, of the hardware firm of J. M. Stewart & Co., and John Bennett, of the firm of P. Bennett & Son, the local merchants. Mr. Bennett will be manager of the new concern and will occupy the dwelling connected with the Church street property. P. Bennett & Son will retire from the retail business in the spring.

RECENT DEATHS.

Mrs. Hannah Miller, widow of the late Dr. M. L. Miller, died at her home in Blairsville on Tuesday, aged over 91 years. She was the oldest woman in Blairsville and is survived by one son, Rev. N. G. Miller, of Ligonier, well known here.

A little five-year-old daughter of John Henry, of Mitchell's Mills, died on Saturday evening of scarlet fever. Interment was made at Cookport, on Monday.

RECENT DEATHS.

GEORGE RANK.

Mr. George Rank, a well-known resident of Montgomery township, died suddenly on Wednesday afternoon, between 2 and 3 o'clock, at his home near Hillsdale. The deceased was in his usual health on the day previous but on Wednesday was slightly ill but his condition did not alarm the family. In the afternoon he went to the wood shed near the house and five minutes afterwards was found dead by a member of the family. Just what caused his death is not known, but it is supposed to have resulted from heart trouble. When the summons came Mr. Rank fell on his head, fracturing the skull and cutting his face, but there was no evidence of a violent death as he was found just in the position he is supposed to have fallen. The deceased was aged 74 years, 2 months and 30 days and is survived by his wife and the following children: Ira C. Rank and Mrs. Honora Jacob, at home; Mrs. Anstine Rankin and Prof. S. K. Rank, of Hillsdale. Mr. Rank was a member of the Wesleyan Methodist church at Hillsdale. The funeral services were conducted on Friday by Rev. Williams, and interment followed at Hillsdale.

ISAAC ST. CLAIR.

Mr. Isaac St. Clair, of East End, Pittsburg, died in the West Penn Hospital, in the city on Friday evening, of exhaustion of the brain, aged about 60 years. The deceased was born and raised in White township and was a son of the late Samuel St. Clair and for many years resided in Indiana, where he was engaged in the mercantile business. Mr. St. Clair was twice married. His first wife was Miss Mattie Myers, of White township, who died a number of years ago. The only child surviving is a son, Walter, residing in West Virginia. He afterwards married Mattie Duncan, of near Livermore, who survives him. He is also survived by the following brothers and sisters: James M. and Samuel A., of Homer City; Alexander, of Marietta, O.; Mrs. E. M. Evans and Maggie St. Clair, of Blairsville; Mrs. J. Harvey Stewart, of Center township, and Mrs. R. M. Geary, of Blacklick. The funeral services were conducted at his late home in Pittsburg, on Sabbath and the remains were brought here on Monday and interred in Oakland cemetery.

ISABELLE WOODWARD.

Miss Isabelle Woodward died at her home on east Philadelphia street, at 2 o'clock, on Monday morning, of cancer, aged 65 years. The deceased was a woman of excellent character and was a consistent member of the Presbyterian church. She was born at Woodward's Mill, now Idaho, Armstrong county, and was a daughter of Absalom Woodward, who was killed by the Indians, between Salt Lake City and San Francisco, Cal., back in the fifties. Miss Woodward has been a resident of Indiana for over 50 years. She is survived by two sisters—Margaret T. Woodward, who resides here, and Mrs. Daniel Smith, of Smith Station. The funeral services will be conducted this afternoon, at 2 o'clock, at her late home by her pastor, Rev. Swartz Crawford, and interment will follow in Oakland cemetery.

H. P. KELLY.

Mr. H. P. Kelly, of Saltsburg, died on Saturday morning at 8 o'clock, after an illness of about three weeks, aged 65 years. His death was due to heart and lung disease. The deceased was born and raised at Sheloceta and was a son of the late Major Abner Kelly. He is survived by his wife and the following daughters: Mrs. Gil. Bair and Mrs. Samuel Trimble, of Saltsburg; Mrs. Edith Wilcox, of Pittsburg, and Miss Eva Kelly, of Philadelphia. He was a brother of Mrs. Wm. Gibson, of town, who is the only surviving member of the family. The deceased was a member of the Saltsburg Presbyterian church. The funeral services were conducted at his late home on Tuesday afternoon and interment followed in the Saltsburg cemetery.

CHARLES W. DUNCAN.

Mr. Charles W. Duncan, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Duncan, of Buffington township, died at the home of John Stewart, of Blacklick, on Friday morning at 9 o'clock. Mr. Duncan was teacher of the upper room in the Blacklick schools and was taken ill only a week previous to his death, which was due to pneumonia. He was aged 20 years, 3 months and 29 days and was engaged in teaching his third term of school when the summons came. The remains were taken to his home and interment followed in the McCartney cemetery in Buffington township, on Monday. The deceased was a member of the Strongtown M. E. Church. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Joel Hunt, assisted by Rev. J. Milton Snyder.

MRS. ELIZA LYDICK.

Mrs. Eliza Lydick, widow of the late Moses Lydick, of Green township, died at her home near Taylorsville, on Friday morning, of consumption, aged 73 years and 9 months. Her husband died a number of years ago but the following children survive the parents: William, of Windber; Mrs. Gus Barber and Mrs. Amanda Darr, of Glen Campbell; Arthur, of Mahaffey; Mrs. William Wisinger, of Cherrytree; Mrs. Frank Nichol, of White township, and Frank, at home. The deceased was a member of the Taylorsville Presbyterian church. The funeral services were conducted on Sabbath by her pastor, Rev. Sproull, and interment followed at Taylorsville.

AN INFANT.

Joseph, an infant son of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Hill, of Twolick, died on Thursday afternoon, aged three weeks. Interment was made in Greenwood cemetery, on Friday.

WALTER DILTS.

Walter, a three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Dilts, of Blairsville, died Thursday evening, of pneumonia. Interment was made at Blairsville, on Saturday.

PERSONAL BREVITIES.

Miss Nell Ellis, of Church street, is visiting friends in Latrobe this week.

Mr. Clark M. Henry, of Blairsville, was an Indiana visitor on Thursday.

Mrs. J. Day Brownlee, of Church street, was a Pittsburg visitor, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. William Young, of Blairsville, were Indiana callers on Friday.

Miss Florence Lowry, of town, visited friends in Pittsburg, during the last week.

Mrs. Virginia Hitchcock, of town, was the guest of Blairsville friends over Sabbath.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Peterman, of town, visited friends in Homer City, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hall, of Bolivar, were Indiana visitors on Thursday and Friday.

Mr. Ira Rowe, of near town, left on Monday for Johnstown, where he enters Rowe College.

Mrs. E. K. Fiat, of Apollo, visited her mother here from Thursday until Monday.

Mrs. Delos Hetrick, of Church street, was a Pittsburg visitor on Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. T. B. Clark, of North Ninth street, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. George K. Kline, of Johnstown.

Mrs. Harry Earhart, of town, was the guest of relatives in Pittsburg, on Thursday and Friday.

Mrs. G. W. Wilson, of Punxsutawney, is the guest of Dr. and Mrs. G. R. Churchill, of Water street, this week.

Mr. G. W. Earl, of town, was called to Pittsburg, Saturday, on account of the serious illness of his brother's wife.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Gilbert, of town, were guests of Mrs. Gilbert's mother, of East End, Pittsburg, during the last week.

Mrs. A. B. King, of West Newton, is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lowman, of North Ninth street.

Mrs. Martha Gomers, of town, was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. W. A. Scanlon, of Johnstown, several days last week.

Miss Ida Gailey, who has been taking a course in nursing in the South Side Hospital, Pittsburg, has returned to her home here.

Miss Daisy and Gertrude Dennison, of Homer City, are visiting at James H. Simpson's, of North Ninth street, this week.

Misses Alice Davidson, of Pittsburg, and Nan Spires, of Blairsville, are the guests of Miss Cora McCormick, of west Philadelphia street.

Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Hamilton, of Fifth street, were called to Pittsburg, on Wednesday, on account of the death of Mrs. Hamilton's brother.

L. J. Hammond, of Penn Run, returned on Monday from an extended trip to Yatesboro, Rural Village, Elderton and Derry. He reports a pleasant time.

Mr. N. B. Lowman, of Pittsburg, who has been the guest of the family of Mr. Thomas Lowman, of North Ninth street, returned home on Thursday.

Attorney and Mrs. Samuel Cunningham, of town, were Pittsburg visitors on Friday and Saturday. While in the city they witnessed the great spectacular play, "Ben Hur."

Mr. R. N. Glassford, teacher of the Sample Run school, in Cherryhill township, visited his sister, Minnie, who is teaching school in Cambria county, over Sabbath.

Mr. John A. Johnston, a former merchant of this place, who has been confined to his home at Johnstown for some months, is now able to go around with the use of crutches.

Mrs. Clarissa Emfield, of Penn Run, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Bryan, of town, over Sabbath. On Monday she left for Cresson, where she expects to be the guest of her son, Edward, for some time.

Mrs. Dr. Needham, of Glendora, Cal., who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Charles Tucker, of Plumville, left on Monday morning's train for New Castle, Ind., where she will visit friends before returning home.

Mrs. Ida Kinter, of Marion Center, stopped off here Thursday, as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Thompson, of Oakland avenue, on her way to Pittsburg, where she expects to spend some time with friends.

Dr. S. L. Wiggins, of McKeesport, was a visitor in town Saturday and while here purchased a handsome driving mare from Harry A. Boggs. The animal is a fine roaster and formerly belonged to Mr. Robert Milliken.

Mrs. James Blair, of town, left on Saturday evening's train for Huntingdon, where she expects to visit friends for several days. Before returning home she will visit her parents, Dr. and Mrs. David Hall, at Annapolis Junction, Va., and friends in New York city.

Mrs. R. F. McHenry, of Marion Center, left on Saturday evening's train for New York city, where she expects to remain for some time. Dr. McHenry is taking a post graduate course in medicine in the city, and his wife expects to remain in the city until he returns home.

Mrs. Arthur C. Crossman, of Atkinson, Neb., who has been visiting relatives here and in Young township, left on Monday morning on her return home. Mrs. Crossman was born in the neighborhood of West Lebanon. She is a sister-in-law of Mr. J. W. Harrison, of town.

Mr. Joseph Blakley, of West Lebanon, was an Indiana visitor on Tuesday. He expects to be a candidate for county treasurer, at the coming Republican primary. Mr. Blakley is a veteran of the Civil War, and a sound Republican. He is promised the support of the old soldiers as well as others in the county.

Town Properties Sold.

County Treasurer D. W. Simpson has purchased two properties on Chestnut street belonging to John W. Sutton. Consideration, \$1,250. Mr. Linus M. Lewis, of Canoe township, has purchased the John O. Kimmel property on west Church street. Consideration, \$1,000. The above sales were effected through the real estate agency of Wetling & Crossman.

McKINLEY DAY APPOINTED.

Governor Stone Issues a Proclamation In Reference to It.

Governor Stone has issued the following proclamation in reference to the observance of McKinley Day:

"TO THE PEOPLE OF PENNSYLVANIA:

"The governor of Ohio has by public proclamation called attention to the McKinley National Memorial Association, organized for the purpose of raising a fund for the erection of a suitable monument at the grave of William McKinley, and has recommended that the people of Ohio be given an opportunity to contribute to this fund.

"The citizens of Pennsylvania, who have so richly profited by his life work, owe a great debt to William McKinley, and the response to the invitation of the McKinley National Memorial Association should be prompt and liberal.

"I, therefore, heartily join with the governor of Ohio in suggesting that Wednesday, January 29, the 59th anniversary of the birth of William McKinley, be observed by all the schools of the state as McKinley Day and that on the Sunday preceding the 29th of January special memorial exercises be held in all our churches. I also suggest that an opportunity be then given in both schools and churches to those who desire to aid this work.

"Each contributor is requested to give his name and postoffice address so that a suitable memorial receipt may be returned therefor by the Association.

"Contributions may be sent direct to Mr. Myron T. Herrick, treasurer, Cleveland, O.; or if sent to Mr. Thomas Dolan, Philadelphia, or Mr. William McConway, Pittsburg, trustees of this association, they will be promptly forwarded.

"(Signed) WILLIAM A. STONE, Governor."

NEW OFFICERS INSTALLED.

Those Who Will Command Indiana Woodmen During Ensuing Year.

The new officers of Indiana Camp No. 40, Woodmen of the World, were installed at a meeting held in Odd Fellows' Hall on Wednesday evening. Post Consul Commander Mont. Cochran was the installing officer. The following were the new officers installed: post consul commander, Mont. Cochran; consul commander, John R. Bath; advisor lieutenant, J. Willis Wilson; banker, James A. White; clerk, Harry W. Fee; escort, John W. Ray; watchman, W. A. Lewis; sentry, J. O. Repine; camp physician, Dr. H. B. Euterbaugh; managers, John S. Hastings, D. W. Simpson and A. T. Taylor. The local camp is in a prosperous condition and during the last year 25 new members have been received.

THIRTEEN DIRECTORS ELECTED.

Annual Meeting of the Patrons' Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

The annual meeting of the Patrons' Mutual Fire Insurance Company was held at the Lewis House, in this place, on Monday. The following directors were elected to represent Indiana and Jefferson counties: Indiana—J. K. McElhoes, Home; G. W. Brady, Ambrose; J. W. Botsford, Marion Center; U. S. Learn, Cookport; William Morrison, Marion Center; George Dick, Penn Run; James Speedy, Chambersville; S. M. McHenry, Indiana. Jefferson—W. H. Hall, Content; A. H. Lingenfelter, Sprankles Mills; L. S. Stewart, Grange; Edward Reitz, Stanton; John Lewis, Froestberg. The annual meeting of the directors for settlement will be held at the Washington Hotel, at Punxsutawney, on next Monday.

WEDDINGS OF A WEEK.

CLAWSON-HILEMAN.

Mr. Harry S. Clawson, of Jacksonsville and Miss Mabel L. Hileman, of White township, were married at the M. E. parsonage, on Wednesday evening, by the pastor, Rev. Dr. G. T. Reynolds.

CAMPBELL-WOODS.

Mr. Oscar Campbell and Miss Olive E. Woods, of West Wheatfield township, were married on Tuesday, by Squire M. B. Kline, at his office in First ward.

MUMAU-MCCALLISTER.

Mr. Henry W. Mumau and Miss Mollie M. McCallister, both of Green township, were married at Hillsdale, on Thursday, by Squire J. D. Spicher.

Notice!

Complaint has been made to the Indiana Telephone Company frequently that contents of messages and dispatches have been divulged, and that persons are permitted to take down the receiver and listen when they have no business to do so.

There was a law passed by the legislature, July 10, 1901, which should be enforced against all persons violating the same, the penalty of which is as follows: "That in case any person, superintendent, operator or who may in any other capacity be connected with any telegraph or telephone line in this state, shall use or cause to be used or make known or cause to be known the contents of any dispatch sent or received at any office in this state, or in anywise unlawfully expose another's business or secrets, such person shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon being duly convicted thereof shall, for every such offense, be subject to a fine of not less than \$100 or imprisonment not exceeding six months, or both or either, in the discretion of the court."

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS.

The Erodolphian Literary Society will hold its public meeting in Normal school chapel on Saturday evening. The feature of the entertainment will be "Mr. Bob," a comedy in two acts, which is brimful of fun.

Yesterday was the 15th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Patton, of near town, and about 40 of their friends were invited to their home last evening to make merry the event.

Won the Contest.
Gilbert Bros., district agents for the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, won a prize of \$50 in gold for writing the greatest number of applications in western Pennsylvania during the month of December.

MAY BE TAKEN NEXT

DIXONVILLE COAL FIELD TO BE TESTED IN NEAR FUTURE.

Leases To Be Taken For Rochester & Pittsburg Coal and Iron Co.—Sale Assured If Coal Is Satisfactory—Other Operations in the Coal Fields of the County.

The Rochester & Pittsburg Coal and Iron Company, which is controlled and operated by the interests of Adrian Iselin who now owns over 30,000 acres of coal land in the county, is now interested in the Dixonville coal field and arrangements are being completed this week which may result in the purchase of a great portion of the territory.

Messrs. Stadden & McHugh, of Glen Campbell, and J. K. McElhoes, of Kellysburg, will meet representatives of the company at Dixonville to-day to arrange the details preparatory to leasing the field. According to well-founded rumors the Rochester & Pittsburg Coal and Iron Company has decided to take up a large amount of coal territory in this rich field, providing that the tests are satisfactory and the price reasonable. It is said that the company will not take less than a body of 2,000 acres and will probably want at least 10,000, but this will depend altogether on the tests. If a sale is made, the landowners will receive \$25 per acre.

The recent tests made by the company on the Moore and Stewart farms, along Little Mahoning creek, have not been satisfactory, and it is said that no further tests will be made and that all the interests of the company will now be centered in the Dixonville field.

A railroad survey has been recently completed by the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg Railway Company, down Dixon's run, through the coal territory, and as the same interests control both the coal and railroad companies, the prospects for the future development of the field are flattering.

Parties are engaged in leasing coal land in the neighborhood of Marion Center. They are securing all the available territory from Rural Village and east to Rochester Mills.

The Harris Coal and Coke Company is making some important improvements on their property in West Wheatfield township. Two more mines are being opened, and additional railroad siding is being built at their plant.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Deeds Filed in Indiana County Since the Last Report.

Wm. D. Bigler, lot in Canoe, to Benjamin F. Frampton, \$150.

Michael Shelter, 8 acres in West Wheatfield, to Jacob B. St. Clair, \$1,050.

Jennie Carnahan's executors, lot in Indiana, to Jane Brandon, \$187.32.

J. S. Longwell, 41 perches in Green, to H. H. Longwell, \$30.

H. H. Longwell, 41 perches in Green, to Peter E. Rice, \$100.

Felix Trimble, 57 acres of coal in Montgomery, to J. W. Clark, \$1,718.10.

C. P. Rank, 118 acres of coal in Montgomery, to J. W. Clark, \$3,378.

John Lowmaster, Sr., 57 1/2 acres in Canoe, to Clark Lowmaster, \$1,000.

Daniel Cameron, lot in Homer City, to Sarah E. Hovis, \$800.