Elk County Advocate.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1869.

J. S. BORDWELL, Editor.

TEMPERANCE LECTURES.

The temperance meeting at the court house on Thursday evening of last week was not a brilliant success. Perhaps it would not be overstepping the bounds of truth to say it was a decided failure. But to our mind the failure was not less conspicuous in the plan of the meeting than in its execution. We respectfully suggest to the Good Templars that the public can form an opinion of their society by observing the conduct of its members. There is not much advantage in telling how useful such a society is, so long as the benefits spoken of do not appear. "By their fruits ye shall know them" is the best rule of judgment in such cases, and this rule an intelligent public will apply.

But aside from its special reference to the society of Good Templars, we think the plan of the meeting was faulty in this respect, that it sought to promote the cause of temperance merely by eloquent declamation against intemperance. The idea seemed to be, and the lecturer himself seemed to encourage it, that the audience were to be interested, perhaps electrified, by the vivid portrayal of the cruelties practised by King Alcohol upon his unhappy victims; in consequence of which they might be ready to cry "Down with Alcohol," and at some future time, in some yet undefined way, perhaps do something to carry that cry into effect.

At the risk of being charged with heresy by some zealous tectotaler, we venture to call in question the utility of this mode of procedure at the present time. However it may have been in the past, we think it admits of serious question whether any damage would result to the cause of *temperance*, if the whole army of professional temperance lecturers should abandon that profession and devote their time and talents to some other calling. This may seem a startling proposition, especially to those who get their living in that way; but it is the duty of the press to advocate what is for the public good, although it might cause a little temporary inconvenience to individuals.

It seems as though the public mind ought, by this time, to be sufficiently enlightened in regard to the consequences of intemperance, the strength of the drunkard's appetite, the danger of tippling, and such matters, as to be able to do without a class of special lecturers in that department. We therefore urge the inquiry upon Good Templars and all such, whether a change of method is not desirable? Whether the style of sensational oratory which has been employed in conducting "the cause of temperance" ought not to be laid aside, and some *sensible action* allowed to take its place?

None of the Arctic exploring expeditons of the year have added much, if anything, to our knowledge of the geography of the Polar regions. Capt. Hall deserves great credit for the courage, energetic action and patience he displayed in his adventures; but the interesting relics he brought back with him are the most valuable result of his toil and suffering. We find in the German papers some statements, furnished by Dr. Berfel himself, about the late voyage in the Polar seas of the steamer Albert, which reached the northermost point of her voyage (80° 14' north latitude. 9° 52' east longitude) on the 20th of June last. Here the ice formed an impassible barrier, and after cruising in various directions for two months, and visiting the western coast of Spitzenberg, Amsterdam Island, and other localaties, the object of the expedition was abandoned, and the vessel began her homeward voyage. Three other vessels, belonging respectively to England, Norway, and Russia, have also been engaged this year in exploring the Aretic regions. The Diana sailed from Glasgow in April last; but, though her party reached Nova Zembla in May, and Spitzenberg in June, they were unable to pass the 80th degree. The Norwegian expedition was a small affair, consisting of but a single sloop; but the captain pushed boldly into the Carian Sea, sailed along the Siberian coast, reached the White Islands, and returned home after slaughtering great numbers of walruses, seals, and bears. The Russian expedition sailed in August, with the intention of establishing direct communication by sea between Norway and Siberia, but we have as yet had no report from it. —*Tribune.*

PETETSON'S LADIES' NATIONAL MAGAZINE for the month of December has been placed upon our table. It abounds with its usual quantity of interesting reading and exquisite fashion plates. Published by Charles J. Peterson, 306 Chestnut Street Philadelphia.

THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION.

"The year which is drawing to a close has been free from pestilence, health has prevailed throughout the land, abundant crops reward the labors of the husbandman, commerce and manufactures have successfully prosecuted their paths, the mines and forests have yeilded liberally, the nation has increased in wealth and strength, peace has prevailed and its blessings have advanced every interest of the people in every interest of the people in every part of the Union, harmony and fraternal interest restored are obliterating the marks of past conflict and estrangement, burdens have been lightened, means have been increased, civil and religious liberty are secured to every inhabitant of this land, whose soil is trod by none but freemen. It becomes a people thus favored to make acknowledgment to the Supreme Author from whom such blessings flow, of their gratitude and their dependence, to render praise and thanksgiving for the same, and devoutly to implore a continuance of God's mercies.

"Therefore, I, ULYSSES S. GRANT, President of the United States, do recommend that Thursday, the 18th of November next, be observed as a day of thanksgiving and of praise and prayer to Almighty God, the Creator and Ruler of the Universe. And I do further recommend to all the people of the United Staes to assemble on that day in their accustomed places of public worship, and to unite the homage and praise due to our bountiful Father of all mercies, and fervent prayer for the continuance of the manifold blessings He has vouchsafed to us as a people.

"In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States to be affixed, this fifth day of October, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the ninety-fourth.

U. S. GRANT.

By The President:

HAMILTON FISH,

Secretary of State."

The President of the United States having issued the foregoing Proclamation, I most earnestly advise that the people of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for the reasons therein given, strictly observe its recommendations.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the Commonwealth, at Harrisburg, this twenty-fifth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, and of the Independence of the United States the ninety-fourth.

JOHN W. GEARY.

By The Governor:

F. JORDON,

Secretary of the Commonwealth.

DEMOREST'S MONTHLY.—A splendid Christmas number. This favorite periodical for ladies improves with every issue its reliable fashions, its numerous full sized patterns, its admirable illustrations, and great variety of useful and interesting reading matter, render it by far the most desirable magazine of the day, and in fact indispensable to ladies living away from the metropolitan centers. It is also the cheapest magazine at $3 per annum, with handsome premium, which for limited time, may, we see, be a large and magnificiently engraved copy of Little M. Spencer's Fourth of July Pic-Nic'—a picture worth three times the cost of the magazine. Published at 838 Broadway, N.Y.

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"Our Paris doll," accompanied by a letter to the little ones, by Mme. Demorest, is another great feature, not to speak of the special Christmas attractions and novelties, and a new story by the author of "Jack and Rosy." Altogether the December number ought to be good for ten thousand additional subscribers to YOUNG AMERICA. $1.50 with a beautiful premium. Publication office, 838 Broadway N. Y.

BALLOU'S MONTHLY MAGAZENE.—We are in receipt of this marvellously cheap and handsome Magazine for December. Its table of contents is varied and charming, embracing the usual fine variety of serials, sketches, stories, poems and attractive engravings. The publishers announce in the prospectus for the coming year, a serial story for adults, by the popular Magazine writer, JAMES FRANKLIN FITTS, and a juvenile serial by the young people's favorite, HORATIO ALGIER, JR. The price of this periodical is a marvel to everybody—a hundred page first-class illustrated Magazine for fifteen cents, or $1.50 per year, is indeed wonderfully cheap. Elliott, Thomas & Talbot, Publishers, Boston, Mass.

MAJ GEN. JOHN E. WOOL, of the United States Army, died at Troy, New York, on the 10th instant. He was the oldest living soldier of the regular army. He was upwards of eighty years of age, and participated in all the wars from 1812 up.

THE SICK PARTY.

The Pittsburg *Post* quotes an article from the Mauch Chunk *Democrat*, which urges the speedy assemblage of a convention to fix things. But the *Post* don't see it yet. It says, by way of commentary:

We don't see the necessity of a convention to act as pall bearer for the corpse of the defunct candidate. The *Democrat*, like a burnt child, dreads the fire, and in advance denounces the 'respectable, but eminently worthless class of fossils who are galvinized into life at each convention."—They were in abundance in Harrisburg during the Democratic Convention, and all for Packer. They were generally recommended to the more inexperienced and youthful delegates as war horses. They knew all about it, their sagacity and political knowledge could not be neglected with safety.

One war horse pledged Luzerne for six thousand if the "Pride of the Valley" was nominated; the Tenth Legion would double its majority, and Philadelphia was certain for ten thousand It might be considered uncharitable to say these men did not care a *bawbee* whether the Democratic party triumphed or not, so they were brought near the money bags of Packer. It is no comfort to know they were disappointed, and that they neither understood the man nor the necessities of the hour. They proved their utter incapacity to lead or advise, but whether the disastrous issue will be accepted as a warning remains to be seen.

PHILADELPHIA & ERIE RAILROAD FREIGHTS.—The Pennsylvania railroad company has a fine chance to gain popularity or lose it. The large concerns which have embarked in the tanning business along the Philadelphia & Erie railroad between Emporium and Warren have calculated, it appears, on having their hemlock lumber carried to Philadelphia and Baltimore at low rates, and are complaining of their disappointment.

The public interest will suffer if a change is not made. The only way for the tanner to make money at present rates is to *skin* over the ground, that is to cut the trees down, peel the bark off, and leave the logs lying on the ground to rot. They are incumbrances to the ground; the husbandman who undertakes to clear it would rather take entirely fresh forest in hand which he can fell to suit himself. Settlers will not come into a country where the land been thus "snagged up," as it is termed. It is rendered desolate and uninviting to the view of visitors. In fact, it is soon converted into an impassable thicket, which prevents even an examinatinn into the character of the soil and minerals. Thus the great tanners located among us, may prove an injury instead of a benefit to the region.

One or the other of two alternatives seems impending. Either our most serviceable timber will be suffered to decay where it is cut—a loss to eastern consumers of millions of excellent flooring, siding and ceiling; or else along the entire region west of St. Marys the old project will be revived of driving it in the log down the Allegheny waters. A boom will be built below the mouth of the Clarion, or a short distance above Pittsburgh. The stock will be sawed up there, and the country where it is grown will lose the benefit which it ought to derive from its manufacture. A region will remain undeveloped which ought to bring the railroad the most lucrative important way business it can expect. Surely it is the interest of the Philadelphia & Erie railway to foster and not to discourage the enterprise and industry of Cameron, Elk, M'Keau and Warren.

We understand that a memorial to the Pennsylvania railroad company on this subject is in circulation for signature. The petitioners ask only for a rate of one and a half cents a mile per ton on dressed lumber carried at the risk of the freighter, and this but for two years, or until the reputation of western hemlock flooring is established in the Philadelphia and Baltimore markets. They are confident then of being able to pay more.

We cannot understand why, at least during the season when the lake is frozen, the railroad should charge a higher rate from Sheffield to Philadelphia than seven dollars per ton.

GEORGE PEABODY, the eminent philanthropist millionaire, died in London on the 3d inst. Mr. Peabody was said to be the wealthiest man in the world. His charities during his lifetime were given with a liberal hand. He gave from his own substance. He did not surrender what death wrested from him. His services, both to his native and adopted country, have been fittingly and genrously recognized in royal letters and thanks of congress. The merchants in passing his statue daily do not need to learn from the consumate man of business how to gain money. His career may teach them how it may be wisely spent.

THE donation held at the residence of Horace Little on Wednesday evening last was well attended. The amount contributed in money, &c., was $141 50. which we think speaks well for the liberality of our citizens.

New Advertisements.

THE SATURDAY EVENING POST.

THREE MONTHS GRATIS!

This cheapest and best of the Literary Weeklies is offering unequalled inducements to new subscribers.

In the first paper of October, it commenced a brilliant Novelet, called "a Family Failing," by Elizabeth Prescott. It also is now running a serial, called "George Canterbury's Will," by Mrs. Henry Wood, the famous author of "East Lynne," &c.

NEW NOVELETS

will continually succeed each other. Among those already on hand or in progress, are "Under a Ban," by Amanda M. Douglas; "Leonie's Secret," by Frank Lee Benedict; a Novelet, by Miss Hosmer, &c.

The post also gives the gems of the English magazines.

NEW SUBSCRIBERS

For 1870 will haue their subscriptions dated back to the paper of October 2d, until the large extra edition of that date is exhausted. This will be thirteen papers in addition to the regular weekly numbers for 1870—or fifteen months in all! When our extra edition is exhausted, the names of all new subscribers for 1870 will be entered on our list the very week they are received.

TERMS:

$2 50 a year. Two copies, $4. Four copies, $6. Five copies (and one gratis) $8. One copy of the Post and one of the Lady's Friend, $4.

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A finely executed steel engraving, a handsome double page, finely colored fashion plate, and a large assortment of wood cuts, illustrating the fashions, fancy work, etc., are given in every number.

It will give a popular piece of Music in every number.

PORTRAITS OF DISTINGUISHED AUTHORS.

The January number will contain portraits (engraved on steel) of Mrs Henry Wood, Florence Percy, Louise Chandler Moulton, Elizabeth Prescott, Amanda M. Douglas, Mrs. Margaret Hosmer and August Bell.

NEW SUBSCRIBERS

Who send in their names before the first of November, shall receive the November and December numbers of this year in addition, making fourteen months in all! And new subscribers sending in their names by the first of December shall receive the magnificent December holiday number, making thirteen months in all!

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EXECUTORS' NOTICE.—Letters testamentary on the estate of William Wernwag, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned, persons indebted to the said estate will please make payment, and those having claims will please present the same without delay to John U. Wernwag, at Wilcox, Pa., or to Theodore Wernwag, Wm. P. Wernwag, Executors, 242 & 244 Chestnut street, Philadelphia.

November 13, 1869 6t.

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SURVEYOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Harrisburk, Penna. Nov. 8th. 1860.

In obedience to an Act of Assembly approved the 8te day of April, one thousand eight hundred and sixty nine, you are hereby notified that the 'County Land Lien Docket,' containing the list of unpotented lands for Elk county, prepared under the Act of Assembly of the twentieth of May, one thousand eight hundred and sixty four, and the supplement thereto, has this day been forwarded to the Prothonotary of the county, at whose office it may be examined. The liens can only be liquidated by the payment of the purchase money, interest and fees, and receiving patents through this department.

JACOB M. CAMPBELL,
Surveyor General.

Nov. 13, 1869.

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WINTER TIME TABLE.

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ELEGANT SLEEPING CARS On all Night Trains.

ON and after MONDAY, NOV. 25th, the trains on the Philadelphia & Erie Railroad will run as follows:

WESTWARD.

Mail Train leaves Philadelphia	10.45 p. m.
" " " Ridgway	2.05 p. m.
" " arrive at Erie	9.50 p. m.
Erie Exp leaves Philadelphia	11.50 a. m.
" " " Ridgway	3.32 a. m.
" " arrive at Erie	10.00 a. m

EASTWARD.

Mail Train leaves Erie	8.15 a. m.
" " " Ridgway	2.25 p. m.
" " arrive at Philad'a	6.10 a. m.
Erie Express leaves Erie	3.20 p. m.
" " " Ridgway	11.10 a. m.
" " arrat Philadelphia	1.20 p. m.

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GOING SOUTH.

Day Express leaves Oil City at	10.10 a. m.
Arriving at Pittsburg at	5.15 p. m.
Night Express leaves Oil City at	8.30 p. m.
Arriving at Pittsburg at	6.30 a. m.
Mixed Way leaves Oil City at	7.20 a. m.
Arriving at West Penn Junction at	6.00 p. m.

GOING NORTH.

Day Express leaves Pittsburg at	8.00 a. m.
Arriving at Oil City at	3.10 p. m.
Night Express leaves Pittsburg at	7.30 p. m.
Arriving at Oil City at	5.40 a. m.
Mixed Way leave West Penn Junc. at	6.45 a. m.
Arriving at Oil City at	5.45 p. m.

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J. J. LAWRENCE, General Supt.
THOS. M. KING, Asst. Supt.

BUSINESS CARDS.

JOHN G. HALL, Attorney at law, Ridgway, Elk county Pa. [mar-22'66 1y

HENRY SOUTHER, Attorney-at-Law Ridgway, Pa. (feb29'68).

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HALL & BRO.
Attorneys - at - Law
ST. MARY'S:
BENZINGER P. O. ELK COUNTY, PA.
September 20, 1866. 1y.

J. S. Bordwell, M. D. Eclectic Physician: Office and residence opposite the Jail, on Centre St., Ridgway, Pa. Prompt attention will be given to all calls. Office hours: 7 to 8 A. M.: 12 to 2 P. M.: and 6 to 7 P. M. Mar. 22, 66 tf.

DR. W. JAMES BLAKELY Physician and Surgeon, St. Mary's, Elk county Pa. [mar-22'66-1y.

DR. W. W. SHAW Practices Medicine and Surgery, Centreville, Elk county Pa. [mar-22'66-1y.

H. F. C. KRUMME, M. D., Physician and Surgeon, Ridgway Elk Co. Pa. Office above store of R. G. Gillis. Office hours from 8 to 10 A. M. and 6 to 8 P. M. v1n8tf.

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