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HARRISBURG STEAM WOOD TURNING AND SCROLL SAWING SHOP.

Wood Turning in all its branches, in city style and at city prices.

WM. MCARTY, BOOKSELLER.

JUST received and for sale, a fresh supply of EVANGELICAL MUSIC.

Dilworth, Branson & Co.

Foreign and Domestic HARDWARE, CUTLERY, & C.

WANTED.

WANTED—Pennsylvania lands from 100 to 20,000 acres—for cash or trade in exchange for City property.

WANTED.

WANTED—A small number of these excellent pumps have been received and are offered for sale by H. B. MASSER.

SELECT POETRY.

[From the Louisville Courier]

LINES AFFECTIONATELY INSCRIBED TO MY SISTER.

Dear Sister, scarce a year has pass'd since thou wert by my side...

Oh! then we had our Mother dear, her sweet and loving smile.

Which from our earliest childhood's hours, could tears and woes beguile...

The rose which held their brightest buds is shattered now in twain.

And we are left with saddened hearts to mourn its loss in vain...

Until that sad and dreary day when Death, with ruthless hand,

First severed near and dear heart ties, and broke our household hand...

Our home of youth! our happy home! is shrouded now in gloom;

Father and Mother, where are they? go ask the silent tomb...

Off-times I'm weak and would recall them from their blest abode.

But then the thought comes o'er my heart, 'tis 'tis the will of God...

Frankfort, Ky. ELLA.

A Thrilling Sketch.

AN ADVENTURE IN TEXAS.

During the recent war between the United States and the Indians of Texas, a great number of volunteers joined the expedition.

Accordingly, the following morning, Captain Ferguson, mounted on an excellent horse, left his companions...

Perceiving, by the sudden rapidity of his flight, that they were discovered, the Indians climbed nimbly on their horses...

Looking back, Ferguson observed that his enemies spread themselves across the prairie, with the evident intention of cutting off his retreat to the hills.

He did not again look behind, but with his eyes eagerly fixed on the yet distant goal, he eagerly fired on the yet distant foe.

As Ferguson had foreseen, the Indians, fearing to enter the woods, came to a sudden halt. Although now comparatively out of danger, he did not esteem the neighborhood perfectly safe...

At daybreak he resumed his journey, following the course of the stream. When he had gone about four miles, he found the corpse of one of his companions.

At the same moment the Indians perceived the captain, and leaped on their horses. Cursing his own imprudence, Ferguson turned back, and began as quickly as possible to retrace his steps.

In this terrible emergency, Ferguson did not lose his presence of mind, but continued to advance rapidly in the direction of the fire.

The fresh, cool air—how delicious it was! Ferguson tore off the bandages which covered his own head and his horse's, and threw himself on the ground.

Half suffocated; both horse and man had scarcely strength to move across the blackened plain; yet Ferguson knew that without water they would inevitably perish.

Tormented by a raging thirst, Ferguson dragged himself towards the farthest extremity of the plain; and there he perceived a band of wolves advancing with savage howls.

A cold shudder seized Ferguson. "If my horse should fall!" he thought. But thanks to his vigilance, and the feverish energy of the animal, they gradually gained on their pursuers.

But the powers of the noble creature were nearly spent, his breathing became rapid, and his head drooped. Yet he still made a wondrous effort to gain the forest.

From the lofty branch on which he had taken up his position, Ferguson watched the monster's approach.

THE ATMOSPHERE, AND ITS EFFECTS UPON ANIMAL LIFE.

A very interesting lecture was delivered on the 11th ult., by Dr. Gistrom, at the N. Y. Mechanics' Institute, on the "Influence of Air in connection with Animal Life."

Then a deep roaring was heard in the neighboring prairie. At the sound, the wolves pricked up their ears, and darted off simultaneously in pursuit of a new prey.

Feeling then comparatively safe, he roared one of the dead wolves, and ate a small portion of the flesh, notwithstanding the natural repugnance inspired by such unclean food.

After a week of incredible fatigue and privation, he arrived in safety at the American camp; but no tidings were ever heard of his unfortunate companions.

CHILDREN MUST BE PAID FOR.

Sweet is the sound of infant voice, Young innocence is full of charms; There's not a pleasure half so choice As taking up a child in arms.

IF IN AN OMBLIOUS SIGHT.

It is a heinous sight to see, When full the vehicle inside, Age taking childhood on its knee.

POPE.

With many faces laughing round, Diffusion of light is scattered; While mirth and jollity abound.

DISTRIBUTION OF WEALTH IN THE UNITED STATES.

The census returns exhibit the fact that the wealth of the Union is nearly equally distributed throughout the States.

Table with 2 columns: State and Wealth. Includes Alabama, Arkansas, California, etc.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

In his History of Massachusetts, Bradford states that on the anniversary of the Society for Promoting Industry, three hundred females of Boston assembled on the Common with their spinning wheels.

KIDS AND GOATS.

Mr. Verigreen attended a fashionable entertainment, and was requested by a friend to notice the white kids. Mr. Verigreen's mind was upon the farm at home, and as he looked round upon the mounted faces that surrounded him, wondering, his friend asked him if he saw them.

ENORMOUS YIELD OF CORN.

The following is the statement of Mr. Geo. Walker, of Susquehanna county, who took a premium of \$50 at the annual meeting of the Agricultural Society, last week, for the largest crop of corn, being 160 bushels of shelled corn to the acre.

In addition to the enormous yield, one hundred and sixty bushels to the acre, of shelled corn, the same field, containing five acres, produced twenty tons of superior pumpkins, some of which weighed more than forty-one pounds.

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