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## Local Affairs.

We are requested to state that the Rev. J. R. Gianfello will deliver a National sermon at the Methodist E. church, in this place, on Monday evening next, the 11th inst.

**RAILROAD ACCIDENT.**—The mail train from Baltimore, due here at 4:30 P.M., on Monday last, did not reach here until 8 o'clock in the evening. The delay was caused by the breaking of a wheel of the engine, in the vicinity of Glen Rock. The engineer, George Henry, had his leg broken. No other persons were injured.

**SAFETY FESTIVAL.**—The proceeds of the Safety festival, held at the state house on Thursday and Friday evenings of last week, by the ladies of this place, amounted to \$178.70. The contributions for the aid of the soldiers, raised by the ladies throughout the Union, may be counted by millions and now have been more liberal and enterprising than the ladies of Sunbury.

**Caleb Barton, Sen.**—one of the oldest and most respectable citizens of Bloomsburg, Columbia county was killed on the Bloomsburg and Lock Haven Rail Road, on Tuesday night the 23d inst. Mr. Barton had been absent from home some two years, superintending improvements on his property in Ohio, and had returned to Rupert station on the Cassius Railroad, about midnight, and then started on foot for home, walking up the Bloomsburg and Lock Haven Road, when it is supposed he was struck by the engine of a coal train, as he was found the next morning dead, with cuts and bruises indicating his death in this way. He was about 70 years of age.

**NEW YEAR** was not observed as a holiday, in this place, and business went on as usual. About noon, some few young men, intent on having a little sport, made their appearance on horse back, much in the style of Sunday Cavalry. But as the day was very cold, and whiskey did not flow freely on account of the late additional tax on liquors, they, therefore took the hint that such fare was not very agreeable, and turned off after a short parade, to reflect on the better parts of manhood.

**COLD WEATHER.**—The weather this winter has been subject to sudden changes from a moderate temperature to severe cold. Theyer, at this place was closed for the second time, this winter on Saturday night last. The ice on the river is from four to five inches thick and some of our citizens have already commenced filling their houses. The ice taken, is considerably out in the river, that near shore being more or less obscured by the turbid waters.

**Snow.**—About three inches of snow fell on Friday night. There is a good foundation for sleighing, and a few inches more would bring out the bells, not only those that jingle in installments, but those that ring out merry peals in chimes.

**BRICK YARDS.**—We are pleased to learn that B. Hendricks, of this place, is about commencing the manufacture of brick by steam power and machinery, so that persons desirous of building can always be promptly and abundantly supplied, with excellent brick, at reasonable prices. Heretofore there will be no excuse in putting up frame buildings instead of brick walls when the latter will cost no more than the former, at the present rates of lumber. And when we like to consider that fact that a brick house is worth twenty-five percent more than a frame we are surprised that so many frames are erected. Undoubtedly this was owing to the fact that brick could not easily be obtained. Li Reading and other places where brick are cheaper and abundant few frame buildings large or small can be seen.

We understand that Mr. S. Gehringer has sold out his brick yard to parties in Milton, who will also commence the business.

**COURT.**—The present term of Court was well attended and considerable business was transacted, especially in the sessions. The criminal calendar is growing larger every year and sometimes occupies half the term. A number of civil cases were concluded on account of the absence of George F. Miller, Esq., whose health, we regret to learn, is such, that he has gone to New York for medical and surgical treatment.

**We** are glad to learn that Dr. G. B. Weiser, who was severely injured by the cars on the night before Christmas, is rapidly recovering and is considered out of danger.

**COT.**—It is nothing new to our readers to be told that it is cold. They are feelingly reminded of that fact; but it may be news to many that they can buy at wholesale or retail, the latest style of Harris at S. Fisher's, than of any one else. They are manufactured by himself and are warranted to be a good article. See for yourself, three doves of Frost & Grinnell's and two of the

**THE three-story brick building at the corner of Market Square and Dear street, lately the property of Edward Goss, Esq., was sold last week to Mr. DeWitt of Juniata county, for three thousand dollars. Mr. DeWitt intends to enlarge the building for a hotel.**

**LEAP YEAR.**—The year one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, will be Bissextile or Leap Year. It is called because it leaps over a day more than a common year, thus in common years there are 365 days, in leap year, 366. It is said that during this year, more bachelors contract matrimony than in the other three, and for this several reasons have been assigned. Caring nothing about reasons, we hope the hall may commence rolling early in the year and continue until thousands shall be able to say in the language of Shakespeare:

"She is my own."

As I am rich in having such jewels;

As twenty seas, if all their sand were pearls,

The waters Nectar, and the rocks pure Gold;

**A BLESSED DAY.**—Some has said, and truly too, that Sunday is a blessed day to a man who necessarily catches but brief glimpses of home during the tolling week; who is off in the morning while the little eyes are closed in slumber, and back at night until they are sealed by sleep! Who would not know of the very children for whom their toils were it not for the blessed, breathing respite of Sunday? What honest workman's child will ever forget Sunday, when clean and neat, it is his privilege to climb papa's knee and hang about his neck, and tell him all the news which goes to make up his narrow, little world. "Narrow," did we say?

We recall the word, for it widens out into the boundless scenes of eternity. Sunday for the workingman's children! So would he have it—a day honored by sweet, pure, home influences; when the little band, quite complete, shall rest from labor, and Lovers shall write it down the blessed day of all the seven.

"Day of all the week the best."

Emblem of eternal rest."

**THE BRITISH PERIODICALS.**—L. Scott & Co., of New York, continue to publish the British Quarterly and Bi-monthly Magazine. By this arrangement the American public is enabled to pay for the periodicals, while the English public are obliged to pay £1. It is scarcely necessary to speak of the merits of these periodicals. They contain the richest fruits of the scholarship, wit, and genius of the literary men of Great Britain. They are written by the most eminent of the professional men, or the intelligent reader. Their pages abound with elaborate criticisms, brilliant essays, profound speculations, and whatever of interest may be found in the literature of the day.

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