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## Local Affairs.

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The wheat crop, although much improved by favorable weather, will not be an average one. In some sections it looks pretty well, while in others, many fields will not yield a half crop. The summer crops, however, look well and promise an abundant harvest.

**SHAMOKIN VALLEY AND POTTSVILLE RAILROAD.**—The passenger train, under the schedule of May 20, runs as follows: Leaves Sunbury at 10 A. M. arrives at Shamokin at 5:45, and Mr. Carmel at 6:30 P. M. Returns leaves Mt. Carmel at 10 A. M. Shamokin at 8:20, and arrives at Sunbury 9:30, or nearly an hour in advance of the Express train. A freight train with a box-car for passengers, leaves Sunbury at 5:30 A. M., arrives at Shamokin at 9:30 and Mr. Carmel at 9:45 A. M.

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**AMAZONS IN BATTLE.**

**GREAT BATTLE IN AFRICA—DEFEAT OF THE KING OF Dahomey BY THE EGYPTIANS.**

The English papers received by the Asia contain accounts of a sanguinary battle in Africa between the troops of the King of Dahomey and the tribe of the Egypians. The Dahomey Amazons fought bravely, but the Egypians won the victory. It is related in the description of the fight that the King of Dahomey marched in person on the 15th of March at the head of ten thousand troops (male and female), and on the 16th attacked the Egypians in their fortified town of Abbeokuta—a place of two hundred thousand inhabitants. The King had three brass field six pounder pieces, bearing the inscription upon the breech of "Mexico, 1815." He advanced till within fifty yards of the wall of Abbeokuta, then suddenly displayed his flags, extended his lines and marched rapidly towards the wall. The Egypians immediately opened a tremendous fire on the lines, and arrested them at once. In the advancing columns were Amazons, who fought bravely and desperately. Many of these fierce climbed the wall, which is more than twenty feet high; but, so soon as they reached the top, the Egypians dragged them down and slew them. One Amazon, who had one of her hands cut off, efforts to clamber over the wall, discharged her musket with the other hand and shot an Egypian. She received a severe blow from a spear, and fell backwards into the trench. The Dahomeys were utterly defeated. They lost upwards of one thousand, in killed, and the number of prisoners is said to exceed two thousand. The Dahomeys fled in two directions. In front of the division which took first to flight was the dough boy himself. The Egypians pursued both divisions and slaughtered the fugitives without mercy and without a pause. Seeing the discomfiture of the king, the inhabitants of the neighboring towns turned out and joined heartily in the general massacre. Of his three field-pieces, the king had the misfortune to leave two in the keeping of the Egypians.

Another account says of the fighting of the Amazons:

"Some of the desperate Amazons rushed to the wall, and the part descended by the Christian converts and the people of Deum) with feelings of resolution, plunging into the trench and endeavoring to scale the wall, others attempting to enter the town by the excavations made under the wall; they were shot in the trench or cut down in their mad attempt to scale the wall. Some Amazons gave the defenders a little annoyance, for when in the trench they threw large stones over the wall on the Egypians, and snatched away about six muskets from the hands of the Egypians in the act of the firing; by an equal determination on the part of the Egypians they were killed. No fewer than seventy-two dead Dahomeans were counted afterwards from the trench at this point. On the opposite side of the walls three ferocious Amazons actually planted their banners along the wall, but were instantly cut down, their heads and hands stuck on poles and hanging from the bridge, having been severely injured. Miss Holbach, a young lady about seventeen years of age, highly esteemed by her neighbors, was heard to call for help, having fallen through the bridge into the creek. Efforts were made by Mr. Bradford and others to rescue the sufferers, but before a boat could be brought to the place their voices were hushed in death. Their bodies were not found until next morning. Miss Holbach was apparently not seriously injured by the fall, but was unable to move, having been struck from the train, and fell through the bridge to extricate herself from the water which was about four feet deep. The men sustained but slight injuries, owing no doubt, to their crouching position, the result having thrown them back on the locomotive, and those who were sitting were rolled over and crushed. This sad accident is the result of recklessness, if not criminal carelessness. It is surprising that an employee, of any experience, should venture in a dark night to run a hand car filled with passengers only fifteen minutes ahead of an express train. Miss Holbach's wounds were dressed by Dr. Haupt of this place, and her recovery is deemed somewhat doubtful."

Since writing the above we have learned that Miss Holbach is improving and in a fair way of recovery.

**NOTICE TO THE GREAT SANITARY FAIR.—CONTINUED.**

Collected by Mr. Allen.—Bright's Foundry.

John Youngman, 81 09 Thos. Hemmings, 81 06

John Miller, 20 00 John Burton, 1 00

H. R. Bloom, 20 00 L. Phillips, 1 00

Mr. Allen, 2 00 Chas. Thomas, 2 00

27 00

Mrs. Philip Clark, 50 Mrs. and Miss. Reid, 50

John Hopper, 20 Hours. Foster, 50

Cash, 100 John Youngman, 1 00

John Youngman, 1 00 Mrs. S. Angier, 1 00

John G. Knapp, 2 00 Mag. Fostard, 23

Miss T. Haas, 2 00 Mrs. J. Shuppan, 1 00

Mr. Kish, one man, 100 Mrs. J. Shuppan, 1 00

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