

The best if not the only political news of any importance is that the bogus Packard government of Louisiana has hopelessly collapsed, and that Carpet-bagism in the South has come to a sudden, an unexpected, an ignoble and disgraceful end.

The Hat Question.

That Earth is not man's abiding home is sufficiently established by the fact that there is always some "question" or other to harass the minds and disturb the peace of mankind.

There are other questions hardly less important than the slavery question. Europe has its Eastern question, which all its great and wise men have not been able to solve, and about which the Great Powers will soon clutch each other by the throats.

As a nation we had and have a great many questions of major or minor importance. There was our Presidential question, just passed. But few of us have as yet digested the disappointments and heart burnings antecedent and consequent to that question; nor is the settlement at all satisfactory to most of us.

So there is an infinite variety of questions on all sides—of every possible nature and kind—civil, political, religious and social. Ordinary men can throw questions to a side whenever they grow weary of them. Not so with journalists: They must squarely face them all the times and under all circumstances. Of them it is expected to lead public opinion on the various questions as they arise, and they can not, if they are true to their high calling, shrink this responsibility.

There is one question, however, on which editors stand on a level with other men: It is the Hat question—Ladies' Hats of course are meant. It is one of the most arbitrary, radical and stubborn questions that poor mortal man has to deal with, and what makes it the more keenly vexatious is that there is no earthly prospect of anything like a final settlement. Fathers and husbands periodically exhaust their diplomatic powers in the vain hope of a final disposition of this disturber of the family peace, all to no purpose.

We have seen men turn pale with rage at the mere mention of this question. We have heard men wish their wives and daughters were in Heaven at the mere suggestion that the Hat question was about to assume a practical turn.

Feeling convinced that we (as a people) can never have lasting peace on this matter, we advise a truce of at least six months' duration, but can hardly expect to have it in the face of such incendiary language as the following, by the Philadelphia Times:

The new spring hat worn by the ladies is just too big for anything, and happily we shall probably be rid of the monotony of hearing this feminine declaration called sweet. Hats that started some years ago no larger than an acorn have grown to such size as to cast a shadow half across Chestnut street, and a couple of them would save the promenaders on two blocks from sunstroke. No husband or father need fear that he will not get the worth of his money when invested in hats for wife or daughter.

They—we are talking about the hats—are so large that a mortgage even will not cover them, and it is probable the really fashionable hat will have to be worn in the country for want of room elsewhere. They will be a death-blow to the trade in parasols and umbrellas: two or three of them in the theatre will make the place look crowded, and clergymen who have to stand in a pulpit above a few of the newest hats will feel as if they were preaching to a lot of gaily-decorated but really overgrown circus tents.

If the amusement season were not virtually over there might be a sensation in hats, but that will now be left to the camp meeting, where the real utility of the new style will be developed.

Lost. The subscriber lost the School Tax Duplicate for 1876, as he thinks, along Water Street somewhere. The finder will please return the same to me or leave it at the Journal office.

Most folks have a part of their gardens dug and planted, and those that have not ought to be ashamed of themselves.

In Lewisburg little onions are in big demand. Just the reverse here: Big onions are in little demand. What a difference in only thirty miles.

The Poor House was defeated by a majority approaching 2000. Hope that question is effectually shelved for the next two decades.

During the month of April a fair number of our patrons have called upon us and paid us their subscriptions cash down. Saves us right. Next?

Our thanks are due to the Board of Directors of the International Exhibition Company for an invitation to attend the opening Ceremonies of the Exhibition, May 10th.

Those that pretend to know say that digging garden or picking stones are just as healthful exercise as playing base ball; but the practical difficulty is to make Young America believe such stuff.

How many boys in and about town are at work or in school, and how many running the streets or loafing in stores and taverns? Is the proportion two to one, or one to two? Will any one take the census?

The weather just now is very fine, but getting a little warm already. It makes a fellow sort of "pshaw" this English is a poor excuse of a language, you can't express yourself exactly. We must get our German man to write out the idea.

Let us be clean, in order that we may be healthy. To be thoroughly so, and to counteract eruptive tendencies and render the skin white and smooth, let us use Glenn's Sulphur Soap. No eruption can withstand it. Depot, Crittenton's No. 7 Sixth Avenue, New York. Hill's Hair & Whisker Dye, black or brown, 50 cts.

The Honorable and the Reverend up on the hill are making things hum about their premises. They are trying to outdo each other in improvements. That's business, brethren, pitch in. Into the improvement business we mean, not into each other.

MR. DANIEL F. BEATTY, of Washington, N. J., the energetic and persevering manufacturer of the Beatty Piano and Golden Tongue Parlor Organs, deserves the highest credit for having produced the most perfect musical instrument combined with the utmost beauty and chasteness of design yet offered in musical public. See his advertisement in another page. Address Daniel F. Beatty, Washington, N. J., U. S. A.

That eminent statesman, Hon. C. S. Wolf is going to start a cool yard at Lewisburg. We congratulate you, Charlie, upon having found your true calling at last. Hope Col. Slier and Senator Dill will let bygones be bygones, and buy their coal of you.

One of the best Book Stores in Central Pennsylvania, is that of James Welch in Bellefonte. Full to repletion in its various departments. Mr. Welch sells at prices that defy competition anywhere. Just now he makes a speciality of paper and envelopes selling the latter at five cents per pack, and note paper at 7-10 cents per quire. We advise our readers to visit and buy at Welch's store when they go to Bellefonte.

Our Penn Hall correspondents both go for Yoney like sin. Kape cool, the Irishman said as he tried to curry the kicking male. Don't get personal, gentlemen. Give us news, happenings, incidents and the like. That's what we prefer.

A NEW MAN.—J. Newman, Jr., the king Clothier of Bellefonte, is exactly the right man in the right place for the people and the times. Clad in a suit of his clothes, a fellow must feel like Croesus. Why we only taught a hat of Julius and all Bellefonte thought we "looked splendid."

Warm greetings and friendly faces on all sides were the consequence. Now, if you go to Bellefonte on business and pleasure, just buy some clothing of Newman, and you will thank us for sending you there.

Rev. Dr. Wm. A. Muhlenberg, a distinguished Lutheran Divine, died at a very advanced age in New York, on the 8th instant. Dr. M. was a man of great learning and deep piety. He will be remembered as the author of that beautiful hymn, "I would not live always, I ask not to stay," as long as singing is a part of worship, public or private.

Another good man has gone to his eternal home. A pleasant, good looking, vivacious, loquacious, red-haired, red-whiskered and red-faced sort of a fellow from Mifflinburg called in to see us last week. He was in such a rosy humor that he actually promised to send us a dozen big lemons. Wouldn't be a bit surprised if he would add to the lemons—Baltimore Oysters, Cheese, Crackers, Oranges, Tobacco, Cigars, Pens, Ink and Paper. Think of it: A poor country editor surrounded with such a profusion of luxuries. Whew!

W. C. Duncan offers three choice building lots for sale in Millheim. Read his notice in another column.

OLD BEN WADE is most desperately "mad" over a certain Mr. Hayes, late a citizen of the state of Ohio, but now a resident of Washington D. C. Wade is so full of wrath that he can't pronounce himself, and is fast getting dangerous. Just listen what he says of that kind, amiable gentleman over there, who "means so well" and tries so hard to preserve a reasonable equilibrium between parties and factions: "No doubt he meditates the destruction of the party that elected him. A contemplation of all this fills me with amazement and inexorable indignation. Some have attempted to excuse him by saying that he means well, but hell is paved with such intentions."

We suggest to our Republican friends to take charge of Ben before he hurts somebody.

THE RAIL ROAD is progressing slowly but surely. We are informed that yesterday the first construction train crossed bridge No. 1, just this side of Paddy's Tunnel. The other bridges near Spring Mills are also in the course of construction and the work goes on. A gap of some five miles from the forks westward is still without ties, but we hear that there are nearly enough made to cover this distance that only want to be hauled to the road. The contract for the erection of station houses at the Forks and Spring Mills, will be awarded about the 18th of May. Our opinion is that we may expect the Bulletin, that is the first regular train "on or about the 4th of July."

Our wish is that it come to-morrow, yet we are not particularly mad about it. Gentlemen who expect to make the speeches on the glorious occasion, had better commence writing and be sure to have them properly committed in time. We count ourself out, by about "8 to 7."

In reply to what Yoney (of Spring Mills) has said concerning the concert of the Junior Singing Class at Penn Hall, I would say, he is sadly mistaken in asserting that they had no audience. Had such been the case they would not have been disappointed, as they did not expect a large crowd, or else they would have advertised. They realized over \$10.00, their admission being only 10 cents. Now, Yoney, here is the concert of the Spring Mills Singing Class, about which they boasted so much? How sad to think that all their bright hopes were frustrated, and they not even got a taste of a concert. The Preachers to whom the proceeds of the concert were to be given, will no doubt be astonished on receiving the immense amount. Hereafter don't boast till the thing is over.

FRANKLIN. Spring Mills Items. Mr. Wm. A. Kerlin is one of the best millers in the state. Give him a trial and you will find it so. I. J. Grenoble has just returned from the city and is now unpacking a complete assortment of merchandise at very low prices. Great excitement prevails in consequence.

Mr. P. J. Leitzell opened a school here on Monday. He is a good scholar and an experienced teacher. Success to him and his school.

Messrs. Vandyke have about completed their part of the R. R. to this place. They are practical business men.

The Sabbath School opened on the 15th instant with a goodly number in attendance. Many others should attend. Come friends, it will do you good to be present. You cannot very well satisfy your consciences unless you are. Try it. YOKEY.

Gregg Township Splinters. Prof. D. M. Wolf opened the Spring term of the Penn Hall Academy on the 16th inst. The indications are that he will be well patronized.

In your issue of week before last, the correspondent of Spring Mills made some misrepresentations concerning the Penn Hall singing class, which it is not more than just to correct. He calls it the Junior Convention and, why he calls it Junior is a mystery to everybody except to himself, but everybody knows that he was proud that his name was registered in this well known singing class in years past. The Junior Convention as he calls it was a series of sessions of the Penn Hall singing class, and for the benefit of the class. It was not intended to be a Convention or it would have been advertised as such. Prof. Weaver kindly tendered his time and valuable instructions to his old class of which he has been a teacher for a few years, as a token of respect. Prof. Meyer assisted him on the evening of the concert with instrumental music. The concert was merely given to realize funds to defray the expenses for light and fuel, and the house being filled the class realized more than they expected. The whole affair was a complete success. Suffice it to say that if "Yoney" would have been wanted as a manager for the old Penn Hall singing class, he would have had an invitation in due time.

NOTICE.—Whereas testator, late of the estate of Sarah Ziegler, late of Gregg township, Centre county, Pa., deceased, has been appointed the subscriber, all persons indebted to said estate are requested to call on the subscriber, at the residence of the subscriber, for particulars and to present their claims against the same, to present them duly authenticated, for settlement.

Building Lots for Sale. The subscriber offers for sale three building lots on Water street, Millheim, near the Brick Mill. These are choice sites for homes and will be sold at a bargain. For particulars apply at the Journal Office, or to W. C. DUNCAN, Pa.

Mrs. Veronica H. Fisher consort of Rev. P. S. Fisher, died in Phila. April 3rd, '77, of apoplexy, aged 66 years and 5 months.

On the 12th inst., at Centre Hall, Flora, infant daughter of Moses and Rebecca Richard, aged 2 years, 2 months, and 21 days.

On the 24th of March, at Rebersburg, Wilson E., Son of Joseph and Susan Miller, aged 18 years, 10 months and 17 days.

On the 16th inst., at Rebersburg, John T. M. Son of Samuel and Jane Zeigler, aged 4 years, 4 months and 28 days.

German services in the Lutheran Church, Aaronsburg, next Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.

Lodge and Society Directory. The Millheim Cornet Band will meet in the Town Hall on Monday and Thursday evenings.

Providence Grange No. 217 P. of H., meets in Alexander's block on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 6 1/2 P. M. and on the fourth Saturday of each month at 1 1/2 P. M.

The Irving Literary Society meets in the Town Hall, every Friday evening.

The Millheim B. & L. Association meets in Town Hall, on the evening of the second Monday of each month.

U. A. M. meets on 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month, at 7 o'clock, P. M., in their Lodge Rooms, Whit's B building.

Haines Township Auditors' Report. Philip Stover and M. S. Fiedler, Supervisors, in account with Haines Township, DR.

Geo. B. Stover and J. H. Wyle, Overseers, in account with Haines Township, DR.

Samuel Berckell, Auditor. R. G. DEHL, M. S. FIEDLER, Aaronsburg, Pa., March 6th 1877.

PROPOSALS will be received until 18th of May, for the building of a Station House at the forks of Penn's Creek, and also, for a Station House and Engine House at Spring Mills.

DR. BANNING a permanent located at the CENTRAL HOTEL, Pittsburgh, Pa. Diseases and Deformities of the Spine, Uterine Displacements, Dyspepsia, Hemorrhoids and Piles successfully treated by the BANNING SYSTEM of Medical Support. Gall or send for descriptive pamphlet, "The House You Live In." Mailed free.

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