

Local Department.

A good town property at private sale. Inquire at this office.

Mr. James M. Gephart has again left us for Carlisle where he attends college.

Mr. John Kerstetter, the old boss mason of Sugar Valley, is here again building a foundation for J. W. Snook.

Mr. Elias Kreamer, of Union county was around last week supplying our people with the last instalment of peaches.

A fine line of Family and Presentation Bibles, Photograph and Autograph Albums, fine Stationery, &c., just received at the Journal Store.

At the meeting of the B. & L. Association on Monday evening money sold at 19 per cent. premium for permanent loan.

The executors of Thomas Hoelsterman deceased, will offer some valuable real estate at public sale on Tuesday, November 28th. See notice in another column.

The Democratic County Committee opened rooms in the second floor of the Conrad House. Democrats from all sections of the county are always welcome to call whether on business or pleasure. Republicans who will vote for Pattison are also invited.

Our old friend George Moyer of Logansville, sent us a monster sweet potato that measures 12 1/2 inches in circumference, and weighs one pound and thirteen ounces. Several such would make a mess even for a poor, hungry editor.

If any of our farmer patrons have a barrel or two of good, fresh cider to spare we would be ever so much obliged to have it. Nor are we overly particular as to the price—so, we can pay it in JOURNALs. Now, just please don't all speak at once.

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CORNER STONE LAYING.—The corner stone for a new Evangelical church in George's Valley, on the southern road leading to Potter's Bank, will be laid next Sunday the 15th instant, no preventing Providence. Rev. U. P. Swengle, P. E., and Rev. N. Young are expected to officiate. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Mr. Andrew Harter has rented Sheriff Musser's Tannery and opened a leather finishing business. He keeps on hand a full supply of all kinds of leather at the lowest cash prices. Cash also paid for hides. Mr. Harter is an experienced and practical finisher and we hope our people will give him a liberal patronage.

A few of our people attended the Lewisburg fair last week. If the managers of the fair had seen fit to spread a little printers ink throughout our valleys by means of the JOURNAL, no doubt many more would have gone, in as much as we have no fair in Centre county this year. But the officers seem to believe in economy.

Very strangely and exceptionally, there has been no complaints of the weather for some considerable time—say several weeks. And in led whoever is not satisfied with such fine, beautiful, balmy and delicious weather as we have had for the past several weeks ought to emigrate to Cape Horn, Afghanistan, Beloochistan or Montana Territory.

Hon. John B. Linn, is still engaged in gathering material for his forthcoming History of Centre County. He was here last week examining old records and old men. The proposed history will be more comprehensive and complete than the ordinary books of that class, and the publishers were fortunate in securing the service of so able and industrious a compiler as Mr. Linn.

Read, Mark and Learn! That a fine, enclosed Picnic Ground, with every convenience, Swings, Croquet Ground, Quoits, Pavillion, and a Fine Spring of pure water with plenty of shade, has now been completed at Spring Mills. Societies, Clubs, Lodges and all respectable parties will be accommodated on reasonable terms. Carriages and tickets to the celebrated Penn Caves at moderate rates. Address GEO. B. NASH, Spring Mills House.

Have any of our farmer patrons a few bushels of apples to spare for the poor printer? "Whoever giveth to the poor lendeth to the Lord"—or words to that effect.

The beautiful Methodist church in Bellefonte narrowly escaped being fired last week. Oiled rags were used in wiping and cleaning the furniture. These were thrown on a pile together and it is supposed took fire by spontaneous combustion. The fire was fortunately discovered in time to prevent material damage.

You would be surprised to see the piles of clothing of all grades and prices in Lewin's Philadelphia Branch Clothing House, Bellefonte. But when you consider that there are about 18,000 men and boys of all ages and sizes in Centre county that each needs about two suits every year, you will no longer wonder where it all goes to. Lewin understands the business perfectly. He knows exactly what farmers, merchants, laboring and professional men want, and in the line of clothing he is prepared to suit them all. His prices are the very lowest that can be found anywhere. Lewin is master of the situation.

SPRING MILLS ITEMS.

Our schools will open on the 30th instant.

The hunting party returned from the mountains with two deer. J. D. Phillips shot them both and feels happy beyond expression.

John Coldren has staked off another house and workmen are already engaged in excavating the cellar.

E. C. Krumrine goes to Lewisburg in a few days, his lease in the mill having expired.

SAM PATCH.

The Bellefonte Republican of last week contains the following sensational article in the form of a correspondence. The writer starts by saying that he has been "reliably informed" and then substantially asks "if these facts are true." Facts are always true, but whether the charges of "Tax Payee" are facts is quite another question.

We have no idea that our commissioners or judges would allow any such extravagant price to be paid as here indicated, for clerical work, especially at a time when every dollar of public expenditure is so closely scrutinized by our citizens. But since a charge of reckless extravagance has been made let the matter be examined and a truthful statement made. Our citizens as well as Mr. Tobias are justly entitled to this.

"A Plain Steal"

EDITOR REPUBLICAN, Dear Sir:—I am reliably informed that the county is going to pay or has paid W. A. Tobias \$3,855.88 for indexing the deed books, which job he finished a couple weeks ago. Mr. Tobias, I believe, began his work last January and employed to assist him two clerks, one of them for about seven months and the other for three months. At \$30.00 per month, all that clerical work is worth in Bellefonte, the clerk hire would not cost Mr. Tobias more than about \$500.00, leaving him clear of expenses about \$3,355.88 for scarcely eight months' work.

Now, Mr. Editor, if these facts are true, is not the price paid for this work simply enormous? Is it any wonder that our county is in debt, and that the taxes are high? Is it not a plain steal which the tax payers of Centre county ought to protest against? Yours respectfully, TAX PAYER.

The following is a complete list of the teachers employed for the winter term of our public schools in this part of the county.

MILLHEIM.—Grammar School—W. G. Morrison; Primary—Mary E. Strohm; North Street—B. F. Edmonds. PENN. PIKE—T. G. Erhard; Gentzels—Alfred Harter; Elk Creek—W. T. Aumad; Liberty—Ezra Finkle; Mountain—E. Zeigler.

HAINES.—Aaronsburg—First Grade, W. Frank Musser; Intermediate—D. H. Rote; Primary—Bella M. Crommiller; Wolf's—not supplied; Hosterman's—Milton M. Bollinger; Woodward—W. E. Ken; Vonada's, Geo. Erhart; Pine Creek—Z. D. Thomas; Mountain, —Mary E. Bollinger.

MILES, Rebersburg Grammar School—C. L. Gramley; Primary—C. O. Malory; Gramley's, —Gephart; Brumgard's—L. P. Bierly; Wolf's—L. R. Bierly; Harter's—A. N. Corman; Stover's—H. A. Dutweiler; Madisonburg, Grammar School—Cornelius Stover; Primary—Ida A. Saniil.

News Miscellany.

In Potstown ball playing in the streets is finable to the amount of \$25.

Northumberland county pays \$16,000 of its debt this year.

In the Friends' meeting house at Upper Providence, Montgomery county, is a stove that was placed there in 1765 and has been in use ever since.

Judge Dreher, of Monroe county, estimates the amount paid by summer boarders at the different resorts in that county at \$450,000 per annum.

Henry B. Hutchinson, of Woodstock Vt., left by will \$1,000, the income of which is to be expended in purchasing clothing for the poor children in that town.

The population of the United States in 1880 was as follows: Native born whites, 36,848,291; colored, 6,682,547; foreign born, 6,679,952. Total, 50,155,790.

The Pennsylvania railroad's new locomotive Jumbo has 7-foot driving wheels, and has drawn a train from Philadelphia to Jersey City, a distance of ninety miles, in eighty minutes.

Three burglars who were discovered trying to gain entrance into a dwelling house at Warren last week, fled to the river. One was drowned, another escaped and the third was captured.

The German Saloon Keepers' Association of Pittsburg is making a canvass of the candidates on the liquor question with a view to strike a blow against the temperance element in that direction.

Simply a Fool.

A traveler was leaning at night against a railing at Harper's Ferry railroad station. A locomotive came along and he sprang lightly over the rail to escape possible danger. He thought it was a meadow on the other side, but knew his mistake when he struck in a muddy stream forty feet below. On being rescued he was asked his name. "I wouldn't tell you for a thousand dollars," he replied; "describe me simply as a fool."

What a Georgia Boy Had in His Pocket.

A Thonastown boy bought something at one of the stores the other day. In paying for the same Young America took, previously to taking the money from his pocket, three receipts—one for making hair dye, one for making hair oil and one giving the proper seasons to fish. Besides were taken from his pocket two knives—one large, the other small; box of matches, piece of tobacco, one clay pipe, two short pipe stems, piece of knitting needles, one horseshoe nail, three common nails, two draft-n-n, one marble, two rusty keys, piece English resin, one top bunch of twine, three corks, five lead bullets, one small mustard box containing bait, three black buttons for pants, one piece cuff button and two nickels.

Two Fighting Lions Scatter a Crowd.

While Barrett's circus train was standing on the track at Charlotte, N. C., waiting for orders, quite an exciting incident took place. Two lions began to fight in their cage, which was on a flat about the middle of the train. In their struggles they upset the cage and knocked out the wooden side, but the heavy iron bars remained intact and prevented them escaping. The deep roars and fierce growls of the maddened beasts were frightful to hear, and the way the crowd turned tail and fled up town was a sight. The keeper of the lions had to subdue them by throwing chunks of fire at them. While the fight was in progress, to add to the excitement, the big elephant Xerxes became excited and threatened to break from his car, but he was finally quieted by his keeper. A large crowd had collected at the depot to see the circus train, and when the lions began to fight they scattered like chaff before a tornado.

A DUEL IN THE DARK.

How a Ventriloquist's Art Served Him in a Crisis.

A letter from Carrizo Pass, Texas, gives an account of a hostile meeting between two miners in the Pecos mining Company's camp, twenty miles north of the Mexican border, last Monday night. The duelists were George Hollenbeck and Wm. Stratton, both New Yorkers, born and raised near Palmyra. They were of rich descent of the early Hollanders. They were educated at Cambridge. The former graduated as a lawyer and the latter as a physician. While at Palmyra they quarreled, but friends prevented bloodshed. A few days ago they met in the Pecos Mining camp and recognized each other. The school and social polish had been rubbed off by the trials and hardships incident to life in the mining camps. Hollenbeck was overjoyed to meet Stratton, who repelled him and said they would settle that little unfinished difficulty which arose between them at their last meeting. Hollenbeck said he had forgotten all about the difficulty referred to and entertained no ill-feelings whatever against him. Stratton insisted on a settlement according to the code. Hollenbeck said that if nothing short of that would do he would accommodate him.

Accordingly arrangements were consummated for a duel. They were to fight with pistols in the dark. Each was to announce ready, after which a third party was to count three, when they were to fire. The room was as dark as Egypt. They went into it and announced ready from opposite corners. "One, two, three," and Stratton fired. Stratton fired a second shot, but the only response from Hollenbeck was a groan. The report of a pistol came from a corner directly opposite from where the groan appeared to proceed from and Stratton fell. No more shots being exchanged the miners opened the room and entered. A light revealed the fact that Stratton had been killed, while Hollenbeck was unharmed. Hollenbeck is a ventriloquist and on entering the room took his stand in a diagonal corner from his adversary and, to make him believe he was in the opposite corner, threw his voice in that quarter of the room, where the bullets from his adversary's pistol harmlessly buried themselves in the wall. It had been so long since they had seen each other that Hollenbeck's ventriloquism had entirely escaped the memory of Stratton.

DIED.

On the last inst. at Linden, Md. Mr. Jacob Moyer, aged 80 years, 7 months and 13 days.

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