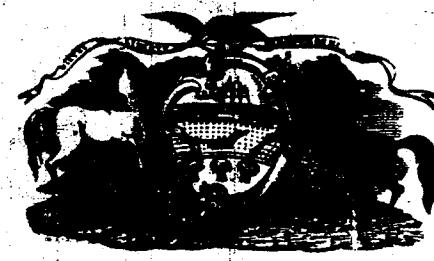


Altoona Tribune.



ALTOONA, PA.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 1864.

DELAYED.—We expected to have our caloric engine set up and in running order, ere we issued this number, but the machinist who is to give it a start has not arrived. We shall be all right by next week. The concern is quite a curiosity in this region. We invite our patrons to call and see it work. Admittance free.

SENADEA.—We (the Senior) acknowledge our indebtedness to the members of the Altoona Glee Club for that serenade on Thursday evening last. The young men composing the club have been practising only some two months, yet we venture to say that there are few clubs of the kind in the country that can excel them. They are excellent musicians, and some of them much more than ordinary vocalists, and altogether they make just such music as will route us out of bed to open the window on any "sort" of a night. We hope their merits may be appreciated by our citizens, and that, in addition to a good brass band, Altoona may boast of a first class glee club, which will give variety to and enliven exhibitions, concerts &c. Proceed, young men!

MARKET HOUSE AND TOWN HALL.—It will be seen, by reference to a notice in another column, that the Hall and Market Company have decided to postpone the erection of said buildings until the price of building materials shall come down a peg or two. The stockholders will certainly agree to this action, as all know that it would cost one-third more to put up the buildings at this time than it will when material and labor shall return to their former standard, while the income therefrom would be lessened rather than increased, from the fact that the markets are rather slim, and butchers and others can sell all they can furnish without requiring a public place for their stalls.

FIRE.—On Friday last, we had two alarms of fire, the first about 10 o'clock A. M., caused by the burning of a bed and a quantity of clothing, in a house belonging to James Williamson, in North Ward. The hose carriages were run out, but the fire was put out before the carriages arrived on the ground.

The second alarm was given about 7 o'clock P. M., and was caused by the burning of a dress, in a house on Claudia street, North Ward. No other damage.

Remember, if you have books to bind, now is your time to send them in. Everybody is finding out that we have a book bindery in our establishment, that it turns out excellent work, and periodicals, old books that are worth rebind, newspapers, etc., are coming in daily. We believe this part of the country can support a bindery, if our people will take a little pride in keeping their periodicals in good condition and, when a volume is completed have them bound and added to their library.

THE STREETS.—Everybody complains of the mud. Our streets are horrible. The gutters are filled up with mud and filth and the hogs are running at large, stirring up the stinking stuff and greeting pedestrains with a stench not at all conducive to health. The gutters should be opened at all hazards. We really fear that our citizens will suffer in health, when the warm weather sets in, if the gutters are not opened. We here present the complaints of citizens, as made to us, and hope the council will act at once.

GODEY'S LADY'S Book.—Ever rich in all that pertains to a ladies' magazine—welcome as a visitor to every central table—Godey, for May, pleases all, old and young, grave and gay, married and single, male and female; and it would not be Godey if it didn't. Price: \$3.00 per annum.

The Rev. J. H. Schmidt, pastor of the German Lutheran Church, of this place, resigned his charge on the 15th of April, and requests us to say that he wishes the Council of said congregation God-speed in securing another and, to them, more suitable pastor.

Mrs. Elmira Dougherty would inform the ladies of Altoona and vicinity, that she is prepared to do all kinds of plain sewing, and respectfully solicits their patronage. Residence in Londonsville, East of the Railroad.

GREAT CENTRAL FAIR.—The undersigned has been authorized and commissioned to collect contributions in aid of the Great Central Fair, for the "Sanitary Commission," to be held at Philadelphia in June, 1864, for the Committee on behalf of "Publishers and Booksellers" department, of which J. B. Lippincott is Chairman.

It is confidently anticipated that the citizens of Altoona and vicinity, will enter into this truly great and benevolent enterprise with a "will," and liberality characteristic of our citizens; as the Sanitary Commission is, emphatically; a benevolent institution; applying all its means for the relief of the sick and wounded soldiers; recognizing no party nor creed in its operations; therefore, all can contribute in its behalf, without compromising their political or religious sentiments.

Contributions are respectfully solicited either in money, artistic, or fancy articles, all of which will be duly acknowledged by the Executive Committee of the "Great Central Fair."

Respectfully, H. FETTINGER.

N. B. All persons contributing through my agency will please report for settlement at my place of business, No. 7, main street, Altoona, on or before the 18th of May next ensuing, as all county agents or committees are requested to make their return on or before the above date. H. F.

THE LADY'S FRIEND.—We would call particular attention to the beauty of the steel engravings in the number of the Lady's Friend for May. "The Lovers," engraved expressly for this number, is both in design and execution, one of the most beautiful engravings that has ever appeared in a magazine. The Fashion Plate—which is of double size, and handsomely colored—is also a charming specimen of its kind. Of the other engravings, we need only say that they are as numerous, varied, and interesting as usual.

Among the reading matter we note the following articles:—"Deacon Denison's Daughter";—"Mrs. Jerry June's Fine Original Story";—"Mabel's Mission";—"The Lovers" by Jane Ingelow;—"Dick's Infatuation";—"Norah's Ghost";—"After Ten Years," by Virginia F. Townsend, &c. &c. Every one who does not take the Lady's Friend regularly, should at least send on twenty cents, and have this (May) number forwarded to them.

Published by DEACON & PETERSON, 319 Walnut St., Philadelphia.—\$2.00 a year.

A RICH JOKE.—A rich joke has come to town.—Heretofore the ladies have been compelled to lift their own skirts, when crossing our muddy crossings; but the thing has been patented, and Bob Kerr, generally foremost in matters of the kind, has the patent on hand and for sale. We don't know anything about the arrangement—don't know how it used to be done, and don't know what difficulty has been obviated—but Bob says they are the charm—just the "most convenient" article yet offered to the ladies in the way of skirt-lifters. Go and see them, ladies, and W. B. will tell you all about their surpassing qualities.

NOTICE.—At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Good Will Fire Company, the engine was declared out of service until repaired. In case of fire, the hose carriages will only be run, until the repairs to the engine shall have been made. By order of the Board of Directors, WM. A. BOYDEN, Pres. CHAS. M. GREENWOOD, Sec'y.

OLD ABE IN ALTOONA.—We are not yet able to announce the precise time when this renowned dignitary will honor our town with his presence; neither can we imagine what his motive would be in coming at all, unless it would be to recruit his health, and buy a stock of family groceries at Fritchey's cheap store, corner of Caroline and Virginia Streets.

THE NEW TWENTIE PIECE.—The new twentie piece which has been recommended for the sanction of Congress resembles, as much as anything can, gold coin. On one side there is a wreath of wheat, in the centre of which is stamped "20 cents," and around which are the words "United States of America." On the other side there is the shield of liberty, bearing the words "God our Trust."

CITY HOTEL TYRONE.—Lewis Gieble, has purchased the above hotel and has entirely refitted it with new furniture, and is now prepared to accommodate all who stop with him in a manner which will give satisfaction. He runs a free omnibus and from the depot for the accommodation of his guests. See card.

Gov. Curtin recommends that when the Penn's Reserves be discharged from the U. S. service, the Regiments be recruited to the maximum number and retained for the State defence, along the border.

PARDON.—Gov. Curtin has granted an unconditional pardon to Joseph Moore, convicted at the recent Court in Cambria County, of the murder of Jordan Marbury.

Letter from Cressone

For the Altoona Tribune.
MESSRS Editors.—While the surroundings of this well-known summer resort, at present, present the appearance of "Nature unadorned," Spring, as yet, not having clothed the hills with green or the trees put forth their foliage, I have concluded to drop a few lines to you, trusting that they may prove somewhat interesting.

From present indication we are led to the supposition that, notwithstanding the high price of living, this resort will be well patronized, by those who seek rest and healthy recreation from the ceaseless toil of a city life—shut out as they are for the contemplation of all the glories of Nature, as shown forth by the hills and valleys of the Alleghenies, when robed in Summer's garb of beauty, will amply repay the seeker of Nature's glories, for seldom does the eye gaze upon a more grand sight, than is presented to the view as the traveler ascends the Mountain at Kittanning.

The contemplation of Nature is at all times calculated to raise the heart of man to a sense of the power and majesty that dwells in the person of that being who is the great Architect of all that forms our solar system—it calls forth from his heart a feeling of praise and adoration towards his Creator, strengthens the ties of affection that bind him to his God, in fact, conduced to bring forth all those qualities of the heart that go towards making him happy.

The Penn's Rail Road Company, with that spirit of enterprise which always been shown, towards furthering the comfort and convenience of the traveling public, are about erecting a new Station House—the ground for the same, having been broken to-day. The small size of the present building has proved inadequate to the demands of the business at this point, and hence the improvement.

In addition to the above, the Cresson

Spring Co. are also making some new improvements to the grounds surrounding the "Mountain House," in shape of several very handsome Cottages. Messrs Green & Brother, who have the contract for the erection of the same, are pushing them onward towards completion, as rapidly as possible, so as to be in readiness for the reception of pleasure seekers during the approaching season.

With the hope that ere long our Mountain resort may be as popular as those far-famed resorts of Saratoga and Newport, we will close.

W.

DELEGATE ELECTIONS.—The Chairman of the Union County Committee gives notice that an election for delegates will be held on Thursday, April 21st, to meet in County Convention, in Hollidaysburg, on Saturday, April 23d, to select a delegate to represent the County; as well as Senatorial conferences, to meet similar conferences from Cambria and Clearfield counties, to elect a Senatorial delegate to represent the District in the Union State Convention, to meet in Harrisburg, on the 28th of April. Polls to open at the usual hour for delegate elections.

THE FORT PILLOW AFFAIR.

PARTICULARS OF THE MASSACRE.

THE ASSAULT AND CAPTURE OF THE FORT.

We have gleaned the facts of the fight from authentic sources, and they may be relied upon as truthful. The rebels, under Forrest, appeared and drove in the pickets about sunrise on Tuesday morning. The garrison of the fort consisted of about two hundred of the 13th Tennessee Volunteers and four hundred negro artillery, all under the command of Major Booth; the gunboat No. 7 was also in the river. The rebels first attacked the two ends and, in several attempts to capture the fort, were repulsed. They then reinforced, and extended their lines to the river on both sides of the fort. The garrison in the two outer forts were at length overwhelmed by superior numbers, and about noon evacuated them and retired to the fort on the river. Hero the fight was maintained with great obstinacy, and continued until about 4 o'clock, p. m. The approach to the fort from the rear is over a gentle declivity, cleared and fully exposed to a raking fire from two sides of the fort. About forty yards from the river, the rebels made a stand, and our men, numbering 1200, advanced in a line, consisting of only 2400 infantry, formed in a belt of woods, with an open field in front, and the enemy in the woods on the other side.

Gen. Stone of Ball's Buffane, was Chief of Gen. Bank's Staff in the field, and took command of the movement. Gen. Ransom was in favor of abandoning the fort, but his wife was disengaged. After a skirmish, however, he did not for about an hour, the enemy advanced on us in overwhelming numbers, estimated at 10,000 strong, and opened fire on the rebels. Major Bradford was captured, and his parole taken. The rebels despatched him, who was badly wounded, and after taking him to the rear, shot him through the head, and left him. This happened to be near a flat boat tied to the bank, and about three o'clock in the morning. When all was quiet Forrest crawled into it, and got three more wounded comrades also into it and cut loose. The boat floated out into the channel, and it was found ashore some miles below. The wounded negro soldiers who were on board, fought their way ashore, and were captured by the rebels.

Capt. Young, the commanding officer, was captured, and put on his parole. He was allowed to go into the boat to see her, and then return to his captors. Major Bradford was also captured, and large on his parole. The rebel officers despatched him for breaking his parole, and said that during Tuesday night he escaped. It is believed that the rebels killed him, and that the charge of breaking his parole was a mere pretence to conceal his escape.

Capt. Lindsay, a rebel officer, to whom I am indebted for courteous attention, admitted to me that Gen. Forrest was slightly wounded, and had a horse killed under him, but another rebel officer informed a friend of his who was on the boat with us, that Gen. Forrest was twice badly wounded by the bursting of a shell.

The rebels claim to have only ten killed and thirty wounded, but Capt. Young, who had been to their camp, says that they have two hospitals well filled, and he thinks their killed and wounded exceed ours.

Battle of Red River.

Cicago, April 19.—The Journal's letter from Grand Encore, dated the 11th inst., says cavalry had been driving the enemy for two days, but on the forenoon of the 8th sent back word for infantry supports. Gen. Ransom, in command of the 2nd and 3rd divisons of the Thirteenth Corps, had ordered to send four regiments to the fort at noon. He followed with the 4th division, and after advancing about 5 miles from where the 3d division of his command and the Nineteenth Corps were encamped, the rebels made a stand, and our line, consisting of only 2400 infantry, formed in a belt of woods, with an open field in front, and the enemy in the woods on the other side.

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