

Democratic Watchman

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ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

W. S.—Glad to hear it. Hope things will go on smoothly.

BARAN.—We admire your spirit, but distrust your discretion.

X. L.—We incline to the belief that the former opinion is correct.

L. L. T.—The Freedman's Bureau Bill has been vetoed by the President.

S. A.—The word "vitality" comes from two Latin words: "Vita, glass, and Facio, to make, and means to convert or make into glass.

READER.—The generally received assertion that Mount Tabor was the scene of Christ's Transfiguration, is, in our opinion—and we say it on good authority—not correct.

Mount Hermon is much more likely to have been the scene of that grand event than Mount Tabor, for the reason that it is in the immediate vicinity of the Savior's labor at that time, while Tabor was seventy miles away.

It is hardly probable that Christ would travel that distance, simply to make Mount Tabor the scene of the Transfiguration, when Mount Hermon was so much nearer.

THINGS ABOUT TOWN AND COUNTY

ABOUT THE SAME.—Some of the pavements around town are in about the same condition that the places are that ministers say sinners stand upon—rather "slippery."

HOLDS ON.—The sleighing in the upper end of this county, and back in the Bald Eagle ridges, is said to be better than at any time during the winter.

It is in this section, we could put it a little of use.

WOULD LOOK BETTER.—If the woman that gads about our streets so much, putting on "airs," and pretending to be one of the best, would mend the hole in the heel of her stocking, she would look equally as well, if not better than she now does.

NO DOUBT.—We should judge from the manner in which the abolitionists in this section are swearing about the vetoing of the "Negro Bureau bill," that "cussin'" with them is about like the gin with the old woman, "awful consolin'."

PREPARING TO "FLIT."—Quite a number of our citizens from different parts of the county, are making preparations to "flit" to Missouri and other parts of the South West. While we wish them every success, we cannot but believe that many of them will be sadly disappointed in their expectations.

They will travel a long way before they will find a better State than our own.

TOTAL ECLIPSE OF THE MOON.—March is close out as did January, with nights made beautiful by a full moon.

The almanac tells us that on the evening of March 8th there will be a total eclipse of the moon.

The time will be very favorable for observation, as it begins at five minutes past five o'clock, it is at its total at twelve minutes past ten, and begins to disappear at fifty-one minutes past eleven.

It is visible throughout the United States.—Ez.

THE NEW RAILROAD.—The corps of engineers engaged by the Atlantic & Great Western Railroad company, having completed the survey of the route from Spring Mills to this place, are now engaged on the mountain divide.

We understand that so far they have met with little trouble, and are confident of finding a route over the Alleghenies at a much less grade than was expected.

On Thursday last, they were away up "Dicks Run," a little stream that empties into the Bald Eagle creek, a short distance from Unionville. Success attend them.

NOR OUR YET.—We have waited patiently for almost two months to see the statement of our borough finances for the year ending December 31, 1865, but as yet have heard or seen nothing of it.

Why it is, that those who have charge of the borough affairs, will give us no account of thousands of dollars they receive from the tax-payers, we cannot see.

If they were honest, they would take a pride in giving the people of the borough all the information in their power, but as they are particular to keep everything in the dark as much as possible, we must conclude that there is something "rotten in Denmark."

Will they, dare they publish a statement of their receipts and expenditures during the past four years?

HARVY LINGLE.—The remains of Harvey Lingle, sen., son of ex-governor Lingle, of this place, and one of the most highly esteemed of our young men, who was killed at the battle of Young Creek, near Knoxville, Tennessee, in 1864, arrived here, in charge of his father, on Tuesday last, and were interred in the cemetery at this place, on Wednesday.

The religious services of the occasion were conducted by Rev. Nathan J. Mitchell, of Howard, and the funeral was a very large and solemn one, showing the high estimation in which the deceased was held, and the sorrow of this community over his loss.

Next week we will publish an obituary notice, together with the proceedings of his companions in arms on the occasion of his death.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK.—The bill repealing the tax of twenty-five cents on every hundred dollars worth of property, which has passed both houses of Congress, and been signed by the President, relieves the tax-payers of Centre county of the payment of eleven thousand nine hundred and twenty-four dollars yearly.

This is very good for us as it goes, but until our people are relieved of some of the enormous taxes imposed upon them, do, hope and feed the negroes of the South, they will not be much cause to rejoice.

Until the puritan abolitionists that now hold power and place to plunder and pillage the people, are driven from the peninsula, we can do nothing but weep and pray; taxes will be oppressive and prices exorbitant.

At a public meeting of the Good Templar order, held at the Court House on Wednesday evening last, the following proceedings took place:

On motion of Rev. J. S. McMurray, Col. Theo. Gregg was called to preside, and B. M. Greene was elected secretary.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. L. B. Hyatt, after which an ode was sung.

The president then introduced to the audience the Rev. J. S. McMurray, who addressed the audience for half an hour.

Another ode was sung, after which the Rev. Mr. Hyatt was introduced to the audience and addressed it for about twenty minutes.

Another ode was sung, after which the Rev. D. Hartman was introduced to the audience and addressed it for a short time.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Order be due and are hereby tendered to the Bellefonte Lodge of G. O. T., at the officers of which were so kindly entertained us during the sitting of this convention.

On motion of B. M. Greene, Resolved, That the thanks of this order be tendered to Messrs. Foreman, Gray and Potter, the Commissioners of Centre county, for the use of the Court House, during our session.

On motion of Brother McMurray, the meeting adjourned. Thus, GARRISON President.

B. M. GREENE, Secretary.

The following are the names of the delegates in attendance at the convention:

LOOK HAVEN LODGE, No. 44.—Mr. J. H. Batcher, Mr. L. B. Hyatt, Miss Julia Harrison, Miss L. E. Batcher.

L. E. WRIGHT LODGE, No. 45.—Miss Maria Brown, J. M. McCormick, Mr. A. B. Smith, Mr. J. H. Brown.

M'LEAN LODGE, No. 88.—Miss N. J. Maser, Mr. L. Sample, Mr. J. Harman.

DELFORT LODGE, No. 100.—Mr. J. P. Swanger, Mr. J. H. Rankin, Mr. J. H. Lipson, Mr. R. H. Croshaw.

MARTINSBURG LODGE, No. 128.—Mr. J. G. CHIMNEY LODGE, No. 181.—Mr. T. S. Gardner, Mr. S. A. Watson, Miss Mary Coobroth, Miss H. E. Fulton.

FIDELITY LODGE, No. 138.—Mrs. Agnes Kemp, Miss D. E. McKiernan.

MILSBURG LODGE, No. 125.—Mr. W. H. Fields, Mr. J. H. Davidson, Miss C. L. Green, Miss Kate Echart.

STANDISH STONE LODGE, No. 85.—Miss Mary Newington, Miss Nannie Miller, Mr. J. Randolph Simpson, Mr. B. M. Greene.

EXPLORER LODGE.—Mr. John Curtin, Mr. Adam Ginger.

Lewis S. HAZEN LODGE, No. 107.—Miss Emma Magan, Mr. J. D. Hicks, Mrs. Jane Price, Mr. J. B. Dabney.

MOSHAN LODGE, No. 108.—Mr. M. Bradley, Mr. D. J. Graham.

HUBLEBURG LODGE, No. 127.—Brother Long, Miss Leander Bodie, Miss Retta Bodie, Brother Charles Amanda Lodge, No. 185.—George Furst, Amanda Leonard, Delinda Packer.

SALONA LODGE, No. 120.—E. C. Best, Miss S. A. Herr.

Visitors.—Mrs. Curtis, Look Haven, Rev. J. S. McMurray, D. Hartman, Dist. Deputy I. O. of G. T.

THE LATE DR. SHUGERT.—The late Dr. Shugert, whose decease we announced yesterday, was one of the pioneers of this valley, and few persons were more widely and favorably known in this section of the State.

He was born at Half Moon, Centre county, Pa., was a graduate of the Philadelphia College of Medicine, and commenced practice at Titusville in the summer of 1844.

Dr. Shugert died of disease of the heart. He had been very low for three weeks with gastric irritation, and under the care of Dr. Oakes had recovered to such a degree that he was supposed to be out of danger.

Later he had slept well and had taken nourishing food, but on Sunday morning he was seized with a violent palpitation and pain in the region of the heart.

Dr. Oakes called about 2 p. m., and after discussing his symptoms, commenced with him various topics and then retired to the sitting-room to hand a prescription to Mr. Shugert. While this engaged their attention, directed to the patient who seemed suffering from a convulsion, but before they had reached his side he had ceased to breathe.

The doctor pursued a long career of successful practice in his profession, and was also held in high esteem for his personal and social qualities. He leaves a wife and four children who have the sympathies of the community in their affliction.

The funeral of the deceased, as will appear from a notice in another column will be attended by the Masonic fraternity at the Presbyterian Church at day at 2 o'clock.—Titusville Morning Herald, 13th inst.

THE ATLANTIC & GREAT WESTERN R. R.—LETTER FROM ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL STOCK HOLDERS.—The following letter from Mr. J. S. McMurray, one of the heaviest stock holders in the Atlantic & Great Western Railroad company, has been handed in for publication. While it gives our readers some idea of the character of the men who are at the head of this great enterprise, it also states some wholesome facts in regard to the benefits our state will derive from its early completion.

That the road will be made, we believe there is not the least shadow of doubt, but by what particular points it will pass in this section, there is no telling. Pennsylvania we think will get it. But to the letter:

"London, January 5, 1866.—Dear Sir:—I see that the opponents of the Atlantic & Great Western are endeavoring to make a diversion in favor of the Pennsylvania Central by the old cry of 'Billion Dollars,' which I fancy has been long since played out. Six millions of dollars is the United States with other lands as my guest and is in no manner responsible for my movements, social or financial. On the contrary, I am responsible for all of it. I intend to make the influence and operations of the Atlantic & Great Western Railway Company reach into Philadelphia and into Pittsburgh, connecting both these cities by an unbroken communication with Chicago, Cleveland, Buffalo, St. Louis and Cincinnati, and am fully prepared to meet the opposition of any and all who may be disposed to oppose my views of the route of the railway. 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