

The Democratic Watchman.

BELLEFONTE, PA.

Rebersburg Sunday School Convention.

Mr. Editor:—Quite lately Messrs. Beaver, Stover, Salus, Deisinger and Co., held a "convention" at Rebersburg. Doubtless, you have heard of it; at least quite a lengthy report of it appeared in the National of your city.

Now, I have two things to say about the so-called County Convention. First, it appears quite strange that the "proceedings" were not published in the Watchman, which has double the circulation in this part of the county, of all the other county papers combined.

If a report was presented to you for publication, I am certain it was not worth publishing, or it would have received your attention.

Second, I desire to say that, though much our citizens of German descent are accused of being ignorant, yet they have a little too much good, hereditary common sense to act upon the dogmas of some "progressive" moralists of this Yankee age.

Mr. Editor, the people of this "end" boast of their Democracy. Naturally free (in the legal sense of liberty) they disdain the doctrine that A has the right to prescribe rules for the regulation of B's religion, or his domestic concerns.

I do not wish to misrepresent the character of the "Convention." The sessions were very well attended by our citizens, and some of the exercises were interesting and useful enough.

Prentice—His Last Hours and Dying Words.

When Dr. Benson reached Mr. Prentice's bedside, evening before last, he found that his patient was rapidly sinking. He was yet conscious, and remained so up to the moment of his death.

"It cannot be that this earth is man's only abiding place. It cannot be that our life is a bubble, cast up by eternity to float a moment upon its waves, and sink into nothingness.

During the night the doctor asked Mr. Prentice if he would read the extract to read. "Shall I read it for you?" asked the doctor. "Yes, yes," was the reply.

heavenward, but the sounds were too indistinct to be intelligible. In the meantime two of Mr. Prentice's best and most beloved friends, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Griffin, had reached his bedside.

DRESSES FOR OLD LADIES.— Old ladies wear plain waist dresses or basques falling well over the hips, buttoned up high and close at the throat, and trimmed with simulated veils, or revers of velvet or silk.

A word on pernicious fashions: The Laws of Life has the following sensible words of advice to American ladies, which is cordially commended to their consideration:

Few ladies know how to appreciate an easy, healthful dress. They think their dresses are loose, when a man or boy put in one of them would gasp for breath, and be incapable of putting forth any effort, except to break the bands.

Justice among Crows.—Those extraordinary assemblies, which may be called crow courts, are observed in all parts of the world. They collect in great numbers, as if they had been summoned for the occasion.

The negro population in Kentucky has fallen off 100,000 in the last five years. The British Government has decided to employ women as telegraph operators.

Trials of a Correspondent.

I haven't dated this letter, because I don't know where I am. I am about nine miles from Julesburg, at a little settlement on the South Platte river.

Was ever a poor pilgrim in such a fix? Just as I had written "night's" above, and had "sleep" on the point of my pen, I heard a knocking on the floor outside the bedchamber.

"Well, if you have no better reason than that—Hush!—You told Par that you would not sleep with a man."

"Remember, dear children, that God is everywhere." The words had hardly escaped his lips when a roguish little fellow rose up and said:

A St. Louis husband wants a divorce because his wife keeps so many "fast days." If the husbands of all the fast women were to ask for divorces, the legal profession would be overrun with applicants for admission to the bar.

A prisoner brought up before a police magistrate on Christmas morning pathetically said: "The city is a bad place; the whisky is stronger than that in the country; I wish I hadn't left the country to come here.

The fat men of Maine held a convention, at Lewiston, on the 21st. The correspondent of the Portland Argus says: Near the hour for adjournment the convention was startled and amazed by the entrance of a woman that looked down upon them all, and the little fellows who only weighed a couple of hundred or so looked badly discouraged.

A mother, not long since, was lamenting the loss of a child (one of a family of eight). "Because," she said, "there was just enough for a cotillion, and they did dance so prettily."

"I say, conductor, do you know that good-looking lady there with a book?" "Yes, I have seen her a few times."

"How far is she going, do you know?" "Rochester, I believe."

Spallanzani found that the swallow can fly at the rate of 92 miles an hour, and he computes the rapidity of the swift to be not less than 250 miles an hour.

The pastor of one of the churches in the city of Syracuse, was catechizing the pupils of the Sabbath School, and asked, among other questions, "Where is God?"

Various answers were returned by the children, after which the minister proceeded to speak of the omnipresence of the Deity, concluding his remarks with the admonition:

All of Mrs. Grant's receptions are said to be very fine, but perhaps the most interesting of them was the reception of the twenty-five thousand dollars which Corbin made her by the Wall street gold swindle.

When are you going to settle this bill? "We've had a settlement already." "When?" "The last time you called." "How so?" "Didn't I tell you I meant to settle the bill?" "Yes." "Very well, then, wasn't that a settle meant?"

Economical spiritualists in Michigan, save a person's fee by marrying themselves. Westward the star of empire takes its way. Ohio last year granted 10003 divorces.

Great men now-a-days are first viewed, then reviewed, and finally "interviewed."

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