

GENERAL NEWS.

The Fayette county jail, at Uniontown, is haunted.

Lancaster county has another novelty—this time a horse with a well grown mustache.

Donaldson, the Reading merchant, will make his next ascension in a paper balloon.

The colored citizens of Chester have started a co-operative society.

Wheat and rye look well in the Schuylkill Valley, and there are indications of a bountiful harvest.

More than twenty colliers in the Schuylkill region have been flooded by the rains and the melting of snow on the mountains.

Two million feet of logs have escaped from the boom at Williamsport, and the driftwood harvesters down the river are on the alert.

The Clarion County Commissioners have awarded the contract for building the new jail to Samuel Wilson and Walter W. Greenland, of Strattonville, for \$86,737.

The next annual exhibition of the Crawford county farmers' and stock breeders' association will be held at Meadville on the 17th, 18th and 19th of September.

The twenty-first annual fair of the Crawford County Agricultural Society will be held at Conneautville, on the 8th, 9th and 10th of October, one week later than originally fixed, to avoid conflicting with the State Fair at Erie.

Mr. A. T. Stewart, of New York, during the past two weeks has not left his bed. The nature of his disease is kept a secret, though it is thought to be Bright's disease of the kidneys. Saturday his condition was critical.

A dispatch from Belgrade to London announces the death of Milivoj Blaznavitz, Minister of War and Public Construction, and president of the Serbian Cabinet Council. He was head of the Executive of Serbia during the minority of the present Prince Milan.

Every day in the week is the Sabbath of some nation. Sunday is observed by the Christians, Monday by the Greeks, Tuesday by the Persians, Wednesday by the Egyptians, Friday by the Turks, Saturday by the Jews.

A new cartridge-holder has been invented by two Springfield armors, which consists of a tube capable of holding from six to ten cartridges at once. It is claimed that by its use, any gun of similar system to the Springfield can be fired thirty-two times a minute.

It is said that pigeons can be nurtured to the fattest and delicatest of foodstuffs by feeding them with wheat steeped in cod-liver oil. Those who have partaken of pigeons thus fattened say that it is the pleasantest way of taking cod-liver oil yet tried by them.

Miss Amanda Vancil, a school teacher in Indiana, has made \$70,000 by investing her salary in United States bonds; and now there is a manifest disposition among the impecunious youth of Indiana to invest Miss Amanda Vancil with the United States bonds of matrimony.

O, the snore, the beautiful snore, filling her chamber from ceiling to floor! Over the covert, under the sheet, from her dimpled chin to her pretty feet! Now rising aloft like a bee in June; now sunk to the wall of a cracked noisemaker; now, like a snoring, then rising again, is the beautiful snore of Elizabeth Jane.

Preparations for the great May Musical Festival in Cincinnati, to be made on the grandest scale and there is every reason to believe that the event will surpass anything of the kind yet attempted in this country.

A meeting was held in Erie to form a sports men's club to aid in enforcing the laws to prevent the capture and destruction of fish by unauthorized means, and a committee of three was, on motion, appointed to draft a resolution expressing the sense of the meeting, which were unanimously adopted.

Lord Robert Montague proposes that all future differences between nations be submitted to the Pope for arbitration. When the Pope heard this proposition he suggested that all future differences between nations and idiots be referred to Lord Robert Montague, as that nobleman evidently united in himself the prominent characteristics of both classes, and was therefore peculiarly well fitted to meet both on equal ground and render a just decision between them.

The spring conference of the Latter Day Saints closed at Salt Lake on Tuesday, the 8th. A number of prominent Churchmen were sent on a mission to Europe and islands in the Pacific. New officers were created and filled, occasioned by the resignation of Brigham Young as trustee in trust of the Church. Twenty-five thousand dollars was required of the trustee in trust of the Church and ten of the assistants who handle \$300,000 and some of the funds yearly.

The weather signal office at Washington has received information of a proposed international congress of meteorologists, to be held at Vienna, Austria, in July. The congress has been called by European organizations, and the special subject for consideration will be the agreement upon a line of co-operative action which will enable the different European nations to secure a system of synchronous reports. A similar congress was held last year, but was of a preliminary character.

During the late floods considerable damage was caused by the unusually high water, in various parts of the country. The new high dam across the Oswego river, near Oswego, New York, was torn away. It belonged to the State and was never completed. The Delaware river rose twenty-five feet above low water mark. The Susquehanna rose to twenty-three. The Atlantic and Great Western Railroad track, near Oil City, was two feet under water. A number of lives were lost by the flood in the Susquehanna river, at Rochester, New York.

A terrible accident occurred on Wednesday of last week at Middletown, Conn. At 4.15 o'clock the newly completed brick building known as the Shepherd block fell, burying under the ruins some fifteen men. All business was suspended and the people immediately gathered at the spot and commenced the work of taking out the dead. Six bodies were recovered up to the present. The following are their names: E. H. Harrison, James Tyan, John Kelly, Owen Sullivan, E. Julius Phelps and Joel Shephard. The latter is a brother of the builder. Two or three others received slight injuries.

At New York before the Senate Committee on Wednesday the 9th inst., President Hinckley, of the Philadelphia and Baltimore Road, read extracts from annual report, showing the small profits resulting to the Company from the earnings of carrying mails. President Harris, of the Connecticut Valley Road, stated that his Company received \$12,000 from express per year, and if they were paid accordingly for mails, they would get \$15,000 yearly. As it is, they only get ten dollars for round trip, by twenty-one feet car, with two messengers. If the latter paid their fare, it would cost them nine dollars. Mr. Hinckley, resuming, read documents to show the inequality of postal remuneration, his own company received fifty-two cents per mile for thirty-five feet cars on the Baltimore Central Branch, while on the Delaware Branch they only received fourteen cents per mile, for thirty-five feet cars. The mails were carried in the same class cars on both branches. The committee then adjourned until to-morrow, when Mr. Davis will make an argument for the Postoffice Department.

"OBSERVER'S" REPLY TO "T. G."

Dear Sir: I have read your last production, and in it you say it is my duty to lead and yours to follow. If so, why, in place of equivocating and assuming false positions, do you not answer some of my arguments, you don't say a word against the use of our tinctures, our either, etc., which are in use by all good physicians, and which are in part made with alcohol; your position is that alcohol is not necessary in the treatment of disease, and while taking that position you egotistically set up your *ipse dixit* against nine tenths of the physicians of the civilized world. You remind me of a boy I once saw at church, who had on a red striped vest, and during service he thought he had occasion and did pass out in two or three times, when coming in the third time the old Scotch clergyman rebuked him in the following manner, "Young man I think they have all saw your new jacket." "We happen to know upon indisputable authority that all ancient wines did not contain alcohol," now if the wine Noah drank did not contain alcohol, pray tell us how it caused drunkenness? If the wine Lot's daughters gave their father contained no alcohol how do you explain the inebriation which followed.

"The best wines of ancient times (it is said by translators of the Scriptures) were not fermented at all as 'Observer' may learn by consulting those writers." I imagine I see "T. G." here showing his new jacket.

That these red stripes may be more brilliant, I ask "T. G." to read a few of the following texts of Scripture, Psalms 104:15, Isaiah 28:7, 5:11, Genesis 2:15, Ephesians 5:18, please read these and be convinced, you would show your "new jacket" by claiming that you have examined the original Scriptures, I make no pretensions to erudition. I humbly acknowledge that I never went to school after I was twelve years old, but I claim to have a moderate share of common sense, and by all the knowledge I have, I cannot see how unfermented wine could cause so many to be drunk. I always thought that the process of fermentation developed the alcohol and that it was the alcohol that made the drunkenness. You have quoted a great many authors to prove that fermentation is nothing else but the putrefaction of substances containing no nitrogen, also you claim that through this fermentation the nitrogenous element which represents the nutritive principle is entirely destroyed. Now suppose we turn to an every day custom they have of making bread, which is called the staff of life, according to Turner if it is fermented it did not contain nitrogen, and according to "T. G." the nitrogen is all destroyed through the process of fermentation. I do not pretend to be a great scientist, but I take it that if there is no nitrogen in bread (according to your way of reasoning) therefore no nutritive principle, still people in their ignorance think it in some way goes to support life.

You do not seem to know much about fermentation, that you may perceive the different kinds of fermentation, allow me to enlighten you by saying, there are three species, viz: The vinous, the acetous and the putrefactive, each being distinguished by its products as well as by the phenomena it presents. Now the vinous takes the precedence and is that important process by which saccharine solutions are converted into intoxicating liquors. You continue to entertain the idea that there is no nourishment in alcohol or whisky. If the grain contained nourishment, where has it gone; according to your theory it has been annihilated by the process of vinous fermentation. Oh! you believe in the doctrine of annihilation, but why does not the same process of fermentation destroy the nutritive of the bread? Well, that is the query—this reminds me of the story of the farmers of old being gored by the lawyers, "Ox said the lawyer, 'If my ox gored you, that alters the case materially.'"

A you seem to be ignorant of Varuna, the God of the waters, the Hindoo Neptune, now had you studied Webster as closely as you have those "translators of the scriptures," you might have known what Varuna was without showing your red jacket.

I am glad you and I agree in the annihilation of those doggeries which have been the curse of our country, and as we have lived to see that great end accomplished, and I see no benefit the community will derive from a further discussion of the question, I will bid you farewell, would have no objection to giving my name only that I am not fond of notoriety lest some might think I wanted to show my new jacket.

ROCHESTER, April 14, 1873.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

M. & J. LAWRENCE, Physicians & Surgeons, an office that formerly occupied by U. S. Revenue Assessor, Third Street, Beaver, Pa. April 17.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

ESTATE OF JAMES B. ANDREWS, DEC'D. Letters of administration on the estate of James B. Andrews, dec'd., late of Fallston, Beaver county, Pa., having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims against the same to present them properly authenticated for settlement to

NANCY JANE ANDREWS, Adm'r., Fallston, Pa. April 18-61.

NOTICE.

Sealed proposals will be received until the 10th of May, for the building of a Methodist Episcopal Church, in the borough of Glasgow, Beaver county, Pa. Plans and specifications can be seen at Jas. Little's, in said borough.

WM. HOOD, Building Com. THOS. WATSON, Jr.

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