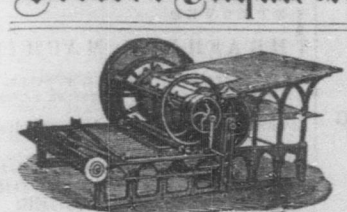


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GRAND CHARGE OF THE OLD FOGIES.—Alarmed at the fact that some half dozen buildings are in progress of erection in our town...

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Soldiers' and Sailors' County Committee Meeting.

Bedford Bar. Serg. Alex. Lyon.
Blood Run Bar. Capt. Adam Weaverling.
Broad Top Bar. Lieut. James Cheever.
Coalbrook Bar. Wm. Evans.
Columbia Bar. Serg. J. H. Smith.
Cumberland Valley Bar. Capt. Martin Bortz.
Harrison Bar. Josiah Hoffman.
Hopewell Bar. John Eichelberger.
Juniata Bar. Capt. John Eichelberger.
Liberty Bar. Lieut. L. B. Wertz.
Londonburg Bar. Lieut. J. S. Sams.
Monroe Bar. E. Amick.
Napier Bar. Capt. G. S. Mullin.
Providence Bar. J. W. Sams.
Providence Bar. Alex. Clark.
Saxton Bar. Capt. E. Eichelberger.
Schubert Bar. Capt. J. Conley.
St. Clairsville Bar. Thomas Shick.
Snake Spring Bar. B. F. Jamison.
Union Bar. Joseph Griffith.
Woodbury Bar. Wm. Roberts.
Woodbury Bar. Harry Schaefer.

REPUBLICAN MEETINGS!

RAIDERSBURG, Sept. 22d.
W. M. LASHLEY, Secy.
CLEARVILLE, Sept. 24th.
CHERRY GROVE, Sept. 25th.
W. M. GRACEY, do. do.
HOPEWELL, Broadtop, Sept. 22d.
COALDALE BROOK, Sept. 22d.
SAXTON BOROUGHS, September 23d.
CENTREVILLE, Cumberland Valley, Sept. 26.
MARIETTA, Union, Sept. 26th.
BRIDGEPORT, Londonburg, October 2d.
WEST END, Juniata, October 2d.
DILLER'S STORE, Bedford, Sept. 25.
At the above meetings will be held at 7 o'clock P. M., except those at Cherry Grove, Hopewell, Centreville and Marietta, which will be held at 2 P. M.

MASS MEETINGS.

BLACK'S TANNERY, Saturday, October 3d, 2 o'clock P. M.
BEDFORD BOROUGHS, Tuesday, October 6th, 2 o'clock P. M.
WOODHERRY, Wednesday, Oct. 7th, 2 P. M.
PLEASANTVILLE, St. Clair township, Thursday, October 8th, 2 P. M.
ABLE SPEAKERS WILL ADDRESS THESE MEETINGS.

The Republican Silver Cornet Band will be in attendance at all of these meetings.

J. T. KEAY, Secy.

Local Affairs.

YOUTH.—The officers and men of the 70th Pennsylvania Volunteers held a grand reunion Banquet and Ball at the Menzel House on Friday Evening September 11th. We understand that those who were present had a very fine time.

JOINT DISCUSSION.—Hon. John Cessna and Judge Kimmel opposing candidates for Congress in this District will speak at Schellburg on Friday and in Bloody Run on Saturday, the 18th Inst. Turn out all good citizens who have an interest in your country's welfare and hear the questions of the day fairly discussed and decide for whom you will cast your vote in October.

TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS.—The heir of Dr. W. H. Watson, dec'd, have just received two thousand five hundred dollars from the Hartford Life Insurance Company. The deceased had been insured for that sum only one year previous to his death. Thus again, we see the great advantages of Life Insurance.

JOSEPH CREAMER, late of Company H, 10th Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteers is reported to have died in Richmond, Virginia, sometime in February, A. D. 1864. Information regarding to the manner and time of his death, furnished by one who saw him or immediately after death, is demanded by the proper office at Washington. Such information, sent to the Inquirer office, will be promptly forwarded.

WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED BULLOCK'S Monthly for October. It contains some of the largest number of articles among which we notice a review of Mount Shasta, A Woman's Error, Lewis Wolf Scout, The Wrong Ticket and Old High's Look-Off. Parties wanting this interesting reading matter can procure a copy of the above at the Inquirer Book Store.

ON our table can be found Peters' monthly Glee Hives, Peters' Companion for the Piano, Violin and Piano and the United States Musical Review. Here is something that will please the ladies. Here are some choice selections of music, such as The Spirit Bride, Write Me A Letter From Home; or The Summer Sea. My Father's Growing Old &c., &c.

Call and enquire.

THE SHOW.—Our town was filled with people on Thursday, who came to see the circus, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather. Quite a number of our friends availed themselves of the inducements offered at the Inquirer Book Store, and we feel assured that they will best appreciate the investments they made in books, stationery, albums &c., at our establishment.—Call again friends, as we always have a full stock on hand, and are constantly receiving supplies from the cities.

A HORSE IN A WELL.—On Sunday Morning a black horse belonging to David Gardner was found in the bottom of a twenty five foot well, and the horse was found to be making a charge along the whole line in the hope that they may be able to prevent any more such audacious attempts at rousing old Bedford from her Rip Van Winkle slumbers. We were foolish enough in our simplicity to suppose that no objections would be made to our erection of an unpromising building in which the Inquirer might have a local habitation as well as a name. We are now only awaiting the temerity of our detractors. Grave objections have been made to the bringing of sand, brick and mortar into the town—they make a great deal of dirt and besides the pile of brick and stone are so unsightly. Serious fears were entertained by the city fathers, that because of our audacity, the earlier and later rains might be withheld from the good citizens of Bedford, that the springs might be dried up and even the waters of the Juniata be endangered, if we persisted in our mad scheme. There is a vague tradition that certain oppressed natives of old succeeded in making brick with out straw. We were anxiously inquiring a few days ago whether mortar could be made without water. The smallest item of information on this point would have been most thankfully received, when the clerk of the weather came to our rescue with a plentiful supply of rain. The city fathers might have intended even to have been omitted and the rain came unheralded. Certain busy bodies have even hinted that we ought not to be permitted to encumber the square, the side of the street or any other place within the borough limits, with building material. Altogether we are beginning to fully appreciate all the pleasure and convenience attending the erection of a building in Bedford. We once thought that there was a project on foot to fence in and white-wash the town, we now begin to believe that there was a home side intention on the part of some parties to have the thing done. We suppose the difficulties laid in the way of making improvements are intended to prevent the rapid growth of the town, (threatened by the spirit of improvement) beginning to show itself in the fencing in and whitewashing business being too expensive.

FOSSIL IRON ORE IN HUNTINGDON COUNTY.—A rich and apparently inexhaustible deposit fossil iron ore was recently discovered on the Barre Forge and Furnace property, belonging to Messrs. Green, in Porter township, Huntingdon county. A correspondent of the Huntingdon Journal, who has been visiting the locality, thus refers to specimens of this ore, of which the editor of the Journal says there is a sufficient quantity to keep a hundred furnaces in blast for many years. It has just been ascertained that the ore is of the same kind, with much sulphur and no little iron, what seems to me to be a mineralogical wonder, in the shape of a large block of fossil iron ore, one of the most magnificent specimens I have ever seen. It was taken from a block vein on the Eastern side of 'Short Mountain,' a portion of Tussey's Mountains lying between the two rivers—Big and little Juniata.

THE TRAIN FROM WHICH IT WAS TAKEN is about one and a half miles from the Barre Iron Works, on the property of Messrs. Green. After being removed, it was brought to the furnace, and found to weigh 3,150 pounds. It is a solid mass of smooth, pure ore, presenting a surface outside as rough and regular as if dressed by a marble cutter, and measures sixty-two inches in length by thirty-two inches in breadth. There are other blocks at the mine from which this was taken, but none so large has yet been discovered. It is the intention of the Messrs. Green to have it analyzed by a competent chemist, and there is little doubt of its yielding 50 to 60 per cent of pure iron, if not more. The discovery of this ore, in its present locality, fully corroborates the opinion given a few months since by Professor Morley, mining engineer of the Cambria Iron Works, together with that of Mr. Trimball, an experienced miner. It is well worth a visit to the country. We quote, in scientific men, as well as all those interested in the manufacture of iron.—United States Railroad and Mining Register.

AGRICULTURAL FAIR.—The sixth Annual Exhibition of the Adams County Agricultural Society will be held at Gettysburg on the 22d, 23d, and 24th, days of the present month. A preliminary of one hundred dollars is offered for the best trotting horse. The officers of the society will accept our thanks for complimentary ticket, as well as our best wishes for the success of their fair, in everything but the horse racing. We believe in every proper inducement held forth for the improvement of stock, but have grave doubts as to either the utility or expediency of offering high prizes for fast horses. The horse racing and betting mania is increasing quite fast enough all over the country. We believe that the agricultural interests of any community would be much better promoted if the highest prizes were awarded for the best or most profitable crops of grain, and well written accounts of the methods by which they were produced instead of fast horses. But we also will know the difficulty of making these fair pay expenses, and the temptation that exists to add something to attract a crowd and a receipt of five or six hundred dollars of the Bedford County Agricultural Society left its exchequer in a sadly depleted condition, as the printers have learned in the dear school of experience.

THE LADY'S FRIEND, FOR OCTOBER.—A fine Steel Plate, "The River Spirit," a brilliant Fashion Plate, and a splendid receipt of a group of young people among themselves with Hallows' e'ris, are the leading embellishments of the October number of this beautiful monthly. Its contents are: "Fleeting From Fate," "Master Casimir," "Aunt Page's Pinner," and "The Delivery Party," and Poems by Florence Percy and Beatrice Colonna. Its tasteful patterns of the Fashions, and Work-Table cuts and directions are especially suited for ladies of refinement and culture. The price of this number is a ballad—"Fanny Brings the O'er the Sea." It is published by Dacon & Peterson, 319 Walnut street Philadelphia, \$2.50 a year.

HEAVY MORTGAGE.—A mortgage in favor of the City of Baltimore against the Pittsburgh and Connellsville Railroad for \$1,000,000 was entered in the Recorder's office of this county on Monday the 14th inst. This instrument required the best little sum of four thousand dollars worth of stamps. This is the heaviest mortgage ever entered in this county and is the security for the four millions of dollars subscribed by the city of Baltimore toward the construction of the Pittsburgh and Connellsville Railroad. There is now every indication that this road is to be pushed to an early completion. The contracts for a large portion of the grading were to have been let on the 16th inst and we presume they were though we have no information to that effect yet.

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FROM SOUTH AMERICA.

Terrible Earthquake on the Coast of Peru and Ecuador.—Destruction of Whole Cities and over 30,000 Lives.—Two Millions of Acres and \$200,000,000 of Property Destroyed.

New York, Sept. 12.—The steamship Guiding Star, from Aspinwall, brings the following intelligence:

On the 13th ult. a terrible earthquake visited the cities along the coast of Peru and Ecuador, whereby three or four thousand lives were lost, and property valued at \$200,000,000 was destroyed. A rumbling sound preceded the earthquake, and the sea was so violently agitated, and flooded the land for a great distance.

Arrequea, a city of 35,000 inhabitants, has passed away, scarcely a vestige of it being left. Only 400 lives were lost there, also destroyed, not a house being left standing; in this town 500 persons perished. A killing of 400 persons was reported from Lima, Peru, and 400 from Arequipa, Peru. From such a wholesale slaughtering of snakes we are almost constrained to believe Mr. Gephart a distant relation of St. Patrick. Couldn't he give his attention, for a short time to that other well known species of snakes so common in Bedford county.

Has Nature an antidote for acquired diseases? The Plantation Diet, prepared by Dr. Drake, of New York, has no doubt benefited and cured more persons of Dyspepsia, Nervousness, Sour Stomach, Loss of Appetite, Sinking Weakness, General Debility, and Mental Despondency, than any other article in existence. They are composed of the purest roots and herbs, carefully prepared, to be taken as a tonic and gentle stimulant. They are adapted to any age or condition of life, and are extensively popular with mothers and persons of sedentary habits.

FRIGHTFUL EXPLOSION AND LOSS OF LIFE.—On Friday last the 11th inst., while the engine Tuncarora, belonging to the Huntingdon and Broad Top Railroad after being repaired, was making a trial trip, it blew up fairly standing on the track near the village of Fairplay, killing Mr. James L. Prince and three others named respectively, Murphey, Clark and James. The full particulars of this sad calamity have not yet reached us.

THE NEW ALMHOUSE.—The contract for the building of the New Almhouse was let on the 15th inst., to Mr. J. J. Shoemaker of this place for the sum of thirty-one thousand five hundred dollars.

MAGNOLIA WATER.—A delightful toilet article—superior to Cologne, and at half the price.

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS.

In British America, the region known as the Red River Settlement, is said to be threatened with famine. We notice that prominent clergymen of several denominations in that country have united in saying that not one bushel of grain will be harvested there this year; that the potato crop is also a failure; that the buffalo herds have returned not only without their annual supply of meat and skins but in an almost starving condition, and that not even seed enough remains in the settlement for next year's crop. An appeal is made to the generosity of the Canadians and the people of the United States.

It is estimated that there are three hundred and sixty-six religious newspapers and other periodicals published in the United States. Of these sixty are set down as Baptist, fifty-four Methodist, thirty Presbyterian, twenty-nine Lutheran, twenty-six Episcopal, eleven Catholic, sixteen Congregational, eleven Universalist, and the remainder scattered among the smaller societies.

A NEW TENSONIC APPARATUS has been invented in France, and it is said to be simpler and more easily worked than any system now in use. Figures are used instead of letters or words. It is questionable whether any improvements can be made on the American system of telegraphing, which has been adopted almost everywhere.

NEW ORLEANS FINANCES are thus referred to by the Times newspapers of that city: "The utter inability of the municipal government to pay its employees is now patent to every one. A general strike of negotiations with the employees. No one will loan its financial agents money, even at exorbitant interest. Unless the Legislature steps in and affords relief so earnestly petitioned for by the police, the gravest consequences are likely to ensue."

VELOCIPED RACES.—The velocipede mania in France shows no sign of abating.—Races with these machines are now a favorite amusement with the French people. At a recent trial of speed at Highien, near Paris, a velocipede with two wheels ran a mile in four minutes and twenty-five seconds, which is at the rate of fifteen miles an hour, while one with three wheels was more than two minutes longer in accomplishing the same distance.

THE PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD.—The Columbia Spy says that the largest number of freight cars that were ever dispatched over the Pennsylvania Railroad at Columbia were dispatched from that station on Friday, the 31st ult. On that day thirty-seven trains, taking seven hundred and eighty cars, were dispatched east and fourteen trains west, taking six hundred and sixty