

The Columbian.

BLOOMSBURG, FRIDAY, JULY 5, 1867.

We announce this week as candidate for Treasurer, Jacob Yohe, of Millin township.

The celebration at Forks passed off quietly and properly. Addresses were given by Messrs. Kehler and Brockway.

The audit in the Estate of Samuel Rozelle, deceased, has been postponed by the auditor from Monday July 1st, to Thursday, August 1st.

Owing to the non arrival of our paper, we are not enabled to enlarge this week. This is annoying to us, but we will be "All Right" next week.

Our Juniors of the Base Ball Club on the Fourth played a game with the Juniors of the Berwick Club. Of course the latter were badly beaten. We have not received the score.

GEORGE M'KELVY, son of Dr. J. B. M'Kelvy of this place was seriously injured one day this week, by being hit in the temple by a stone thrown by a colored boy. It came near being a fatal wound.

On Wednesday next Mike Lipman's celebrated Circus is to exhibit in town. All our contemporaries speak of it in the highest terms, and we doubt not it will be best of the season. See the advertisement in another column, as well as bills.

We hear many complaints about the assessments for this township. Not only is it claimed that they are grossly unequal, but it is alleged that some fifty taxables are omitted from the list. As our taxes in Bloom are very heavy, it is a matter of first importance that they be equally laid, and that none be omitted.

We must remind our correspondents that no notice will be taken of anonymous communications. They should also write on only one side of the paper, for the convenience of the printer. Legibility should be aimed at, because printers have but little time to spend in deciphering hieroglyphical characters.

SEVERAL petty larcenies have been committed of late in our town. Several of our merchants have also been victimized by "snak thieves." It is a great pity that these fellows cannot be arrested, and an example made of them. Their success in these baneful matters will embolden them to undertake more desperate enterprises.

P. JOHN admits again that our circulation in this and adjoining counties is larger than his, but claims that he has a larger circulation abroad than we have. This may be, but what interest is it to our merchants and dealers to advertise their goods in Illinois or Michigan? We were determined to be first in this county, and have succeeded.

We regret to learn that the night previous to the Celebration at Benton, some malicious person burned down the stand. This is an act of vandalism that should not go unpunished. Our citizens are all interested in seeing that good order is maintained in the community. We are informed that the celebration was a perfect success in point of numbers, and management.

We commence the publication this week of a singular German legend entitled "Metempsychosis." The word signifies "the passage of the soul of a man after death into some other animal body;" or in other words it is the doctrine of transmigration. This theory was extensively believed by the ancients, who thought the soul entered the body of a higher or lower animal as a reward of virtue, or penalty for vice. Plato and Pythagoras were earnest believers in the doctrine, and in later days Fourier and others have attempted to revive it.

MANY contemporary journals are not issued the present week, the publishers giving their employees a holiday week on account of the recurrence of the 4th of July. But by issuing our paper labor in the week than usual, we serve our patrons without the interruption of a number, and are enabled to give our boys their holiday besides. It is our idea to keep up with the times, and by enterprise, diligence, fidelity-by labor and by liberal expenditure, we intend to keep the position of the leading journal in this section.

ONE night of last week our town came very near being the scene of a disastrous fire. The oven or furnace of Messrs. Jacoby & Widmeyer, in the basement of the Exchange Block, had set fire to the surrounding wood work, and was discovered about 9 o'clock at night, and in time to arrest the progress of the flames. Had it once got under way the loss would have been fearful, not only on account of the value of the buildings, but besides, there are stored in them goods of much value. No steps have yet been taken to organize a fire company.

SOME soundered on Tuesday night, while we were sleeping the sleep of conscious innocence, committed a most foul and heinous robbery, by entering our spring house and taking therefrom our butter, our meat, and our bread. He not only robbed the editor and his helpless family, but he has deprived one of his accented rations. Low indeed, must be the morals of a community, and desperate must be the thief who would perpetrate such an outrage on the editorial fraternity. For the present we refrain from exposing the thief. Detectives are on his track. Of course our readers will at once suspect the man who hunkered after our "cold mink heat cakes." But the proof is not positive against him. Could he be that an onerous and distressing has that he is a miserly and helpless one, he would move him to repentance; but that night is spared him, and we fear he will go on in his evil course, until the janitor in our department has him in safe keeping.

THE KALIDOSCOPE.

A map of busy life - Its methaphors and its vast concerns.

NO. XXVII.

PLINY, THE CONSUL.

The letters of Pliny, the consul, are the most pleasing specimen of that kind of writing which has come down to us. The book seems to be out of print, the one I am using being Melmoth's Translation, printed in London in 1747 for R. Dodsley.

Pliny was born in the reign of Nero, about the year of our Lord 62; held office under the emperor Trajan, and died about the year 116. About the year 103 he was made the highest officer under Trajan, in the province of Bithynia, in Asia Minor, and held the office for about eighteen months. During this time the Tenth Book of his Letters was written, and comprise the letters he wrote to the Emperor, and the replies to them. My object in this paper is to present to my reader the letter of Pliny on the treatment to be meted out to the early Christians, and the genuine and uncorrupted testimony he bears to their purity of life, and their mode of worship; and next, to contrast the letter of Trajan, a heathen and despotic Emperor, with the course of some supposed constitutional rulers of not long ago. The letters are, in every respect, curious, and not easily come at, which is another reason for their reproduction here; for I am personal of that many persons have heard of them who have never seen them, and who will be glad to have a copy.

LETTER XVII.

To the Emperor Trajan:

"It is a rule, sir, which I involuntarily observe, to refer myself to you in all my doubts; for who is more capable of removing my scruples, or informing my ignorance? Having never been present at any trials concerning those who profess christianity, I am unacquainted, not only with the nature of their crimes, or the measure of their punishment, but how far it is proper to enter into an examination concerning them. Whether, therefore, any difference is usually made with respect to the ages of the guilty, or no distinction is to be observed between the young and the adult; whether repentance entitles them to pardon; or if a man has been once a Christian, it avails nothing to desist from his error; I avail the very profession of christianity, unattended with any criminal act, or only the crimes themselves inherent in the profession are punishable; in all these points I am greatly doubtful.

"In the meanwhile, the method I have observed toward those who have been brought before me as Christians, is this: I interrogate them whether they were Christians; if they confessed, I repeated the question twice again, adding threats at the same time; when, if still persevered, I ordered them to be immediately punished; for I was persuaded, whatever the nature of their opinions might be, a contumacious and indelible obstinacy certainly deserved correction. "There were others also brought before me possessed with the same infatuation, but being citizens of Rome, I directed them to be carried thither. But this crime spreading (as is usually the case) while it was actually under prosecution, several instances of the same nature occurred. An information was presented to me without any name subscribed, containing a charge against several persons, who, upon examination, proved they were Christians, or had ever been so. They repeated after me an invocation to the gods, and offered religious rites with wine and frankincense before your statue; (which, for this purpose, I had ordered to be brought, together with those of the gods,) and even recited the name of Christ; whereas there is no forcing, it is said, these who are really Christians, into a compliance with any of these articles. I thought proper, therefore, to discharge them.

"Some among those who were accused by a witness in person, at first confessed themselves Christians, but immediately after denied it; while the rest, indeed, that they had been of this religion formerly, but had now (some about twenty years ago) forsaken that error. They all worshipped your statue and the Images of the gods, throwing out imprecations at the same time against the name of Christ. They affirmed the whole of their guilt, or their error, was, that they met, on a certain stated day, before I was light, and addressed themselves, in a form of prayer, to Christ, as to some god; binding themselves, by a solemn oath, not for the purpose of any wicked design, but never to commit any fraud, theft, or adultery; never to falsify their word, nor deny a trust when they should be called upon to deliver it up; after which it was their custom to separate, and then re-assemble, to eat in common a harmless meal. From this custom, however, they desisted after the publication of my edicts, by which, according to your orders, I forbade the meeting of any assemblies. "After receiving this account, I judged it somewhat the more necessary to endeavor to extort the real truth, by putting two female slaves of the torture who were said to have confessed their religious functions, and I could discover nothing more than an absurd and excessive superstition. I thought proper, therefore, to adjourn all further proceedings in this affair, in order to confer with you. For it appears to be a matter highly deserving your consideration, more especially as great numbers must be involved in the dangers of the prosecutions, this enquiry having already extended, and being still likely to extend, to persons of all ranks and ages, and of both sexes.

"For this religious superstition is not confined to the cities only, but has spread its infection among the country villages. Nevertheless, it still seems possible to remedy this evil, at least, which were once the temples, and the sacred solemnities, after a long intermission, are again revived; while there is a general demand for the vines, which for some time past had been cultivated by few purchasers. From hence it may be imagined what numbers will be recalled from this error, if a name were granted to those who shall repent."

LETTER XXVIII.

To the Emperor Trajan:

"I have pursued, your Majesty, the method you have prescribed, in the proceedings against these Christians which were brought before you. It is extremely proper; as it is not possible to lay down any fixed plan by which to act in all cases of this nature. But I would not have you officiously enter into any enquiries concerning them, if, indeed, they should be brought before you, and the crime is proved, they must be punished; with this restriction, however, that where the party denies himself to be a Christian, and shall make it evident that he is not, by invoking our gods, let him (notwithstanding any former suspicion) be pardoned upon his repentance. Informations without the accused's name subscribed, ought not to be received in prosecutions of any sort; as it is introducing a very dangerous precedent, and by means agreeable to the equity of your government."

COMMENT ON THE FOREGOING LETTERS.

Comment on the foregoing letters is, perhaps, needless; and, at any rate, my limits are already exceeded, and anything I might have to say upon them, must be postponed.

APPRAISER'S LIST.

LIST OF DEALERS.

OF COLUMBIA COUNTY.

For the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven, of Goods, Wares, Merchandise, and other articles, within the County of Columbia, returned and classified in accordance with the several Acts in that behalf made, by the appraiser, mercantile taxes of said county, as follows, to wit: BLOOM TOWNSHIP.

Names, Business, Class, License, Amount.

LEGAL NOTICES.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Please take notice that I, Thomas Broder, of Lime Ridge, Columbia county, having bought the following list of property from John Mann, deceased, that it is my intention to lend the same to the said Mann, viz: Two mules, one horse, harness, wagon, and harness wagon and two sets of harness. THOS. BRODER, Lime Ridge, June 14, 1867.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE. ESTATE OF SAMUEL REESEL, DEC'D. Letters testamentary on the estate of Samuel N. Reesel, late of Benton township, Columbia county, deceased, have been granted by the Register of said county, to Abraham S. M'Neil, of said county. All persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent are requested to make them known to the Executor without delay, and all persons indebted are requested to make payment. ABRAHAM S. M'NEIL, Executor, June 11, 1867.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. ESTATE OF ISAAC RICHARDSON, DEC'D. Letters of administration on the estate of Isaac Richardson, late of Madison township, Columbia county, deceased, have been granted by the Register of said county, to Sylvester Richardson and Cyrus Richardson, administrators. All persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent are requested to make them known to the administrators without delay, and all persons indebted are requested to make payment. SYLVESTER RICHARDSON, CYRUS RICHARDSON, Admrs., June 7, 1867.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. ESTATE OF WILLIAM FAIRMAN, DEC'D. Letters of administration on the estate of William Fairman, late of North Pleasant township, Columbia county, deceased, has this day been granted by the Register of said county, to Jesse Coleman, administrator. All persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent, are requested to present them to the administrator without delay, and all persons indebted are requested to make payment. W. FAIRMAN, Administrator, Madison tp., May 24, 1867.

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DRY GOODS.

MILLER'S STORE.

FRESH ARRIVAL OF SPRING AND SUMMER GOODS.

The subscriber has just returned from the cities with another large and select assortment of SPRING AND SUMMER GOODS, purchased in New York and Philadelphia at the lowest figures, and which he is determined to sell on as moderate terms as can be procured elsewhere in Bloomsburg. His stock comprises

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YACOB MUTZ, Bloomsburg, April 28, 1867.

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