

# THE COLUMBIAN AND DEMOCRAT, BLOOMSBURG, COLUMBIA COUNTY, PA.

## The Columbian.

Bloomsburg, Pa., Friday Nov. 12, 1869.

CATALOGUES of the Bloomsburg State Normal School are being called for in all directions.

### THE KALEIDOSCOPE

—A map of busy life,  
—its fluctuations and its vast concerns."

NO. 11.

### THE AESTHETICS OF DYING.

Death, taken in the abstract, is so un-  
welcome a subject to entertain that, in general, it is promptly dismissed from  
consideration as wholly unpleasant; but with a mortal reservation, that at some indefinite future time it shall receive the attention it merits. This avoidance of a disagreeable topic has almost entirely prevented the institution of comparison, as to the merits of the various ways in which the vital spark may be extinguished; and has, consequently, ignored the sensations attendant upon each and every one of those ways. It is the design of this paper to hold up the subject, and endeavor to show—in some slight degree at least—that the dark cloud which hangs like a curtain over the final moments of life is not of equal blackness in every case; and that, in common with the clouds of the material world, has something resembling a "silver lining."

To comparatively few men is offered the opportunity of choosing their own method of dying; but such choice is occasionally presented; and when the pains and terrors of each have been carefully contrasted with a view to such possible contingency, the final agony may often times be made less dreadful. A sacred law—Nature commands us that we avoid those things which tend to injure the body, and why should not this care be extended even to our ultimate moments? The same impulse which prompts us in time of danger, to shun the harmful thing, should certainly prompt us to return our mortal frames to Him who made them, unannihilated, and unbroken by agonizing pains.

To properly contemplate the evils, and what perhaps might be called the benefits of the different methods, it is better to separate the subject into certain divisions: first, natural death, by disease; second, death by violence or violent means. Further classifying this second division we may subdivide it into—violent death proper, and those arising from extraordinary and peculiar causes. To the first of these belong hanging, drowning, poisoning in some cases, and such as allow an interval of time for thought; to the second those unusual and outrageous dissolutions brought about by explosions, murders, railroad disasters, falls from heights, and the like. Of deaths by disease it is not the intent of this article to treat; as ample time for reflection is allowed in most cases of this kind, and no choice, save self-destruction is offered; which last will be touched upon hereafter. Hanging, by the universal testimony of such fortunates—or unfortunate—as have undergone the unpleasant ordeal of *sus-pet*, (and have afterwards been recalled to life, to offer their valuable personal experiences to the cause of science, and give comfort to such wretched beings as may hereafter follow them), has been most unnecessarily abused by those not qualified to judge: closet philosophers who have never known the pressure of the hempen rope, whatever their deserts may have been. From the testimony of these experts we deduce the following facts: The sensations, as a whole, are far from unpleasant; the choking, stifling feeling, with roaring noises and painful fullness of the head, which accompany the first tightening of the cord, are but of short duration; and are followed by a trance-like state of semi-oblivion, wherein bright roseate clouds pass and repass before the enraptured eye, outwardly closed but inwardly alive to beauty; low murmured sounds of music soothe the ear; and with senses enwrapped in voluptuous dreaminess, with no pain, no dark forebodings, the soul passes from earth to its unknown home beyond the skies. It is an end to worldly cares, which an Eastern voluptuary might covet. To the many, this death by hanging is one which creates a shuddering of dire dread and disgust; but has not the disgraceful publicity which usually attends it, and the fact of its being a punishment for crime, more to do with this aversion than the actual method itself? So far, then, as we can understand, experience has proved that this most despised of deaths yet possesses some merit of pleasurable emotion, or at all events contemplations, which should command it to humanitarians, as well as those contemplating an early demise by their own hands.

REMOVAL.—The undersigned would hereby inform the public generally, that he has moved his Drug and Chemical Store to his new rooms nearly opposite the old stand, where he will be happy to accommodate all, who may call on him, with good and reliable goods in his line of business. Thankful for past patronage he would a continuance of the same, and guarantees satisfaction to all. Main Street, west side, below the Post office. — EPHRAIM P. LUTZ.

REMOVAL.—We have received "A Schol of History of Pennsylvania" from the earliest settlements to the present time," by J. R. Sypher. This book which has been adopted by the Board of Control for the use of the Schools of Philadelphia is written in a concise yet comprehensive manner and seems to be admirable in every respect. It will undoubtedly meet with very general adoption. Published by J. B. Lippincott & Co., Philadelphia. \$1.50. For sale by A. D. Webb, Bloomsburg. 31\*

A CASE of Deafness of 14 years standing (the result of Catarrh) cured by the use of Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy.—Levi Springer, Esq. of Durian's Corners, Williams Co., O., writes, under date of January 6, 1869, that he has been using Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy, and says it has cured him of deafness of fourteen years standing. He says so deaf he could not hear a person talk when seated by their side, and can now hear the church bells ring two miles distant. It is sold by Druggists, or send six cents to Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

LIGHT STREET MARKETS.

Corrected by Peter Lutze, wholesale and retail dealer in grain, flour & feed and general merchandise.

Wheat per bushel.....\$1.60

Rye.....1.60

Corn.....1.60

Sorghum.....1.60

Buckwheat.....1.60

Oats.....1.60

Potatoes per bushel.....42

Dried Apples.....2

Shelled Peas.....18

Small Peas.....18

Ram.....18

Lard.....18

Bacon.....18

Philadelphia Markets.

Flour—Northwestern superfine.....\$2.50-\$3.00

Northwestern family.....\$2.50-\$3.00

Pennsylvania and Western superfine.....\$2.50-\$3.00

Pennsylvania and Western family.....\$2.50-\$3.00

Wheat—Pennsylvania red.....\$1.80-\$2.00

California white.....\$1.80-\$2.00

Corn—Yellow.....\$1.80-\$2.00

Oats—White.....\$1.80-\$2.00

Provisions—Meat, pork, bacon.....\$1.50-\$2.00

Dressed Hams.....\$1.50-\$2.00

Shelled Peas.....18

Lard.....18

Bacon.....18

Honey.....18

Buckwheat Flour per bushel.....42

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Buck Wheat.....42

Oats—White.....42

WHEAT—Pennsylvania red.....\$1.80-\$2.00

California white.....\$1.80-\$2.00

CORN—Yellow.....\$1.80-\$2.00

OATS—White.....\$1.80-\$2.00

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HONEY.....18

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR per bushel.....42

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OATS—WHITE.....42

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