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The Columbian.

Bloomsburg, Friday, March 25, 1870.

no Buggies or Wagons go to Ellis & Bros., Millville, Pa. They are a large business and guarantee it.

THUMB was found in a steel trap in its root, on the premises of a citizen of Pottsville. The query is, who is the black thumb?

ATTENTION.—The horse of J. S. Kahn died to a sleigh used for carrying meat, ran away on Thursday. The sleigh was broken slightly, the horse was not injured.

PIGHING.—The sleighing since the storm has not been altogether a success. There was enough, and more than enough snow, but it fell on mud and ice, so would not stand travel.

R. Ikeler Esq. of this place has his interests in the first mill now at Millville, to Josiah and Eddie of Greenwood for \$8000. Mr. Eddie Heacock will take possession of the same the first of April next.

INDEPENDENCE.—The eighty third annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church was in session in Pottsville last week. Bishop Simpson presided and a large number of clergymenality were present.

LAZARUS FIGHT.—One of these brutal fights took place near M'Kean's, Schuylkill county, on Monday of last week. After half an hour's fight, the police arrived and broke up the fight. The principals escaped arrest, and women were present.

MOVES.—These of our subscribers who intend changing their places of residence on the first of April next, will notify us in order that their papers may be sent to their proper addresses. The names of the old as well as new residence should be given.

GENESIS.—All persons desiring Hotel or Restaurant Licenses must have their petitions filed in the office of the court of quarter sessions on the 1st of April next, or on the 1st of May if unable to obtain them at that time. This matter should be numbered.

AD.—Ex-Sheriff Frederick Blue, of the First Ward, Washingtonville, Montour county, Tuesday, 15th ult. was found to be in his younger days a gun hunter, and killed during his time one hundred and fifty-nine in Mittonian.

PEACE PAYMENT.—Wm. Gilmore resumed peace payment and now is in it change over the course of action of the Legislature. Gilmore says he will just leave the green backs, and in order to get them will sacrifice to change to all who favor him with a call.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY.—The day sacred to the saint of Ireland, the 17th of March, was generally celebrated throughout the country, and in the cities there were 40,000 Irishmen in procession. Banquets were imminent and the day passed off quietly, incidents of note having occurred to knowledge.

NOTABLE PUBLIC.—Our worthy friend Dr. Peacock has been appointed by the Legislature to the Governor's office. He deserved recognition of worth, for more meritorious officer does not exist. Bradley and the "ring" fought to the last, but at the dictation of their masters, he abdicated the first troops that appeared in town, "Consistency, thou art half might now tawing."

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WHAT'S THE MATTER.—When a circus comes along and does not advertise in the Republican, because of its limited circulation, it fortifies abuses of the paper. So the "Peak Family" will be the first to patronize this office, and we hope our neighbor vents his pettiness through his local columns. After insisting that the Court House should be used for such purposes, he abdicated the first troops that appeared in town. "Consistency, thou art half might now tawing."

SAD AFFAIR.—On Thursday of last week a little girl seven years of age, by the name of Tabb, residing in Franklin Valley was accidentally shot by her brother twelve years of age. The boy had a pistol and supposing it not to be loaded, pulled it playfully at the little girl and the ball entered the forehead, taking an oblique course downward and backward, lodging in the brain. The injury is presumed to be fatal owing to the inflammation, which will cause the brain to still lives. The ball was not extracted.

NORTHERN FAMILIES are settling in and around Elizabeth City quite rapidly. They are as follows:

Dr. P. John, from Bloomsburg, Pa., Aaron Fulmer, from Bloomsburg, Pa., Capt. Samuel Waters from Catawissa, Pa., G. A. Potter, from Bloomsburg, Pa., Richard French, from Bloomsburg, Pa. In addition to these the following families have purchased with a view of soon locating here: P. H. Christian, Rev. P. W. Melick, H. C. Hartman and T. J. Morris, Esq., and E. B. Brower, all of Bloomsburg, Pa., and Joseph Eves, of Montour, Pa. Quite a number of others are making arrangements to come.—North Carolinian.

BIG STEERS.—Jacob Snyder of Butler county, challenges the United States to compete with two steers he has at present on hand. The steers will be six years old in May next. One is white and the other is red. The white steer is eight feet high and weighs 125 pounds. The red steer is six feet two inches around the body and weighs 340 pounds. We think Mr. Snyder will bear off the palm in contest with any man's steer in the United States.

Editor of the *Columbian* states that since they were last weighed they have increased fully one hundred pounds each.

HORRIBLE.—The streets of Bloomsburg, at this writing, are in a disgusting state of liquor. The streets of the city are converted into thoroughfares into perfect sloughs of mud, and it is impossible to cross from one side to the other without totally removing all semblance of the polished respectability from our boots, as well as the smile of disapprobation from our faces.

Owing to the good regulation and popularity of the trolley cars, many worthless and cheap imitations of the real thing are sold, which equally causes and injures, but we have to admit that some of them are so well made that they are perfectly applicable to the moist and muddy ground.

LOSING CRACKS IN STOVES.—It may be convenient to know a ready method of sealing up cracks, which are not unusual in cast-iron stoves; and we are sure that the following receipt is a good one.

The steves must be cleaned and the same quantity of clay dust is powdered, together with a little salt, and enough to make a paste, and the paste of the stove filled with it. This must be dried and break away, and assumes an extreme degree of hardness when being heated. The steves must be cleaned and the same substance may be used in sealing the plates of a stove, or in fitting a pipe, serving to render all the parts perfectly tight.—*Phila. Ledger*.

JAIL DELAVERY.—On the night of the 23d of March two prisoners confined in the jail in this place, escaped. One of them was recaptured the next day, but the other, James Delaney by name, is still at large. The Sheriff will pay \$20 to any one returning him to jail.

CONVENTION.—The Columbia County Sunday School Convention has been in session during Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week. The attendance has been large and much interest been taken. The full report will be given when handed in by the Secretary.

ATTENTION.—The freshest and best stock of Dry Goods, Groceries &c. in Bloomsburg is to be found on the shelves of C. Marr, Main st, near Iron. He has all the latest styles. A large assortment of Glass Ware on hand, the celebrated "Sterling" six cord spool cotton, known as the best in the market. Prices greatly reduced.

THERE is scarcely any care to which children are subject, so bad to bear and so difficult to care for. But there is a remedy, says an exchange, never known to fail. Take a bit of cotton batting, put upon it a pinch of black pepper, gather it up and tie it in a sweet oil, and insect will flee. Put a flat leather hoof-shield over the head to keep it warm. It will give immediate relief.

INCREASED LENGTH OF DAYS.—The first day of February was nine hours and fifty-eight minutes long, and the last day of the month eleven hours and forty minutes later. The difference in the month of January is two hours and twenty minutes. In March the gain will be one hour and twenty-three minutes; in May fifty-six minutes, from June 22d, when the maximum is reached, 16 minutes.

FRESHETS.—People in various parts of the country are watching the weather with much anxiety. In view of the immense quantity of snow which has fallen, a warm rain would prove most disastrous, as the vast amount of melted water would be held up in the streams and cause much damage to property. There is great depth of snow near the head waters of Fishing Creek but if no rain storm sets in, we fancy it will pass off gradually and without raising the water to any extraordinary height.

VENDORS.—The number of publishers in the state is unusually great. It is a new and fresh field, and the trade are sold very reasonably. Persons having sales this spring, must expect, on account of the scarcity of money, to sell cheap. So much the better for the buyers. Where the man advertises his property, there is always a greater number of persons than said that if he means to sell it, it will take up a "pace" of public sale," write him to himself.

MURDER IN PLUMTHORPE.—Our neighbor, the burg of Plymouth has become emulous of distinction as a shire town, and on Friday night last put in an additional claim to consideration. At the time mentioned, it is alleged that he and another came between members of the congregation at Jesus' hotel, which culminated in a fight between a man named John Gallagher and Richard Van Leon, son of ex-Sheriff Van Leon. Upon the men being separated, Gallagher, it is said, rushed up stairs and got a revolver, with the intent of using it against his antagonist. Upon returning to the scene of disturbance, he took deliberate aim at Van Leon, and fired the fatal shot. The ball entered the abdomen of the unfortunate young man and death ensued in about two hours. The murderer was immediately arrested, and brought before a magistrate committed to our county jail. Gallagher asserts that the dead was committed in self-defense. He says that he was set upon by a crowd and badly beaten before he made the assault which ended in the death of Van Leon. The ball was fired from a distance, and subjected to pretty rough usage some where, as his face was cut and bruised in a shocking manner, but we are not able to say how far the facts will tend to corroborate his story of justifiable homicide. His offence is rank, it smells to Heaven."

A MURDER AT SHAMOKIN.—A murder was committed at Shamokin on Friday night last, of which we learn the following particulars: Two men were left on watch at Westover Colliery, who occupied a small house erected for their convenience. During the evening some person or persons came to the door and demanded admission, who were refused and the door held fast. Finding that the men on the inside were determined not to open, those outside commenced firing through the door, which was of thin boards, with revolvers. One of the watchmen, named Buchanan, was shot and instantly killed, and his companion severely wounded. The perpetrator of the bloody deed are unknown and the whole affair is still enveloped in mystery.—*Sunbury American*.

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