

## The Columbian.

BLOOMSBURG, PA.

FRIDAY, MAY 28, 1886.

Mr. Bucklew will consent to be a candidate for Congress at the next election. In view of the fact that the district is fairly entitled to the Congressman for the next term, and his training in public service has been such as to invite his selection.

## CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE.

Premeditated crime is always committed under cover of secrecy and darkness. The murderer and the thief leave no witnesses to bring them to justice, and it is a very unusual thing that criminals of this class are convicted on direct evidence. Circumstantial evidence is therefore resorted to as a necessity, and it is sometimes fully as convincing as positive proof made by eye-witnesses. When a large number of reputable persons disclose a connected story on the witness stand, each one making a single link, a little circumstance which in itself may seem to have no bearing on the case, but which taken in connection with many other circumstances form a continuous chain, and weave about the prisoner a network with meshes so close that there seems no possibility of escape, there is no more probability of an unjust conviction than in a case where a few witnesses swear positively that they saw the crime committed. Circumstantial evidence may convince an innocent person, so may perjured direct evidence. There are cases of both kinds reported.

Isaac Waltman, who was sentenced last Saturday in the court of this county, was convicted of arson on circumstantial evidence. There seemed to be no missing link in the evidence for the prosecution were respected citizens; not one of them had any prejudice against the accused; he was tried by an intelligent jury; nearly all who heard the evidence agreed that the verdict was a just one, and yet there are some persons who, about the case, especially in regard to the motive which prompted the act, Waltman does not belong to the criminal class. He is a man of respectable connections, of fair intelligence, and who, according to the undisputed testimony of those who have known him in general reputation, has always borne an excellent reputation as a boy, a soldier and a man. He is not the kind of man that would be suspected of breaking into a building at night to set fire to it, and when he stood before the court for sentence he called himself a poor man, and that he was innocent of the crime. One of two propositions is true—either an innocent man is ruined in happiness and reputation by a set of peculiar circumstances which unfortunately surrounded him, or else Isaac Waltman was added to the list of the worst kind of perjurers to that class.

Anarchists and Free Speech.

The American people have been for so long a time accustomed to free speech and free press, that they have become so used to this freedom with such wide discretion that there has not until quite recently occurred to either people or authorities that there was any real danger from the fullest exercise of this privilege. Even the incendiary harangues of most, and his redoubtable utterances were regarded as the utterances of a lot of cranks and fanatics, who would be the last persons to put in practice their own extravagant doctrines and who would not be able to induce anybody else to do so.

The bomb-throwing episode in Chicago, however, opened the eyes of the American public to the fact that the unbridled license of press and speech allowed these fellows had turned the heads of a lot of their followers. They had been led to believe that because most of the persons who were permitted to say in print and speech what they pleased they would be allowed to do what they pleased, even to the extreme of murder and plunder. Their first attempt to practice the doctrines that Most and Spies preached proved a complete failure. Anarchists and the representatives of the law. The bomb-throwers were suppressed promptly enough, but not until several of the policemen had been fatally wounded.

This Anarchist outbreak has very naturally set the administrators of the law to thinking that there might be reasonable limit to the indulgence of free speech. Judge Rogers, in his charge to the Chicago grand jury, stated distinctly that the men who incited others to riot, arson and murder by incendiary speeches were responsible for the deeds committed by the rioters and should be held answerable in law. In other words, the men who counseled murder, riot and arson in public speeches can be held responsible for such crimes equally with those who commit them. The Judge held further that the police had a right to suppress these incendiary meetings to prevent the commission of crime.

The position of Judge Rogers would seem to be good law and certainly it is good sense. The Constitution of Pennsylvania expressly declares that while every citizen may freely speak, write and print on any subject, he is also responsible for the abuse of that liberty. This is the spirit that pervades all the State Constitutions, whether the privilege of free speech and its limitations are stated in so many words or not. The man or men who publicly incite others to riot, arson and murder are guilty of the most flagrant abuse of the right of free speech and should be called strictly to account for the abuse. Fortunately, Judge Rogers has led the way in this matter, and his example should be followed by all Judges in localities where the Anarchist element has secured a foothold.

Times.

The Associated Press sends out the following dispatch which it received: MIDDLETOWN, May 25.—The Democratic County Committee met here today, Chairman Snyder, presiding. Joseph G. Leshner, of the Schuylkill County, was elected delegate to the State Convention. Senator Wolcott, of Schuylkill, was unanimously endorsed by resolution as a candidate for Governor at the next State Convention and the delegate instructed to use all honorable means to accomplish his nomination, the assurance being given that in such event Snyder county would do her full share towards his election. A full representation was present and great interest and harmony prevailed.

## Bayard's Relations With the President.

I met to day a noted statesman from Delaware. Said he: The people of this country do not rightly appreciate Tom Bayard and his relation to the President. They think the two are wide apart, when in reality they are closer together than any other members of the administration. President Cleveland asks Bayard's advice very often and he consults with him as to matters both in and out of his department. Tom Bayard stands as well in Delaware as ever, and the people there think he is a great man. He has his present position by the force of his brains and not by his family, though I suppose that helps him a little. His greatest lack is personal magnetism. If he had this he would be one of the most popular of the noted men of the day. He is too much wrapped up in work to be a good fellow socially.—Cleveland Leader.

## Brutal Treatment.

THE CHESTER SPRINGS SCHOOL AGAIN IN TROUBLE.

The Philadelphia Record of Monday contains the following: "The children at Chester Springs Soldiers' Orphan School have been brutally treated by those in authority. Following the case of the Fowler boy, who was beaten by a teacher in such a way that even Manager Van Horn pronounced it too severe, three other children of that school, namely, one was that of James P. Falls, who ran away from school, and who was allowed by Judges Hagenman and Ernestout to remain at home with his mother. The second case was that of a boy named Wernitz, who was struck in the jaw by Manager Van Horn, so that the side of his face swelled to a great size, and it was believed that the jaw had been broken. The third case was that of a boy named John Hunter, who was beaten for writing a letter to the Governor complaining of ill-treatment."

Two weeks ago Wernitz was struck in the jaw with a ruler by Mr. Van Horn. A lump appeared, and in a little while it developed into a large swelling that enveloped the entire side of the face. His companions saw the result of the blow, and the story spread, and the school was in a commotion. A Record reporter visited the place on Thursday and saw the lad, but he refused to say anything about the injury, and it was difficult to ascertain the facts of the case. Manager Van Horn, in the morning, and no explanation could then be obtained from him. On Friday a telegram was sent to the Manager, asking where he could be seen on Saturday. He anticipated his second visitor by calling at the Record office on Friday morning, and there he explained the number of stories that were in circulation regarding his treatment of helpless children. When the Wernitz case was touched upon, he manifested an unusual dread of publicity, saying that if the boy's uncle heard of the charges against him, he would come to the school and there might be trouble. Mr. Van Horn pooh-poohed the story that the boy had been struck, or that the jaw had been broken by a blow. Then he produced a certificate from one Morris Fussell, who is supposed to supply the drugs to the institution and to doctor nearly 300 children, all for the small sum of \$175 a year.

This certificate was addressed to Mr. Van Horn, and it declared that the swelling in the boy's face was due to his teeth. Upon the basis of this letter from the physician of the school, Mr. Van Horn began to discount the stories that were told by the children in the way of complaint, and after declaring positively that he never struck the boy in the jaw, he volunteered to describe in detail how the Wernitz boy had gone Dr. Fussell's house, the trouble with the jaw, and the formation of an abscess in the jaw. "But," he continued, "when I asked Dr. Fussell to write this explanation in full, he said the case was so trifling that he thought it would be ridiculous to go into the whole story, and so he wrote this short note which I have shown to you."

Mr. Van Horn seemed to be telling the truth. He certainly was fortified with a positive statement from Dr. Fussell, and there seemed to be little reason for doubting its correctness. Subsequently, however, a few lines of the boy's name were published in connection with the story of a broken jaw that suspicions were aroused, and on Saturday Dr. James E. Garretson was asked to suggest some competent person who could be induced to go to Chester Springs and examine the boy's face. Dr. Garretson is the author of a standard text-book on dental surgery; he is Dean of the Philadelphia Dental College and President of the Medical-Chirurgical College and would be regarded as the best of authority. When he was asked the distinguished physician whether or not he related to him the doctor kindly volunteered to go in person. The school was reached at 4 o'clock on Saturday afternoon, and by direction of Mr. Van Horn the boy was brought into the doctor's presence the jaw being poked and bound up in muslin. After the examination Dr. Garretson said it was a case of periodontitis, which is an inflammation of the periodontal membrane enveloping the jawbone. He said the inflammation was not in any way associated with dental trouble, and must have been produced by some injury. Then the boy was taken in the presence of Manager Van Horn whether he had been struck on the jaw, and he said Mr. Van Horn had hit him there with a ruler two weeks ago. The Manager became rather alarmed at this state of affairs, and asked the distinguished physician whether or not more serious results would follow the injury, and wanted to know where he could send the boy for treatment.

The finding of Dr. Garretson establishes the utter worthlessness of the certificate given by the school physician Dr. Morris Fussell, either from ignorance or from a desire to shield the Manager in his wrong doing, had signed his name to a statement that was for the purpose of deception. What the outcome of the Manager's misconduct in striking the blow will be is not yet known, but it is certain that his actions show him to be entirely unfitted for the responsible work of training 300 children. The school is in a state of demoralization, and the club is being used on the little ones with merciless force. It is possible that the relatives of young Wernitz will move upon the school authorities.

When Dr. Smith Buttermore represented Fayette county in the Legislature he was a regular attendant of a Bible class taught by Judge Simonton, before whom he was tried and convicted of conspiracy.

It is reported that Wednesday, June 9th is the day set for the marriage of President Cleveland and Miss Frankie Folsom.

## Dio Lewis Dead.

Dr. Dio Lewis, the author and reformer, died at his home at Yonkers, N. Y., at three o'clock last Friday morning from apoplexy, after an illness of two or three days.

Dr. Dio Lewis was born at Auburn, New York in 1823; studied medicine with Dr. Briggs, of that city; took his medical course in the Harvard Medical School, Boston; began the practice of his profession in his native place in 1845, and two years later removed to Buffalo, where he practiced from 1847 to 1852, having meanwhile become a convert to the homeopathic school of medicine. He soon, however, abandoned the practice of medicine and became the devoted student of physiology and hygiene, devised a new system of gymnastics, and in 1860 settled in Boston, where he established a Normal School for Physical Training. This was continued until 1867, when the building was destroyed by fire. He then moved to New York, where he began the publication of *Dio Lewis' Monthly*, and of late has been editing a serial with the quaint title of *Nuggets*. Several of his books have had a large circulation.

Ten or twelve years ago he published in Philadelphia for a time a weekly called *The Joy*. In 1883 he removed to New York, where he began the publication of *Dio Lewis' Monthly*, and of late has been editing a serial with the quaint title of *Nuggets*. Several of his books have had a large circulation.

The body of Dr. Dio Lewis was cremated at Fresh Pond, New York, Monday, May 24th, and some of his family all draped in deep mourning, occupied front seats in the building. A little before 8 o'clock the body was brought into the room in a coffin covered with black cloth. It was taken from the coffin and placed upon an iron catafalque, where for a few minutes it was viewed by those in the room. It was half buried in flowers.

The body was left in the furnace until the next morning.

A layman writes an earnest and respectful letter to Dr. Lyman Abbott which will prove very suggestive to the clergy. "I have been struggling for years," he says, "against a constantly increasing dislike to attendance at church. The principal causes is the sermon. I go there asking for bread, and chaff is given to me. I want to know more about the Bible; about each book, who wrote it, when it was written, in what language, what books have not been included, and why; knowledge of the people referred to there, gathered from other sources than the Bible; a complete historical view of the Jewish people from Abraham to the present time, giving habits, dress, etc.; the New Testament books, writers, dates, authenticity, etc.; a picture of the origin of Christianity and its development, proof of its divine origin, to furnish arguments for opposing skepticism; a knowledge of other religions, in other parts of the world, their good points and their defects; a knowledge of the acts of the Christian Church; and other information of a similar character. I wish for a sermon that would be a digest of Darwin's ideas of evolution applied by a Christian scholar to the Bible; reconciling them. I wish the ministers would read some of the books and articles that are continually appearing, which are founded on truth, but which contradict some of the beliefs of strict Puritanism in which we were brought up. Then I turn to the Bible for help, and the sermon may be in Romans iii, 10. 'There is none righteous, no, not one.' It may begin with a pleasant exordium, the text may be divided into three heads, the meaning and application of the word 'righteousness' followed by an eloquent and emotional peroration. To this the chaff. To many of my neighbors it is a real help and consolation, and I am thankful it is so. But what am I to do? I cannot go on year after year in this dutiful but unsatisfactory and very unpleasant way. Every minister's sermon should be to the point, and the same form. It is filled in with a new arrangement of the same words, and some new rhetorical figures; and there are some quotations of beautiful thoughts; the language is well chosen, and the emotions of the listeners are aroused; but what is there for the faithful afterward? What is there of fact and knowledge to fortify me with arguments against all sorts of opposing questions?"

Backhorn.

The rain fall during the showers last Thursday and Saturday evenings did much damage to cornfields. Most of the farmers are re-planting.

We are pleased to see our old time friend, Johnny Hartman, among us again. He returned from Missouri on Friday, being absent about a year and a half.

Our supervisors laid the road tax on Saturday. The rate is 24 mills.

Mr. Harmon Carter and Miss Maud Hartman, of the M. E. S. School, and Mr. Lloyd Foulk and Miss Charity Stecker of the Lutheran School are chosen delegates for the coming S. S. Convention at Catawissa.

John Robins and wife of Pottsgrove were in town Saturday and Sunday at Wm. Ohl's.

On Thursday, June 10th at 2 o'clock P. M. Mortimer Whitehead of New Jersey, will talk to the farmers of this section in Masteller's Grove near Heller's Church. Every body is invited to attend. Mr. Whitehead is classed among the best lecturers in the order of Patrons of Husbandry. A number of this place have listened to him before, and they pronounce him excellent. No farmer should fail to see him.

The Sunday Schools of this place are invited to meet a division of the Grand Army at the Vandewater cemetery on Saturday next.

Efforts are being made to repair the fence around the Vandewater cemetery. Subscription papers are out and this far no opposition has been met. Most have responded liberally. A right step.

The insect known as the "Hessian fly" is doing considerable damage to our wheat crops. Percival Foulk is using one of his fields of wheat for pasture.

Chewing gum is in the height of its glory over here. Our papas and mamas chew it with much delight. Ha! ha! ha! Aren't we glad? It certainly must be good. "As the parent so the child," used to be the saying, but now it is—as the child so the parent.

Band agents are doing their best. As for me and my house give me the Buckeye Lowdown.

Miss Kate Shoemaker expects to spend a few weeks with Mrs. Torelio Chamberlain of Pine Summit.

Saturday, June 5th the Grangers will have a fishing party.

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## She Dropped With an Italian.

The town of Audenried, situated in the lower end of Luzerne county, is in a fever of excitement over the elopement of Miss Rose Hopkins, one of the most accomplished young ladies in the village, and an Italian laborer employed on the new Schuylkill branch. Miss Hopkins is the daughter of Richard Hopkins, Superintendent of the Audenried Coal Company, and had a home of ease and refinement. Monday morning, when the servants went to Miss Hopkins's room to call her for breakfast, the door was found open. At first it was not known what had become of the young lady, and when it was hinted that an elopement had occurred it was believed that, if such was really the case, the young lady had gone with one of her many admirers. Nobody for a moment thought that it was the Italian laborer. Further investigation, however, showed that an elopement had really taken place, and that the Italian was the man in the case. The facts rather have telegraphed in all directions to intercept the runaways.

The Italian's name is Antonetto Belushi, and those who knew him say he is a highly accomplished scholar. How he ever came to work on a railroad they could not understand. He told one man that he was the son of a Count, but had to leave Italy for political reasons. He formed Miss Hopkins's acquaintance by passing through her father's yard for water. The young lady is about 21 years of age, a graduate of the Schuylkill academy, and a young man as handsome and very independent. It is believed the runaways have gone West.

## TEWKSBURY'S SPACE.

Delegate Election, July 26.

Subject to decision of Democratic party. Delegate election will be held July 26, Convention, July 27.

FOR REPRESENTATIVE.

(Subject to action of Democratic Convention.)

E. M. TEWKSBURY,

Of Catawissa, Columbia Co., Pa.

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"No free government can long exist where the organic law of the State is habitually defied."

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"The Constitution cannot wholly enforce itself, nor could it provide detailed regulations for its enforcement; these must be provided by the Legislature."

"In the selection of members of the Legislature at the next general election, select only such as are pledged to the long-neglected work of Constitutional enforcement."

—From address of Constitutional Committee, 1886.

Democrats of Columbia County: The above are my sentiments and if nominated and elected, pledge myself to labor in all honorable ways to carry it into effect.

Truly Yours,

E. M. TEWKSBURY.

Lightstreet

Rev. Owen preached for the M. E. congregation on Sunday night. It is expected that he will fill the balance of the conference year as a supply.

Although there is no licensed hotel at the upper end of our town, Mr. Fairman will keep a temperance house where guests will be served to the best of his ability.

Jacob Dilline of Greenwood stopped in town on the 24th.

C. M. Terwilliger and family of Buckhorn spent Sunday in town visiting friends.

T. C. Keleher, C. C. Trench, Geo. Beigh and J. M. Hulsizer took a trip to Delaware last week returning on Friday somewhat delighted with the country.

C. H. Kline, has left, but not like some, for parts unknown. He has gone to Hazelton where he will be found in the grocery business.

Our genial citizens C. B. East & Bro. are about to begin to supply parties with tin roofing.

The recent rains have done considerable damage for some of the farmers in this section of the county, washing out almost all the planted corn.

Relatives of Abram Custer from Philadelphia paid him a visit during the past week.

Miss Clara Oman is visiting her brother, J. W. Oman, cadet at Annapolis, Md.

Labor and liquor are the leading issues of the day, and the party that puts itself straight on these questions and keeps there, is bound to be the great party of the future.

Martin Purcell of Centralia was appointed on Wednesday at Pottsville by the Miners' Amalgamated Association as one of the three arbitrators to settle the strike at Winstonsburg, Pa. The companies will choose a second arbitrator, and these two a third.

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