

The Columbian.

John Kelly, the prominent New York politician, died on Tuesday.

President Cleveland is married at last, and the sensational correspondents will have to pounce on some new subject for warm weather chaff.

The Record of Philadelphia, very correctly advises the voters of that city that if they wish to rid themselves of a large amount of taxation and gain a trade amounting to millions annually...

ANOTHER LAYMAN'S VIEWS.

Messrs. Editors: In your issue of May 29 I find an article purporting to be a letter written by an earnest and respected layman to Dr. Lyman Abbott, which, it is claimed, will prove very suggestive to the clergy.

He wants a complete historical view of the Jewish people from Abraham to the present time, giving habits, dress, etc.

Now it would be very difficult, perhaps impossible for ministers of the present day, to tell very accurately the cut or color of Abraham's trousers, the style of Sarah's head dress, and whether little Isaac was dressed in long or short petticoats, and I think the information would not add greatly to our spiritual edification or growth in grace.

He would like to be furnished with argument for opposing scepticism. By his writing I should suppose, he was somewhat troubled with scepticism, and a sermon that would relieve him of all sceptical notions, would be a great blessing to him.

He would like a sermon that would be a digest of Darwin's ideas of evolution applied to the Biblical story reconciling them. I think the Christian minister would be greatly out of place, who attempted to reconcile the teaching of the Gospels with Darwin's theory that man is the offspring of the ape.

He wishes ministers to read books and articles founded on truth, but which contradict some of the beliefs of strict puritanism in which we were brought up. From my acquaintance with Christian ministers I suppose there is no class of men who devote so much time to reading books and articles founded on God's eternal truth; but whether they find them contradicting the beliefs of strict puritanism very often is exceedingly doubtful. He does not seem pleased with a sermon from Romans 3d, 10th. "There is none righteous, no one not." Perhaps preaching on such a subject may disturb his own righteousness, as no doubt it did for some of the Scribes and Pharisees in the days of the Apostles. He admits that to many of his neighbors it is a real help and consolation, though to him it is chaff.

He says, every minister's sermon should be moulded in the same form; it is filled with a new arrangement of the same words. I suppose the Apostle Paul is included with the rest. He says, "we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling block, and unto the Greeks foolishness." Is it to be wondered at that this critical layman considers it chaff?

He seems to be desirous for something to think about afterward. I will suggest a prescription, that David seems to have followed. "Let your delight be in the law of the Lord, and on it meditate day and night."

Now Mr. Editor I do not know Dr. Lyman Abbott. I cannot tell to which church he belongs. He admits, however, I do not even know whether he is a Catholic or a Protestant, so I have not written this article on account of any partiality to him. But I have a very good opinion of the great majority of Christian ministers, and I thought it might not be improper to inform your readers, that laymen were not all of the same opinion, and consequently liable to err.

Yours Truly, A LAYMAN.

Lobsters Propagated Artificially.

WASHINGTON, May 27.—Reports just received from the marine station of the United States Fish Commission at Wood's Hole, Mass., announce the complete success of the attempts recently begun to propagate lobsters artificially on a practical scale, and many thousands of young lobsters are now being cared for and fed in the large tanks contained in the hatchery building. The hatching has proceeded much more rapidly than was expected, and the means provided for the accommodation of the fry are proving entirely insufficient, rendering it necessary to prepare one of the open fish basins in front of the station as a storage place. Experiments are in progress to ascertain how long the young can be kept in confinement, and it is thought desirable that they should be two or three weeks old before planting. Shipments of young lobsters will soon be made by the Fish Commission to those localities on the Atlantic coast that have suffered most from the covardly methods of the lobster fishermen.

THE COLUMBIAN AND DEMOCRAT.

RELATIVE TO THE PURCHASE OF LANDS BY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AT SALES THEREOF.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted &c. That if any tract of land hereafter be sold for taxes shall have been bid for it a sum equal to the whole amount of taxes and the costs then accrued, it shall be the duty of the commissioners of the proper county, or any of them, to bid off the same, and a deed shall thereupon be made by the treasurer to the commissioners for the time being and their successors in office to and for the use of the proper county. And it shall be the duty of the commissioners to provide a book, wherein shall be entered the name of the person or persons as whose estate the same shall have been sold, the quantity of land or number of lot and number of tract, if any, the amount of the taxes and the costs it was sold for, and every such tract of land sold, thereafter, so that the same shall remain the property of the county, be charged in the duplicate of the proper collector, but for five years next following such sale, if it shall so long remain unredeemed, the commissioners shall, in separate columns in the sales book, certify every tract of land with like county, school, road, or other taxes as would have been chargeable against the said land had the same not been sold and purchased by the commissioners as aforesaid.

SECTION 2. It shall be the duty of the proper officers levying and fixing the rate of taxation for all local or other purposes within any county of this Commonwealth, wherein the commissioners thereof have purchased land as aforesaid, annually, immediately after levying such local or other tax or fixing the rate thereof, to certify to the county clerk, for the purpose of being chargeable against the said land had the same not been sold and purchased by the commissioners as aforesaid.

SECTION 3. The right of redemption shall remain in the real owner of such land for five years after such sale, and on paying the treasurer of the county all the taxes and costs due thereon, at the time of sale, and interest thereon and also the taxes which shall have been levied and charged thereon, from year to year, after the sale and interest thereon from the time such taxes were paid, and on the production of the treasurer's receipt therefor, the commissioners shall, by deed poll indorsed on the back of the treasurer's deed to them, convey to the person who shall have been the owner of the land at the time of the sale, or his legal representatives, all the rights and title which the county may have acquired under such sale as aforesaid; and the moneys received shall be paid to the respective townships or districts in which such lands shall lie as they may be entitled thereto.

SECTION 4. If the owner or owners of any such lands, purchased by the commissioners as aforesaid, shall not redeem the same within the period aforesaid it shall therefore be lawful for the commissioners to sell any such lands at public sale, and make a deed thereof to the purchaser or purchasers, and the same shall be the same manner as if the lands purchased by county commissioners are now by law authorized to be sold by them, and after such sale the lands shall thereafter be charged by the proper assessor in the name of such purchaser or purchasers, and shall again be liable to be assessed and sold for taxes as other lands.

SECTION 5. All acts or part of acts inconsistent herewith or hereby supplied be and the same are hereby repealed.

APPROVED—The 8th day of July, A. D. 1886.

ROBT. E. PATTERSON.

East Benton.

The widow Karns of Benton township is a victim of much sorrow and family affliction. Death has been a frequent visitor at her home and now Frank is also smitten with disease. He has been her main support, and this affliction has been a very straightened circumstance. A surprise party, consisting of her friends and neighbors was summoned to her home last Tuesday week to aid in relieving her wants, and 50 responded during the day, and several others at evening. The donation was very liberal and speaks well for the community where suffering and want abound. She received nearly enough groceries to last her a year, a quantity of butter, 7 or 8 calico dresses, sheets, shirts and shirting, hose, towels and many other things in connection with 86 or 87 cash, and heretofore 4 and 5 wt. of flour. It was a joyful day for her and her children. For her we say, thanks to you all good and kind neighbors. We venture the assertion that every donor felt the force of the Bible adage, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

William Doty's dwelling and contents were wholly consumed by fire last Wednesday week. They were covered by insurance.

Decorative day. Well, we observed it as it passed by our place 25 or 30 weeks ago.

Road Commissioner Tubbs has made some necessary repairs in our hill roads.

Crime is a necessary and the penitentiary is the home of many of its professors. The world is full of its graduates, and though they escape detection and conviction, they are nevertheless, criminals. Much unremediated crime may lurk for years in the bosom of its intended perpetrators before it is put into execution.

In the town of Benton are several millions of feet of first class lumber owned by lumber merchants, ready for market dry and at low prices.

Judge Woodward Willing.

HE WILL ACCEPT THE DEMOCRATIC NOMINATION FOR CONGRESS.

SCRANTON, Pa., June 1.—Judge Woodward was in the city to-day on legal business, and was questioned concerning the Congressional nomination. He said that if he became a candidate he would stand in no man's way for the nomination. He considered Powderly a strong man, but he had assurances from the General Master Workman that the latter is not a candidate. If Osborn, he says, gets the nomination for Republican at-Large, there will be no Congressional opposition to Scranton in the district. Osborn fails, he will undoubtedly enter the lists against Scranton.

Save the Children.

Detrimental food which, by reason of their superior strength, may not seriously affect the health of adults, is well known, frequently acts upon the more delicate organs of the child to produce disorders of the most serious character. The amount of lead and other poisons that would be harmless to an adult will cause the death of a child, when the difference between the vitality of adults and children is so generally overlooked in the preparation of food. Beyond no harm immediately perceptible comes to the adult by the use of an article of food, no thought is given to the effect it may have upon the more delicate organs of inferior age.

Children diet largely upon cake and bread, and these articles, if light, sweet and composed of materials that are free from injurious substances, are easily digested, nutritious and wholesome. There is a danger to our children, however, from their bread and cake which is too often lost sight of. These articles are now leavened largely by baking powders, and when pure and wholesome baking powders are used they make not only the most palatable food, but one much more wholesome and nutritious than that leavened with yeast or cream of tartar and soda. The trouble arises from the fact as shown by recent scientific tests by the Government chemists and by official boards of health, that all these baking powders, with the single exception of the Royal, contain either lime, alum, phosphates, or acids of an injurious character. Therefore when bread or cake is made with the use of these cheap baking powders these ingredients (which are present through the efforts of the manufacturers to produce a cheaper article) pass into the food and taken into the system of the organs of childhood where they are the source of very much of the disease with which our children are afflicted.

Persons who have not strong constitutions, growing girls, young children and nursing mothers are particularly liable to the evil effects of the deleterious ingredients of the cheap baking powders as found in the cheap baking powder. Heartburn and the prevalent forms of indigestion are often solely traceable to the action of alum on the delicate coats of the stomach. Prof. Willard Parker, U. S. Surgeon-General, Hammond, Prof. Almon C. Gannett, eminent physicians of New York, with scores of others, have written and spoken most earnestly of the evils arising from partaking of such food. There should be as much care in the choice of a baking powder as in obtaining pure milk or in giving a prescription compounded from pure drugs and not from poisons.

The matter is one of the greatest importance, particularly to the rising generation, and while our conservative law makers are making up their minds as to the proper legislation to stop the sale of the poisonous compounds, mothers will do well to study it carefully. The housekeeper will experience no inconvenience in discarding the use of the adulterated baking powder, if she has been using it, as the Royal Baking Powder upon the purity and wholesomeness of which the Government chemists agree, is equally accessible; but she will need to exercise a close watch upon her packages from the grocer in order to prevent the inferior brands from creeping into her kitchen unawares.

In view of what we have felt it our duty to bring reference to the subject of baking powder there is no intention to disparage the work or the products of those many manufacturers in other lines of food products who, with conscientiousness and liberality, are serving the public with pure and wholesome articles of diet.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

It is difficult to write a Washington letter now and not say anything about the wedding at the White House. I will not refrain, but will be brief. The ceremony is to be simple, unostentatious and, owing to the recent death in the Folsom family, extremely quiet. This quietness will be the only unemancipated feature about it. The guests will be a few ladies, the Cabinet and their ladies Col. and Mrs. Lamont. The President will have no best man; there will be no bridesmaids, and the marriage ceremony will take place in the Blue Room and be performed by Rev. Byron Sunderland, the Pastor of the Presbyterian church in which the President holds a pew. The Marine Band will discourse some music prepared for the occasion. There will be a profusion of floral decorations superintended by Miss Cleveland, which she has purchased three miles from the White House and that he will without delay remain at the White House and do nothing of the kind.

Mrs. and Miss Folsom were guests at the White House last winter, and it is said if it had not been for the inevitable illness of the President, they would have been invited to the wedding and after the ceremony, there will be a wedding supper in the historic dining room. It is reported that the President will immediately go on a short wedding trip, that he will simultaneously retire to the country seat which he has just purchased three miles from the White House and that he will without delay remain at the White House and do nothing of the kind.

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new country home.

In social circles the wedding of the President excites considerable interest, though not as much as if it was to be a brilliant one in a social sense. Already the lower end of the social scale has been prepared in honor of the groom and fair bride by his official family—the members of the Cabinet. The definite details have not yet been determined on, but it is thought the initial hospitality will be offered by Secretary and Mrs. Whitney and more probably at their country house, which is close to the President's suburban residence. Dinner parties are expected to follow from the rest of the Cabinet, but it is not supposed that the President will depart from his custom of accepting hospitalities of a kind from some but not all of his Cabinet.

The marriage of the President in the White House surrounds with added brilliancy the social career which the bride will inaugurate with her coming here. The presence of a wife in the Executive Mansion breaks most acceptably the monotony of the Presidential life for the past five years, and puts in a brighter, grayer phase the hostilities already so generously offered by the President, and which will no doubt be greatly increased when there is a young and beautiful woman at the social helm.

TEWKSBURY'S SPACE.

Delegate Election, July 26.

Convention, July 27.

FOR REPRESENTATIVE.

(Subject to action of Democratic Convention.)

E. M. TEWKSBURY,

Of Catawissa, Columbia Co., Pa.

"The people's law is continually violated, and no free government can long exist where the organic law of the State is habitually defied."

"The Constitution of 1874 is not constitutional. It assails no right of property, nor does it give countenance to the principle which would degrade or demoralize society."

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

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.

How to Travel on Sleeping Cars.

A physician, referring to the custom of traveling on sleeping cars with the berth made up with their heads toward the engine said: "It is certainly bad for the brain of the sleeper, who is not natural, and it is no wonder that so many travelers, especially those who have been on the road extensively, experience bad effects from it. Take infants in baby carriages and no sane woman will think of trundling the vehicle along so the child goes head first. They always exempt the young and inexperienced mother—push them along feet first. Physicians invariably advise such locomotion. It is the same thing on the cars, and no one should hesitate about having his berth made up so as to move along feet first. It is much better for the brain."—St. Paul Globe.

100 Doses.

One Dollar. Hood's Sarsaparilla is the only medicine of which this can be truly said; and it is an unanswerable argument as to the strength and positive economy of this great medicine. Hood's Sarsaparilla is made of roots, herbs, bark, etc., long and favorably known for their power in purifying the blood, and in connection, prevention, and cure. Hood's Sarsaparilla is peculiar to Hood's Sarsaparilla and conform to use Hood's Sarsaparilla. Mass. C. H. WOOD, Proprietor. Hood's Sarsaparilla takes less time and quantity to show its effect than any other preparation ever heard of. I would not be without it in my household. C. A. M. HUBBARD, North Chili, N. Y. 100 Doses.

One Dollar.

Hood's Sarsaparilla cures scrofula, salt rheum, all humors, boils, pimples, general debility, dyspepsia, biliousness, sick headache, catarrh, rheumatism, kidney and liver complaints, and all affections caused by impure blood or condition of the system. Try it. "I was severely afflicted with scrofula, and for a year had two running sores on my neck. I took five bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla, and consider myself entirely cured." C. E. LOVELL, Lowell, Mass.

"Hood's Sarsaparilla did me an immense amount of good. My whole system has been built up and strengthened, my digestion improved, and my head relieved of the bad feeling. I consider it the best medicine I have ever used, and should not know how to do without it." MARY L. PERKINS, Salem, Mass.

Hood's Sarsaparilla Sold by all druggists. \$1; six for \$5. Made only by C. H. WOOD & CO., Lowell, Mass. 100 Doses One Dollar.

CANDIDATES.

FOR ASSOCIATE JUDGE,

JAMES LAKE,

Of Scott Township.

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

FOR REPRESENTATIVE,

F. L. SHUMAN,

Of Catawissa.

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

FOR REPRESENTATIVE,

JAMES T. FOX,

Of Beaver Township.

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

FOR REPRESENTATIVE,

A. L. FRITZ,

Of Bloomsburg.

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

NOTICE—I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that I will accept the Democratic nomination for the office of Associate Judge of the County of Columbia, at the election to be held on the 26th day of July, 1886, and that I will pay to the electors of my party, on the 26th day of July, 1886, the sum of \$100.00.

GEORGE BOUDMAN.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER. Absolutely Pure. This powder never varies. A marvel of purity, strength and wholesomeness. No more of that cheap, adulterated stuff, which is sold in competition with the Royal Baking Powder. Sold only in cans. Get it at once. WALKER, N. Y.

MERCANTILE APPRAISEMENT.

List of Dealers in Columbia County.

I have by certifying that the following list of dealers, taken, returned and classified by me in accordance with the provisions of Act of Assembly of the 20th of March, 1886, is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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