

The Columbian

BLOOMSBURG, PA. FRIDAY, JULY 15, 1887.

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Harris Purser has the agency for the Wilkes-Barre Steam Laundry. Leave orders with him.

The sale of land in the Albertson estate Greenwood township, by Samuel Smith, Trustee, has been adjourned until Saturday August 6 at 3 p. m.

A camping meet will be held at Rupert Grove by the A. M. E. Church of Bloomsburg, beginning Saturday, July 30, and continuing until August 8.

Viewers appointed by the Court to assess damages in the case of John P. Cressy against the B. & S. R. R. Co., met on Monday and awarded the plaintiff \$300.

Mr. Jesse D. Rice died at his residence, 309 Briggs street, Harrisburg, Tuesday evening at 5 o'clock. He was brought to Bloomsburg for interment Thursday.

We are indebted to H. A. McKillip for a copy of "Blas" photograph, taken when blaring the trucks on the Ironside road, of which mention was made at the time.

There will be an ice cream festival held in the grove at the Kitchen M. E. Church, Saturday evening, July 16. All are cordially invited to attend. Proceeds for benevolent purposes.

One hundred and twenty-four inmates, who were removed from Blockley hospital, Philadelphia, to Danville, at the time of the fire at Blockley, were removed Tuesday to Philadelphia, the hospital having been rebuilt.

It is an ever growing conviction that the Live Stock Ins. has come to stay and that the Union Co. Mutual Live Stock Ins. Co. is king of all good business in the State, of which the best business men take advantage.

A teachers' examination will be held at Millville, July 15, at Rupert, July 19, at Northampton, July 21, at Jerseyville, July 22, at Harrisburg, July 23, at York, July 24, at York and Boston markets for a 4 to 15 cents per quart. Grass was heavy and a good crop of hay was made, our soil is particularly adapted to clover, it takes readily on its lightest soil and on improved land it grows abundant.

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Letter From Dr. Ammerman. GREENWOOD, Del., July 7th, 1887.

The glorious Fourth is passed and the song of the fire cracker is no more heard in our land. Business has again resumed its former aspect and fine rolls are on. We, the citizens of Greenwood and vicinity, loaded down with patriotism and love for our country, helped to celebrate the day at Farmington, five miles north of us. The day was delightful, a cool breeze, with now and then a cloud to hide the rays of the sun, made it as pleasant a Fourth of July as we have ever witnessed. There was a large crowd of people there. Appropriate speeches, music by a cornet band, a bounteous supper gotten up by the ladies of the M. E. Church for the benefit of the parsonage of that place, and a game of base ball between a nine composed of Greenwood and Farmington boys vs. a Dover nine which resulted in a victory for the former of 7 to 15, were among the amusements of the day.

Harvesting commenced here about the 10th of June and the wheat crop is very good. The first threshed in this section was a ten acre field on the farm of John Todd near this place, the yield of which was 333 bushels from 12 bushels sowing. Others have threshed since that have averaged from 25 to 28 bushels per acre, that is wheat sown on fallow land, that sown on stalk land, i. e. on land that corn had been taken off or sown in corn stubble, will not yield so well as it was to dry to get it sowed in time. Oats is ready to harvest and the corn is looking fine. The early varieties of peaches are ripe. The first shipment from this station was on Thursday the 20th of June. From now on till the last of Sept. we will have ripe peaches, as one variety is gone another comes on. It is a beautiful sight to see the trees laden with red ripe fruit. The crop will not be as heavy as some years owing to a frost that killed some while in blossom. Many orchards have all they can bear, while others have so many. Strawberries were an average crop and in this section they are in York and Boston markets for a 4 to 15 cents per quart. Grass was heavy and a good crop of hay was made, our soil is particularly adapted to clover, it takes readily on its lightest soil and on improved land it grows abundant.

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Drying Up Alive. A COLORED MAN WHO BREAKS OFF A PIECE OF HIMSELF FOR MONEY.

From the Vicksburg Herald. An old case of human wretchedness was reported yesterday by Justice John Lewis and Constable Frank Little, who had just returned from a trip to Chickasaw bayou. On a plantation near the bayou they found a negro man who had been a farmer until incapacitated by disease from working. He first attracted their attention by hobbling about on the stumps of what should have been his feet and exhibiting hands which were without fingers or thumb.

Too much accustomed to the sight of queer d-formities in persons of the negro race they simply glanced at him and would have passed it by as the most ordinary of things had he not deliberately unwrapped a bandage about one of his hands and carelessly caught the remaining stump of a finger between his knee and the wrist of his other hand and with the utmost nonchalance pulled the stump off. He threw it away and again put his disfigured arms in his bandages. He then scratched a considerable portion of his left foot off and settled himself comfortably at rest on the shady side of the fence.

The peace officers recovered their equanimity after a few seconds and held a consultation. They were not sure that if they disturbed the man that he would not injure himself entirely and not wishing to be the cause of such a catastrophe they waited until he had time to grow quiet before they questioned him.

The curiosity started to lie at first, but Justice Lewis put him on his oath to tell the truth, and stopped this. The story told was that about six months ago the victim noticed that his fingers and toes were becoming cramped and numb. He paid no attention until one day in using his index finger as a stopper for his pipe, he broke it off in the bowl. He was alarmed and threw the pipe away, and as he did so, he parted with another finger. Panic-stricken he fled to his home, and had a voodoo doctor to attend him. The treatment he received did not benefit him, and he continued to lose his fingers and toes until he became hardened to it, and of late, when he found one growing too long, he would pull it off. One of his feet was gone and the toes of the other were missing. The last finger he possessed was the one his accident saw him remove, and he had stridden nearly all the calloused floor from one shin. He further stated that he never felt pain.

After he finished the negroes were inclined to laugh at the man's condition. The two-bit piece they dandy calmly pulled off a portion of his left ear, which he said was going very rapidly and would fall away in a few days anyhow. He did not seem particularly frightened at his condition, as he thought he had enough legs and arms to last a year or two longer at the worst.

None of the man's friends were able to explain how he contracted his disease and the man did not know himself. The gentlemen who were treated to the sight of his condition were unable to tell what his trouble is, but are inclined to believe that it is something of the nature of leprosy or elephantiasis.

FUNERAL OF M. A. CASWELL. The funeral services were held over the remains of S. A. Caswell, at his late residence on Fifth street, Sunday evening at 7 o'clock. A sermon was preached by Rev. F. P. Manhart, of the Lutheran Church, Bloomsburg, and prayer offered by Rev. J. M. Steek, of the Lutheran Church of Williamsport. Monday morning the body was conveyed to the depot of the D. & E. W. R. R. at 8:30, and taken to Jersey Shore via Northampton. The body, which was embalmed, was kept in a state of preservation until the arrival of all of his brothers, the last of whom reached here Saturday afternoon. The funeral cortege reached Jersey Shore in safety and after a journey of about two miles the cemetery was reached and the last rites performed, by Rev. Manhart. The body was interred in its resting place. This another link of the family chain is gone, while an aged father, six brothers and one sister remain to mourn his loss.

Post Mortem Examination. A post mortem was held on the body of S. A. Caswell on Thursday morning of last week. During his life he had expressed a wish to his brothers as well as to his attending physician that they should have an examination made of his life. Accordingly the following were called in to this effect: Dr. J. C. Gardner, S. B. Arment, H. W. Matthews, J. C. Butler, of Bloomsburg, and Dr. G. L. Reagan of Jersey. Dr. Reagan reached here at 8:30 and they all went direct to the late residence on corner of West and Fifth streets. The heart was removed and found to have gone through a process of ossification, by which some of the chambers were wholly closed. The heart had become as hard as bone, and the valves were rigid, and immediate death would have resulted had the heart been found to be in a healthy condition, except being slightly enlarged and irritated, being in sympathy with the diseased condition of the heart.

The Delegate Election. As matters now stand Judge McHenry will be nominated for the Presidency. Little opposition if any, is to be expected. Snyder will be renominated without an opponent. The fight will be made on Treasurer, Register and Recorder and commissioners. There should be a large vote polled, as the selection of these officers is a matter of great public importance. Turn out, and see that your neighbors do the same. Delegate election, Saturday, July 23, between 8 and 7 p. m.

Democrat Voters of Columbia Co. For Register and Recorder vote for M. F. Eyerly, for your delegate election and secure a man that can fill said office in every particular.

Can speak the German language. Would hold the office as the servant of the people. He is in need of said office to make a living, while he can perform the only kind of labor he can perform, of the most profitable. A VOTE OR SAID PARTY. July 9, 1887.

Darby's Prophylactic Fluid. Gives prompt and permanent relief in burns, scalds, chilblains, venous stings or bites, cuts and wounds of every description.

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WASHINGTON LETTER. (From our Regular Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, D. C., July 11, 1887.

To show the vanity of all the speculation as to the successor of the late Justice Woods, it is only necessary to mention the fact that as the new Justice cannot take his seat on the Bench until he is confirmed by the United States Senate, so then it is not at all probable that the appointment will be made before Congress meets in December, for as the old saying goes, the President does not believe "in crossing a bridge till he gets to it."

The President's abandonment of his proposed visit to St. Louis is a theme of absorbing interest and discussion, and volumes pro and con have been written and spoken about it. The President's action has had two opposite effects with Grand Army men; one faction plumes itself in having repulsed the President, while the other is warmly welcomed to the White House by admiration for his resolute moral courage, which so far, has been equal to every reproach throughout his illustrious career. The next day after the appearance of his St. Louis visit, 150 members of General Landner post, Grand Army of the Republic, of Lynn, Mass., called upon the President, gave three ringing cheers and warmly welcomed to the White House by a patriotic salute from the President.

Under the authority of Congress, Senator Cockrell is drawing to a close his investigation of the methods of conducting the business of the various departments and it is hoped that if no other beneficial result is secured, provision at least will be made for the removal of the accounts of disbursing officials before their death ceases the penitentiary.

The colored people of the south are coming forward as complainants before the Interstate Commission in a renewed effort to secure their so-called "civil rights" by forcing themselves to ride in "the same car with the white folks." I think it would be well to put the accounts of the Grand High Court of Complaints, as scarcely a day passes without every conceivable sort of protest and petition being gravely presented for their consideration. Despite the great clamor raised by the railroads against the alleged injurious effects of the Interstate act, it would be well to note the significant fact that the net earnings of the principal roads for the month of June, 1887, were greatly in excess of the sum earned during the same period last year. No letter argument should be adduced in favor of the law.

A great sensation was created in the Treasury by the arrest of Oscar J. Harvey, chief clerk of the second Central National Bank, for forgery amounting to \$20,000. The defaulter had prepared his papers to forge accounts amounting to \$50,000, the only thing that prevented him from realizing the sum was the delay of Congress in making the appropriation. It certainly would have been made but for the detection of Harvey's steal, because it is a well known fact that the Treasury Secretary is not allowed to appropriate. After being confronted with the evidence of his crime, the wretched man broke down and confessed all. The penalty is \$1,000 fine or ten years imprisonment, or both in each case, and there are a hundred cases or more.

Mr. Pickett, widow of the Confederate General and hero, has returned from Gettysburg, where relatively speaking her reception was as warm as that of her distinguished husband twenty-four years ago. Mrs. Pickett spoke with pride of her great avocation, and in greeting your correspondent, she exhibited her right hand, worn through the skin by the hearty shakes of the gallant and undaunted veteran. In speaking of that memorable and historic event she was almost moved to tears.

The crank, Huba, the man who was arrested for threatening President Cleveland's life has been confined in the Hospital for Insane as a dangerous lunatic.

As a bit of welcome and encouraging news to all good Democrats, I will mention the fact that Washington's Republican postmaster will give place to a Democrat in a short time.

The President and Mrs. Cleveland are en route to New York to attend the Clinton celebration and visit several other places and the trip will doubtless be one of much pleasure and interest to the people as well as their honored guests.

In the manufacture of a little more blood, a shirt political capital, the Washington correspondent of the N. Y. Tribune telegraphing his paper that Secretary Endicott, smarting under his responsibility for the battle flag folly, had ordered that the flag be furnished the press from the War records, and the Secretary's speech of last week, in which he had invited inspection and permission to use the flag, the Secretary had positively denied the statement, the correspondent reiterates the charge and accuses the Secretary of falsehood.

Persecution at West Point. West Point has met with a pretty severe rebuke from the administration in the revocation by the president of the unexpected part of the sentence against Cadet Evans of Illinois. He was tried by court-martial, found guilty, and sentenced, because he had a good instructor, that he had treated him unfairly. His classmates told the members of the board of visitors that Evans had simply told the truth, whatever the difference of opinion there might be as to the propriety of giving expression to his views. But military discipline as interpreted by the President, could not brook this. The sentence of the court-martial was deemed the cadet to remain at the academy during the entire term of the campment, and to be put down two numbers on the list. The confinement might be endured, but to be placed down two numbers was a great degradation, which would follow the cadet through life, and which would seriously interfere with just promotion at an important period in his career. The officers at West Point were remonstrated with by high officials, they were told that in the opinion of the outside world the sentence was regarded as arbitrary and severe, and would tend to bring the academy into disfavor in quarters where it much needs friends. The reply simply was that the offense was "heinous" and that the term used—and that the sentence must stand.

But it happened that young Evans had a great many influential friends, and one of them happened to be a member of the board of visitors to West Point this year. That member investigated the case, and was convinced that the cadet was the victim either of a persecution or of a marlinal system that ought to be reformed. The visitor was a military man of larger experience than the lieutenant who felt affronted and has seen more of the enemy's force. He interested the other members of the board in the case, and one of the visitors came to Washington and presented the matter to the War Department authorities and to the President. The result was that Evans was relieved of the unexcused part of his sentence, and was assigned immediately upon graduation to a regiment to which important duties have recently been intrusted. The intervention of the President in a case which does not involve dismissal from West Point is quite unusual.

Walter L. Main, the proprietor of a small traveling circuit, which exhibited here last week, was arrested at Plymouth on Tuesday for defrauding his patrons.

News Items. John Wanamaker was fifty years old on Monday.

Twenty-five deaths from yellow fever have been reported at Key West.

Henry Waterson thinks that Cleveland will be renominated for the Presidency.

Miss Annie Slater died in church at Pottsville last Sunday morning from a stroke of apoplexy.

Rhode Moe, an auctioneer, was killed on Saturday, July 2, in Franklin township, Bradford county, by Dr. Randolph Lyons, who afterwards shot himself. Both were about 68 years old. On Thursday, July 2, the M. Lyons committed suicide by taking strychnine.

The Broad street station at Philadelphia, is a hotel as well as a railroad depot, and the employees can find everything they want in the building. About 900 travelers leave the station daily, and it is estimated that 25,000 passengers take the cars there every day. The station is too small for the business of the road, and it is said that it will soon be enlarged.

The memory of the Garfield family is recalled by the statement that Mollie Garfield, the President's daughter, is to be married to T. Stanley Brown in September. Mr. Brown is best remembered as Mr. Garfield's private secretary, and the man who rendered such tender but efficient service when the victim of Guita's hall lady stretched upon his death-bed. Although many years the daughter's senior, he is credited with having been a gallant wooer, and the affection between the two is said to be the most tender. It had its birth, indeed, in those sorry times at Washington and Elberon. Whether or not the wedding will be public has not yet been decided, but the privacy in which the family now live would indicate a quiet ceremony.

The proprietors of all the leading hotels of Huntington have decided to close their houses against all transient and regular boarders, to take effect on the 10th, because their applications for license were refused last week.

The regular boarders at all the hotels, who have been notified to leave at once, are greatly distressed by reason of their inability to find suitable lodging places elsewhere. Many of them are being taken care of by personal friends. The landlords justify their action by declaring that without license they cannot afford to keep their houses open. It is feared that the success of the proposed celebration of the country's centennial anniversary, to be held in September, will be seriously interfered with in consequence of the hotels being closed to the public.

Oscar S. Harvey of Wilkes-Barre, Treasury Chief of Division at Washington, is under arrest for forgery and other fraudulent practices. It seems that while acting as chief of the horse claims division he discovered about twenty odd cases, in which all the necessary papers had been perfected, but which had never been finally considered, because of the press of other business, and also because no one seemed to be particularly interested in them. Mr. Harvey took charge of them himself, and under the assumed name of "W. W. Wynn," attorney, addressed several letters to the Third Auditor, urging their immediate consideration. Harvey then secured their allowance by the accounting officers by means of the counterfeit stamps and forged signatures which had been so successfully employed by him in other cases.

These claims amounted to \$2,500, and checks for that amount were sent to the mythical Mr. Wynn, and in that way came into the hands of Mr. Harvey, who had no difficulty whatever in securing their payment at the Citizen's National Bank of Washington. He forged the necessary endorsements to the checks and then added his own name. This new discovery swells the total amount fraudulently secured by Harvey to \$11,700.

Gloomy Prediction. WHY AN OIL MAN IS DOWN ON BORING FOR NATURAL GAS.

A correspondent of the Cincinnati Commercial predicts an overwhelming disaster to the sections of country occupied by the natural gas wells, and is so positive in his assertions that he urges the calling of an extra session of Congress to take some action in the matter. He says: Boring for natural gas should be prohibited by stringent laws. The good people of Ohio and Pennsylvania are trying to develop the gas fields, and the result will be that the gas will be used up in a few years, and the people will be left with nothing but a hole in the ground. The gas is a valuable resource, and it