

FRIDAY Sept. 6, 1872.

LOCAL ITEMS.

LOCAL NEWS.—Our friends, everywhere, will be glad to see the news of interest.

Democrat County Committee. The following gentlemen have been appointed members of the Democrat County Committee, for the ensuing year.

- Belleville N. W. Galbraith, Wm. J. Gill, John H. Fisher, J. W. Neff, J. G. Meyers, J. H. Haines, J. P. Swartz, J. W. Lucas, J. H. Haines, J. P. Swartz, J. W. Lucas, J. H. Haines, J. P. Swartz, J. W. Lucas.

—We see an article in one of our exchanges, saying that bells on sheep frighten of dogs.

The candidates for copron in this county are both brothers and physicians. Dr. P. S. Fisher is the democratic nominee and Dr. C. P. W. Fisher is the republican nominee.

—By reading Rynders ads, you will see that organs can be bought cheaper of him than elsewhere.

Jao. Foust tells us—and he knows—that every democrat in Miles twp. is for Greeley. Wm. K. Alexander informs us that in Penn twp., Greeley will get the party vote.

Wm. Neff, of this place, is engaged in perfecting a new reaper, the entire weight of which is only 150 pounds. Mr. Neff produced the Keystone reaper, and is quite an inventive genius.

—On 30 and 31 it was quite cool, and a warm storm did not feel unpleasant.

Esq. Haines, of Miles was in our sanctum the other day. He thinks it is no doubt the entire democratic vote of that noble township will be cast for our own nominee for President.

Hon. J. G. Meyers informs us that the entire democratic vote of Haines is good for Greeley, and some radicals too.

Potter Twp. Democratic Club. We are requested to announce that there will be a meeting of the Democracy of Potter twp., at Centre Hall, on Saturday evening, Sept. 7th, for the purpose of organizing a democratic club for the coming campaign.

Jer. P. Heckman, in a letter, dated the 11th, Aug. 29, writes that he is very far from out here in Ogile it has been so for the past few days, with a thunder gust every once in a while. Corn looks splendid. Greeley-men are rejoicing, while Grant men are making very long faces.

—A letter to the Bloomsburg Republican, dated Freeport, Ill., Aug. 5, contains the following item: "This is the county seat of Stephenson county. A settlement was made in the year 1855, the village was laid out in 1858 after that time Dr. Thomas Van Valzah, of Lewisburg, traveled through this county and was so pleased with the appearance of it that he raised a colony from Union and Centre counties that settled here and from that time to the present there have been settlers coming in from that part of Pennsylvania. Dr. V. built the first mill in the county. He had one run of burrs in use before the bolting was done by water power. The bolting was done by hand. The first buckwheat flour was manufactured by grinding, then sifting it with a bobbin screen. There are some of the hardships the first settlers endured."

Dr. V. is now a resident here, and is doing a profitable and meeting with many encouragements, left the country in 1852."

The important murder trial between James A. Lucana, defendant, and the commonwealth, plaintiff, has resulted a verdict of murder in the second degree. It seems that a Mr. Atherton, of Rush twp., on or near the 18th day of April last, got off the train at Sandy Ridge and walked up to a school house in process of building, accompanied by the mechanics, where Mr. Lucana was at work. It is alleged that Atherton and Lucana had on unfriendly terms for years. While at the school house Atherton took out a paper and pencil and began to write, when he was struck on the head by a blow from a brick which he had thrown from the second story.

The defendant's counsel thinking a verdict of murder in the second degree to be contrary to the evidence in the case moved for an arrest of judgment and a new trial.

A grant has been obtained for a new road from Millheim to the Forks. It will be entirely level and make the distance from the first named place to the railroad about 21 miles. The people of Aaronburg expect to intersect this by a road starting from the western end of that town, through the "Spruce" to Swartz's Sawmill, and will strike the new Millheim road, and will also be a level road.

—A young man by the name of Billman, belonging to an engineer corps, started with a horse and buggy from Aaronburg on last Saturday, to go to Spring Mills; near the white church the breaking of an axle frightened the horse. The young man was thrown from the buggy and severely bruised, the horse took to the pine woods, where he got fast, making a complete wreck of the buggy.

—William T. Meyer has returned from the Binghamton Normal Music School, where he has finished a full course of instruction in music, under Dr. Wm. Massie, of that city, who is a department, and those well known teachers, Messrs. Seward, Allen and Webb, in the vocal department. He is thoroughly competent to give instruction in vocal and instrumental music, to which he has devoted himself, and for which he has displayed a very remarkable talent. Parties can address him at Aaronburg.

—Work is now going on upon the railroad all along the line between the Forks and Millheim, which includes the two tunnels, one at Beaver dam and the other at Paddy's mountain. From the Forks west through the valley to near Linden Hall, the grade is about finished, and the matter of ballasting the track of the Belleville branch and Binghamton, is not yet fully settled.

Matters of History. Mr. J. B. Linn furnishes the following to the Lewisburg Journal:

In a conversation I had last week with Wm. Gill, aged 87, a resident of Belleville, I found that he was a nephew of Wm. Gill, one of the first settlers of Buffalo township. He tells me Wm. Gill, Sr., was a soldier in Forbes' campaign, and from Bucks county. He was wounded when the advance division of Forbes' army was defeated near Fort Duquesne, Sept. 21, 1768, and came through the woods with a bullet in his leg, reaching Penn's creek, where he stopped, and making the acquaintance of a German woman married her and settled. He served as a private in Capt. John Clark's company during the winter of 1776 and 1777, and losing the land he had taken, he moved to Beaver township, Snyder county, where he was residing when one of his sons was drafted in 1812. He could not be spared for some reason, and the old man took him to Sunbury, where the Board met, stated the circumstances, and desired to go as a substitute for him. The Board decided that patriotism should not go unrewarded, and released the son. This reminds me of the case of Philip Rodabaugh, of Buffalo, who served in the revolution, the whiskey insurrection, campaign of 1794, and in Captain Bergstresser's company in the war of 1814, and died Feb. 3, 1837, aged 86 years—the latter is buried in the old German graveyard at Lewisburg. I can just recollect the evolution of the company, and the discharge of the firing party, which sent us youngsters tumbling over the graves, not being aware that shooting was in the programme.

Wm. Gill, the elder, raised a large family. One of his grandsons, Jacob Gill, a soldier of the war of 1812, resides near Belleville.

The present Wm. Gill gave me a list from memory as complete as he could make it of the names of Capt. Miller's company of New Berlin, Col. George Weir's regiment, 1814:

- Captain—Henry Miller. Lieutenant—John Miller. Sergeant—John Reich. Private—Philip Ruhl, Geo. Slear, Wm. Hasenplug, Wm. Myers, Christ Spangler, John Rote, J. Foster Wilson, Robert Black, Anthony Klecker, Thomas Drinbach, John Drinbach, Daniel Spigler, Andrew Cook, Samuel Hasenplug, B. Slough, Adam Specht, Solomon, of New Berlin, John Moyer Jacob Zimmerman, W. Reichly, John Norman, Benj. Williams, John Gill, Wm. Gill, Abraham Klecker, John Barber, Isaac Klecker, George Spangler, Wm. Foster, Wm. Thompson. Wm. Gill removed to Centre county in 1820, but his memory seems to be perfect on matters that occurred in his native place. His father lived near Barber's White Springs. He gave me an account of the Indians at French Jacob's Mill, now Heberling's, as he had it from Elzweier, a brother of the one killed there, commanding a detachment of men. Mr. Philip Fontaine gave it. George Elzweier, John Foster, Jr., uncle of the late Capt. John Foster, of Millheim, James Chambers and Samuel M'Laughlin were killed. He said Wm. Grenick, Wm. Fisher, and his brother were the first to be driven towards the mill. Elzweier was a little, athletic fellow, and fought hard, but was killed and scalped, and that Wm. Fisher, as he called him, was killed by a bullet in the head and struck the door post; but for his fall he would have been a dead man. (Philip Fontaine told me when he looked at the mill he had already preserved the timber riddled with bullets, and had them put on the new building.) There was but one gun in the mill. Fisher seized it and shot the foremost Indian through the neck. He supposed he had killed him; however, it so, the others carried him to the mill. Fisher said the dead were brought over to near Penn's creek and buried; but he recollected distinctly of ploughing around their graves, on one of the Barber farms, where a man, killed by falling from a girder in a new barn they were building, was buried, and that he distinctly that they were not buried at the Lewis graveyard; and to test his recollection, I asked him whether it was not on W. E. Smith's farm. He said, no, he recollected that grave yard well. It was the Lewis graveyard, where the Foxes and Kalders were buried there. This is the fact, as it is part of the Treaster tract, owned afterwards by Col. Hartley. I think it must be the Lewis church yard in the spring of 1802, and that New Berlin was laid out in 1791, and Martin Treaster built the three first houses built there.

I have for a long time tried to find out where the old Michael Treaster settlement was; but I have not been able to do so. He is mentioned among the first surveys. Mr. Gill says it was at the mouth of Tuscaraora creek, now in Jackson township, Snyder county, about two miles above New Berlin. It was two miles from the Lewis church yard, and the first mill at Seebold's, above New Berlin, was built by James Watson—he built the saw mill 1782, and the grist mill in 1786. That the David Smith mill alluded to in old papers as 1780, was purchased by Barber and Hoise of the Treaster tract, and they built a new one that Barber's little mill at White Springs was built in latter times by Col. George Weirick for Mr. Barber.

The Committee on Permanent settlements met at Centre Hall on Saturday, Aug. 31st for the purpose of receiving petitions for certificates of that degree.

Miss Sophie Keller, Prof. H. Meyer and Wm. Tobias were in attendance. But no applicants being present, the committee, after a pleasant interchange of professional greetings adjourned.

LECTURE.—Prof. Horns, of the State Normal, at Kutztown, lectured before the Centre Co. Normal, at this place, on last Tuesday evening. The interesting and novel subject was, "The Miracles of Nature," upon which he dwelt in hours, together with the rest of the audience, giving him our undivided attention, first, because he has the merit of plainness in language to make him understood by the most unlearned, and second, because the subject was a beautiful one, and was handled by the speaker in a manner to arrest attention. He referred to the astonishing and wonderful occurrences constantly produced by the laws of Nature at the command of God and the miraculous results produced by men as agents of God, many of which are to us utterly incomprehensible although occurring and re-occurring for the life of the actor, in which none can observe that they vary them, the least one from the other, we saw them, the one produces a flower of one color, the other of another and thus through the vocabulary of colors. The seeds of other flowers produce, some only one color all the time, some two, others three. How is this done? The speaker said these were miracles, and that the days of miracles did not end with the advent of Christ. He said that he had seen a more stupendous miracle performed by man in the hands of God than the wonderful miracle of the feeding of the multitude. Here he began to criticize the professor's lecture. We draw a distinction between the miracles worked by Christ and what we will allow to be termed the "miracles" or "the Miraculous in Nature." Strictly defined, we take a miracle to be something supernatural and in opposition to the established laws of Nature, while the wonderful workings of Nature which we behold every day are in perfect accord with nature's law, therefore not supernatural, hence cannot be "more stupendous" than the supernatural performed by Christ. The sacred scriptures call performers of that which belongs to Christ's miracle of feeding the multitude: he can collect the five loaves and two fishes, and he can feed a dozen of the multitude therewith, and then he prevails running out, there would remain 4888 hungry stomachs and twelve empty baskets, and here the professor said that he had seen a more stupendous miracle, all this far, nicely in accord with "the miraculous in nature." And then the professor raised the question, "Can he perform that entire; it is wonderful, but; God enable us to do it by faith?" He established the law of Nature, but none of these laws will enable the professor to feed a dozen of five loaves and two fishes, and were he ever to undertake it, there would be danger of a broad riot.

The professor illustrated his theory with some very interesting and instructive, and we should listen to him again with pleasure.

For the Reporter. Looz, Aug. 31st, 1872.

Before giving you my opinion of Michigan, I must tell you of my chicken hunt on the prairie.

I thought we would try our luck in shooting prairie chickens "on the wing." He is a very hard bird to get. I missed the first one. The second one I hit at the first place I missed the first one and the third one I shot at didn't stop worth a cent. But to make matters look well, I hit at the first place I missed the first one and the third one I shot at didn't stop worth a cent. But to make matters look well, I hit at the first place I missed the first one and the third one I shot at didn't stop worth a cent.

—A Singular Case. About two weeks ago a young man named Robert Proudfoot, of Millheim, son of Hon. J. S. Proudfoot, while employed on the Belleville and Snow-Shoe railroad, received slight wounds on two of the middle fingers of his left hand while coupling a car. A physician was called who prescribed chloride of potassium and carbolic acid as a wash for the wounds. Two days after the young man died. The deceased was about 24 years of age and highly respected by all who knew him. His funeral was largely attended—all of the railroad employees being present in a body.

DEATHS. On 22nd ult., at Berrien Springs, Mich., Mr. Geo. M. Boal, formerly of Potter twp., aged 70 years. He was a native of Pa., and resided in this county 10 months and 23 days.

ELECTION PROCLAMATION. I, D. W. Woodring, High Sheriff of Centre county, County of Centre, State of Pa., do hereby make known and give notice to the electors of the county aforesaid, that an election will be held on Tuesday, the 8th day of October, 1872, for the purpose of electing the several persons hereinafter named, to wit:

One person for the office of Governor of Pennsylvania.

One person for the office of Auditor General of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

One person for Judge of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

Three persons to represent the commonwealth of Pennsylvania in the House of Representatives of the United States.

One person for the office of Sheriff of Centre county.

One person for the office of Prothonotary, and clerk of Oyer and Terminer of Centre county.

One person for the office of Register and Clerk of Orphans court of Centre county.

One person for the office of Recorder of the county of Centre.

One person for the office of County Commissioner of Centre county.

One person for the office of Auditor of Centre county.

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