

THE CENTRE REPORTER.

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The Largest Paper in Centre County.

LOCK HAVEN Journal: The New York Construction Company, who have taken the contract to build the Williamsport and Clearfield (Saylor) railroad from the mouth of Beech Creek to Snow Shoe, are expected here this week to sublet the work. The Susquehanna and Southwestern letting will also take place this month.

Well, well, our "intellectual" neighbor, the Journal man, at Millheim, is clean out-of-sorts, and complains of the Reporter for not complimenting him. We are sorry; but such important papers as the Reporter, the N. Y. Herald, and the like, you know, can not afford to fling around compliments to the exclusion of more important things. He has been growing at us ever since New Years to put him in better humor, we say that his Journal has improved most decidedly in tone in the last three weeks, by stopping its continued begging for ponnies, sausages, mush, apples, and other truck, and taking to talk about the Reporter. This is a decided improvement, indeed—often did we think that the Overseers down there were not doing their duty.

Then our portly friend of the "intellectual" organ, seems to be crusty because the Reporter will not question his age. Why, what do we care how old you claim to be—it would not do for us to call upon you to say when you were born, it would confuse you terribly, and we can't be so cruel. As for the Reporter, we took it, its editor, books, papers, file, title, records, its democracy—soul and spirit—all that really constitutes a Journal, to Centre Hall, in '68, and went right on without interruption, commencing its new series. The dear man of the Journal has none of these—only some of the old worn-out type, which in printing office parlance, were only fit for "hell." He thinks any one purchasing the Reporter's worn out type, and setting up a hebdomadal elsewhere, could claim to be the Reporter. What nonsense from this Millheim Solomon!

He boasts of succession—Stover, Foot and B. O. D.—all sinners pure republicans, haters of democracy they abandon name of the party to look. The Reporter has always been edited by a Democrat—the Millheim Journal always by Republicans. The Reporter is always democratic, rain or shine; the Journal man shifts around with the wind.

And then the court—Judge Mayer, we believe, presiding—decided that you were no paper at all, in all this time. Still we don't growl. But he says our dixie lipist (see, we know Latin too) don't settle the matter. Yes, we say to our dignified neighbor, it does, in view of the above, and in view of the further fact that we are the only really sane man of those interested in this; you are no judge—it is generally conceded that a Jack-of-all-trades is judge and master of none. Why, he is not even a printer, and he wants to know "what's got wrong" with us; we're all right, since we are never subject to lunacy. Say you are 100 years old, good neighbor; what care we—the Journal certainly has very old looks. Now we just have before us a lengthy letter from Arthur wanting us to give him our views on Civil Service Reform, and a postal from Grant wanting to know whether we think him sound on the Fitz-John Porter case; so you see, we must drop you and pay attention to some of the other big fish too. Take the advice of a printer, keep up the present tone of your sheet, it is a vast improvement on its former sausage, wurst, saitz, and ponnoss literature. Of course your old, we concede it all in your utter lack of freshness, a regular Mathusela.

URIAH MOYER.

How the Doomed Man Contemplates the Arrival of the Fatal Day.

Uriah Moyer, the condemned man who is to be hung on the 28th of February for the complicity in the murder of the Kintzler family, views with horror the coming day of his "taking off." The following is from the Middleburg Post: "We found him sitting on his bed and his countenance showed unmistakable signs of violent grief. A few introductory remarks and the subject was approached. He seemed horror-stricken when contemplating the awful ordeal through which he had to pass, and at times wept aloud. He denied having done the killing of the Kintzler family, but made no reference to the charge of having had complicity in the horrible deed. He shuddered when speaking of seeing the hanging of his brother Jonathan on the gallows on which he is to be executed, and feelingly spoke of his aged mother. He complained that he could not read he had no way to pass his time than contemplating his rapidly approaching doom, which occupied his thoughts by day and his dreams by night. His description to us of a dream he had the night previous to our visit was most pathetic. He dreamt that his two little children now living in Schoolcraft, Mich., had called to see him and he kissed them over and over again, and while in this ecstasy of delight he awoke to find himself alone, forsaken and hopeless. With this sad picture indelibly stamped on our mind we bid him farewell and took our departure, promising him another call, which we hope to postpone until the duties of our profession compel us."

The Philadelphia and Erie railroad will be double-tracked from Lock Haven to Williamsport in the near future. Canned and dried fruit, such as you get at Sechler's grocery, is far cheaper and better than that families put up for themselves. Sechler's never get any of those goods except from the best and most reliable running houses in the country. There is a great deal of unclean and unripe fruit put up by canning establishments and sold—but you can always depend upon it, Sechler's keep none of it. A meteor of great size and brilliancy was observed from East Concord, N. H. the other day. Mayor Callier, of Salem, Mass., committed suicide at the expiration of his term of office.

For the Reporter. A WORD ON ELECTION.

A rock upon which many make shipwreck of themselves is this matter of Election. Some regard the doctrine of Election as a hard thing, making a mere machine of men. Others look upon it as a comforting truth and rejoice in it. Now in order to obtain a just understanding of this whole question, it is well for us in the first place to settle down upon this fact, namely: That the doctrine of predestination is the doctrine of God. It is part of His word. To attempt to eliminate it is to incur the anathema of His Author. We find the words "predestination," "election" and "eternal purpose" in the Book we profess to take as our spiritual guide. Now we ought to know what these words mean, and knowing their meaning we should love it. This doctrine of Election and the Bible are forever married—no law of divorce can sever them. What is this doctrine? Simply God's eternal purpose to rule his universe just as He does. And certainly if any one is satisfied with God's ruling as he does, he should not be dissatisfied with His predestination to rule just as he does. God's predestination is only His eternal plan of government—His eternal decree. And further, God's decrees affect no one but himself. They are the wise plans—eternal and unchangeable—upon which he chooses to act. To be a wise God He must be a God of order and plan, else "Haphazard" would be king. If he had had plan and order since time began then He is a changeable Being without dignity, and unworthy of our trust. If He changed once He may change again ad-infinitum. Plan God must have before there can be election on His part, or else He is the least wise of all intelligent beings in the universe. I can know his plan only when he acts. His decrees are laws for Himself not for me. There is nothing obediency or that demands my obedience or that compels me in any matter. By His eternal decrees He has determined before he acts what and how he will act. I may not enjoy His methods of doing, but He has his own ways, and He has considered them well, so that I am obliged to hesitate before I attempt to criticize the Infinite. We are never to forget that God is God, and we should always be willing to let Him be God, and not think of foisting ourselves into a position that we can never fill. The decrees of Heaven do not affect us directly because we do not know them. God has them in his own mind and we are not furnished a key to unlock that mind. The angels themselves know them not, until God chooses to reveal them. Even if I had a secret purpose in my mind that could not affect you, save in your night think I had it, and that is all. It is so, it strikes me, with God's foreordination. It strikes no one, and hence no one feels it. It affects no one at all until God carries it into execution. It is God's government therefore, that alone affects any one. If men must quarrel therefore, let them shift their position on this subject and take up arms against the government of God, His providences, etc., and cease their attacking these secret decrees of which they know nothing and which do them no harm. Rather let men obey the call of God to repentance, and He will take care of the decrees. Really, there is no antagonism between absolute sovereignty and moral agency of the freest kind. They need no reconciling. God foreordains what comes to pass—rest there. Then, too, man is a free agent. Is this contradictory? If where is the proof? God foreordained that man should be a free agent, and he is that. God's decrees give him this perfect freedom. The will is free by God's eternal decree, so that man is free when he sins, and free when he repents of sin; free when he neglects or accepts salvation; free when he chooses heaven or accepts hell. He remains in sin because he is free. But still he cannot save himself. He needs the Spirit to enlighten, to renew and enable him to "lay hold on eternal life." Cut him off from this heavenly aid, and he is hopelessly lost. Yet is he free—he sins freely; he chooses to do it. Or look at the matter in this light: The Bible tells me that God predestinates. My reason assents for I know that God is wise and must therefore have plans for his actions. Then again man is free; he knows that he is; he feels accountable for his actions. God's law as well as man's hold him accountable. He is dealt with under all circumstances as an accountable being. He must be a reasonable man, indeed, who would give himself out as irresponsible. You would send him to a mad-house at once. Here then are these two truths proved and sure. Perfectly consistent—they need no reconciling. But if God foreordains to eternal life, must men die who are saved? Most certainly. Why? Just because God foreordained that they must in order to be saved. If He has foreordained the end, He has also foreordained the means to that end. Heaven is decreed, so are the means and qualifications for it. "Whom He did foreknow, He also did predestinate," to what? "to be conformed to the image of His Son." And still more: "Whom He did predestinate, them He also called; and whom He called, them He also justified; and whom He justified, them He also glorified." See how perfect the order. Predestination covers both means and ends. If I am to be saved by God's foreordination then my repentance and faith and whole life of obedience are also foreordained. But does this leave me to do as I please and still say I shall be saved? Never! Means and ends are united. Election does not dispense with the means of Salvation, and no one can dispense with them. If a man is to be saved he will freely and willingly hear and obey in the day of God's visitation. I can not open the other world and show you your place in it, but I can tell you what must be done here and now if you would obey God. I can tell you that if you employ faithfully God's appointed means you will not fail of the end to which those means lead—even Heaven. It needs but that man be reconciled to God to secure him restful views on this much abused and grievously misrepresented question of predestination.

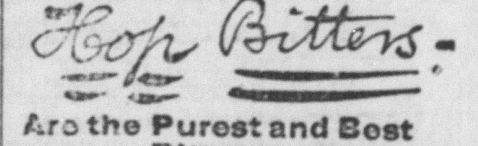
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OSCAR WILDE TAKEN IN BY BUNCO STEERERS.

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