



A. M. RAMBO, EDITOR. COLUMBIA, PA. Saturday, Feb. 20, 1864.

Advertisements to secure immediate insertion, must be handed in on or before Thursday evening of each week.

Tobacco Culture.

The cultivation of tobacco in our country and State, having greatly increased during the last ten years, has become an agricultural product of considerable importance.

In the year 1850, the quantity raised, (the entire crop of the United States,) as stated in census report, was 199,772,655 pounds.

The peculiar condition of the country at the present time, and the fact that some of the tobacco growing States are disloyal, while others are the battle-fields of contending armies, and the industry of the country is directed from its wanted channels, has turned the attention of farmers, of more northern latitudes, to the culture of this plant, the result of which will be perceived by the estimated amount of the crop, as stated by the monthly report of the Commissioners of agriculture for October, 1863.

Table showing tobacco production in 1862 and 1863 for various states including Maine, N. Hamp., Vermont, Mass., R. Island, Connecticut, New York, N. Jersey, Penna., Maryland, Delaware, Kentucky, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota, Kansas, N. B. Tex., and California.

The product of 1863, amounting to 267,302,770 pounds, or 122,510,117 pounds more than that of 1862. In addition to the present crop, there yet remains in our country, of the crop of 1862, quite 60,000,000 pounds, which, added to that of the present, or crop of 1863, makes, in the aggregate, three hundred and thirty-one million pounds.

At the remunerative prices growers have been receiving for their tobacco, during the years '61 and '62, say fourteen cents per pound, and a foreign market continues, our exports, the present year, will amount to thirty-six million dollars, for the article of tobacco alone, and will exceed, in amount, nearly one-half that of any former year in the history of our country.

Recently tobacco is being raised or grown in Europe through a wide range of temperature, from the equator to Moscow, in Russia, in latitude 56°, and through all the intervening range of climate, and may possibly, at no distant period, be a competitor with our country.

The Libby Jail Delivery.

Colonel Straight, who with one hundred and nine other Union officers recently escaped from the Libby Prison at Richmond, has safely got within our lines. A despatch from General Butler states that Colonel Straight, with seventeen of the officers who escaped with him, had arrived at Williamsburg, where our forces under General Wistar are encamped.

Our cavalry are scouting the country to the Chickahominy, and the gun-boats have gone up the James River and Chickahominy to give protection to such as can be found.

The band of scoundrels who robbed the passengers on a train of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, on Saturday night, are ascertained to have been a party of Gilmore's guerrillas, composed mainly of renegade Marylanders. An earnest search has resulted in the capture of several of the band, notwithstanding their cunning devices and stratagems to escape.

The Panic in Richmond.

Richmond was in a state of feverish excitement from midnight on Saturday up to Sunday afternoon. At midnight on Sunday the bells of the city were rung, and men were rushing through the streets crying "to arms, to arms," "the Yankees are coming, the Yankees are coming." During the remainder of the night, there was intense emotion everywhere visible.

The rumors that prevailed were conflicting and wild. It was their impression that from 8,000 to 20,000 cavalry would have but little difficulty in entering the city, liberating the Union prisoners, destroying the fords and public property, and returning by the peninsula before any sufficient force to resist them could be brought to the aid of the small garrison left to defend it, for several days previous to this alarm, the troops in and around the city, to the number of 4,000 or 5,000 had been sent off to join Lee's army, with great despatch, the impression prevailing that a movement was contemplated by General Meade. In this they were right, as during the progress of the excitement on Sunday, intelligence was received that Gen. Meade had crossed the Rapidan on Monday morning.

SKIRMISH WITH GUERRILLAS.

Death of Major Larrimer.

We learn that Maj. Larrimer of the Fifth Pennsylvania Reserve Regiment, Acting Inspector-General on Gen. Crawford's Staff, was shot dead, on Sunday last the 14th inst., skirmishing with guerrillas, about two miles east of Brentonsville. He was out with a scouting party of some fifty men of the Thirteenth Pennsylvania Cavalry, who, as they were crossing a bridge over Cedar Run at the point above mentioned, were suddenly fired upon by a band of guerrillas concealed in a pine thicket a short distance off the road.

Our men were driven back across the bridge, but there held their ground until assistance could be sent for from General Crawford's Division. Colonel JACKSON, of the Eleventh Pennsylvania Reserve, was sent out with a portion of his regiment, and on his approach the Rebels fled. Our men then recrossed the bridge to the point where they had been driven back, and brought away the body of Maj. LARRIMER, which had been left in the hands of the Rebels, by whom his horse, watch and boots had been taken.

We lost in the skirmish, besides Maj. LARRIMER, three cavalrymen killed and one wounded, and two prisoners. Lieutenant Scudder, Commissary of Colonel McCASSELL'S Brigade, is also supposed to have been captured, as he was with the party, and has not been seen since the skirmish. Several of the Rebels are said to have been killed or wounded.

We believe Maj. Larrimer was from Clearfield County Pa. where he enlisted at the breaking out of the war as a Lieutenant. He was known as one of the most accomplished military officers in his Brigade and was highly popular as a gentleman and a soldier, and his death will be deeply regretted by his numerous friends.

Mr. Duvall, a machinist, formerly of Maryland, was recently furnished by the rebel Secretary of War, with a pass for himself, wife and child, to come north from Richmond. For this pass he was offered large sums by several parties, who were doubtless anxious to dodge the rebel conscription, and one man, reported to be worth thirty thousand dollars, offered him all that he was worth for it.

Wigfall, who was reported dead, was only drunk. He has recently charged that some of the Southern farmers were actually burning their wheat rather than sell it to the Government at \$5 per bushel.

Communications.

Written for the "Spy."

A homicide has been committed. A young man has been shot down, and killed, in Columbia. The public are indignant, and wish to visit a just retribution on the heads of the guilty. All eyes are turned towards the proprietor who got up the dance. Let us examine the matter, and see if he is a sinner above all men.

I will also communicate two sudden deaths which took place lately in our County: Alexander N. Loucks, aged 17 or 18 years, son of Mr. Daniel Loucks, of Spring-garden twp., fell down dead on Tuesday last, while waiting for a bill, for a loaf of wheat, at P. A. & S. Small's ware-house in York, supposed disease of the heart.

The programme of the grand fair at York, next week has been published.—There is to be a supper on Monday evening, and concerts on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings, and on Saturday afternoon. Two of the concerts, under the direction of Prof Bentz, (vocal and instrumental,) in connection with tableaux, under the direction of ladies, on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, are to be at the Odd Fellows' Hall, when the supper also takes place on Monday evening.

Letter from Pittsburgh.

Pittsburgh, Pa. Feb. 16, '64. DEAR SPY:—Remarkable events follow each other in quick succession. Only a few days since the President's stables were burned, and not far from the same time Wistar, "killed" his Richmond "and then spied" his regards. And yet I would not speak disparagingly of his laudable effort, for what a thrill of joy would have been imparted to the heart of the loyal North, if when he "marched back again," he could have escorted the thousands of brave soldiers, now starving and dying, in those lathsome rebel dungeons. But for some purpose it was ordered otherwise, and it only remains for us to "gird on our armor," trust in Providence, and try again.

A Tax Payers Convention of delegates from all parts of our county, last week, agreed, almost unanimously, to the issuing of county bonds to the amount of \$800,000, (as soon as the necessary legislation could be obtained) for the purpose of paying bounties to volunteers, but afterwards cold water was thrown on this arrangement by an anonymous call for a convention opposed to the issue of any more bonds. As a consequence, the commissioners refuse to do anything in the matter, before legislation is obtained, and it is rendered quite probable that, during the delay, the golden opportunity for filling our quota of troops by enlistment will be lost, and a draft be inevitable.

There is an argument in favor of the Anti-Bonders, in fact, that Allegheny County already has some bonded indebtedness.

The immense debt of this county (some of which is almost repudiated) in connection with its astonishingly rapid growth in wealth and commercial importance, make the words of St. Paul more appropriate for it to us, than, probably, any other county in the State: "I would that all counties were as I am, except these bonds."

Committees have been appointed who are vigorously at work obtaining subscriptions for the payment of bounties, but with what success, I am unable to say.

For want of space I did not mention in my last, a collision between two steam tow boats, which happened at the junction of the Allegheny and Monongahela rivers, on the 4th inst. The Hawkcoiled with the Dick Fulton, sinking the latter almost immediately. An engineer who jumped from the Dick Fulton contrary to the orders of the captain, was drowned. Suit has been commenced against the owners of the Hawkcoiled for damages to the amount of \$25,000.

On Thursday, the 11th inst., the largest cannon in the world was cast, at the Fort Pitt Foundry, in this city. It was cast hollow, (Rodman's Patent) and Colonel Rodman, together with many other distinguished military and naval gentlemen, was present to witness the operation. When finished, this gun will weigh fifty-seven tons, and carry a solid shot weigh-

ing one thousand pounds. Its largest diameter is 64 inches. Professor Richards, of Providence, R. I., has been delivering, before the Young Men's Mercantile Association, a very interesting course of scientific lectures on the Atmosphere, illustrated with numerous beautiful experiments with the most approved apparatus. This greening concludes the course, which has been eminently successful and profitable.

The weather, to-day, is quite similar to that during the first two weeks of January; the air is filled with snow and the wind sweeps along almost like a tornado.

Historical Sketches.

The Founder of Pennsylvania.

Penn declared his desire to make his metropolis "a green country town;" his philanthropic disposition led him to give it the Greek name which it bears. It is a subject for regret that he did not confer upon it the fine and significant name of Coaquanock; the meaning of which we gave in the last number of this series.

The late Dr. Duponceau and Mr. Francis George Fisher, in their elaborate Memoir, read before the Pennsylvania Historical Society, declare their conviction that the treaty with the Indians which the Delaware transferred to the Englishman, but was solely a treaty of friendship and good will.

News Items.

Brigham Young is the possessor of sixty one wives.

News-papers all over the country predict the early demise of the Rebellion.

A woman in New York recently committed suicide by jumping out of a fifth story window—broke every bone in her body.

Kansas papers are all in favor of the nomination of Lincoln for the next President. He is there choice, and they "go for him."

Pekin, China, has the oldest newspaper in the world. It has been published for one thousand years, and is printed on a large sheet of silk.

Artemus Ward has prepared a new lecture, entitled "Brigham Young's Mother-in-Law, and how many there are of her."

A man on Monday purchased a militia overcoat from one of the second-hand clothing stores in Detroit, sewed inside the lining of which was in the neighborhood of \$150 in United States money. He paid \$10 for the coat, and made a nice little speculation by the purchase.

A man was arrested in New York city, a few days ago, for being a deserter from the army. The evidence was quite clear against him, but sixteen of his friends swore positively that he had never enlisted. Finally the man owned up that he was a deserter, and his slippery-tongued friends are now in prison as perjurers.

An old bachelor, a country fellow, not liking the way his landlady's daughter had of appropriating his hair oil, filled his bottle with Spalding's glue the day before a ball to which the girl was invited, and she staid at home in consequence. It was a fenshish revenge.

A queer old gentleman being asked what he wished for dinner, replied, "An appetite, good company, something to eat, and a napkin."

SPECIAL NOTICES.

DR. EYE AND EAR.—Prof. J. Isaacs, M. D., Graduate of the University of Leipsic, Bonn and is located at No. 511 Pine St., Philadelphia, where persons afflicted with disease of the Eye or Ear will be scientifically treated, and if curable, successful relief given without pain. No charges made for examination. The Med. Faculty in Philadelphia has no secrets in its mode of treatment. Feb. 1864.

TO CONSUMPTIVES. CONSUMPTIVE SUFFERERS will receive a valuable prescription for the cure of Consumption, Asthma, Bronchitis, and all Throat and Lung affections, (free of charge), by sending their address to Rev. E. A. WILSON, 700 Broadway, New York.

DR. TOBIAS' VENETIAN HORSE LINIMENT. PINT BOTTLES AT FIFTY CENTS. For the cure of lameness, scratches, wind galls, sprains, bruises, splints, cuts, colic, slipping stifle, over heated throat, nail in the foot, etc. This warranted cheaper and better than any other article ever offered to the public.

THE GREAT CAUSE OF HUMAN MISERY. Just published in a sealed envelope—Price six cents. A Lecture on the Nature, Treatment and Radical Cure of Seminal Weakness, or Spermatorrhea, induced by self-abuse; Involuntary Emissions, Impotency, Nervous Debility, and Impediments to Marriage generally; Consumption, Epilepsy, and Physical Inactivity, &c.—By Robt. J. Culverwell, M. D., Author of "The Green Book," &c.

IMPORTANT TO LADIES.—DR. HARVEY'S EXHAUSTIVE TREATISE on the various removing difficulties arising from obstruction, or stoppage of nature, or in restoring the system to perfect health when suffering from Spinal Aches, Rheumatism, Gout, the Whites, or other weakness of the Uterine Organs. The Pills are perfectly harmless on the constitution, and may be taken by the most delicate females without causing distress—the same time they act like a charm by strengthening, invigorating and restoring the system to a healthy condition, and by their use, during the period with regularity, no matter from what cause the obstruction may arise.—This is the most valuable medicine ever published, and has cured more than one million of women.

DR. HARVEY'S TREATISE ON DISEASES OF FEMALES, Pregnancy, Miscarriage, Enuresis, Sterility, Reproduction, and Abuses of Nature, as detailed by the Ladies Private Medical Adviser, a pamphlet of 64 pages, sent free to any address. Six cents required to pay postage.

TO HORSE OWNERS! DR. SWEET'S INFALLIBLE LINIMENT for horses is unrivaled by any, and in all cases of Lameness, arising from sprains, Heat, Swelling, Bruises, Inflammation, and all other ailments of the horse, is singular and certain. It will also cure speedily, Spavin and Ringbone, may be easily prevented and cured in their incipient stages, but confirmed cases are beyond the possibility of a radical cure. No case of the kind, however, is so desperate or hopeless, but it may be alleviated by this Liniment, and its faithful application will always remove the Lameness, and enable the horses to travel with comparative ease.

Every horse owner should have this remedy at hand, for its timely use at the first appearance of Lameness, will effect a permanent cure. These formidable diseases mentioned, to which all horses are liable, and which render so many otherwise valuable horses nearly worthless. Send advertisement, and receive a copy free. Oct. 31, 1863. 1y.

LIST OF LETTERS Remaining in the Columbia Post Office, week ending February 20, 1864.

Remainder of the Columbia Post Office, week ending February 20, 1864.

HOUSES FOR SALE! One gentel Brick front, and one FRAME HOUSE both in Locust street above Third.

ADMINISTRATORS NOTICE. ESTATE of Henry Heise, late of West of Hempfield township, deceased. Letters of administration, and estate in having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted thereto are requested to make immediate settlement, and those having claims or demands against the estate will present them without delay for settlement to the undersigned, residing in said township.

WANTED. A YOUNG MAN to make himself generally useful about a store, to apply at this office. Feb. 12-1864-4t

INTEREST ON DEPOSITS. THE Columbia Bank will receive money on deposit, and pay interest thereon, at the rate of 4 per cent for six months, and 6 per cent for twelve months.

FOR RENT! THE desirable Store room in "Odd Fellows' Hall." This is one of the best business stands in the Borough.

SEEK COLUMBIA INSURANCE COMPANY.

OF COLUMBIA, LANCASTER COUNTY, PA. FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT. Whole amount insured, \$2,501,435 68. Whole amount of Premium Notes, 255,821 42. Balance Cash Premiums, Jan. 1, 1863, \$21,200 31. Rec'd for Freight, less Agents' commissions in 1863, 9,832 40. Receipts for assessments last year, 2,365 02. Agents' commission in 1863, 2,365 02. Losses and expenses paid in 1863, \$15,887 79. Bal. of Premiums Jan. 1, 1864, 3,574 47. Total, \$18,887 79.

VACANT LOTS FOR SALE. THE subscriber will sell at public sale, at the Franklin Hotel in Locust street, in the borough of Columbia, on the evening of SATURDAY, the 20th of FEBRUARY, '64, the following lots:

1. A VALUABLE BUILDING LOT, in said borough, one containing a front on Mill Street 40 feet, more or less, and extending in depth seventy-six feet, and more or less, to an alley adjoining property of F. S. Bletz on the east, and an alley on the West.

2. A lot containing a front on Mill Street 20 feet, more or less, and extending in depth 112 feet, more or less to an alley, adjoining property of John Ferguson and Andrew Boller, &c.

3. A lot containing in front, on the South East side of Walnut Street, 23 feet more or less, and extending in depth 100 feet, more or less, to a public alley, adjoining property of Mrs. Sante, and property of the subscriber.

Sale to commence at 7 o'clock, P. M. TERMS—Cash on the day of the sale, with security in time of sale to complete. Col'a. Feb. 13-64-2t. S. AMUEL SHOCH.

GROVER & BAKER'S SEWING MACHINES. We were awarded the highest Premiums over all Competitors, at the following State and County Fairs.

NEW YORK STATE FAIR. First Premium for Family Machine. First Premium for Manufacturing Machine. First Premium for Sewing Machine. INDIANA STATE FAIR. First Premium for Machine for all purposes. First Premium for Machine Work. First Premium for Sewing Machine. First Premium for Family Machine. First Premium for Manufacturing Machine. First Premium for Machine Work. OHIO STATE FAIR. First Premium for Machine Work. IOWA STATE FAIR. First Premium for Family Machine. First Premium for Sewing Machine. First Premium for Manufacturing Machine. First Premium for Machine Work. ILLINOIS STATE FAIR. First Premium for Family Machine. First Premium for Sewing Machine. First Premium for Manufacturing Machine. First Premium for Machine Work. KENTUCKY STATE FAIR. First Premium for Machine for all purposes. First Premium for Sewing Machine. First Premium for Manufacturing Machine. First Premium for Machine Work. MICHIGAN STATE FAIR. First Premium for Family Machine. First Premium for Sewing Machine. First Premium for Manufacturing Machine. First Premium for Machine Work. PENNSYLVANIA STATE FAIR. First Premium for Manufacturing Machine. First Premium for Machine Work. First Premium for Sewing Machine. First Premium for Family Machine. CHITTENDEN Co. (Vt.) Agr'l Soc. First Premium for Family Machine. First Premium for Manufacturing Machine. First Premium for Machine Work. FRANKLIN Co. (N. Y.) Fair. First Premium for Family Machine. First Premium for Manufacturing Machine. First Premium for Machine Work. CHAMPLAIN Valley (Vt.) Agr'l Soc. First Premium for Family Machine. First Premium for Manufacturing Machine. First Premium for Machine Work. HENRIETTA Co. (Pa.) Fair. First Premium for Family Machine. First Premium for Manufacturing Machine. First Premium for Machine Work. WASHINGTON Co. (N. Y.) Fair. First Premium for Family Machine. First Premium for Manufacturing Machine. First Premium for Machine Work. QUEENS Co. (N. Y.) Agr'l Soc. First Premium for Family Machine. First Premium for Manufacturing Machine. First Premium for Machine Work. MONTGOMERY Co. (Pa.) Fair. First Premium for Family Machine. First Premium for Manufacturing Machine. First Premium for Machine Work. MECHANICS Institute (Pa.) Fair. First Premium for Machine for all purposes. First Premium for Sewing Machine. First Premium for Manufacturing Machine. First Premium for Machine Work. GREENFIELD Co. Union Fair. First Premium for Family Machine. First Premium for Manufacturing Machine. First Premium for Machine Work. MONTGOMERY Co. (Pa.) Fair. First Premium for Machine for all purposes. First Premium for Sewing Machine. First Premium for Manufacturing Machine. First Premium for Machine Work. SAN JOSE District (Cal.) Fair. First Premium for Family Machine. First Premium for Manufacturing Machine. First Premium for Machine Work. The above comprises all the Fairs at which the GROVER & BAKER MACHINES were exhibited this year. Sales-rooms, 435 Broadway, New York, Jan. 30, '64-4mos.

MANURES! MANURES!

Farmers Please Notice! TANKER & CLARK, are still manufacturing

PHOSPHATIC FERTILIZER, from superfine Bones, Fish Bones, and other Fertilizing materials; thus furnishing for Grains and Grass one of the most reliable manures in market. We also make a fair trial. Price \$20 per ton, for 2000 lbs.

OUR MEAT AND BONE COMPOST, made from refuse Meat and Bone, from the Slaughter House, is well adapted to promote the growth of Corn, Wheat, &c. Price \$20 per ton.

HAIR MANURE. A cheap and strong Fertilizer for the Root Crops—Price \$20 per ton. Full on or address TANKER & CLARK, S. W. Cor. 8th & Washington St., Philadelphia, Feb. 6-1864-4m.

COSTAR'S VERMIN EXTERMINATORS. For Rats, Mice, Beavers, &c. Insects, Bed Bugs, Moths in Furs, Woollens, &c. Annals of Hygiene. Put up in 25c. boxes, 50c. boxes, and 1 lb. boxes. \$3 and \$5 sizes for Hotels, Public Institutions, &c. "Not infallible remedies known." "Not dangerous to the Human Family." "Not come out of the holes to bite."

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