

Local Department.

To Correspondents.

Communications, letters, contributions, etc., of local interest and value to the readers will be acceptable from friends from all quarters.

TOWN PROPERTY AT PUBLIC SALE.

Messrs. J. & J. Vaughan offers houses and lots at public sale. See advertisement in another column.

THUMB TAKEN OFF.

Mr. Henry Fells a brakeman on the Pennsylvania Railroad had his thumb taken off whilst in the act of coupling cars, on Saturday morning last, at Downingtown Station. He was sent to his home in this place, and was attended by Dr. Craig. The wound is a very painful one.

CROWDED OUT.

We have received a communication in reference to wife-beating, which is undoubtedly crowded out. If our correspondent tells the truth, and we have no reason to doubt his veracity, the women should fall upon this wife-beater and with broom sticks chase him out of town, for such a man does not deserve the respect of decent people.

THE CIRCUS.

Everybody is going to the circus on Monday next, and it will be well for those who have not seen the large bulletin board on Front Street, to go there and examine it, so that they will learn the character of the exhibition, and while there do not forget to call at the store of I. O. Bruner. We know that you cannot leave without buying some of their cheap muslins, flannels, cassimores or creeps.

THE ELECTION.

The election in Columbia passed off very orderly. There was the usual excitement about the polls but we are glad to record the fact that no fights or disturbances of any kind took place. Each party hunted up their men closely, and many votes were challenged, touching this or that man's right to vote. Now that the election is over, and the victory fairly won, we hope that things will settle down, and that party feeling or personal hatred will no longer exist.

LARGE MEETING.

The Republican Meeting held in this place, on Saturday evening last, was the largest ever held in Columbia. The torchlight procession and illumination was grand and imposing spectacles, and was participated in by thousands. Speeches were made by Hon. Thaddeus Stevens, Gen. J. W. Fisher, Alex. H. Hood, S. A. Wylie and others. The Democrats also had a meeting on Monday evening, which was well attended. Speeches were made by H. M. North, Esq., Hon. I. E. Heister, and others.

DOING A GOOD BUSINESS.

Judging from the crowd we see wending its way to and from the store of Maltby & Case, and packages carried away by customers, we are at once infer that they are doing a good business. Wm. G. Patton with his host of clerks is always ready and willing to show goods, and will sell them as cheap as the markets will allow. Call and examine their large assortment of all kinds of merchandise as they have an immense stock to select from.

A CONTEMPTIBLE OUTRAGE.

There appears to be a set of unprincipled and lawless characters about Grubb's Furnace, in the outskirts of the Borough. Whiles Mr. Robert Hutchinson was passing that place on Tuesday morning last, some of the men employed at the furnace, who believe, fell upon him and beat him in a shameful manner. Mr. H. is a quiet, peaceable citizen and fully able to defend himself, but when several persons attack one man, the stoutest can be overcome. There was not the slightest provocation for the outrage, and we hope the soundreils will be made to feel the law.

DASTARDLY ACT.

As the Columbia Zouaves were returning, in special train, from the Union Republican meeting in Marietta, on Monday night last, some malicious scoundrel or scoundrels, placed pignion upon the railroad track, near Grubb's Furnace, thereby endangering the lives of all on board. The engine passed over the obstruction in safety, but one passenger car was thrown from the track and somewhat injured. Fortunately no one was seriously hurt. Had the train been running at the usual speed a great loss of life would have been the result. If the perpetrators of this dastardly and inhuman act are discovered, it is to be hoped that the severest penalty of the law will be inflicted.

FATAL RAILROAD ACCIDENT.

Rob't Allison, a flagman, on one of the freight trains of the Penna. Railroad was killed, a short distance below Steamboat Station, on Thursday night last. His train had stopped, and he went back as is the custom to flag approaching trains, when he fell asleep on the track, and was crushed to death beneath the cow-catcher of the next train, which was approaching slowly around a curve, but the Engineer did not see him, or his light, in time to save his life. The deceased was sent to his home in this place, where he has a family. He was an honorably discharged soldier, having served out one enlistment in the Army and two in the United States Navy.

Strange to say, there has been a number of persons from this vicinity who have been engaged in many a hard fought battle during the rebellion, who come home and been killed on the railroad.

COUNCIL.

Met Oct. 5th. A. Bruner, Jr., Present, in the Chair. Present, Messrs. Bachman, Gossler, Green, Mullen, Suplee, Wilson and Wilke. Mr. Green announced the death of Henry Brandt, one of the members of Council, and moved that in respect for the memory of the deceased the business for which the Council had assembled be postponed. The motion was carried.

FIVE DOLLAR REWARD.

A Watch Key, having a purple stone in the centre, and which the owner values as a keepsake, was lost on Saturday evening, 6th inst. The above reward will be paid on leaving it at W. U. Hess's Book Store.

TORCHLIGHT PARADE AND ILLUMINATION.

An impromptu torchlight parade was gotten up by a number of citizens, on Wednesday evening last. The Zouaves companies paraded the streets accompanied by a number of citizens, with torches etc. After marching through the principal streets they came to a halt in Locust street below Second, where short but appropriate speeches were made by Col. W. G. Case and Levi Ellmacker, Esq. Many of the stores and private residences throughout the town were brilliantly illuminated. Many private residences on Locust and Second streets were tastefully decorated and made a handsome appearance. The enthusiasm was very great, rockets and roman candles sent forth their glaring light to tell to benighted people that a great victory had been won. Serves them right.

NEW RULES FOR BASE BALLERS.

The following rules should be adopted by all the Base Ball Clubs in Columbia. The Reading Dispatch, which we copy them from, has full force in that city.

The Managers.

Sec. 1.—The game when played at all, to be on the anniversary of some other day, and be continued until nine innings are played, if the players are not an equal number that time. To be conducted strictly in accordance with the laws of the Metes and the Persians, and Code Napoleon, the City Ordinances, and the regulations of the Board of Health.

Battling.

Sec. 2.—No player to be allowed more than one hour to run a base.

Pitching.

Sec. 3.—Players to have the privilege of catching their balls in hats or caps, but the use of peach baskets to be positively prohibited. No pitcher to be allowed to throw a ball, which is to be doctored before used.

Putting Players Out.

Sec. 4.—Any player caught out without his right key or a permit from the Clerk of the Councils, to be taken charge of by the city police, placed in the collar and furnished lodgings in David Jones's Looker.

Outing.

Sec. 5.—Should the "pitchers" become cracked during the game, a new one to be procured from Mullen's Grocery store. Provided, that his dog does not stand the pitcher's dinner, and make a "home run," otherwise it shall be purchased from the nearest grocery.

Conveyance.

Sec. 6.—Omnibuses to start for the first base every half hour, and ambulances to be ready at convenient points to carry out the wounded.

Reporting.

Sec. 7.—In order that there may be a correct report by the witnesses after the reliable manner of war correspondents, the paper reports to be positively prohibited from approaching the grounds.

OUR BOROUGHS ELECTION.

The following is the vote of Columbia Borough for Governor and other offices. It was the largest vote ever polled in the town; there being ten hundred and thirty-nine votes cast;

GOVERNOR.	
John W. Geary.	106
Hooper Clymer.	317
ASSOCIATE JUDGE.	
Peter Martin.	104
Samuel D. Beer.	314
CONGRESS.	
Thaddeus Stevens.	191
Samuel H. Reynolds.	163
SENATORS.	
Esaias Billmeyer.	193
Joseph P. Fisher.	193
Archie Collins.	152
W. Hayes Grier.	161
ASSEMBLY.	
David G. Steay.	193
Andrew Armstrong.	193
Samuel D. Beer.	193
John M. Stelman.	195
Lewis Howell.	195
John C. Martin.	195
Charles J. Rhodes.	195
Thos. J. Coulson.	195
SHERIFF.	
Jacob F. Frey.	195
Henry D. Waltman.	193
PROTHONOTARY.	
William L. Bear.	196
William S. Berry.	195
REGISTER.	
David Miles.	196
Henry Stauffer.	195
RECORDER.	
Isaac Hollinger.	196
James McMullen.	195
CLERK OF QUARTER SESSIONS.	
Jacob M. Grider.	197
J. H. Hegener.	195
CLERK OF ORPHANS' COURT.	
John Q. Meade.	196
COMMISSIONER.	
Christian H. Nissley.	196
Jacob York.	196
DIRECTORS OF THE POOR.	
John K. Reed.	196
Stephen Grassinger.	196
Benjamin Misher.	195
David Shaw.	195
PRISON INSPECTORS.	
Henry M. Musser.	196
Jared A. Sweigart.	195
John M. Atter.	196
J. C. Bucher.	194
CORONER.	
George Leonard.	195
Adam Dillan.	195
AUDITOR.	
George W. Hensel.	196
Daniel Leforve.	195

Nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.

A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand. But it shall not come nigh thee. Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold. And see the reward of the wicked.

Because thou hast made the Lord which is my refuge. Even the Most High thy habitation. Then shall no evil befall thee. Neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.—Psalm xci: 10.

MR. EDITOR.

You have had so much to say about Doctors lately in the columns of the Spy that our mind has naturally turned in this channel, and we therefore propose to touch upon the science of physic. We never knew a physician recommend himself to the public through the papers, who did not claim some sisterly compliment to embellish his knowledge in medicine, and indeed it would seem as necessary to physic as the gliding to a pill.

We once saw an advertisement of one who had studied thirty years in medicine, and light for the good of his countrymen.—Had he studied as much longer by daylight, he perhaps never would have been noticed; and were we to be no longer deceived. Some gain great reputation for physic by their birth, as "the seventh son of a seventh son," or some "native" city. A very ingenious Dr. Cramer, in a postscript, turned of mind, succeeded by removing an old door plate, and substituting the following:

Within this place Liver Doctor Case, and is said to have acquired a princely fortune. We know one fellow, very hard up, succeeded in getting an admittance for a large reward, for a favorite dog he had lost. It is needless to say that the dog was never found, but that patients were cured, and they testified their particular respect and esteem for the Doctor.

Ordinary quacks and charlatans are thoroughly sensible how necessary it is to support themselves by these collateral arts, and therefore will be sure to commend the imaginary perfections and unaccountable artifices by which this tribe of men make the uneducated stare, and sometimes suspect, and ridicule. Such indeed, is the "spirit of quackery." We have reason to believe, Mr. Editor, that this habit of exaggerating the value of one's own skill, and the employment of various indirect means to attract attention and applause, is by no means confined to the ignorant and grossly unprincipled. Do we not sometimes see it in the conduct of those who profess high positions of trust and responsibility? Do we not see it among the "regulars?" 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