

Local Department.

To Correspondents.

Communications, letters, contributions, gentility of spirit and interest to the reader, 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. J. 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. Whits 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 scoundrels 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, piggion 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 is discovered, it is to be hoped that the severest penalty of the law will be inflicted.

FATAL RAILROAD ACCIDENT.

Robt 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, Messrs. Bachman, Gossler, Green, Muller, Supplee, 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. The following preamble and resolutions were then offered by Mr. Supplee and unanimously adopted: Whereas, It has pleased an All Wise Providence to remove by death our old and beloved fellow Councilman Henry Brandt, therefore

Resolved,

That we share in the general sorrow which this event must produce, feeling that we have lost an energetic co-laborer, and the community a citizen who had won its regard and confidence as a faithful advocate and supporter of all measures tending to promote its best interests. Resolved, That we deeply sympathize with his family in their sad bereavement. Resolved, That the Chief Burgess, the Council, and Officers of the Borough attend his funeral in a body.

Resolved,

That the resolutions be entered on the minutes of the Council, and the Secretary be instructed to furnish a certified copy to the widow of the deceased. On motion, adjourned.

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 Blinnaker, 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, is a full force in that city. The following are the rules: 1.—The game when played at all, to be on the anniversary of some other day, and to be continued until nine innings are played, if the players are not satisfied with the result, that time to be conducted strictly in accordance with the laws of the Medes and the Persians, and the regulations of the Base Ball Association. 2.—No player to be allowed more than one hour to run a base. 3.—Players to have the privilege of catching their balls in hats or caps, but the use of peach baskets to be positively prohibited. 4.—No bats may be used which are "fly" balls, or "bat" balls. 5.—All "foul ball" to be doctored before used. 6.—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 Lodging.

OUR BOROUGH ELECTION.

The following is the vote of Columbia Borough for Governor and other officers. It is the largest vote ever polled in the town; there being ten hundred and thirty-nine votes cast: NORTH WARD. SOUTH WARD. GOVERNOR, John W. Geary, 193, 353; Heister, 106, 317. ASSOCIATE JUDGE, Peter Martin, 104, 314; Samuel P. Decker, 107, 314. CONGRESS, Thaddeus Stevens, 191, 351; Samuel H. Reynolds, 105, 316. SENATORS, Elias Billmeyer, 193, 353; Joseph P. Fisher, 103, 315; Archibald Collins, 105, 316; W. Hayes Grier, 104, 315. ASSEMBLY, David G. Steay, 191, 353; Andrew Armstrong, 103, 315; John M. Steinhilber, 105, 316; Lewis Housell, 105, 315; John C. Martin, 104, 315; Charles J. Rhodes, 104, 315; Thos. J. Coulson, 104, 315. SHERIFF, Jacob F. Frey, 105, 318; Henry D. Waltman, 105, 313. PROTHONOTARY, William L. Bear, 106, 319; William S. Deery, 105, 315. REGISTER, David Miles, 106, 319; Henry Stauffer, 105, 315. RECORDER, Isaac Hollinger, 106, 319; James McMullen, 105, 315. CLERK OF QUARTER SESSIONS, Jacob M. Grider, 107, 319; J. H. Hegener, 105, 314. CLERK OF ORPHANS' COURT, John Q. Meador, 106, 318. COMMISSIONER, Christian H. Nissley, 106, 318; Jacob Yohn, 106, 315. DIRECTORS OF THE POOR, John K. Reed, 106, 318; Stephen Grisinger, 106, 318; Benjamin Misher, 105, 315; David Shaw, 105, 315. PRISON INSPECTORS, Henry M. Musser, 106, 318; Jared A. Sweigart, 105, 318; John M. Miller, 106, 315; J. C. Bucher, 105, 314. CORONER, George Leonard, 105, 318; Adam Dittow, 106, 315. AUDITOR, George W. Hensel, 106, 318; Daniel Lefevre, 106, 315.

THE CHOLERA.—A PREVENTIVE.

As so many of the newspapers of all kinds have published infallible cures or preventives of this much dreaded malady, we feel called upon also to do our part toward the mitigation of human suffering and especially toward the calming of human fears. The prescription which we shall give, so far from being original, is the oldest in the world. It is also a true panacea, being as applicable to one form of pestilence as another. We are sure, however, that it is a better than anything that we have ever seen. The physicians are very often jealous of the interference of clergymen with their peculiar province, but in this case we hardly think that they will charge us with intrusion. This grand prophylactic is found in an old poem, of which we give the more applicable portions: If that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress. My God, in Him will I trust, Surely He shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence. His truth shall be thy shield and buckler. Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness.

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: 1-6.

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 sister accomplishment to embellish his knowledge in medicine, and indeed it would seem as necessary to physic as the gilding to a pill.

We once saw an advertisement of one who had studied thirty years in medicine for the good of his countrymen.—Had he studied as much longer by daylight, he perhaps never would have been noticed; and there would be no need of physic. Some gain great reputation for physics by their birth, as "the seventh son of a seventh son," or some "native" city. A very ingenious Dr. Currier, possessing a peculiar turn 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 a large reward, had lost it. It is needless to say that the dog was never found, but that patients were induced to give their property to a whole front of a muntebank's stage decorated with patent certificates, medals and seals, by which the great and the small, who thought they were getting their property in respect and esteem for the Doctor.

Ordinary quacks and charlatans are thoroughly sensible how necessary it is to support themselves by these collateral means, and therefore do not care to be numbered among the imaginary perfectionists and unaccountable artificers by which this tribe of men make the uneducated stare, and sometimes indignantly exclaim, "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 get popular 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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