

Local Department.

To Correspondents.

Communications, letters, contributions, generally of merit and interest to the reader, will be acceptable from friends from all quarters.

We are requested to state that the purchase of the property of E. K. Smith, Esq., was published in another paper without his authority or consent.

FLOUR STORE SOLD.—Mr. Daniel McCauley has purchased the flour and feed store of George Brandt, in Locust street, above Fourth. See Advertisement.

THE HOLIDAYS.—Fendersmith is just opening a beautiful assortment of fancy goods, suitable for the holiday season.—Call and see them. He bought at the low prices. Advertisement next week.

A MONSTER TURNIP.—Mr. Andrew Baker, engineer of the Lancaster train, sent to our office a few days since, a monster turnip. It weighs six pounds, two ounces, and measures twenty-nine and a half inches in circumference. It was raised by Mr. Silas Rambo, of Pequea, Lancaster County, Pa.

COLUMBIA MARKETS.—Butchers are offering 13 to 14c. per pound for best cattle, and 12 to 13c. for hogs. Chickens are selling at 75c. to \$1.00 per pair; turkeys \$1.25 to \$2.50 a piece; eggs 35c. per doz.; butter 20c. per pound; lard 19c. to 22c.; potatoes \$1.00 to \$1.25 per bushel; flour \$13 to \$14 per barrel.

INCANTORABLE.—That is a de'il o' a long word, but it takes long words, and long lists of them too, to express, (not Adam's) all the excellencies of Booth's (not the assassin) tobacco and cigars. And it is nearer right, than any other store in Columbia. See advertisement.

TWO QUESTIONS EASILY ANSWERED.—Why should men wear beards? Because they are a great protection to the throat and lungs, and add much to the personal appearance. Why should persons buy their goods at the store of I. O. Bruner?—Because he keeps a good assortment and sells them at cheap rates. Go and see his frosted beavers, for ladies cloaks, just received.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.—Bridal presents; presents for your daughter, son, wife, friend or sweetheart, at Springer's jewelry store, Columbia. He has the "Ristori necklace," a new thing just out. Read his advertisement, then go and purchase. He has an elegant stock of fine jewelry and fancy articles.

AN EVIDENCE OF PROSPERITY.—The Chester Valley Union, published at Coatesville, Pa., has been greatly enlarged and improved. They have lately put in operation a power press, and now publish one of the largest, as well as the handsomest newspapers in Chester County. This is a telling evidence of prosperity.

NEW STATIONERY.—Our friend W. U. Hess, of the well known Columbia Book Store, is always getting up something new and novel. He has just purchased in the Eastern markets, a handsome assortment of goods in his line; also, novelties in the way of Christmas presents. You can read his advertisement in another column, without spectacles.

"THE RAILROADER."—This is the name of a paper published in quarto form, by Peterson & Co., of Cincinnati, Ohio. It is devoted to the railroad interests of the United States, and contains valuable literary matter for all classes. It gives the name of all the principal railroads, with names of officers, table of distances, maps, &c., &c. Every railroad and business man should take it.

NEEDLE EXTRACTED.—Dr. A. Craig extracted a needle from the thigh of a child about 10 months old—son of Constable McGinnis, on Wednesday last. It had been suffering for some time, when Mr. McG. made an examination, and found a small lump on the thigh. Dr. Craig was sent for, who cut it open and extracted a large needle. The supposition is that the child had swallowed it.

THE RIVER.—There was quite a freshet in the Susquehanna during the fore part of the week. Sunday and Monday, the water raised to a fearful height, carrying off rats, lumber, cord-wood, &c., from along our shores. The river was higher than for some years past, though we believe no damage was done, further than above stated. The Steamboat "Callie" made her regular trips, although there was some difficulty in finding a landing place for her passengers.

LEBANON VALLEY COLLEGE.—Great has been the success of this school. It is one of the best institutions of the kind in the State, and Lebanon County may well be proud of such a college. The public examination of the classes for the present session, will take place on the 17th, 18th and 19th inst. The winter and spring session will commence on Monday, January 7th, 1867. Parents wishing to secure a school where their children will have a pleasant home, with thorough instruction and careful discipline, should visit Lebanon Valley College.

SALES OF REAL ESTATE.—We learn that Dr. F. Hinkle has purchased the handsome residence of E. K. Smith, Esq., on Second Street, adjoining the Methodist Church. We are glad to hear this, as it secures to the Doctor a handsome residence, and to Columbia, a clever gentleman and skillful physician.

Col. C. S. Kaufman purchased from J. L. Pinkerton, of this place, the farm of about 100 acres belonging to the heirs of N. D. Pinkerton, near Waynesburg, Chester County, Pa., for \$6000. It is said to be a valuable iron ore tract.

INSURANCE.—Mr. F. X. Ziegler, of Columbia, has been appointed agent for the Home Insurance Co., of New Haven, Conn. The Home is a first-class company, with a capital of a million and a large surplus.—Policies are written and delivered by the local agents, and the losses are promptly adjusted and equitably paid by the traveling agents of the company. The Home issues policies for one, three or five years, on all classes of insurable property, and issues policies perpetually on first-class dwellings, churches, court houses and school houses at low rates as security and safety will admit of.

UNCLAIMED LETTERS.—Letters remaining in Columbia Post office, unclaimed up to this date: Ladies List, Miss Mollie Bigger, Miss Mary Bender, Miss Mary B. Brennan, Mrs. Julia Ann Duck, Miss Elizabeth Gray, Miss Dorotha Harris, Miss Lucinda McGilinger.

Genlemen's List.—Joshua Boyd, R. Binkley, John Anderson, Henry H. Abraham, H. Eley, Grabbill Hershey, Henry Hughes, Samuel R. Kennedy, August Lutz, A. Laurons, Henry Moon, Wesley O'Neil, George O'Neil, Smith & Co., L. D. Shuman, A. W. Wistler.

HANDSOME HEARSE.—A few days ago we examined an excellent and handsome hearse, made for Mr. John Shamborger, undertaker, of this place. It was made at the steam carriage works of Christian Myers, Esq. Every portion of the work was put up under Mr. M.'s supervision, and it is said, by all who have seen it, to surpass in beauty of proportions and elegance of finish, anything of the kind yet made in this part of the country, and speaks well for the skill of Columbia mechanics. It is constructed on a principle very original, and is relieved of those disagreeable appearances which are peculiar to most vehicles of the kind; while at the same time the coffin is fully exposed to view, resting on a beautifully arranged table standing on a small truck, in the centre. Under the coffin, and on the table are arranged small rollers which raise the coffin clear of the table. The outside of the body is artistically carved with scroll-work extending around the glass, forming a chaste and beautiful frame-work for the same. The inside is trimmed with black cloth, with heavy bullion fringe and tassels. The oval glass to the sides is about 38 by 80 inches. The back has double doors, and is made to correspond with the sides, with oval glass in each. There are two sets of drapery, white and black. It was built at a cost of one thousand dollars. The ready great celebrity of Columbia carriage-makers will be readily conceded by this specimen of their handiwork. A similar one is being built for Mr. George Seibert, of this place.

CROSBY OPERA HOUSE.—Some one is bound to be the lucky possessor of the great Opera House in Chicago; besides this, many thousands of dollars worth of valuable paintings will be drawn. The Opera House is valued at more than half a million of dollars. Who knows but that someone in Columbia will get this valuable prize? Go to E. Springer, Front street, Columbia, and purchase a ticket; with each share purchased you get a valuable picture, and stand a chance, with others, of drawing a valuable prize. It is announced that the drawing will take place on the 21st of January 1867. It is no humbug—it will be conducted honestly and fairly. There is still an opportunity left to subscribe, and those who have not yet done so should act promptly, as the books will require several weeks' preparation in the way of adjustment on the day of drawing. So we advise all who are in any way devoted of luck, and all who are accustomed to the manipulation—adroitly, we mean—of cards, like some of our friends, and who respect chance, in any shape, not to lose another moment in purchasing their certificate or certificates. They are not that one fortunate number. If they do not, they are at least sure of having a fine engraving worth the \$5 or \$50 they invest.—We can say no more. If we had that Opera House, we feel convinced that we might say a great deal more. Feeling this, we have determined to purchase another certificate in the great game so many are entered upon with Fortune for becoming a millionaire.

INDIAN RELICS EXHIBED.—In the excavations now being made by the Reading & Columbia Railroad Company, on the old site of the Susquehanna-Planting Mill, the remains of many Indians have been exhumed. Occasionally the workmen discover relics which appear to have been deposited with their bodies at interment. The present week they have discovered the skeletons of several bodies, together with an earthen bowl in a good state of preservation and curiously wrought, and which, to the antiquarian, would be an object of interest. The location on which these ancient relics are found, is situated on the property recently purchased from the heirs of John L. Wright, dec'd, directly on the river bank, and the old dwelling which has so many historical associations of olden times connected with it.

Who knows but that the exhumed bones make some of the living of to-day shudder? Many of our citizens are aware that in the days of "Know Nothingism" and "Thuggery," political parties had a midnight rendezvous in that vicinity, at a place called the "Owl's Nest." Then and there some unwilling victim, not wishing to make the usual sacrifices, might have been taken out at the "west gate" and ignominiously murdered. Who knows?

SSQUEHANNA FIRE COMPANY.—At a special meeting of the Susquehanna Fire Company, held in their hall, on Wednesday evening the 5th inst., the following resolution, offered by H. S. Hershey, was unanimously adopted: Resolved, That a committee of three (3) be appointed to confer with the Trustees of the Vigilant Fire Company in reference to removing our engine &c., to Second street, and also to see if a consolidation of the two companies can be effected.

The chair appointed Messrs. H. S. Hershey, Geo. Beagle and A. Bruner, Jr. The same committee were authorized to have the Susquehanna house cleaned, and the apparatus put in order. Mr. Beagle then reported that two bells, one from engine and one from reel had been stolen; whereupon it was resolved that a reward of \$50 be offered, \$25 for the return of said bells, and \$25 for the arrest and conviction of the thief or thieves. On motion of H. S. Hershey the meeting adjourned, to meet on next Wednesday evening, December 12th, at 7 o'clock, to hear report of committee, &c.

A FRIEND OF POPULAR EDUCATION. For the Sp. I am informed that P. Goslar, A. S. Green, Andrew Melhauff and W. P. Lockwood have made a purchase of a tract of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, through which it was contemplated to extend a street from the end of Fourth to the corner near the dwelling of the late Henry E. Wolfe. In the event of said street being opened it would give an extensive frontage on said street. An association recently organized for the purpose—was in negotiation for the same—but the surprising fact is now announced that certain "land sharks"—home speculators—of late advent, have appropriated this fine opening for an extension of our borough; and will make it one of private property.

Our community had hoped that the Building Association would have secured this property and have been able to offer to our mechanics and laborers an opportunity to purchase lots at an opportunity would have secured to the mechanic or laborer, a good lot for the nominal sum of \$1000. The association, however, has been disappointed, but the association of Mr. Melhauff of Philadelphia, with the enterprising gentlemen above named, fixes the fact that fossils are yet governing our progress.

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PRICES OF COAL.—The following are the prices of coal, delivered, from the yard of Bruner & Moore:—Balt. Co., No. 3, stove, \$6.25; Balt. Co., No. 2, egg, \$6.25; Balt. Co., No. 1, broken, \$6.00; Balt. Co., No. 4, range, \$6.00; Balt. Co., No. 5, nut, \$5.00; Lykens Valley, stove, \$6.50; Lykens Valley, nut, \$5.25; Shamokin, stove, \$6.00; Shamokin, nut, \$5.00; Shamokin, red ash, \$4.75; Maryland Anthracite Co. \$4.75. Shamokin coal for sale by car, at Sunbury, for \$2.25 for prepared \$2.00 \$2.15 and \$2.25 for nut.

RESIGNED.—Mr. Harry N. Zook, has resigned his place as Conductor of one of our passenger trains, and has accepted a more favorite position, as engineer of fast-line, running between Philadelphia and Harrisburg, via Mount Joy. Mr. Zook was one of the most popular Conductors on the Pennsylvania Railroad, and his resignation is greatly regretted among the traveling public. His place is filled by Mr. Ed. Chase, who is a polite, attentive gentleman, and an experienced railroad man.

BEWARE OF PORK.—The Cincinnati Gazette says it is a well known fact that the hog cholera is prevailing to a considerable extent throughout the country, and adjacent to that city, and pork is suffering a considerable decline from anticipated prices. It is the practice of many pork owners to kill the hogs when first attacked with the sickness, and send them for sale in the daily market. This is an outrage to which no adequate name can be given, no one will pretend to deny. We chronicle the fact in order that people may take measures necessary to protect themselves.

WANTED.—An exchange has the following: Wanted—One hundred and seventy-five young men of all shapes and sizes, from the tall, graceful dandy, with hair enough on his upper lip to stuff a barber's cushion, down to the little hump-back, freckle-faced, bow-legged, carrot-headed scoundrel. The object is to start a gaping corps, to be in attendance at the church doors on each Sabbath, before the commencement of divine service and at the close, to stare at the ladies as they enter and leave the church, and to make delicate and gentlemanly remarks upon their person and dress. All who wish to enter the above corps will appear at the different church doors next Sunday morning, where they will be duly inspected, and their names, personal appearance, and vandy of brains registered in a book kept for that purpose.

For the Sp. The Proposed Public Library. Mr. Editor.—Young America is coming up, and holds a reading individual. He has in him as well as stomach. He needs and he must have a mental restaurant. My boy is putting up his hands to the sides of his head and is distressingly crying out: "My goodness, my goodness! Shall the youth starve? He has made up his mind not to do so! Books he will have, and books are going to be forthcoming. If the old dot does not get them the young themselves will."

For the Sp. SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL.—Met December 4th, A. Bruner, Jr. in the chair.—Present—Messrs. Bruner, E. Green, G. Beagle, Hershey, Mullin, Supple and Mullin. Mr. Goslar stated that a \$1000 which had been ordered by Council was a substantial meet the expenses of the borough, and suggested that a loan of \$1000 be authorized, and that a committee be appointed to report a plan for a new market house, and the cost of building, &c. Mr. Goslar moved that the committee be authorized to report a plan for a new market house, and the cost of building, &c. Mr. Goslar moved that the committee be authorized to report a plan for a new market house, and the cost of building, &c.

For the Sp. Parents and the Public Schools. This Public Schools are the common property of the borough, and every one who pays school taxes is interested or ought to be interested in their success. Now, no one can really know what the schools are without visiting them. To many parents the public school is a mystery, and they are often troubled by looking after them for so many hours of the day.—Even if this is so, surely parents should be anxious to see whether or not the children are comfortable, whether the teachers are fit and pleasant. A visit on the part of the parents to the school house, would do them good; it would increase their interest in the school. The teachers would be gratified. I never go to the school without hearing expressions of gratification from the teachers. Too often parents send their children to school, and then wonder why they are not doing better; and this being the case, it is easy to find things in the schools which will do better. One of the best ways to better things, would be for all who are interested to make themselves familiar with the schools by an occasional visit to them. I do not suggest, Friday afternoon as the best time for this. Last session the pupils were gathered in the large lecture room, every Friday afternoon, and engaged in a very interesting and profitable session, which was participated in by the greater number of the pupils; at which time the standing of the scholars was announced. I know not what the result of this session, but I believe it is. This occasion would furnish a good opportunity for parents, directors, teachers and scholars to come together, and I do not not, much good would come of such face-to-face acquaintance.

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TEMPERANCE MEETING. MR. EDITOR.—Although it is going back beyond a week to refer to this meeting, yet I cannot deny myself the pleasure of saying a word in regard to the new and fervent spirit which that occasion developed. I can truly say that few if any meetings, sacred or otherwise, held in our town for a long while, resulted in such pure and blessed experiences as that of the meeting. The result is certainly something new. It had the savor of the Pentecost accompanying it. It was attended by those who were there would be repeated. So excellent was the effect that it was felt upon the spot that other similar meetings should be held, so the spirit of the people might not be repeated. Held in a similar manner. A Temperance prayer meeting has, therefore, been appointed for Monday evening, to be held in the Good Templars' Hall, with the exception of next Monday evening, when the Public Temperance Association will hold its meeting in that place. Let us hope that the speakers said, "this movement, which God can be asked to bless. Let His blessing then be asked, and if His blessing is asked, it will be granted."

IN MEMORIAM.—At a meeting of the Lutheran Sunday School, on Sunday last, the following resolutions were adopted on the death of Jeffrey S. Brundt: Whereas, In the mysterious working of His Providence, our heavenly Father has called from among us our beloved and ever faithful scholar, Jeffrey S. Brundt, and death having thus entered our happy fold, and taken from us one of our best and most faithful scholars, we are painfully reminded of our frailty in the midst of life we are in death; and as we deeply feel the loss we have sustained by this sad affliction, therefore be it

Resolved, That while we mourn that death has taken from our midst, one so young, so good, and so faithful, with such a bright future just opening before him; and one who was always at his place in the Sunday School, earnest and faithful in studying the Word of God, and who was loved by all around; we feel that what to us has been a loss, to him was an eternal gain.—And now while we mourn, he is happy in the presence of the Father, whom he loved to serve, and whose praises he sung in the Sabbath School, on earth.

Resolved, That we teachers and scholars will cherish his memory, and endeavor to emulate his example of faithfulness to duty in the school, and patience and faith in the working of God's will, and pray that his dear and redeemed of the Lord in the great Sabbath School in heaven.

Resolved, That we tender to his family and friends our heartfelt sympathy in this their affliction, and pray that He who doth all things well, may dry the tears of sorrow, and bind up the broken hearts by the rich consolations of His grace; and that here upon earth, they formed a united and happy family, in the brighter world they may meet the loved one before, and again visit with our dear family around the throne of our Common Father.

Resolved, That the School room be draped in mourning for thirty days, as a token of respect to our dear friend, and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family and also be published in the Columbia Spy.

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A communication from the Secretary of Council, asking for an extra allowance for his services during the present year was read and on motion referred to Finance Committee.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. HOLIDAY PRESENTS! SPRING HAS JUST RETURNED from the city with a large and well selected Stock of Goods, suitable for the coming Holidays.

SILVER & PLATED GOODS, Suitable for Holiday and Bridal Presents.

FINE GOLD WATCHES, AMERICAN AND GENEVA.

ELIGANT FANCY GOODS!

AMERICAN WATCHES! In GOLD and SILVER CASES.

RISTORI NECKLACE, AT SPRINGER'S JEWELRY STORE.

LEBANON VALLEY COLLEGE. THE SECOND SESSION OF THIS INSTITUTION WILL COMMENCE ON THE 7th day of January, 1867.

BOOTHS! WHEN the great Bedford County Orator said Switzerland had her Winklered, Scotland her Bruce, and America her Booth, he should not have referred to the assassin of Abraham Lincoln, but to the greatness of Booth, the TOBACCONIST, of Locust Street, who keeps the best and largest assortment of SEGARS and TOBACCO in the market.

FLOUR & FEED STORE. THE UNDERSIGNED, HAVING PURCHASED the Stock on hand, and taken the Flour and Feed Store lately occupied by George Brandt, Locust, above Fourth street, Columbia, Pa., will continue the business at that place, and respectfully solicit the patronage of his friends, and the public in general.

BEST FAMILY FLOUR that can be procured. Also, Rye Flour, Corn Meal, and Buckwheat, with FREDS of different kinds, all of which he will sell as low as possible, for CASH!

PARRY'S Golden Mortar Drug Store is the HEADQUARTERS for

Ring's Ambrosia!

RESTORE GRAY HAIR, PREVENT ITS FALLING OUT!

PARRY'S GOLDEN MORTAR DRUG STORE, FRONT STREET, COLUMBIA, P. A.

Valuable Real Estate at Public Sale.

THE UNDERSIGNED WILL EXPOSE TO PUBLIC SALE, at the Franklin House, in the Borough of Columbia, at 7 o'clock P. M., on Saturday, December 29th, 1866.

Public Sale. WILL BE SOLD AT PUBLIC SALE, at the well known Grain, Rake and Agricultural Implement Manufactory of the late firm of G. W. Brandt & Co., in Chestnut, near Walnut street, Columbia, Penn'a.

A RARE CHANCE. Valuable Real Estate at Public Sale.

NOTICE TO BUILDERS. TO BUILDING COMMITTEE AND OTHERS. THE plan of a new fine and cheap Building Stone is at

NOTICE. THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR NINE Directors of the NATIONAL BANK OF COLUMBIA, will take place at their Banking House, on the SECOND TUESDAY of JANUARY, 1867.

CROSBY OPERA HOUSE, ART ASSOCIATION. The Date Determined. The day on which the final distribution will positively take place, is JANUARY 21st, 1867.

We, the undersigned, a Committee appointed to conduct the awarding of Premiums to the Members of the Crosby Opera House Art Association, have been authorized by the Management to announce MONDAY, January 21st, 1867, as the time when the FINAL AWARD of all the Premiums shall be made, without further postponement.

A CHRISTMAS PRESENT FOR YOUR CHILD! One Certificate, with "The Apple Gatherers," and the chance of a Premium worth \$400.00!

A CHRISTMAS PRESENT FOR YOUR DAUGHTER! One Certificate, with "The Little Wanderer," and the chance of a Premium worth from \$500 to \$600.00.

A CHRISTMAS PRESENT FOR YOUR SON! One Certificate, with the new Engraving, "Westward, Ho!" and the chance of possessing the Crosby Opera House!

A CHRISTMAS PRESENT FOR YOUR WIFE! Two Certificates, with "The Merry and Literary Friends," and two chances of Premiums worth from \$500 to \$600.00!

A CHRISTMAS PRESENT FOR YOUR DAUGHTER! Three Certificates, with Huntington's "Mercy's Dream," and three chances of Premiums worth more than half a million!

A CHRISTMAS PRESENT FOR YOUR SON! Four Certificates, with the Chromograph, "The American Autumn," and four chances of premiums worth from \$500 to \$600.00!

A CHRISTMAS PRESENT FOR YOUR DAUGHTER! One or twenty certificates, with one or twenty chances of making her almost a millionaire! As well as chances of becoming the possessor of the Crosby Opera House, and a constant Meyer, worth \$3,000!

A CHRISTMAS PRESENT FOR YOUR SON! Worth \$2,000, or hundreds of other pictures by the leading Artists in America.