

Columbia Sp. Co.

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Columbia, Pa.

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The world at large do not understand the mysteries of a newspaper; and, as in a watch, the hands that are seen are but the passive instruments of the spring, which is never seen; so, in a newspaper, the most worthy causes of its prosperity are often least observed or known. Who suspects the benefit which the paper derives from the enterprise, the vigilance and the watchful fidelity of the publisher? Who pauses to think how much of the pleasure of reading is derived from the skill and care of the printer? We feel the benediction of printing, if they exist, but seldom observe the excellencies.

We eat a hearty dinner, but do not think of the farmer that raised the materials thereof, or the cook that prepared them with infinite pains and skill. But a cook of vegetables, meat, pastries, and infinite vendons, has a paradisiacal office in comparison with an editor! Before him pass in review all the exchange newspapers. He is to know all their contents, to make for other eyes the matter that requires attention. His scissors are to be alert, and clip with incessant industry all the little items that together form so large an interest in the news department. He passes in review each week every State in the Union, through the newspaper lens. He looks across the ocean, and in strange lands, and following the sun, he searches all round the world for material. It will require but two seconds' time for the readers to take in what two hours' search produced. By him are read the manuscripts that swarm the office like flies in July. It is his frown that dooms them. It is his hand that condenses a whole page into a line. It is his sternness that restrains sentimental obituaries, that gives young poets a twig on which to sit and sing their first lays.

And the power behind the throne, in newspapers as in higher places, is sometimes as important as the throne itself. Correspondence, occasional or regular, stands in awe at that silent power which has the last chance at an article, and may send it forth in glory or humility. And, in short, as the body depends upon a good digestion, so the health of a paper depends upon that vigorous digestion which goes on by means of the editor.

The Mierces of Mining in White Pine.

The California papers are full of notes devoted to White Pine, the new silver discovery. Here is an extract: "At one station the party halted for a square meal of coffee and a camp oven. After waiting a few minutes, the landlady came to the door and stepped out, 'Room for four!' Our informant went in with three other men, and they knelt around a flat box, which the hotel keeper had turned down on the ground. On the top were four basins of strong coffee, and by each dirty tin was a dirty black biscuit and an egg. The coffee and eggs were good, and the biscuits were good on the outside, that is, the exterior had to choose between two evils—die out of the top crust, dough under it. Each loaf was like a cream cake, perfectly soft inside. The hungry men tore off the top crust, and after blowing, scraping and rubbing it to remove the alluvial deposits, put it down with a gusto and torrents of strong coffee. The inside masses of dough were left by each man's basin. When the men had finished their meal, and while they were kneeling, their host put his boot-pegged and greasy hand over the box, and spoke again, 'Four dollars!' He was paid. Plump went the silver into his pouchy pocket, and pop went the four masses of dough back into the oven. As soon as a new crust was baked over them, eggs cooked, and the basins were refilled with coffee, four more hungry men knelt down, ate of the crust, rejected the rest of the dough for another baking, and paid their dollar each for the meal. It was calculated that one more stage load of customers would finish the biscuits, and put the landlady to the trouble of kneading a new batch."

Important to Grocers.

The Internal Revenue Record says that a number of grocers, in different parts of the country, have got into trouble through instantation or through ignorance of their obligations, under the revenue laws, with regard to articles liable to stamp. For the information of all such, we would state that sardines, anchovies, prepared mustard, syrups in bottles, jams, jellies, meat and fish sauces, colognes, cosmetics, etc., are liable to stamp duty, whether made in the United States or imported. The stamp must be affixed on each article offered or exposed for sale. Sardines, anchovies, sauces, syrups, prepared mustard, jams and jellies, are subject to stamp according to the weight of each package; a one cent stamp if the package does not exceed two pounds in weight, and a stamp of an additional cent for every pound or fraction of a pound in excess of two pounds in weight. The penalty for each offense. Dealers should bear this in mind.

The first known case in which a diplomatic appointment, actually made by President Grant, has been colored.

That of Mr. J. R. Clay, the colored Louisiana, nominated for the mission to Liberia. Mr. J. M. Langston, another colored man, whose capacity, education, and habits, render him every way fit for the post, is likely now to receive the nomination. Should he decline, the President would be careful not to tender it to any of the white men about Washington—unless he wants it promptly taken.

Have we a Democratic party among us?

It is the inquiry of the Louisville Courier. Denial! The Tammany National Convention sent it sky-high, last July—an independence day.

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AT PRIVATE SALE.

The subscriber being desirous to remove from the neighborhood, would offer his FARM and FLOURING MILL situated on the banks of the Susquehanna River, in the State of Maryland. The property is located in West Harwood township, near the junction of the Potomac and Susquehanna Rivers, in the State of Maryland, and is situated on a high and healthy site, and is well adapted for the purpose of raising stock, and is well adapted for the purpose of raising stock, and is well adapted for the purpose of raising stock.

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