The Columbia Spy.

Saturday, JULY 23, 1870.

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

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

BOROUGH LOCALS.—In these times of dear ice it is worth knowing that among the various methods for keeping and making water cool, none is much better or easier than that practised in the East. The water is put into jugs, bottles or wine coolers, which are placed in buckets filled with salt and saltpetre, and then turned rapidly until the water almost reaches the freezing point.

The "heated term" is drying everything—animal and vegetable—nigh unto death and mint-juleps, umbrellas, linen clothing, cucumbers, cholera morbus, sherry-cobblers and the thermometer at 95 degrees in the shade; are the luxuries of the season.

Doctress Hannah Bosley is rusticating at Long Branch. She advertises in the Long Branch *News*.

There was a "fall" in potato custard at the Franklin House one day this week.

If you want to know the price of gold bonds &c., during these war times, stop at the Columbia Deposit Bank. The bulletin board is up for the use of the public.

The damages sustained by Robert Hayes by the late fire, have been repaired, and 'Bob" is selling groceries as cheap as ever.

Remember Allen Richards, the paper hanger.

Any of our town people preferring stale bread can have their taste gratified by sending to Pompeii; there they have lots of loaves which were baked over eighteen hundred years ago.

Frank S. Rice, now a Cadet at West Point Military Academy, writes that four of the new class of thirty-six members, accepted from ninety-six applicants, are Printers. One of the officers at the Academy states that never to his knowledge, has a printer been rejected because of mental disabilities or unfitness, although applicants have been numerous from the "craft." This speaks well for the intelligent class.

A $5 note was lost by a child about ten days ago, on Locust, Second, Cherry or Third streets. The finder will be rewarded by returning it to this office.

Blackberries sell freely at 5 cents a quart.

Jos. Mifflin has been selected to make a survey of the route proposed for a new railroad, between New Holland and Waynesburg.

The annual camp-meeting of the M. E. Church will be held near Landisville, commencing on Tuesday 26 inst.

The Susquehanna Iron Company employs between 150 and 175 men—running full. The imminent war between France and Prussia has a tendency to advance the price of iron already. The war may do for our protection, what Congress has partly undone.

The *True Democrat* must have had reference to Columbia when it said that: Good clean streets, alleys and pavements, add to the beauty and health of a town.

Several of our citizens intend spending next week at Cape May. Thank you, we can't spare the time.

There were two Editors, several Congressmen (in embryo,) three members of the Legislature, and a dozen or two of Recorders in town during the week.

With a perfect reorganization of the board, with competent, efficient and energetic officers, and with an obliging and reliable executive officer, the Secretary, the Columbia Insurance Company must rapidly regain the confidence of the people, and be re-established in credit at home and abroad.

Max Bucher, the Grocer.

Messrs. D. J. Wallings, Max and J. C. Bucher, and their families and others, held a pic-nic and sociable on Friday afternoon and evening, on the island.

Cheap printing of all kinds at this office. Bill Heads, Letter Heads, Blank Work, Envelops &c., &c., at shortest notice. Ten reams of fancy French and hand-made paper on hand, especially for note heads.

It is known to be a dangerous symptom of declining equilibrium when a young man kisses a young lady in the parlor, before the rest of the company enter.

The contract for building the Town Hall has not yet been awarded.

Franklin W. Mehaffey of Mariotta, graduated at Pennsylvania College, a few weeks ago, and we understand intends to read law with H. M. North, Esq.

A horse with buggy attached ran down Union street, to the railroad on Thursday evening, and there met the R. R. & C. R. R. track, going at full speed, and bouncing the buggy over the ties. He was caught on the track, before serious damage was done.

The Columbia Insurance Co. insures as low as any other reliable company, and will accept no specially hazardous risks; hence insurance in it is very desirable and perfectly safe.

Large balloon posters adorn our hotels and reading rooms, announcing that all of "Little York" will go up in a balloon on next Saturday, weather being favorable. The *Zeronaut* will take with him two Yorkers and a cat. The public are invited to attend and spend their money.

A young man from Drytown tried to hook fast to a young lady one evening this week, but was ruthlessly *turned* away.

During the rain storm on Wednesday evening, the lightning struck a defective rod on Musselman's mill, on the Marietta pike, following the rod to the second story, entering the building and completely tearing out a window, frame and all. The lower half of the rod had fallen down some time ago, and the proprietors had neglected to replace it. H. H. Heise, agent of the Penna. Lightning Rod Company, has been engaged to put on a new rod.

UNCLAIMED LETTERS.—List of letters remaining unclaimed in the Columbia Post Office, up to this date. Persons calling for these letters will please mention that they are advertised in the SPY:

Gents List.—Jole Whitman, Jas. Walker, P. Willis, Mr. Warner, H. W. Fechmeyer, B. C. Thomas, Charles Snyder, William Shoy, N. W. Saniple & Co., Bayard Rinehart, John Reetz, John Riter, Wm. Patterson, James M. Quod, D. H. Meads, D. S. Lille, James Lacus, James Simmons, T. P. Lewin, Thomas Sedward, Robert Winkade, Daniel Bierly, S. S. Hart, E. B. Heis, H. McGeigan, L. Fush, Hiram Eagle, Sam'l Daure, D. H. Dewey, John Dodd.

Ladies List.—Lillie S. Young, Mary Snyder, Elizabeth Shetter, Mary Shuman, Charlotte May, Susan Kauffman, Martha Havens, Hannah Dolley, Annie Whitney, Maggie Billey, Susan Boght.

FISHING PARTY.—A fishing party of 25 Lancaster gentlemen, accompanied several scientific gentlemen spent four days on the Susquehanna, near the mouth of the Tucquan. They camped out, had two large tents, rations for four days including eight kegs of lager, a minstrel troupe, moonlight concerts, campfires, artists to photograph the different groups, and a good time generally. Several hundred people from the neighborhood as well as from other parts of the country visited them during their stay in the wilds. The projectors of the trip will accept our thanks for an invitation to accompany them, and our regret that we regret that we were unable to do so.

—S. S. Detwiler, Esq., desires us to express his gratitude for an invitation, or "general order," to join the party, as well as his regrets that circumstances would not permit his acceptance.

THE LAST SERMON.—Rev. B. J. Douglass will close his official ministration at the Episcopal church, on Sunday (to-morrow.) The theme for this occasion will be "The Protestant Episcopal Church, the only remedy for the evil of Sectarianism." All are invited. Mr. Douglass is undecided as to his future location, but wherever he goes he will bear with him our best wishes, and kindest regards of the whole community.

THERE was no rain in Lancaster city on Monday evening, the evening of the great shower here, as will be seen from the following from the *Intelligencer* of Tuesday:

The residents of our city who thought that the high wind and cooling breezes which prevailed last evening between 8 and 10 o'clock were precursors of rain, were doomed to disappointment, as the rain did not come.

WE take pleasure in calling the attention of our readers and more particularly those to the inventive and industrial classes of the advertisement of Messrs. Barber & Co., in another column. They have opened an establishment at 529 Chestnut st, Philadelphia, which supplies a much needed want and their method of business and liberality commend them to the public.

WE present our compliments to our readers this week, and ask that they examine the printed slip on the paper containing the address. It shows up to *what date* their subscription has been paid, and as our terms are $2 a year *in advance*, they can easily calculate their indebtness, an remit.

OUR friend HENRY E. WOLFE put UPP that prince of berry hucksters, J. S. Smith, of Chestnut Hill, to bestow upon us a box of huge blackberries, which he *did to our* utmost satisfaction, and the gratification of a very natural taste.

THE bootless and shoeless are urged to read our columns of new advertisements to-day. They will find something to their advantage.

RELIGIOUS.—Services in the E. E. Lutheran Church, on next Sunday, morning and evening 24th, inst. Sermon in morning, by the Pastor; subject, "The Bible."

CONTRACT AWARDED.—The contract for furnishing the lumber for St. Anthony's Church, Lancaster, has been awarded to F. S. Bletz, of this place.

EVERY Mechanic, every workingman, everybody should read Sullivan's "Protection to Native Industry," a voice against free trade, in the land of its birth.

NEW PAPER.—The Coatesville *Union* says that a new paper is to be started in that Borough, under the title of the Coatesville *Times*. The same authority states that it is to be printed in Lancaster city.

WITH the thermometer at 95 and 100, with ice melting in your mouth, with perspiration pouring down over your face, at the rate of several quarts a minute, the coolest thing you can do, is to go to Bachenheimer's and get cheap clothing.

PUBLIC SALE.—Dr. S. Atlee Bockius will sell to day at public sale at his residence, No. 349 Locust Street, a fine lot of Household and Kitchen Furniture, A Schumacher Piano in perfect order, Trotting Wagon, Cottage Set, Carpets, Beds and Bedding besides numerous other articles, will be disposed of.

INGRATITUDE of the basest nature might be charged against us, if we did not acknowledge the receipt of a can of home-preserved peaches bestowed by one of "ye fair ones,"—*a la* calico surprise party. It was a rare treat, and both cooling and refreshing this warm weather.

THE FASCINATING GAME.—Judging from the excitement over a game of croquet at the Despatcher's office on Monday evening, the game is very fascinating—or some of the players are. It is a very pleasant field sport, and as a comfortable (!) exercise during this cool weather, it surpasses anything ever before introduced.

THE funeral of Philip Heubner who died on Friday morning last, took place on Sunday. Susquehanna Lodge of I. O. of O. F., and I. O. of Druids, of Columbia, attended in a body.

A Lodge of Druids, from York, accompanied by a band, came in a special train to attend the funeral, and left again at 6 o'clock.

OUT OF TOWN.—Prof B. C. Unseld left town on Tuesday for Florida, Oregon county, New York to attend a Normal Musical Institute which will continue about 6 weeks It will be conducted by Theo. F. Sword, the editor of the *N. Y. Musical Gazette*.

Prof. Unseld expects to visit the "Hub" and several other places of Musical importance before his return to Columbia.

MESSRS. Bachman & DeHuff have suspended in their office a large and very fine lithographic view of "Alton Terrace," the new summer resort at Downingtown, burned down sometime ago. The location was a lovely one, and the magnitude and elegance of the building, together with its surroundings, scenery, plan of grounds, topography of country and accessibility by rail would have made it a leading resort.

ENTERPRISE.—John Fendrich knows what judicious advertising will do. Recently he had his windows tastefully guilded by Brimmer, the Painter. Then the "Indian" was re-dressed in moccasin and feathers. Then came heavy ornamental side and end awnings. His store now looks like a business place, and Fendrich knows how to do it. Judicious advertising in whatever form it may be done, *will pay*, and here is an instance.

PERSONAL.—J. R. Watkins, Special Agent for the Union Mutual Life Insurance of Maine has been spending the week in Columbia.

J. M. Graybill of the First National is out of town, and *Supposed* to be rusticating in Montgomery county.

Hon. O. J. Dickey, Col. Franklin and G. M. Kline, Esq., of Lancaster were in town on Wednesday, on professional (legal) business.

HOW TO MAKE BUSINESS LIVELY.—The Pittsburg *Post* says;

We were waited upon yesterday by one of the most liberal advertisers in *The Post*, who complained his advertisement displayed to double its usual size during the dull season, prefacing his remarks with the statement that business was rather dull now, and that is the way he took to liven it up—had always found it paid. He is one of our most enterprising and successful merchants, always sells his goods at the lowest prices, and perfectly understands where, when and how to advertise.

SPENDING MONEY.—Some one writes, both gracefully and forcibly: "I would be glad to see more parents understand that when they spend money judiciously to improve and beautify the house and ground *about it, they are paying their children a* premium to stay at home as much as possible to enjoy it; but when they spend money unnecessarily on fine clothing and jewelry for their children they are paying them a premium to spend their time from home, that is in those places where they can attract the most attention and make the most display."

ANOTHER BANK FOR COLUMBIA.—By an advertisement which appened in the Lancaster *Intelligencer* and Harrisburg *Patriot*, notice is given that application will be made at the next Legislature, "for the incorporation of a Savings Bank, with discounting, depositing and safe trust privileges," under the name of "The Columbia Dime Savings Bank," and to be located in Columbia, in the county of Lancaster, with a capital of $25,000, with the privilege of increasing it to $100,000."

Who the incorporators will be, remains to be found out, when the charter is granted.

GOLD UP.—The vagaries of the gold and bond market can be accurately ascertained each day at 10 A. M., and 2 P. M. by calling at the Columbia Deposit Bank. The officers of this Institution have erected a large bulletin board, which shows *the latest quotations*, twice each day at the hours above named, of gold, silver, stocks, bonds, &c. The public, and business men especially are invited to call in and note quotations. In view of the European complications, and the sudden fluctuations of the money market, this will be quite an accommodation. Often the progress of the conflict on the other side may be noted by the fluctuations on "boards."

(In the hunt for locals this warm weather we find nothing that so well expresses an editor's anguish as the following.)

Ninety-nine in the Shade.

A MIDSUMMER ODE.

Oh for a lodge in a garden of cucumbers!
Oh for an iceberg or two at control!
Oh for a vale which at midday the dew cumbers!
Oh for a pleasure trip up to the Pole!

Oh for a little one-story thermometer,
With nothing but Zeros all ranged in a row!
Oh for a big double-barrelled hydrometer,
To measure this moisture that rolls from my brow!

Oh that this cold world were twenty times colder!
(That's irony red hot it seemeth to me,)
Oh for a turn of its dreaded cold shoulder!
Oh what a comfort an ague would be!

Oh for a grotto to typify heaven,
Scooped in the rock under cataract vast!
Oh for a winter of discontent even!
Oh for wet blankets judiciously cast!

Oh for a soda-fount spouting up boldly
From every hot lamp-post against the hot sky;
Oh for proud maiden to look on me coldly.
Freezing my soul with a glance of her eye!

Then oh for a draught from a cup of "cold pizen!"
And oh for a resting place in the cold grave!
With a bath in the Styx, where the thick shadow lies on
And deepens the chill of its dark running wave!

FEMALE SELECT SCHOOL.—The Misses Chamberlin, we are pleased to notice, will open a select school for young ladies, in Smith's Building, No. 137 Locust street, on the 1st of September. Their card appears on the first page of to-day's paper. As there announced, they propose only to take a limited number of pupils and adapt the course of training so as to make it most thorough and comprehensive, and will bend all their energies to make the enterprise a success.

From what we have learned, this school has been started at the solicitation of some of our citizens, who are anxious to provide just such instruction for their daughters. The Misses Chamberlin come with the most flattering recommendations, and spontaneous testimonials. They are ladies of the finest culture and taste, and are well qualified to supply a want so long felt. If properly encouraged, which we trust they will be, their enterprise will be made a permanent feature of Columbia. We cordially commend the undertaking to our citizens, as in every way worthy of their liberal support.

COUNCIL.—Council met on Friday evening last, Messrs. Crane, Baker and Patton were absent.

The Finance Committee presented the following report:

Peter Gardener's damage from Co. License and Fine rec'd from Chief Burgess,		$138.00 34.00
Receipts from Market House,		52.00
Proceeds of note, discounted,		989.33
Rec'd from S. B. Clepper, Tax Col.		3,620,75
		$4,834.18
Overdraft last month,	$141.30	
Orders cashed,	927 47	
Gas Bills for the Quarters,	130.55	
Coupons paid,	70.00	
Note,	1000.00	2,334.42
Bal. in Treasury.		$2,499.86

The Gas Committee presented the following proposition from the Gas Company, in relation to the price of gas.

The company will furnish Gas to the borough for one year at $18 per lamp to be used all dark nights from dark to 10 o'clock P. M. If lamps are permitted to burn longer than 10½ an extra charge will be made. If any new lamp is raised by the borough, Gas will be furnished it for six months without charge, but after that $16 per year.

The Sanitary Committee reported that it was necessary for the borough to secure a Potters Field as it is imperative that the present one should be vacated.

The Chief Burgess reported the corner of Fifth and Union streets a very bad neighborhood, and that the crowd generally congregated there was too large for the Police force of the borough to attack, and asked that Council would give him power to employ a sufficient force to arrest the rowdies there congregated.

On motion of Mr. Bletz, it was

Resolved, That the Chief Burgess be permitted to employ any number of men at such times as he may require them to arrest all disturbers of the peace in the borough.

Mr. Minich proposed to take $100.00 damages for loss of his horse falling into a ditch on Locust street. The subject was referred to the read Committee.

A supplement to the ordinance to prevent riding or driving on the pavements was passed, which allows the "backing of wagons upon the pavements, provided planks or boards are placed under the wheel."

The Fourth street bridge question was referred to a Committee consisting of Messrs Bletz, Patton and Hippey.

On motion of S. S. Detwiler, it was

Resolved, That the proposition from the Columbia Gas Company, in relation to the price the Company proposes to charge the borough per quarter for all Street lamps, be referred to the Gas Committee with instructions to make inquiry how much other Boroughs, Towns and Cities pay per lamp and what length of time the lamps are kept burning.

Resolved, That the time be extended from July 15th to August 15th, for the abatement of five per cent., on all taxes paid prior to that time.

Resolved, That the unrented Market stalls be referred to the Market Committee to rent at such prices as they may think best.

On motion of Dr. Craig, it was

Resolved, That the matter of the amount paid for removing the bones of Mrs. Santee and Wm. Rochow be referred to the Finance Committee with instructions to collect the amount from the above named persons.

On motion of Mr. Nourse flag crossings on Third street north of Walnut and across Walnut east of Third, were ordered to be laid immediately.

County Items.

Wm. Keller, who resides in Breneman's Court Lancaster, was struck on the back of the head with a brick, and knocked senseless on Sunday evening last.

On and after the first of August next, the citizens of Adamstown, Union Station and Reamstown, Lancaster county, will be supplied with a daily mail from Reading, via. the Reading & Columbia R. R.

Benj. Groff, a farmer, residing in Drumore twp., about a mile and a half south of Quarryville, died suddenly on Friday morning of apoplexy.

The summer house on the premises of M. Bibbus, in Hiestand's Division, was destroyed by fire at one o'clock on Saturday morning. The roof of the dwelling house of Mr. B. took fire, but flames were put out before much damage was done. It is not known how the fire was set to the building. There was an insurance of $150 in the Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company on the property.

At Litiz, Friday night, Augustus Kreiter got out of bed, as is supposed, in his sleep, *and fell out the second story window of his* residence. He was discovered in the morning lying in an insensible condition, with his head badly cut and surrounded by a pool of blood. At last accounts he was in a critical state.

There is on exhibition at the Jewelry store of H. Z. Rhoads & Bro., a very ingeniously constructed piece of mechanism, made by Mr. Thomas R. Pixton, a workman in Messrs. Rhoads' establishment. The machine is enclosed in a glass vase, near the top of which is a jeweled watch, keeping time; under the watch is a train of miniature cars running on a circular railroad and passing through a tunnel. In the foreground is a girl pumping water and a man splitting wood, while near him is another man, working with a jackplane. In a cottage near by sits a young lady at a window, looking at a workman, but if *you* look at her she modestly closes the blind, which is quickly opened by her scowling mother, who leaves in high dudgeon and sends her colored servant to order you away! The motive power is concealed in a walnut case and was all made by Mr. Pixton, to while away his leisure hours.—*Lancaster Intelligencer*.

The Annual examination of the Soldiers' Orphan school at Mount Joy, was held on Monday last.

The Litiz hops commenced on Thursday evening. The two fairies were there. Columbia hops are not ripe yet.

Lancaster has a *white* chicken thief. Oh! "what a fall was there my countrymen."

Elizabethtown is to have a "Farmer's National Bank," the first institution of the kind in the place.

A new barn belonging to Tobias Sechrist, on the Washington road about 1 mile from Millersville was struck by lightning on Monday night, and with its contents entirely destroyed. Two horses perished. The estimated loss is $4,000, on which there is no insurance.

The light was quite bright, and caused an alarm of fire here in Columbia. The fire engines were out—but not very far. Two of the Lancaster Companies were at the fire, but arrived to late to render any assistance, as might be supposed. Mr. Sechrist is of that class who believe it is wrong to protect property by insurance or rods. When will superstition yield to science?

Pequea chickens have the cholera, gapes and other diseases. Wm. Colony, near White Horse found that his chickens were affected with attacks from 5 full grown minks, all living *comfortably in a* neighboring wood pile.

A horse belonging to John Stauffer of East Earl dropped down and died suddenly from the effects of the heat, one day last week.

Re-organized.

We are pleased to announce in our issue of this week, that the Columbia Fire Insurance Company has been thoroughly reorganized, with a new board of Officers and Directors as follows:

OFFICERS.

President—S. S. Detwiler.
Vice President—Hiram Wilson.
Secretary—J. W. Fruecauff.
Treasurer—Herbert Thomas.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

S. S. Detwiler.	Herbert Thomas.
Hiram Wilson	Robert T. Ryan.
J. B. Bachman.	Jas. Shroeder.
Robert Crane.	J. S. Strine.
Wm. Patton.	Abr. Bruner, Jr.
M. M. Strickler.	J. F. Fruecauff.

It had become apparent to a large number of the managers, that the affairs of the Company had not been directed with that economy, carefulness and prudence, which should mark the management of an institution of so much importance as this, both locally, and all over the state. A thorough and careful investigation was made into its standing by disinterested parties of character, experience and skill as accountants, who reported at length to the Directors the assets and liabilities of the Corporation. From this report enough could be gathered to restore unlimited confidence in its solvency, and its ability to pay off every dollar of just liability, and to take a new start in its field of usefulness. After several meetings the management was entrusted to the board of officers and directors named above.

The board has levied an assessment, large enough to pay off all debts of the company, has abolished all unnecessary expenses, and have since re-organization taken new insurances on the mutual plan, thus strengthening the Company by increasing the amount of its notes. Believing that in order to successfully solicit business from abroad, the Company must first establish its confidence at home, where its managers are known, they confidently appeal to the citizens of Columbia, and to the people of Lancaster county for aid and patronage. The assets amount to upwards of *three hundred thousand* dollars. In the past 10 years it has paid upwards of $325,000 for losses. All honest and legal claims will be promptly settled and paid, but claims believed to be fraudulent will be carefully sifted and justly disposed of.

The Company insures on the stock and mutual plan, but will for the present decline *all specially hazardous risks*, confining them to dwellings, farmer's and merchandise risks. Columbia, with the well known enterprise of her citizens, with 13 furnaces, several rolling mills, with such banking institutions as the Columbia National, First National and Columbia Deposit Banks, with other industries as well as the business incident thereto should be able to build up and continue to sustain, a first class Fire Insurance Company, such as the Columbia, under the new management must become. A new life has been infused, and a new determination to make it one of the most reliable as well as the strongest company in the state. This can, and we know will be done. The company desires to secure the services of first class men throughout the state to act as agents in their several localities; such persons should address the secretary of the Company by mail *or apply in person*.

—Maj. J. F. Frueauff, the new Secretary of the company is a gentleman well calculated to inspire confidence, and win the patronage of the business community. Apart from his administrative qualifications, he is a man of the finest literary taste and culture, having spent three and a half years in Europe in the pursuit of his studies. He studied awhile at Berlin, and subsequently graduated at Heidelberg with the degree of D. C. L. The degrees at this eminent institution consist of 4 classes—the first being the highest, and rarely conferred on foreigners. Maj. Frueauff is the only American, whom the faculty has ever honored with that degree—an honor alike to himself and his native land. Upon his return to America he opened an office in Easton, and engaged in the practise of the law; combining with it some interest in the insurance business, which at that time was receiving so much attention. At the breaking out of the rebellion, he was among the first and most ardent in rallying in defence of his flag. At Chancellorsville, while serving on the staff of Gen. Devens, he was wounded, but soon after rejoined his command. At Gettysburg he commanded the 153 Reg't. Pa. Vol's, and here as well as during the whole campaign, he served with marked distinction. In 1866 he resumed his practice, and was upon the organization of the World Mutual Life Insurance company appointed its general agent for Pennsylvania. The World exhibits all the strength and prosperity of companies many years its senior, and is now considered one of the most reliable inexistence. Maj. Frueauff will continue his official relations with this company and attend to its business as before.

We congratulate our citizens upon a change which has been the means of bringing into our midst a gentleman combining such rare social and business qualities as one who is eminently calculated to restore the credit of the Columbia Fire Insurance Company, and thus maintain the credit of our town. Anything like a failure of this company might justly be regarded by us a public calamity, as it would involve not only the credit of the corporation but the good name of the town as well. All should be willing to avert such a disaster. Maj. Frueauff is determined to leave nothing undone which will increase the prosperity, and the credit of the company, at home and abroad. We can pay him no higher compliment than is contained in that oft quoted saying, "the right man in the right place."

THE Columbia *Spy*, of last week, charges us with copying their locals without giving credit. We have no knowledge of appropriating any locals from the columns of that paper, but *if* we have, we ask pardon, and will try to avoid it in future. In the same issue of the *Spy* we find at least three items among the locals that we have seen in other journals, previous to that issue of the *Spy*.—Does the *Spy* steal?—*Wrightsville Star*.

The *Star* man has suddenly found out that he has "no knowledge." He had not made a confession of it before, hence last week we "stirred" him up slightly. The above is a part of the result. The other part consists of twenty-two lines of valuable (?) local matter devoted especially to the *Spy*. The *Star* is illuminated with an editorial (?) entitled "Duty on Iron," which corresponds *verbatim et literatim*, with a like editorial in *Father Abraham* of this week. The article of course is original with the *Star*, as *Father Abraham* was published a day or two *earlier*.

Twinkle, twinkle, little *Star*,
How I wonder what you are,
Up above the world so high,
Like a——in the sky.

THE COLUMBIA AND PORT DEPOSIT RAILROAD.—The work on this railroad is progressing. The track is laid to a point north of the mouth of the Octoraro creek, and Mr. Hutchison, engineer, is now engaged with a corps of men in permanently locating the route of the road from Peach Bottom to Columbia. We are glad to hear that this important enterprise is being pushed to completion. The new road will be a benefit to the people of Fulton, Drumore, Martic and Conestoga townships and will greatly facilitate the shipment of the farm products of those townships to the ports of Baltimore to Philadelphia. By means of this road the slate of the Peach Bottom quarries can be shipped in all directions, and a new impetus will be given to this important and growing branch of industry.—*Intelligencer*.

ALMOST A DISASTER.—Several mischievous boys built a fire in one of the streets of B. B. Martin's lumber yard on Thursday, on either side of which, and only a few feet from it; were piles of well seasoned lumber. The smoke attracted the attention of several of the yard hands, who reached the spot in time to prevent what might have been a general conflagration. Such mischievous fellows cannot be too severely dealt with.

[For the SPY]

THE TRAVELER.

From Washington to Columbia.

Of all the ills that e'er beset a man,
Point to worse trials, reader, if you can.

From Washington to Baltimore the wayfarer enjoyed a very pleasant trip. Good, easy riding carriages, polite attendants, and even road are the blessings encountered on the Washington Branch of the B. & O. R. R. At "the city of monuments" one invariably feels at home, and the inclination is to remain, a day or two, and enjoy a drive through its avenues and Parks at eventide where and when the elite do most like to congregate. All this was enjoyed by the sojourner for a short season, and the only regret remains to haunt him, is that a limited time only was allowed by business engagements.

The next move was Eastward, by way of the Northern Central R. R. Having, as was thought, diligently sought to familiarize himself with the departure of each train, and becoming satisfied in his mind, through representations made by the clerks of Barnum's City Hotel and the Maltby House, as taken from a schedule, of the arrival and departure of trains, conspicuously displayed for the guidance of the traveler—he prepared to take "the 3.30 P. M. accommodation direct through to Columbia, Pa.," and checked his baggage accordingly. This was on Saturday the 16th inst.

It is useless to tell the height of the mercury, as all were familiar with the roasting weather of the 16th, 17th and 18th. Suffice to say he was in time at the "Ticket Office," Calvert Station, and as was asked for—he received "a through ticket to Columbia." Precisely at the appointed time I bid farewell to the depot and was off. Business of importance induced an anxiety to travel fast, and with this part of the programme, no fault can be found. About three hours travel brought us to York, Pa. Who has not heard of York(!)? For my part I care never to hear of it or see it again! But this is premature in my narrative.

"Where are you going Mr.?" asked a rather impertinent and inquisitive individual beside me, just before we reached the "haven of rest."

"To Columbia, Pa." said the wayfarer, showing his through ticket (?)

"Can't do it, stranger, no train thro' to-night."

Imagine my chagrin at being so unmercifully deceived by the Hotel clerks and ticket-agent at Baltimore. If one can not place dependence in the representations of Hotel attaches, or the agents of a Rail road, as to the arrival and departure of trains, from and to given points, who are we to appeal to? Perhaps the President of the road can solve the problem. I had been stopped in York, (be it remembered that this is "little York" of the State of Pennsylvania), and there I had to stay not for an hour or a day, but for a longer time than that, before I could use my 'through ticket to Columbia.' My baggage had been previously checked to Columbia, and I was minus every article of underwear necessary to a change which the heat and dust along the route rendered so necessary. Was ever mortal in so disagreeable or perplexing a situation? Not this one, surely!

A Hotel was sought and soon found. A bath, towel, comb and brush rendered me a trifle more comfortable. Night came—and soda water fountains were in demand, where a sort of beverage was dispensed at five cents a glass (too high price by four and a half cents,) one swallow was enough, and I sauntered back to the Hotel, seeming more dead than alive, and almost overcome by the heat of more than tropical severity which seemed to concentrate in that particularly delightful (?) village, where houses people and streets seem to vie with other in *par excellence* of slovenliness.

The Sabbath dawned at length, and revealed the fact that the air was slightly cooler, but as Sol arose with his scorching rays penetrating the smoky horizon, beasts of the fields, birds and men took to the shady places of earth, and tried to keep cool. I like York! Who does not like the place—particularly on a Sunday, when the heat points to 102 degrees? The fare is sumptuous—stale vegetables, and warm lime-water!! Nothing fresh or cool in the town! No ice!!· They never use ice on the Sabbath day in "little York." They are a religious people, and believe it a crime. Imagine the comforts to be enjoyed in such a place—and couple them with the chagrin and disappointment of the writer—and tell his feelings on that eventful day if you can. Their charges for these comforts and meals had moderate (!)—try them and see! When I go to Columbia again, it will not be by way of "little York"—oh, dear, no! Wilmington, Del., shall be where I'll change cars. We are civilized in Wilmington. Monday came, and I was awake already waiting for its dawn. The "through ticket" was brought into requisition—and I was ruthlessly pushed, or dragged—(I know not which) to Wrightsville and Columbia. An interim of uncertainty brought me, at length to the bridge—and my journey was soon ended. "Go see what I have felt!"—feel as I have felt!"—feel as I have felt!!! Columbia is a delightful place, well situated and thriving in everything that constitutes a city. The people are civilized and courteous. I like the place and inhabitants.

—"An excursion to Litiz" attracted my attention, and being solicited to go, I availed myself of the opportunity and went. Litiz Springs are somewhat noted in the history of the country, and particularly of Pennsylvania, as having of crystal medicated water flows from the granite rocks at an average of a million gallons per hour, and those who avail themselves of its use may well congratulate themselves for having paid a visit to "the springs." Aside from the water, Litiz is not a very inviting place, although many of the elite of the surrounding towns are seen promenading its shady walks, and sipping occasionally of its delicious beverage.

But to the Excursion I must turn a little attention. So far as I could glean, it was under the auspices of the E. E. Lutheran church—and proved a pleasant successful undertaking. The fact that (no) water (?) was imbibed by one or two young gents, who thoughtlessly reeled perhaps under its seductive influences. Ladies and children seemed to feast their visions and enjoy themselves without stint or hindrance.

A stranger in a strange place without other attractions generally allows his senses of hearing and seeing to feast unlimited on the surroundings. So it was with the writer. A storm, unfortunately, compelled the excursionists to seek shelter, and await the coming of the train upon the return trip. A newspaper was my resource; but this soon sought the companionship of a beautiful girl, who ventured to inquire who the traveler was, and prematurely expressed a desire to see "that very interesting paper." Our fair companion was in the pages for a perusal, which were afterwards acknowledged by the fair one as "extremely attractive-containing many a pleasant paragraph" over which to while away an hour.

The inclemency of the weather in the eve marred the closing pleasures, but all passed off as a pleasant dream; no one was found to regret the short respite from the heated streets of the city.

H. J. H.

Promises and Pledges.

MR. EDITOR:—We notice that the candidates for the legislature are full of promises Julius Shuman says in a printed circular that "*if* elected I pledge myself to use my best efforts for the success of all measures calculted to advance the public good; and to labor, as I have always done for the interest of the Republican party."

D. K. Burkholder says he is "unalterably opposed to the omnibus railroad bill, &c." Now, we ask *what do these pledges amount* to. They are only what every Republican, every official should do, and nothing more. If a man is known to be thoroughly honest, individually and personally, the people can know better to trust him, than by a knowledge of his pledges only. We believe both these pledgers to be individually honest, but what's the use of laying themselves open to suspicion by making promises. Judgment itself will awaken. Bare pledges will not satisfy WEST HEMPFIELD.

JULY 18th, 1870.

MORE TROUBLE FOR YORK.—The reader can readily understand the situation of affairs at York, by carefully reading the annexed paragraphs from the *True Democrat* of Tuesday. What a sad fate it is to live in an inland town. When we read the last paragraph, we felt like exclaiming with the poet:

"Afflictions sore, long time she bore."

North Water street has mud puddles and stagnant water pools.

York should have good sewers to drain the streets and cellars.

Our neighbor's pig pens often breed disease and disagreeable odors.

We want a Sanitary Committee in York to protect the health of our people.

The Democratic County Convention meets in York on the 9th of August next.

IT FITTETH WELL.—Our pleasant and obliging Deputy Post Master, who was so *fortunate as to draw the $50 cloth suit at* the Vigilant Fair, has had the material made up, and can be seen sporting it almost any clear Sunday. It fits well and admirably becomes a U. S. officer, and he looks as happy as a "big sun flower."

DON'T ALL SPEAK AT ONCE, but call at No. 249 Locust street where can be seen daily, and until further orders, the cheapest groceries, sugar, coffee, tea, molasses, hum, butter and eggs, cheese, and in short everything good. MAX BUCHER has been to Philada. recently and has bought goods at fabulously low rates. A call there will satisfy you.

THE very latest news from Europe represents the armies as still waiting for the conflict. Both governments vote men without number, and money without stint *for the support of the war. Austria is yet* neutral, Russia and England will declare for Prussia, Italy and Turkey favor France. The Fenians are for France, not on account of any love for the Emperor, but because they hate England.

A skirmish took place at Forebach, on Tuesday 200 French soldiers crossed the frontier and after a short skirmish were all captured—none killed.

The greatest enthusiasm prevails all over united Germany. France is wild with excitement. A few more days will *no doubt give us* news of a great battle somewhere along the Rhine.

COLUMBIA, July 17th, 1870.

MR EDITOR:—The later historians are adopting, more and more, the method of giving the proof of their assertions and the grounds for their opinions in the form of extracts from ancient archives and other authorities of a similar character, thus furnishing *the reader with the means of judg*ing for himself as to the justice of the writer's conclusions, a course vastly preferable to the old method, especially as the great majority of readers can never gain access to the original authorities themselves. The following letter (a quite recent historical discovery) must be highly interesting to every student of history, and especially so to every Pennsylvanian, and displays in a glaring light, the character of New England Puritanism. H. W. G.

——Mr. Judkins, the librarian of the Massachusetts Historian Society, in overhauling a lot of old papers deposited in the archives of that body by the late Robert Greenleaf, made a curious discovery of a letter in the quaint handwriting of the Rev. Cotton Mather, addressed to "ye aged and beloved Mr. John Higginson." It bears date "September ye 15th, 1682" and runs thus:

There bee now at sea a shippe (for our friend Mr. Esaias Holcraft, ot London, did advise me by the last packet that it would sail *some time in August*) called ye welcome, R. Greenaway master, which has aboard an hundred or more of ye heretics and malignants called Quakers, with W. Penn, *who is ye chief scampe, at the hedde* of them.

Ye General Court has *accordingly given* secret orders to Master Malachi Huxett, of ye brig Porposse, to waylaye ye said welcome as near the coast of Cobdde as may be *and make captive ye said Penne* and his ungodlie crew, so that ye Lord may be glorified and not mocked on ye soil of this new countrie with ye heathen worshippe of these people. Much spoyl can be made by selling ye whole lotte to Barbadoes, where slaves fetch good prices in rumme and sugar, and we shall not only do ye Lord great service by punishing ye wicked, but shall make great gayne for his ministers and people.

Master Huxett feels hopeful, and I will set down the news he brings when his shippe comes back.

Yours, in the bowells of Christ,
COTTON MATHER.

EXCURSION AND PIC-NIC.—The E. E. Lutheran Sunday School had a delightful time at Litiz on Wednesday. The weather in the morning indicated rain but in spite of this, it was the largest turnout of the season; pastor, parents, teachers, children, in short everybody went. Some six car loads of excursionists and provisions left at 8:15, all arriving at Litiz safely.

The day was spent as usual, at base ball, that fascinating game of croquet, swinging, falling in the creek, promenading, &c. A very interesting game of base ball was played in the morning between Capt. Lentz's "married" nine and Capt. Allison's "single" nine, the score showing 37 innings to 25 in favor of the "single" nine, though we heard it asserted that scoring was the most important part of the game in this instance. It sometimes is thus. A test game was to have been played after supper, but the rain interfered with the sport.

The pic-nic was gotten up on the "family basket" plan, which means that each family takes along twice as much as needed, as on Wednesday, the Lutheran friends had "enough and to spare," and they took up of the fragments more than the scriptural twelve baskets full. Supper time found the excursionists all gathered in happy little groups, about the grounds, around tables hastily improvised. Several families or classes joined each other in preparing the tables and shared each other's hospitalities. We had about a dozen invitations "to tea," but were compelled to decline, we had to decline the other eleven—not without some mis-givings however, as everything looked so temptingly nice, and the festivities were so pleasantly and socially conducted.

Supper was disposed of rather hurriedly on account of the approaching storm, and the enjoyment for the next hour and a half somewhat marred,

The party returned to Columbia on time, between five and six hundred strong, the number having been augmented by visitors in the afternoon. There was a roof of umbrellas in waiting on the arrival of the train to receive and protect the excursionists. The confus