

The Potter Journal AND NEWS ITEM.

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SALUTATORY.

As announced in the first issue of the combined JOURNAL and ITEM, it is this week presented to the public in its enlarged form.

We hope that all our friends who may have something to say to the public will feel that the JOURNAL is a suitable and creditable avenue of communication.

With a cordial greeting to all former patrons of the POTTER JOURNAL and of the ITEM, and a hearty handshake to all old friends of the JOURNAL of many years ago, we joyfully say,

"Once more, old friends, we meet!"

PHILADELPHIA, PA., July 6, 1873.

DEAR JOURNAL: As the Constitutional Convention will re-assemble in this city to-morrow at 12 o'clock, m., and be in session for some months, I propose to communicate to your readers some of the most interesting proceedings of that body.

I left Coudersport Jan. 2, in the afternoon, in company with Judge Jones, who was on his way to Harrisburg to enter upon his duties as the Representative of our District. Mr. Brown, of the Baker House, took us over to "Keating Summit," (why did the R. R. Co. substitute that name for the appropriate one of Forest House heretofore given to that place?) in just two hours and ten minutes—and it wasn't a good day for traveling, either.

We arrived at the Summit a few minutes before the "local freight," on the arrival of which we fully realized the revolution which has taken place in our affairs in consequence of the construction of the B., N. Y. & Phila. Railway.

We took the local freight because we were informed that the mail train might not arrive at Emporium in time to make connection with the train on the P. & E. due at Emporium at 6.15.

The local freight should leave Emporium on the arrival of the express on the P. & E. so that passengers for the north could go on immediately.

In my next I hope to be able to announce that the Convention is fairly at work.

The long adjournment has resulted just as predicted by those opposed to it—in just nothing.

CONSTITUTION HALL, Philadelphia, Aug. 11, 1873.

DEAR JOURNAL: The Constitutional Convention met at noon in the Hall prepared for it by the city of Philadelphia, in Spruce street near Sixth.

model and furnish it in a convenient and comfortable manner. It is, in truth, as well furnished as the most fastidious could desire.

Nevertheless, I think it was a great mistake to adjourn to this city. If the Convention had remained in session at Harrisburg until the 24th of December, it could have completed half its labors by that time.

Then again, a large number of influential delegates live in and near this City, with their private business and pleasures, interfere seriously with the work of the Convention.

Very little has been done this week but the important committees have held short sessions every day.

A large majority of the Delegates undoubtedly desire to remedy the defects in the present Constitution.

We have received the report of the State Superintendent of Common Schools and of Soldiers' Orphan schools.

School Reports.

The former shows a large increase in the number and quality of the schools of the State, in a steady increase of the number in attendance.

The terrible and fatal accident at the Baptist church of Newberry, suggests the necessity of having all public buildings, where bodies of considerable size are wont to congregate.

There are now six Normal Schools and four others will soon be added, one of which will be at Lock Haven.

government for this Commonwealth; showing that in some respects our school system has not grown up to the demand made by him thus early, in behalf of it.

The cities mentioned in the European examples showing the prominence there given to teaching the industrial arts, not only in the common schools, but in others especially directed to these purposes.

SCHOOLS FOR MEN.—Thorp speaks of "the comparatively decent system of common schools," but adds "These schools are for infants only; and excepting the half-stayed lycæum in the winter, and latterly the puny beginning of a library suggested by the State, we have no school for our young men."

Among these "young men" was his eldest son, John Brown, who was slain at Chancellorsville, Va., July 1, 1862.

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Your favor, making enquiry as to the result of the Ten-cent bill in this county, was duly received.

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fact that numerous halls in this city are frequently crowded to the utmost, should put us to our caution, and it would be but the part of wise security to have such places periodically inspected.

Important Railroad Suit.

The following case was recently disposed of in Lehigh county: A man named McIntyre sued the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company.

A New York paper has the following: Last February, Governor Seymour, while looking over some old volumes was surprised by a little slip of paper, yellow with age.

A Note of the Olden Times and a Letter.

My Dear Cousin: You were late at the last meeting of the committee.

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ing to all, and a comfort to nine-tenths of our people; for, under its benign influence, the number of tipplers is steadily decreasing, and fewer young men begin to drink than when licensed houses gave respectability to the habit.

Local Opinion.

Perhaps it is not so generally known as it should be that this County and other places which have a prohibitory law—Do not vote on what is called Local Option Bill.

In the Act of Assembly, No. 41 "To permit the voters of this Commonwealth to vote every three years, on the question of granting licenses to sell intoxicating liquors."

The story on the first page of this paper is taken from the Ladies' friend.

The "Bear Hunt" will appear next week.

The Week of Prayer was observed by the Baptist congregation of this place.

The Methodists are holding some more meetings than usual this week.

A good sermon on God's family was heard at the M. E. Church last Sunday.

The Presbyterian have no regular Church services at present but keep up their Sunday School with spirit.

OLE BUTL, Williamsport's especial favorite, will fill in the Elmira Opera House, January 10th and 11th.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Mr. Ramsey from the committee on post offices and post roads, reported the House bill to abolish the franking privilege, with amendments, and moved its immediate consideration.

THE WELLSVILLE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION has secured the following lecturers for the Fourth Annual Lecture Course for '72 and '73: Alex. Winchell, Jan. 15; Rev. W. H. H. Murray, Jan. 21; Rev. Robert Collyer, Feb. 4. Season Tickets, \$1.50.

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