

HOME AFFAIRS.

MESSES. EDITORS—

The circus, which exhibited here in the early part of last week, and which we neglected to refer to in our last issue, produced one of the greatest gatherings of the people that our village has witnessed in many years—mass meetings and court weeks were “no what” compared with the turn out of all sorts, shapes and sizes of humanity that our county affords, to see the “grand performance.” The circus pavilion was completely crowded, and the proprietors paid our citizens the compliment of furnishing one of the largest and most orderly audiences they had been favored with since their outset.

BOLD ROBBERT.—At Luthersburg, on last Thursday night, a most daring robbery was committed by some person or persons unknown, by entering the sleeping apartment of Benjamin Rush Bradford, who was sojourning at the hotel of W. Moore, and abstracting from his pantaloons his wallet, containing \$15 in money, and valuable papers. The room was situated upon the second story of the building, and the entrance was effected through an open window. No clue has yet been discovered of the perpetrators.

Such weather as we are having.—A few sultry and partially clear days in the early part of last week had inspired a hope in all breasts that summer had truly arrived; but towards the close of the rain again descended and the floods came, and the prospect became about as watery as it had been during the spring. Cold weather succeeded the rain, and the atmosphere has felt for several days as if we had been “set back” somewhere in March.

Last Monday was a quite lively day in our town, well calculated to remind one of the commencement of a busy Court week; and in fact we scarcely knew how to account for the unusual crowd of people so early in the week until it occurred to us that it was the day upon which the Mansion House on the 15th of May, the year emitted. But the papers which he seems to have deemed the most precious, are a package of letters from Captain Parry, the great Arctic explorer, with whom he seems to have enjoyed a free and cordial intimacy. Among his effects were also two large and beautiful gold medals, awarded to “Doctor John Pocock Holmes by medical societies, for his valuable inventions of obstetrical and surgical instruments.” He was evidently a man of correct habits and great intelligence. By what misfortune he who had enjoyed such professional reputation, and had been the associate and friend of eminent men, was left homeless and poor, and died at last alone in the shanty of a poor negro nurse, is unknown. It is a painful lesson of the sad vicissitudes of life.

MISSOURI'S ATTORNEY IN PIKE COUNTY.—A young woman named Mary Ellen Lord, died very suddenly in Pike county, Pa., on the 20th ult., under circumstances which excited suspicion that she had been foully dealt with. At the instance of the neighbors' coroner and a jury were called, and a legal investigation gone into before the burial of the body, as the cause of her death. After inquiry the jury found a verdict that she came to her death from violence at the hands of her father, Edmund Lord, and his wife, and those parties were arrested and lodged in jail at Milford, where they are now confined.

Two or three days after, at the instance of some who were not satisfied with the result of the investigation, another coroner's jury was summoned, the body disinterred, and the case again investigated. The second jury did not agree upon a verdict.

The girl was fifteen years of age, had been employed some years in the family of Nicholas Depue, a respectable family of Lehigh, in that county, until last Fall, when she returned home to her father's. Soon after her father, Edmund Lord, commenced a prosecution against Depue, for an alleged rape perpetrated upon the girl while in his service, in consequence of which she had become *enraged*. The prosecution is still pending in Pike county courts. The singularity of the case is that four physicians who conducted the *post mortem* examination, united in testifying that there was no appearance of pregnancy, but, on the contrary, it was evident that such could never have been her condition. There are a thousand-and-one rumors afloat as to the appearance of the body, and circumstances attending her death, which is not worth while to repeat.

Ran away.—A team belonging to the Curwensville Butchers ran off in our town yesterday morning. It started on fourth street, ran about two squares and back, when it was caught without having done injury to wagon or horses.

DANCING SCHOOL.—Prof. Bonafon, late of Pittsburgh, is now stopping at the Mansion House, and will, if sufficient encouragement be extended him, remain and instruct a class. We highly had the pleasure of attending one of the Prof.'s *séances*, and can cheerfully recommend him to our citizens. For particulars call on Mr. Bonafon, who will remain but a short time unless a class can be raised.

Foreign Emigration.—We notice some time since the fact that there was a falling off in the emigration to this country from various quarters, especially from the continent of Europe, and gave the reasons for this decrease. We have since learned that the average of capital brought by the emigrants has much increased—the proportion of those arriving in comfortable pecuniary circumstances being much larger than in former years.—It is impossible to ascertain all the cash resources of the emigrants, as many of them studiously conceal their treasure.—Thus on one occasion, the total report of capital among the passengers by a single ship was \$32,500, but, a more thorough investigation having been called for in consequences of circumstances connected with an imbecile emigrant, the amount actually counted exceeded \$800,000 and even this was more or less below the true total. The passengers recently arrived by the Josephine from Antwerp, numbering about 260, brought, it is ascertained, something over half a million dollars; and enough is known to warrant the assertion that, while the hard times have diminished the number of emigrants from certain districts, they have given us a far more prosperous and thrifty class than have been landed in some former seasons.

Journal of Commerce.

The meanest style of stealing that we have noticed lately was invented by a New York rascal, who possessed himself of one of the subscription books of the House of the Friends, and went about collecting money from the charitable. The wretch who would do that would steal the slop from a blind pig.

or not his musket contains a ball, fire at the dropping of a handkerchief, or some other signal, at a man who stands before the office of Sheriff at the ensuing election, subject to the rules of the democratic party. Mr. Clyde has long been known as an industrious and enterprising citizen, of unpeachable integrity, who, for thirty-five years has quietly and steadily labored for the best interests of our county, and during the same time been a consistent and hard working member of the Democratic party. Such a man deserves to receive the nomination, as his past life affords the best evidence that should he be elected the duties of the office will be faithfully performed.

June 13, 1858. “FRAZER'S ROCK.”

The Condition of our NAVY.—The Navy Register does indeed present a respectable list of vessels of war, but then, out of the 78 vessels of all classes, which figure there, about 30 are unfit to go to sea, and only about 30 are in actual commission at the present time. A writer in the Washington States, analyzes the Navy Register, and shows the result to be as follows:

10 *Line-of-Battle Ships.*—Of these only two could be equipped for sea, at very considerable expense; four are on the stocks, requiring extensive repairs to complete them; and four require to be rebuilt or cut down to heavy frigates before being prepared for sea, and at large expense.

10 *Frigates.*—Of these only ten could be equipped for sea, at considerable cost; and four require to be rebuilt or cut down to heavy frigates before being prepared for sea, and at great cost.

21 *Sloops of War.*—Of these, all are seaworthy with ordinary repairs.

2 *Brigs.*—All in condition.

2 *Schooners.*—All in condition.

8 *Screw Propellers.*—First class frigates (new), two on stocks.

8 *Screw Propellers.*—Second class—one afloat and five on stocks.

4 *Screw Propellers.*—Third class, afloat, and of little value.

7 *Paddle wheel Steamers.*—All in excellent condition.

3 *Screw Ships.*—In commission.

5 *Permanent Receding Ships.*—All unserviceable.

RECAPITULATION.

Vessels which are seaworthy, viz:

Line-of-battle ships, 2

Frigates, 6

Sloops-of-war, 21

Propeller Frigates, 6

Paddle-wheel Frigates, 7

Despatch steam tenders, 2

Brigs, 2

Schooners, 1

Store ships, 3

Seaworthy vessels of all classes, 50

Unseaworthy, 28

Total vessels of all classes, 78

In commission for sea service, May, 58.

Steam Frigates, 12

Sailing Frigates, 1

Sloop-of-war, 10

Boats, 1

Despatch steam tenders, 1

Store ships, 2

Total, 30

Such is the sum total of our naval preparation for war. Verily, if we were depending upon our Government Navy for defense, the weakest power in Europe might insult us with impunity.

From the Leavenworth Ledger, 3d.

BLOODY ATTRACTION IN KANSAS.—Reliable information reached here yesterday that a posse of men who represented themselves as in search of deserters from the United States army, went to the house of Isaac Denton, on the 23rd, about one hundred miles south of the city, on the night of the 23rd of May last, and, after inquiring whether any deserters were concealed within, and receiving a negative answer, insisted on searching the premises. Mr. Denton arose from his bed and let the posse in, and without further ceremony he was shot dead. They next proceeded to the residence of Abraham Hedrick, and after making the same inquiry, and receiving the same treatment as at Denton's, he was shot dead. They then proceeded to the residence of Newton Davis, and forcing an entrance, shot at him while sitting up in bed, one buckshot hitting him in the hand, the residue of the charge lodged in the headboard of the bedstead. There was but one of the party recognized—his name is Brockett. The neighbors in the vicinity despatched an express to Lawrence for assistance, which has gone down. These are all the particulars we have, and give them substantially as related to us by a gentleman just from Lawrence, and whose veracity can be relied on. We hope that the Federal authorities of the Territory will take this matter in hand, and, if possible, arrest the guilty parties, in order that they may be properly punished.

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SUDDEN DEATH IN THE BALTIMORE CARS.—The afternoon train from Philadelphia, yesterday afternoon, brought to the city the dead body of a female named Mrs. Sickles, who died on the passage from Philadelphia to this city, when about ten miles from the city. The circumstances are as follows: Dr. Booth, who was with his daughter, occupying a seat adjoining that of Mrs. Sickles and her daughter, observed her to fall over, and supposing that she had fainted, immediately went to her relief, but, on examination, found that she was in a dying condition. The doctor, with the aid of several other gentlemen, removed her into the ladies' saloon, and rendered all the assistance in their power, but without avail. She died before the train reached the city. So sudden and unexpected was her death, that her own daughter did not realize the awful truth until some time afterwards, when Dr. Booth undertook the painful task of disclosing the dreadful fact to her. Upon the arrival of the train, the body of the deceased was removed into the office of the company to await its removal to the house of her daughter, who resides in this city. It is supposed that she died from heart disease.—*Baltimore Clipper, Saturday.*

MARRIAGE EXTRAORDINARY.—On the 21st of January at Media, says the Cleveland Review, “Charles Metzger, negro, was married to Mrs. C. Metzger, white. The party were residents of Liverpool, in Medina county. Mrs. M. is the widow of the father of her present husband, and being the second wife of the elder M., was consequently the step-mother of her present husband. She had by the father of her present husband three children. She is thirty-two years old, and her stepson husband is only twenty-one. Her present children are half-brothers and sisters of their father, and her children from the present marriage will be half-brothers and sisters of their father, and be half negro at that. A more “mixed up” and digressing state of affairs can scarcely be imagined.

KANSAS—OUTRAGE.—St. Louis, May 28.—The Jefferson City, Mo., correspondent of the Republican states that a petition has been received by Governor Stewart from a number of citizens of Bates and Cass Counties, Missouri, asking that measures be taken for their protection against Montgomery's Kansas banditti, who had invaded Missouri, committed various robberies and outrages in the above named counties, and were preparing for a more extensive foray into the State.

The Leavenworth correspondent of the same paper, says that Montgomery's men burned the town of Butler in Kansas, on the night of the 21st inst.

STRAIGHTENING THE MISSISSIPPI.—The St. Louis News of the 6th inst., says the Mississippi has broken the levee at American Bend, destroying the plantation of a Mr. Johnson, on the Arkansas side. The gap thus created, was at the latest accounts, about three hundred yards wide and thirty feet deep, and was constantly growing wider and deeper. The new channel thus created will, perhaps, become permanent, in which case the cut off will save twelve miles of travel.

LARGE RAILROAD ACCIDENT.—Bobt, Harvey, of Richmond, Va., has received from the Brazilian government the contract for the second section of the Don Pedro, the second railroad of Brazil. The amount of the contract may be estimated at four millions of dollars. There are about 212 miles of the road yet to be laid, which, if the contractors carry on the second section satisfactorily, it is expected will be placed in the same hands. This will amount to some \$12,000,000.

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A. T. SCHRYVER,

Justice of the Peace, Curwensville, Penna.

ONE door east of Montezuma & Tea Leaf

Store. All business entrusted to him will be promptly attended to, and all instruments writing done on short notice.

March 31, 1858.

JOSEPH PETERS,

Clearfield, June 16, 1858.

DAVID JOHNSON,

February 10, 1858.

PLASTERING.—The subscriber, having located himself in the borough of Clearfield, will inform the public that he is prepared to do work in the above line, from plain to ornamental of any description in a workmanlike manner. Also whitewashing and repairing done in a neat manner and on reasonable terms.

EDWIN COOPER,

Clearfield, June 16, 1858.

DISSOLUTION.

THE Partnership existing between the under-

signed in the practice of the law, has this day been dissolved by mutual consent.

W. A. WALLACE,

J. T. WALLACE,

Clearfield, May 1st, 1858.

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