



CLEARFIELD, January 20, 1859.

**OBITUARY.**

Our Court was brought to a sudden termination this morning by the painful announcement of the death of our worthy Prothonotary GEORGE WALNERS BEE, who expired about three o'clock this morning. The court upon motion appointed a committee to express in an appropriate manner the appreciation of the worth of the deceased, the learned court and the community have sustained in his death, and their sympathy with his family in their heavy affliction. The proceedings, resolutions &c. will appear next week.

**THE NEWS.**

The most interesting item of foreign news seems to be the announcement of the termination of the Chess contest between Messrs. Morphy and Anderssen, which has been in progress at

A terrible accident occurred at the Victoria theatre in Lambeth England at which sixteen persons were killed. The accident was caused by an alarm of fire being raised, at which the audience became frightened and in their efforts to escape crushed the above number to death.

Congress is still occupied with the questions of the acquisition of Cuba, and the Pacific rail road.

An exciting debate took place on last Saturday in the house, between Mr. Cox and Mr. Giddings of Ohio on the question of negro equality.

It is stated that orders have been issued from the War Department to use the troops now in Kansas, as a *posse comitatus*, to enforce the laws during the present disturbance.

A revolution in Hayti has taken place, Geffard has been declared President.

Mr. Ward the newly appointed Minister to China sailed from Savannah, en route for the Celestial Empire, via New York on last Sunday.

It is said that Ottawa is to be made the seat of government of Canada, by order of her Majesty.

A letter from the Mormon country alleges that, although the "Saints" seem quiet, they are evidently meditating mischief.

Cold weather prevailed during the early part of last week in all northern latitudes. At New York, Boston and other places in New England the cold was intense.

The American Squadron has threatened to bombard Jaffa, unless the murderers of the American missionaries were punished.

Still later advices furnish further particulars of the insurrection in Buenos Ayres. The revolutionist have been dispersed and several arrests have been made.

The New Mexican mail of the 7th Dec. reached Independence on last Sunday.—The Navajo Indians are still hostile in feeling although an armistice exists.

A destructive fire occurred in New York on last Monday night.

The Salt Lake mail reached St. Joseph on last Monday week. It reports very severe weather in the mountains and on the plains, several persons having been frozen to death; while old mountaineers pronounce it the coldest winter in ten years.

The safety of the Neosho mail party which was supposed to have been lost in the snows, was announced by a special messenger at Santa Fe just as the New Mexican mail was starting, as having arrived safely at Albuquerque.

From Pike's Peak we have news of the comfortable condition of the miners, who have suspended operations and are quartered generally in comfortable cabins, with everything necessary for their subsistence. Game, wood and water is reported abundant.

Hon. Eli Slicer Republican candidate was elected State Treasurer on last Monday by a vote on joint ballot of 80 to 43 for H. S. Mcgraw the Democratic nominee.

**A NEW VOLUME.**

The present number of the "Republican" commences a new volume, the 4th of the new series. It may not be improper to call the attention of our patrons to that fact, and also to refer to some of the events that have transpired, if not since its establishment, at least since the commencement of the volume which has just closed. Shortly previous to that time, the whole country had had its business prostrated, and much financial distress had been experienced in consequence of the severe monetary crisis which swept like an avalanche, not merely over one section of the country, or a single State, but from continent to continent. And while our out-of-the-way geographical position may have had much influence in protecting our people from the overwhelming consequences of the commercial embarrassments of the country, yet it can not be de-

fined that they were severely felt here as had greatly neglected the teachings of the Law, 2 qrs. 14 lbs. to lbs., and take that for the second term, and the 2 lbs. for the first term—multiply the second and third together and divide by the first, which will give me \$29.50, but the book answer is \$22.75.

Now, if I am wrong, I want to hear from some of our teachers on the subject. If the book be in error why should we tolerate its use in our schools? And again, in the same book, No. 18, page 60, we have another, equally blind to my eyes and understanding, much more to my scholars. It is "If 4 cwt. of lead cost \$13 44 cts., what will 1 lb. cost?" We would again take the \$13 44cts. for the third term, 1 lb., for the second, and 4 cwt. for the first term, and proceed as before stated, which according to my work, would give me \$2.25 per lb.; but in the work it is 3cts. per lb. Now, it is evident to every child that 4 cwt. multiplied by 3cts. per lb., would give us \$3 per cwt., and 4 cwt. would come at that rate, to \$12 00; but the lead cost \$13 44 cts., therefore it will take the 925 of a cent to make up the amount. Others of the same kind we might cite but we forbear, as it would occupy too much time and space.

And now, let me ask, did not the County Convention of School Directors, which met in Clearfield, (I do not now remember when they convened,) recommend a series of books, out of which the Directors of each township were to select books for their schools, and were not those, to which we have referred, rejected? I think such is the case, but I may be mistaken. The great trouble in getting scholars to purchase the kind of books we want and the kind we should have is, that their parents say every teacher who comes along wants a new set of books, and that they will have to be all the time buying new ones. Well, now, I ask all such, if they do not think the latest improved, and most simplified work is the best? They say yes, but they cost so much! Parents—do they cost you as much as sending your children to school—boarding and clothing them, and doing without their help at home—while they are not learning anything whereby they may be benefited? It is time and money spent in vain, and you will regret it, when your business comes upon your uneducated sons, whose time has been spent at school, pouring over the rusty books of a hundred years ago. And I can assure you, if we get the right kind of books you will not have to buy new ones, for at least a quarter of a century, if they are used as long as those of which I have spoken.

Hoping that some good may come from what has been said, I remain

SPRUCE,

January 1st, 1859.

FRIENDS LAMMER—They valued paper friend on the 6th of last month, contains an article over a very queer signature, to pronounce which causes those who are accustomed to plain language, as disagreeable sensations about the used organ as do dead flies in the apothecary's ointment. Then, of course, knowest who was the author—they readers must guess. Perhaps it was written by an antiquarian, who searching amongst the musty archives of an "old town" discovered that long years ago, when his parents were bairn and tucker, certain things were transacted, and he now with laudible zeal would refresh the memories of those who are now living, and were actors in those scenes. Or perhaps it was penned by a half-sledged briefless lawyer, having vanity enough to believe that Blackstone would be improved by incorporating in the common law some of his crude whimsies which are not common sense—that by so doing his first literary and legal production might evince to the world his legal acumen and erudition. These will agree with me that in the cause of right and truth, however humble the position and hence the language of its defender, the advocate is entitled to respectful consideration. Thy correspondent cannot regard with any toleration those who would use the foot argument, ridicule, to counteract any popular movement, and he also deprecates the personalities which betray the weakness of a cause which have been indulged in by writers on the removal question.

We have some five inches of snow here, which makes tolerable good sleighing, and the logging business is being carried on very extensively. There are, perhaps, more logs to be driven on the Moshannon this season, than have ever been known in one season before. Some companies are putting in, and are going to float, nine million feet, board measure, while others, less extensive, are doing a large business.

In looking over your columns of last week, I noticed an article headed "A word to Teachers," and being engaged in that business myself, I gave it a careful perusal, and heartily approve of the course laid down by its author, in regard to keeping a register in school, and at the end of the term, have it published. I believe that such a course is beneficial to a school, in fact I know so, as I have tried it, and find that the pupils apply themselves better, and make better progress than they did before, but to prevent them from "bartering out the teacher," I cannot think so. I cannot think so from the fact, that it is no matter whether their report be published or not. When the holidays come they want their treat, and in order to obtain it, they resort to fastening the door upon their teacher. In country schools it is a practice too much indulged in, and which will be hard to eradicate. I believe in the course of a few years, it will die away as refinement advances; but to undertake to suppress it by a single blow, I think would prove to be a failure. It is true that if the question were left for them to decide, whether they will choose a treat or have the report published, and they would prefer the report, there would still be a desire on the part of those *defeated*, to bar the door against the teacher. But I fear, too, when the question is left to them for their decision, owing to the smaller schools outnumbering the larger ones, in almost every school, they would take the "sweets," beyond doubt. But there are other considerations which impede the progress of children in our common schools.

In a great many of our schools—in fact in the greater number of them, the children are not provided with books fit for them to study. Our schools, especially in the country, are contaminated with such books, as are calculated to puzzle and distract the young beginner more than to enlighten his understanding, or to bring him to thinking for himself. They are calculated also, to create false and wrong impressions, in the mind of the young, and against this, we should guard our schools with a jealous care. As they are taught while young, so they will grow to manhood, and this is the consideration which throws such a weight of responsibility upon the teacher, who has the welfare of his pupils at heart.

"Tis EDUCATION forms the common mind, Just as the twig is bent the tree's inclined." Such books are Cobb's series of Readers, Rose and Pike's Arithmetics, and others of like standing in the country. I do not pretend to say that these are all: by no means, but I just cite them as examples of this class of books; and it is to Rose's Arithmetic that I wish to call your attention. I know there are some teachers that uphold this work, and say they can work it well enough, and they cannot see why others are troubled with it. So can I work in it, but my class cannot. Well says one, it is your place to show them. So I do, but I ask them if a teacher can show a pupil all the time? But they say, it is not necessary to show them all the time: give them the principles of Arithmetic, and that is sufficient. That is just what I try to do, but it is no use, when they are working in a book which does not go by Arithmetic rules. For example, we will take the 11th sum on page 60th of Rose's Arithmetic, which is—"What is the price of 1 cwt. 2 qrs. 14 lbs of steel at the rate of 25 cents for 2 lb?" Now this is in the Single Rule of Three, and if I know any thing about that rule, I would take the 25 cents for the third term reduce the

Clearfield would be liable to damage growing out of depreciation of real estate in the present county seat if any should resort to do so would render him an object of ridicule. "Salus populi suprema lex." Is a maxim consonant with common sense and known by the veriest tyke in the law. There is an implied ascent on the part of every member of society that his own individual welfare shall in case of necessity yield to that of the community. What should a government regard more highly than the lives of her citizens, yet when the Commonwealth is menaced by an invading foe, who, except the society of Friends, has ever questioned her right to command her citizens to sacrifice their property and private interests—aye, to lay down their *lives* for the common weal. Would not a suit under such circumstances be an anomaly? A road passes thro' a man's land. He erects near it a costly and convenient mansion. The people say the road has become "inconvenient, useless, and burdensome," and the law thro' its proper channel, the court, vacates the road. That man's property depreciates in value. Who ever heard of a suit for damages under such circumstances? Chinaman introduces into his argument some remarks about a guarantee which the Commissioners now have. If report speaks correctly he has not stated all the terms of that guarantee. For that guarantee is only in case a certain plan of a court house is adopted by the Commissioners and proposals offered for its building within a certain time. Verily some tax-payers think this is merely an effort to coerce the Commissioners and prevent the legislation which the people desire. If a contract were once let for the erection of buildings, then there might be something said about damages.

Thy correspondent believes that Pine county will be stricken off in two years, would it not be better for him to ask why the necessity of creating new buildings when about losing so large a portion of our inhabitants, and so large a scope of territory which is allotted on all hands to be a more prolific field for litigation than any other section, than to ask why removal necessary. But suppose that the guarantee named was not hedged in and fettered by conditions, what does it amount to? Simply a loan to Clearfield County of the sum which the public buildings will cost. The present rate of taxation barely meets the current expenses of the county. If Pine county is cut off, we will be deprived of a source of revenue, and our ordinary expenses will remain about the same. To talk of erecting buildings without increasing taxation, or what is equivalent, creating a public debt, is chimerical.

At an Oath is held at Clearfield on the 3d Monday of Nov. last past. The undersigned was appointed Auditor to distribute money's in the hands of Eli Fry, Administrator of the said Samuel Fry.

*By the Court.*

All persons interested, will please take notice that I will attend to the duties of the above appointment, at my office in Clearfield Borough, on Saturday the 8th day of January 1859, at 10 o'clock A. M. or day, when where you can attend if you see proper.

THOS. J. McCULLOGH, Auditor.

Dec. 17th, 1858.—4.

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Then let us have a vote on this question as the people can be trusted with this as with other questions. No bribe, no mercenary motive, will influence their action. They will view it in its moral as well as its other aspects, and their decision will be right.

RUSSELL.

**NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.****A CARD.**

A. M. HILLS would inform his patrons that he will be absent from his office during the three first weeks of February, on a professional visit to Elk County.

Clearfield, Jan. 19, 1859.

**ESTATE OF ROBERT WRIGLEY, Sr.**

*Deceased.*

NOTICE is hereby given that Letters of Administration have been granted to the undersigned, on the estate of Robert Wrigley, Sr., late of Bradford, township, deceased, bounded and described as follows: to wit: beginning at the turnpike near George W. Ish's saw mill, thence south east course, 274 feet, to land of Andrew Adleman's line 300 feet to the river, thence up said Susquehanna river 300 feet to said turnpike, thence along said pick, 192 feet to the place of beginning; situated in the township of Lawrence, in the county of Clearfield, Pennsylvania, with a frame house and frame stable erected thereon.

Terms Cash, on confirmation of sale.

JAMES W. WRIGHT, Admin'r of Estate of Wm. Adleman, Jr., deceased.

Nov. 29th, 1858.

**ORPHANS' COURT SALE.**

BY virtue of an order of sale issued out of the Orphans' Court of Clearfield County, there will be exposed to public sale at the Court House, in the borough of Clearfield, Saturday the fifteenth day of January next, a certain messuage, tenement and lot or pieces of land, the estate of William Adleman, Jr., late of Pike township, deceased, bounded and described as follows: to wit: beginning at the turnpike near George W. Ish's saw mill, thence south east course, 274 feet, to land of Andrew Adleman's line 300 feet to the river, thence up said Susquehanna river 300 feet to said turnpike, thence along said pick, 192 feet to the place of beginning; situated in the township of Lawrence, in the county of Clearfield, Pennsylvania, with a frame house and frame stable erected thereon.

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**BABERINING.**

THE UNDERSIGNED takes this method of advertising to the citizens of Clearfield and the surrounding country, that he has opened a

Barber Shop.

on Main Street in Shire's New Bldg., where he is prepared to accommodate all who give him call, and hopes to receive a liberal patronage.

Oct. 6th, 1858. JEREMIAH NORRIS.

**ORPHAN'S COURT SALE.**

BY virtue of an order of the Orphan's Court of Clearfield County, there will be exposed to public sale at the village of Peavine, Clearfield County.

On the 2d Saturday of January, A. D. 1859.

A CERTAIN TRACT OF FIFTY-THREE ACRES OF LAND.

situate in Penn township, bounded by land of Wm. Wann, Jeremiah Flite, Thomas Rafferty, and John P. Hoyt, having a large portion of cleared land, and a house and barn thereon, late the estate of Felix Rafferty, deceased.

Terms Cash, in confirmation of the sale.

MARTIN MYRTLE, PATRICK QUIN, Administrators.

Dec. 8, 1858.—is'te.

**LOOK HERE! LOOK + ERE!**

THE UNDERSIGNED subscribers, take this method of informing the public generally, that they have this day entered into partnership in

THE BLACKSMITH BUSINESS,

and can be found at the shop formerly occupied by J. Shumwiler, on Third street, in this borough, where they will be pleased to see the ruffians, and customers, and as many new ones as can make it convenient to give them a call.

Bring on your hoes, your spades and picks, Your log-chains and your pulling sticks.

Your sleds, your sleighs, your horses, your mares, No three-year old shall then go bare.

Your spears will work up just right, To prouing hooks for every height.

Your swords too, shall then be wrought, To ploughshares such as this no'ne bought.

JACOB SHUNKWILER, GRO. W. ORR.

Clearfield, December 8, 1858.—*ff.*

PRODUCE WANTED, Wheat, Rye, Oats, Corn, Buckwheat—and Fire-Wood, wanted at the office of the Clearfield Republicans in payment of printing.

dec. 1, 1858.

Job Printing neatly executed here.