

## Home Affairs.

### Agricultural Meeting.

We have been requested to announce that an adjourned meeting of the "Clearfield County Agricultural Society," will be held at Curwensville, on Friday evening, the 28th inst., where all interested in the improvement of agriculture are respectfully invited to attend.

**ANOTHER** *WHEAT* or *Snowy Owl*, as large, or perhaps a little larger than the one we gave an account of last week, was shot in this vicinity recently by Mr. Allen Mitchell, in close proximity to his poultry yard, although it had not yet committed any depredations. It measured five feet four inches between the tips of the wings, and was in all respects like the one shot by Mr. Reed. It was also killed in daylight.

We recently noticed an account of a singular bird being shot near Easton in this State, which seems to have been quite a curiosity to those who saw it. They account it a species of the eagle, but there is little doubt of their belonging to the *"act/persuasion"* from the size of the head, which Mr. Mitchell describes on the one he shot, as being as big as the "spittoon" which *dis-graces our sanctum*.

**IN JAIL.**—A man named Bennett, was lodged in jail last Monday by constable Denmark, charged with making serious threats to persons and property of some individuals who had become obnoxious to him. Probably a little sober reflection in his present quiet boarding house may induce him to repent, and retract his threats. Such at any rate we hope, may be the case, and that he may be released from his unpleasant confinement, "a wiser," if not "a sadder man."

**THE WEATHER.**—But what's the use of talking, we have had every variety known within the past few days, and one or two new specimens just lately introduced—Now, however, it is rather pleasant, inspiring to be soft and spring like.

**ONE OF THE CRAFT EDITORIAL.**—J. F. Boyle, Esq., editor of that semi-occasional journal, *The Eagle Reporter*, visited our office while on a visit to our town last week. Mr. B. is a fine fellow and an accomplished editor, but being also a lawyer, his legal engagements do not permit him to devote much of his time to the Reporter. We were personally much pleased with him as an acquaintance.

**OUR NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.**—This department of our paper is always of interest to the public, and we presume seldom needs to have special attention called to it; yet we cannot omit mentioning the set of a worthy citizen of a neighboring county losing his *Pocket Book* and its contents, consisting of a quantity of valuable papers, and **TEN DOLLARS** in gold. The latter of which he offers as a reward for its recovery.

**DR. WILSON,** of Luthersburg calls on his debtors to settle up between now and the first of April next. Very reasonable time. He also offers for sale his house and lot in Luthersburg on reasonable terms.

**WM. F. JOHNSON,** Esq., cautions the public against meddling with certain property now in the possession of G. and L. Doney; so "hands off."

We are indebted to the *Journal* Office for several articles in type which will be found in this week's paper, on the subject of the County buildings. Also the Court proceedings.

Among the many medicines offered to the public Dr. VAL's *GALVANIC OIL* is surpassing all in amount of sales. A greater number of dozen of this medicine have been sold than any other preparation—and why? Because it is a good article and in demand. The sufferer will always save it.

### PROCEEDINGS OF COURT.

Our Court last week was rather slimly attended. Not much business was transacted, the court adjourning on Thursday in consequence of the death of the Prothonotary. Only one civil case was tried, to wit:

**CASE vs. PATRICK CORLEY.**—Misdemeanor in office as Justice of the Peace. Defendant acquitted. R. J. Wallace Com., W. A. Wallace for defendant.

In the Quarter Sessions the following cases were disposed of, to wit:

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**CASE vs. JOHN THOMPSON.**—Malicious mischief. House breaking. Defendant convicted and sentenced to pay fine of \$5 and costs of prosecution. R. J. Wallace and Swoope for Com., W. A. Wallace for defendant.

**CASE vs. JOHN THOMPSON, WASH. SUNDERLIN and WEST, CAMPBELL.**—Indictment, Riot. Defendants acquitted. Robert Conner, prosecutor, to pay costs. R. J. Wallace and Swoope for Com., W. A. Wallace for defendant.

**CASE vs. JAMES LEONARD.**—Resisting an officer—George R. Dillon, Constable. Defendant convicted. Sentenced to 12 hours imprisonment in County jail and costs of prosecution. R. J. Wallace, Test. and Swoope for Com., W. A. Wallace for defendant.

**CASE vs. HENRY PENNINGTON, SR.**—Tipping house. Defendant acquitted. Samuel Veder, prosecutor, to pay costs. R. J. Wallace and M'NALLY for Com., W. A. Wallace for defendant.

**CASE vs. JAMES KELLY.**—Fornication and bawdry. Settled by parties.

**CASE BILLS.**—Jos. Pötter, Adultery; Jacob Leiper, Fornication and bastardy; Catharine Pennington et al., Riot.

**BILLS FORWARDED.**—Wm. Robison, Wm. H. Robison and Samuel Robison, Tipping house.

### Death of Prothonotary Walters.

On Thursday morning after Court had been opened, H. Bachar Swoope, Esq., announced to the Court, in a few appropriate remarks, the death of George Walters, Esq., the Prothonotary, and moved the appointment of a Committee to report resolutions expressive of the sympathy of the Officers of the Court and Members of the Bar, with the bereaved family, and as a token of respect to the memory of the deceased.

His Honor, Judge Burnside, responded in fitting terms, alluding to his long and intimate acquaintance with Mr. Walters, and bearing testimony to his high character as an exemplary man and good citizen.

The Court appointed H. B. Swoope, J. B. Mc'Nally and T. J. McCullough, Esquires, the committee, who reported the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, the death of George Walters, Esq., the Prothonotary of the Court, has just been announced, therefore be it by the officers of the Court, and the members of the Bar, **1st. Resolved**, That in the death of George Walters, Esq., the Court has lost an upright and excellent officer, the people a faithful public servant and the community an exemplary citizen.

2d. That the deceased in every situation of his life, whether as a member of the Legislature, an officer of the Court, or a private citizen, has won the universal approbation and esteem of his fellow men.

3d. That we hereby tender our heartfelt sympathies to his afflicted family, in their painful bereavement.

4th. That a copy of these proceedings be furnished to the family of the deceased, and that the same be published in the county papers.

The proceedings were ordered to be entered of record, and the Court adjourned.

We announced the death of George Walters Esq. in our last paper, briefly.—The above proceedings remind us that the deceased has left a memory worthy of a more extended notice. It is seldom that the dispensations of Divine Providence cast a deeper gloom over a community than now pervades ours. During a residence of about twenty years in the county, George Walters had acquired a reputation worthy of any man. Honest and upright in all his dealings; pleasant and companionable in the social relations of life; modest and unassuming in his manners; mild and gentle in his disposition; he lived in the enjoyment of the disinterested friendship of all who knew him; and died lamented by the whole community. Though naturally diffident and unobtrusive in his manner, a close acquaintance with him always discovered a mind highly cultivated, well balanced, and amply stored with the richest treasures, gleaned from the higher order of literature. He was a reading and thinking man, and in this respect a bright example to all around him. His intellectual endowments commanded respect: while his dignified bearing, his pureness of mind, good of heart and generous disposition, secured him unalloyed friendship. For these qualities of head and heart the community mourn for him. Their loss may be repaired; but his own family, who alone could know and feel, and appreciate his real worth, are not to be consoled with this reflection. To his widow and children the loss is irreparable. A gentle, kind, affectionate and indulgent parent has been removed from them. It is not to be wondered that tears flow freely, and that the keenest sorrow penetrated their hearts. No words of ours can stay their grief. They must be consoled by his own dying words. When talking with his spiritual adviser and comforter on earth, he said: "I have not put off the work of preparation for eternity until this late hour. Long since, I have made my peace with my God. I can calmly survey the future, and enter upon the long journey with the bright hope of a happy resurrection." Oh, how consoling the thought! He had made the voyage of life; he had accomplished all that man can do on earth; he had acquired an unsullied fame to leave behind him; and had secured an inheritance in another and better world. He was resigned to his fate. Death had no terror for him.

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G. W. HORN.

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**CAUTION.**—All persons are hereby cautioned against buying, or in anywise meddling with the following property, now in the possession of Dain'l Horn, of Brady township, Clearfield County, Pa.; viz: Two Harrows, one Wind-Mill, one Leg-Sled, one Long Sled, one lot of Hogs, and lycke Oxen as the same belongs to me, and is only left with said Horn on loan, subject to my order.

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G. P. Guelich, Esq., being called upon responded in his usual earnest and impressive

manner. He made an eloquent appeal to the friends of the cause for aid in the good work and did not make it vain. He stated that he had been connected with the Society since its organization in 1827, and gave a detail of its operations.

Rev. Mr. Galloway, Wm. H. Robertson, Dr. McLeod and others, joined in the discussion of several questions raised during the evening.

**Resolved**, That the Board of managers, and officers of this Society, be requested to meet at the office of J. B. Mc'Nally, Esq., on Thursday evening the 25th inst., for the purpose of devising the best plan for exploring the country, and distributing the Bible during the present year; and that they be requested, to report the result of their deliberations to the next adjourned meeting of this society.

**Resolved**, That when this meeting adjourns it will adjourn to meet again in the Court House on the week of the May Court and on such evening as the President shall appoint, and that the officers procure some proper person to deliver a lecture in aid of the object of the society at that time.

**Resolved**, That this meeting do now adjourn. A. M'Leod, President. J. B. Mc'Nally, Secretary.

### ON OUR TABLE.

**THE CONSTELLATION.**—"A good book is a good thing," was wisely said by somebody, and we do not see any reason why a good Newspaper should not likewise be considered "a good thing;" or even in some respects a better "thing." Especially when we consider that a newspaper, if it is what it purports to be, contains every variety of reading matter adapted to the public taste; and when that variety is served up to them in style & quality, so superior and abundant, that the intellectual feast it affords, may be compared to the rich repast provided for some grand gala day, in contradistinction to the common, everyday "pork and beans" diet which characterizes many of the leading Journals of the age.

The *Constellation* is certainly one of the institutions of the country and if it is kept up in the style it has been commenced, and improved as future experience may suggest, it cannot fail to take the front rank among the literary weeklies of the western hemisphere. Its editor Park Benjamin Esq., whose name always seems to us as if copied from some list of advertised letters where it had been transposed, for the purpose of placing the surname in alphabetic order, is a gentleman of the highest mental culture, and has the reputation of being one of the best critics and lecturers in the United States.

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