

# THE REPUBLICAN.

CLEARFIELD, PA.  
WEDNESDAY MORNING, FEB. 7, 1872.

**HON.**  
At the ocean's sandy bay,  
The波的光輝 appears,  
When vanes the seabird's sandy grave,  
And his lone bosom chears;  
Then though the raging ocean foam,  
His heart shall dashless prove,  
Tis reach secure his cherished home,  
The haven of the love;  
Even when the world is wrapped in gloom,  
To me you give thy light;  
Thine beams, best Hope beyond the tomb,  
Illumine the pilgrim's way;  
And point to that seren abode  
Where virtuous faith shall rest;  
Protected by the sufferer's God,  
All is forever safe;

On still the world's way,  
O'erhaste your pilgrim's joyful night  
Shed on my soul its ray.

## How Rattlesnakes are Born.

About the 10th of May last Doctor Cardwell and Westmoreland captured at Prospect, in the lower edge of Elizabethtown, a rattlesnake four feet, three inches long, and five inches in circumference. The snake was sent to the exposition but the managers, not deeming it proper to receive it, it was sent to the drug store of Messrs. Berry & Demoville who also declined to give it quarters. It was then sent to the drug store of M. C. Cotton, in South Nashville where it has been since the 15th of May. When captured it had eight rattles and a button. Since that time it has been confined in a glass case and has not partaken of one particle of food, though it has been tempted with mice and other small animals on which the reptile is accustomed to feed. The snake manifested no inconvenience from its confinement, nor did it lose any in size or bodily vitality. Its eyes continued to glister like magnetic steel, and its fangs were as ready to protrude at the appearance of any one near its cage. Dr. Cotton thought all the while it was a male. Though small mice and rats have been confined in the case with the snake until their own hunger urged them to bite at its scaly hide, the serpent refused to give them notice or to partake of food.— On two or three occasions it has taken small quantities of water. On Thursday, at 1 o'clock, on going into the back room of the store, where the case is kept, it was discovered that the snake had given birth to four young snakes, and by 3 o'clock she had given birth to three more, making seven in all. The young snakes made their appearance one at a time and in a coiled or striking position, their eyes glinting and their envenomed tongues continuously darting out.— The young ones are each from nine to fifteen inches in length and in a state of perfect development. They are quick of motion and possess no ordinary spinal vitality, as they crawl readily to the top of the case and move with celerity across and around it from end to end. What is most singular and contrary to all the received notions concerning the reptile, each of these young snakes has a full button on the tail, which clearly indicates the idea that they have to be six months old before the formation of the button. The old snake was lying in her cage in a lethargic state, with some indications, as the doctor thought, of increasing the ensuing family. The young snakes coil around her and under and over her, and she seems to have them the natural maternal affection of instinct. This snake has been in captivity near four months, yet during all that period she has partaken of not a morsel of food, and has brooded her seven young. As to exactly how long from inception the process of gestation or incubation has been going on there is no means of ascertaining, as we can only date from her captivity.

Dr. Cotton informs us that he once before kept in the same case a large sized rattlesnake for three years and nine months, and that he studied closely its various moods and changes. This snake, he says, did not partake of a particle of food for the first nine months and but little water. He then gave it mice, rats, etc., putting the same into the case alive, and it completely devoured them voraciously. It never would touch a lame mouse or a dead one, fresh as it might be. When a young rat was put into the case it would plant its unerring fangs in some part of the limb or body, and then wait until it died from the thorough inoculation of the poison.— When quite dead it would turn it over, take it head foremost and swallow it, evidently drawing nutriment from the poison its own fangs had infused. It shed its skin twice a year—each spring and autumn—a new rattle appearing at each shedding, which explains the popular notion that but one rattle comes a year.

Yesterday morning the doctor took the case and put it in the sun. From the effects of the sun three of the young snakes died. Two others became stupefied, but recovered their vitality on being removed into the shade. The circumstance attracted large numbers of visitors to the drug store to see the venomous family yesterday evening.—*Nashville American.*

**CONTENT.**—This is the gift of Heaven, and not the certain effect of anything upon earth; and it is as easy for Providence to convey it without wealth as with it; it being the undivisible prerogative of the First Cause, that whatsoever it does by the mediation of second causes, it can do immediately by itself without them. The heavens can, and do every day derive water and refreshment upon the earth without either pipes or conduits; though the weakness of human industry is forced to fly to these little assistance to compass the same effects. Happiness and comfort stream immediately from God Himself, as light issues from the sun, and sometimes looks and darts itself into the meanest corners, while it forbears to visit the largest and the noblest rooms. Every man is happy or miserable, as the temper of his mind places him either directly under or beside the influences of the Divine nature; which enlighten and enliven the disposed mind with secret ineffable joys, and such as the vicious or unprepared mind is wholly unacquainted with.—*Dr. South.*

When a child comes into the world it cries. When a soul is born of God it sings—peradventure shouts for joy. Well may this be so, for the one comes into a world of wickedness, trouble and sorrow; the other into a kingdom of righteousness, peace and joy.

## RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF CLEARFIELD CO. FOR 1871.

LEVER FLEGAL, Esq., Treasurer of the county of Clearfield, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in account with the funds of said county from the 29th day of January, A. D. 1871, to the 1st day of January, A. D. 1872.	By appeal expenses.....	109 18
By attorney fees, viz:		
Israel T. Young,.....	\$40 00	
John MacPherson,.....	10 00	
By District Attorney,.....	238 00	
By election expenses.....	846 00	
By impecun. fees.....	22 12	
By justice's fees,.....	163 00	
By law expenses,.....		
Grand jurors.....	\$222 50	
Traverse Juries.....	2,226 03	
By justices' fees,.....	83 62	
Jury summons, fees, etc.....	10 00	
By postage and stationery.....	77 87	
By prison,.....	36,171 42	
By architects fees,.....	1,569 00	
S. J. Ross,.....	\$234 69	
Goodharter & Hagerty,.....	538 73	
By registry law expenses.....	824 22	
By Pro. Attorney's fees,.....	500 15	
By refunds to townships,.....	147 00	
By reward for Johnson,.....	209 00	
By road bridges,.....	79 00	
By road views,.....	275 00	
By trustees' fees,.....	\$23 50	
Register's office,.....	30 10	
Commissioners' office,.....	15 10	
By scalps,.....	224 22	
By a collection, viz:		
By the pd. teacher,.....	\$64 71	
Military pd. dist. trustees,.....		
Others, viz:		
George Turner,.....	111 85	
Albert H. Hinsman,.....	21 20	
John H. Hinsman,.....	23 14	
Jacob Wilson, Graham,.....	16 97	
D. W. Wise, Jordan,.....	13 31	
Caleb H. Hinsman,.....	13 02	
W. P. Hinsman,.....	10 00	
J. L. Stewart, Morrison,.....	17 10	
W. E. Johnson, Penna,.....	13 53	
Simon Wely, Union,.....	9 74	
Total,.....	\$16,028 62	
CARRIERS,		
By county orders redeemed, viz:		
A. H. E. Hill, Distur.,.....	1 87	
A. R. McCorle, John, Graham,.....	2 70	
By carriers and clerks,.....	139 92	
By mailing Postoffice's and Reg. letter's accounts,.....	25 00	
By Post office,.....		
Bell township,.....	\$2,059 60	
By account of prison bonds,.....	161 00	
By balance due Travers Flegal,.....	161 00	
Total,.....	\$16,028 62	
SPEECHES,		
By assembly wages,.....	147 73	
By Agriculture,.....	150 00	
By carriers and clerks,.....	108 10	
By County reporter,.....	103 00	
By court order,.....	63 00	
By constables' returns,.....	225 11	
By Commissioners' Office, viz:		
Bell township,.....	\$2,059 60	
Kartuska township,.....	1,066 03	
Pike township,.....	1,066 03	
Ross township,.....	1,066 03	
Total,.....	\$4,181 66	
TAXES,		
By sheriff's fees, viz:		
Assessing & electing,.....	\$16,028 62	
Building for prisoners,.....	EST 90	
Booking for prisoners,.....	67 38	
Watchmen,.....	152 00	
Hand-cuffs and iron irons,.....	55 25	
Prisoners' fees,.....	100 00	
Repairing,.....	297 02	
Fuel,.....	19 37	
Total,.....	\$844 02	
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By sheriff's fees, viz:		
Assessing & electing,.....	\$16,028 62	
Booking for prisoners,.....	EST 90	
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