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GOOD NEWS!

A NEW arrival of **BOOTS & SHOES** at Billy Johnson's, suitable for fall and winter, and cheaper than has ever been sold in this place; no mistake.

Men's coarse boots from \$1.50 to 3.25
Boys' boots from 2.75 to 3.75
Misses and children's shoes 1.00 to 2.00
Men's Gums, \$1.00
Women's " 1.25
Women's gaiters, high heels 1.00 to 1.75

Such as have been sold from 1.50 to 2.00, and everything in his line very low.

Manufacturing of all kinds attended to as usual, and repairing done on the shortest notice. Also, a large assortment of Trunks kept on hand which will be sold very low. His friends and customers will confer a great favor on him if they will stop asking him for credit, for his terms are strictly Cash. He treats both rich and poor alike, so those who seek credit will please call where they sell at large profits. So, come on, all you cash customers, and provide for yourselves good Boots for the Winter.

BILLY JOHNSON.

THE MINSTREL

UNION AND LIBERTY.
From the Atlantic Monthly.

Flag of the heroes who left us thy glory,
Borne through the battle fields thunder and flame,
Brazed in song and illumined in story,
Wave o'er us all who inherit their fame!

Up with our banner bright,
Sprinkled with many a martyr's blood,
Spread its fair emblems from mountain to shore,
While through the sounding sky,
Lead rings the nation's cry—
"Union and Liberty! One ever more!"

Light of our firmament, guide our nation,
Pride of her children, and honored afar,
For the wide beams of thy full constellation
Scatter each cloud that would darken a star!

Up with our banner bright, etc.

Empire unscathed! What foe shall assail thee,
Bearing the standard of Liberty's van?
Think not the God of thy fathers shall fall thee,
Striving with men for the bright of man!

Up with our banner bright, etc.

Yet if by madness and ironery blighted
Lovers the dark hour when the sword thou must draw,
Then, with the arms of thy millions united,
Smite the bold traitors for freedom and law!

Up with our banner bright, etc.

Lord of the universe! Shield us and guide us,
Trust in thee always through shadow and sin,
Thou hast united us; who shall divide us?
Keep us, O, keep us, the "Many in One."

Up with our banner bright, etc.

MISCELLANEOUS

our mules broke away and started back; the old Indian happened to see them, and caught them in the morning. One of the men started after them, and he said the old fellow was just starting to bring them back to us as he got there. The man gave him a half dollar, for he thanked him very much, as he would sooner have a half dollar than a five dollar gold piece, as they are great people for silver coin. We journeyed on, and the next tribe that we came to were the Sues, a part of the Cheyenne tribe. There is but very little difference between these two tribes, if any; the former separated from the latter for some cause or other which I did not learn, and were at war with each other for a long time, but have become friends again, and are mixing together. We next camped at what they called Box Elder Station, where there was a wedding that night, and they had a great time dancing and powwowing; it was very amusing to see the performance. The Sues and Cheyenne tribes are great enemies of the Pawnees, and are at war with each other nearly all the time. These nations are uncivilized, and are moving about from place to place, but generally follow the buffalo and other large game. In the winter they are south, and come north in the spring as far as the Platte River. Sometimes they cross that river, but very seldom, as nearly all the territory north of the Platte belongs to the Pawnees, east of Fort Kearney.

As we were traveling through that section of the country the Sues and Cheyennes were preparing for a battle with the Pawnees. They told us that a Pawnee had way laid one of their men and killed him, and had taken his pony, and they were going to have revenge.

Those tribes depend on hunting for a living, and are always ready for trading their furs and robes for provisions, and at the same time if there is any chance to steal, they are also ready, as they are great thieves, and very cunning at that. A person has to watch them very close, and then if they cannot steal, they will try and beg, and if you give one and not the rest they will get very angry at you. The best plan is not to give to any unless there are but two or three together, and then if you give them anything they will appear to be very good friends to you, but for all that, I would not like to trust myself with five or six of them away out of sight of the company, for if they thought they had the advantage of me, they would take my scalp in a moment. But I must stop, as I cannot give you a full account of the different tribes, as there are two more in this section of the country. They are the Arapahoes and Utes, or Uis as they call themselves. Perhaps I may give you an account of them in another letter.

I will now endeavor to say a few words about the mountains and the Gold Regions. We could see the highest peak at the distance of about one hundred and seventy miles. The first was Long's Peak, the highest in this section of the country. It is about twenty miles north from these parts of the diggings and is almost perpetually covered with snow. Next is Pike's Peak, which is about one hundred miles south from here, and nearly the same height as Long's Peak; some say that Long's is the highest. They are about fourteen thousand feet above the level of the Plains. They look pretty high with their white caps on them. There are numerous other small peaks, but these are the main ones in the region.

Next is the Snowy Range. The nearest point to them from here is about ten miles; the top is perpetually covered with snow as far as you can see. It is a very nice place to be in in the hot days of August, perhaps rather too cool for comfort on some of the highest points. Now, for the Mining Regions. The central mines lie on the eastern slope of the mountains, about fifty miles west of Denver City, and about ten miles east of the Snowy Range.

The mining ground is in the gulches or ravines of the lower mountains that run from the range east towards the plains, and have their different names. I am at present in the Nevada diggings, or rather Nevada gulch, as they all go by the name of gulches. The next are Spring gulch, Russell's gulch, Lake gulch, South Clear Creek, North Clear Creek, Missouri, Eureka, Quartz Valley and Gregory gulches. These are the principal, with a great many smaller ones. I will commence with Nevada gulch, which is about three miles long, running from northeast to southwest. About half way up the gulch there was a flourishing town of about one hundred and fifty houses, but on the evening of the 19th November a very high wind carried fire from the woods, where there was a man burning brush, to the town, and destroyed about one hundred and twenty buildings, with a large twelve stamp quartz mill, but fortunately there was no furniture or goods burnt, as plenty of assistance was at hand to get all out of the houses before they were consumed. The town has pretty much been rebuilt since. The mill has also been built up, and is now running. There are about forty quartz mills in this gulch, which are driven by steam power; they are all in operation except two or three, and are doing very well. There is no mining going on at present except quartz, the gulches being all stopped till spring, as the water

THE BATTLE-SONG OF THE CHURCH.

Selected from "Hymns of Faith and Hope," published by Carter Brothers, New York.

Four not the foe, thou look of God,
Faint not the sword, the spear, the rod,
He fights in vain who fights with thee;
Soon shall thou see his armies flee.

Come, cheer to the toll and fight;
"His God—thy God, defends the right;
His sword shall scatter every foe,
His shield shall ward off every blow—
The crown is won."

His is the battle, His the power,
His the triumph in that hour;
So round thy bow the wreath shall twine,
So shall the victory be thine.

Not long the sign, the fall the sweat,
Not long the fight—days waiting least
The shadows come,
Slack not thy weapon in the fight;
Courage! for God defends the right.
Strike home! strike home!

EDUCATIONAL.

Edited by A. Sarra, County Superintendent.

For the Educational Column.

The Waste of Time.

Not long since I heard a very sensible old gentleman, in speaking of the schools of to-day as compared with the schools that flourished when he obtained his education, say that after all, those who go to school now-a-days have not as much to show for the time spent or for the opportunities they possess as those who attended the poor schools in the wretched old schoolhouses forty years ago. The remark struck me quite forcibly; both as being true, and as showing how much time is squandered by pupils at school. In the old times, when school houses were "like angels' visits, few and far between;" when teachers possessed very little knowledge, but vigorous, well-exercised right arms, those who were so fortunate as to attend school thought it necessary to make the very best possible use of their scanty opportunities. To be sure, they did not become specially learned in books, but they formed such habits of industry as have been greatly useful to them in after life.

Any person who visits schools, cannot fail to be impressed with one fact, that very few scholars learn as much as they can; very many pass week after week almost without any perceptible progress, wasting their time in idleness, or in annoying the teacher and creating confusion in school. This sad, almost universal fact is of sufficient importance to justify us in inquiring where the fault lies; for every person will admit, that it is utterly sad that so much time and so many priceless opportunities should pass away unimproved. We may blame the children or youth, and affirm that they ought to be wiser than to mispend their time; and, to a certain extent, we should be right in so doing. But, unless I am greatly in error, we must look elsewhere for the principal blame. Do not many teachers, practically, inculcate the idea that time is of small value, by spending their evenings and leisure days in meretricious or useless reading? Do they not really give the lie to all their good words urging their pupils to diligence and careful study, by missing the time they themselves might devote to self-improvement? Are there not many teachers who hardly advance a single step in actual scholarship, or make any progress in successful teaching, from the first day of their school to the last? Is it possible that pupils shall not be somewhat influenced by such pernicious examples, and deem it no wrong to idle away the long evenings and the precious hours which the teacher finds so worthless?

Again the fault must be charged not faintly upon parents. There are some parents who impress upon the minds of their children the importance of rightly using their time, who encourage them to improve the evenings in study, who aid them in their studies, and who set them a good example by using wisely their own leisure for self-culture. But to one parent of this sort are there not fifty who seem to be totally indifferent to the progress and intellectual growth of their children, who use no effort to induce them to study, to en-

BY CERTAIN TREATMENT BE RENDERED INVISIBLE.

Matter which, in one condition, is perfectly opaque and will not admit the least ray of light to pass through it, will in another form become quite transparent. The cause of this wonderful effect of the condition of the matter is utterly inexplicable. Philosophers do not even broach theories upon the subject, much less do they endeavor to explain it. The substances dissolved in water or burned in the air are not however destroyed or lost.

By certain well known means they can be recovered and again made visible; some exactly in the same state as they were before their invisibility; others, though not in the same state, can be shown in their elementary condition; and thus it can be proved that, having once existed, it never ceases to exist, although it can change its condition like the caterpillar, which becomes a chrysalis, and then a gorgeous butterfly. If a painful of the solution of butter be cast into the stream, it is apparently lost by its dispersion in the water; but it nevertheless continues to exist. So when a bushel of charcoal is burned in a stove it disappears, in consequence of the gas produced being mixed with the vast atmosphere; but yet the charcoal is still in the air. On the brightest and sunniest day, when every object can be distinctly seen above the horizon, hundreds of tons of charcoal, in an invisible condition, pervade the air. Glass is a beautiful illustration of the transparency of a compound which, in truth, is nothing but a mixture of the rust of three metals.

The power of matter to change its conditions from solid capacity to limpid transparency causes some rather puzzling phenomena. Substance increases in weight without any apparent cause; for instance, a plant goes on increasing in weight a hundred fold for every atom that is missing from the earth in which it is growing. Now the simple explanation of this is that leaves of plants have the power of withdrawing the invisible charcoal from the atmosphere, and restoring it to its visible state in some shape or other. The lungs of animals and a smokeless furnace change matter from its visible to its invisible state. The gills of fishes and the leaves of plants reverse this operation, rendering invisible or gaseous matter visible. Thus the balance in nature is maintained, although the continual change has been going on long prior to the creation of the "extinct animals."—Pierce.

ESTATE OF JAMES McCLINTICK, deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of JAMES McCLINTICK, late of Union township, Mifflin county, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned, the first named residing in Brown, and the latter in Union township. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims to present them duly authenticated for settlement.

ROBERT BARR,
CATHARINE McCLINTICK,
Admr.

ESTATE OF JOHN RAGER, deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of JOHN RAGER, late of Decatur township, Mifflin county, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned, residing in the borough of Lewistown. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims to present them duly authenticated for settlement.

C. HOOVER, Admr.

ESTATE OF REUBEN MYERS, deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that letters testamentary on the estate of REUBEN MYERS, late of Granville township, Mifflin county, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned, residing in Oliver township. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims to present them duly authenticated for settlement.

ABRAHAM MYERS, Ex'r.

ADMITTED AUDITOR.

The undersigned, appointed Auditor by the Orphans' Court of Mifflin county, to distribute the balance in the hands of Wm. T. Bell, Administrator of Isaac Jones, late of Mifflin county, dec'd., will meet parties interested therein at his office, in Lewistown, on TUESDAY, 11th day of March, 1862, at 10 o'clock a. m.

JOS. W. PARKER, Aud.

ADMITTED AUDITOR.

The undersigned, appointed Auditor by the Orphans' Court of Mifflin county, to distribute the balance in the hands of Cyrus Stine and Samuel Stine, Administrators of John Stine, late of said county, dec'd., will meet parties interested therein at his office, in Lewistown, on WEDNESDAY, 12th day of March, 1862, at 10 o'clock a. m.

JOS. W. PARKER, Aud.

ADMITTED AUDITOR.

The undersigned, appointed Auditor by the Orphans' Court of Mifflin county, to distribute the balance in the hands of the Real Estate of Thomas Reed, will attend to the duties of his appointment, at his office, in Lewistown, on TUESDAY the 4th day of March, 1862, at 10 o'clock A. M., when and where all persons having claims are required to present them or be detained from coming in for a share of said fund.

J. W. SHAW, Auditor.

NOTICE!

All persons knowing themselves indebted to the late firm of KENNEDY & JUNKIN, by Note or Book Account, will please call on or before

April 1st, 1862,
and settle the same. By so doing, COSTS WILL BE SAVED,
and after that time the accounts will be left in the hands of an Attorney for collection.

R. H. JUNKIN,
Surviving Partner of the late firm of KENNEDY & JUNKIN.
Lewistown, December 18, 1861.

THE OLD FOUNDRY

AND
Machine Shop,
LEWISTOWN, MIFFLIN COUNTY, PA.

BUILDERS to order Steam Engines, Mill Gearing, Furnace and Forge Castings, Sawing Cylinders, Forcing Pumps, Brass Castings, Blacksmiths' Vices and Screw Cutters, Druggery, Wagon, Carriage and Axles, with all such Iron and Steel work as is made in a blacksmith shop. Always on hand, the best Bar Shears, Side Hill and Bull Plows and other, saw mill Cranks turned or in a rough state, Wag Irons, Carriage Irons, &c., &c. Steam Power, with an improved thresher and other machinery. This requires the special attention of farmers. Those who want the best article at the lowest price can satisfy themselves by calling on the subscriber at the shop and examining for themselves. No charge made for giving information. No looting at stores or warehouses to secure customers. If my work does not recommend itself I will not ask you to do it.

JOHN R. WEEKES,
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