

Local Intelligence.

Time Changed.

The Susquehanna County Medical Society will meet on Wednesday, Jan. 8th. See notice.

Public Documents.

We are indebted to Hon. Geo. W. Woodward, M. C., for public favors.

Medical Society.

The annual meeting of the Susquehanna County Medical Society will be held at the office of E. L. Gardner, in Montrose, on Wednesday, Jan. 8th, 1868, commencing at 10 o'clock, precisely. A Clinique will be held at half past two in the afternoon, when all cases that may present themselves for treatment, will be treated free of charge. All regular practitioners are invited to attend.

E. L. GARDNER, Sec'y.

Fire in Choconut.

We hear that the store of Kearnon Clark, in Choconut, was destroyed by fire on the morning of Dec. 24th, together with the contents, including, it is said, a new stock of goods. Total loss not known to us; insured to amount of \$2,500.

See Here.

Five Toys, Diaries for 1868, and Photograph Albums, suitable for Holiday Gifts, can be had at the Head of Navigation. Please call and examine quality of goods and prices, at the store of A. N. Bullard.

WANTED—500 Subscribers to the World, before the 1st of Jan. The best and cheapest. To get it, call on D. BREWSTER.

The Lamb Knitting Machine.

A great saver of time and labor. For sale by the subscriber. Send stamp for circulars to, E. A. WESTOX, Brooklyn, Pa., Dec. 17th, 1867. 3w

Special Taxes.

Persons who pay Special Tax as Produce Brokers can only sell farm produce at wholesale; if they sell at retail they become liable to tax as Peddlers.

Butchers selling from cart, are privileged to sell "butcher's meat exclusively," and if they sell by the quarter, side or carcass, they become liable as Peddlers.

Preparatory to a Change of business.

L. C. Keeler offers his entire stock of clothing, Boots and Shoes, Hats and caps, Finding Goods, Ladies fine Furs of every description at cost, and less than cost if necessary in order to close out by the 1st of February. Ladies and gentlemen the time to buy is when you can buy cheap.

New Year's Day.

The first day of the year, for many ages and in various parts of the world celebrated as a religious and social festival. With the post-biblical Jews the new year commenced and still commences with the autumnal month Tisri, the first day being celebrated by them with considerable ceremony.

The Romans made an especial holiday of it, offering sacrifices to Janus, whose principal festival occurred on this day, and taking care that all they thought, said and did, should be pure and favorable, since everything was ominous for the occurrences of the whole year. They appeared in the streets in festive garments, exchanged kindly salutations, and gave to each other presents called strena, consisting of gilt dates, figs, honey cakes and copper coins having one side the double head of Janus, and on the other a ship.

The whole Catholic church appointed a solemn public fast upon their new year's day, to bewail those heathenish customs, sports, and lewd idolatrous practices, which had been used on it; prohibiting all Christians, on pain of excommunication, from observing the calendar or first of January (which was now called new year's day) as holy, and from sending abroad new year's gifts upon it (a custom now too frequent), it being a mere relic of paganism and idolatry, derived from the heathen Romans' feasts of two-faced Janus, and a practice so execrable unto Christians, that not only the whole Catholic church, but even the four famous councils of (here follow a long array of authorities) have positively prohibited the solemnization of new year's day, and the sending abroad of new year's gifts, under an anathema and excommunication.

The bestowal of gifts upon new year's day was not peculiar to the Romans. The druids distributed branches of the sacred mistletoe, cut with peculiar ceremonies, as new year's gifts among the people; and the Saxons of the north, according to Bishop Stillingfleet, observed the festival with more than ordinary jollity and feasting, and by sending gifts to one another. In spite of the opposition of ecclesiastical councils, the practice continued through the middle ages; and among kings and

their powerful vassals the interchange of presents was a distinguishing feature of the first day of the year.

Henry III. of England is said to have extorted new year's gifts, and Queen Elizabeth's wardrobe and jewelry were probably almost wholly supplied from these annual contributions. It appears from the "Progresses and Processions" of her majesty, published by Nichols, that the lords spiritual and temporal of the realm, the chief officers of state, and the servants of the royal household down to the master cook, sergeant of the pastry and dustman, were among the contributors to these largesses, which consisted of money, rich wearing apparel, plate, jewels, trinkets, sweetmeats, and an infinite variety of other things. Dr. Drake says that, although the queen made returns to the new year's gifts, in plate and other articles, she took care that the balance should be in her own favor.

As late as 1692, as appears from the Monthly Miscellany for December of that year, the English nobility were accustomed, "every new year's tide," to "send to the king a purse with gold in it." Under the Tudors and Stuarts new year's gifts were given and received with mutual wishes of a happy new year among all conditions of people. An orange stuck with clover or a gilt nutmeg was a popular gift; tenants sent their landlords capons, and ladies received presents of gloves or pins, or in lieu thereof a composition in money, whence the terms "glove money" and "pin money."

Brand in his "Popular Antiquities" enumerates many ceremonies and superstitious practices observed by the English and Scottish peasantry on the first day of the year, which, with the almost universal distribution of gifts, have very much declined. In England the ringing in the new year from the bellies of churches is now the only demonstration of joy at the recurrence of the anniversary. In Germany ceremonies derived from old superstitions are in vogue; but throughout continental Europe, although the day is a universal holiday, congratulatory wishes have generally been substituted for the more substantial expressions of esteem formerly interchanged by friends.

In Paris and other large cities almost incredible sums are still expended in bonbons and similar articles for presents. In the city of New York the day is made the occasion of social visits by gentlemen among the families of their acquaintance; a custom dating back almost to the settlement of the town by the Dutch, and which has been initiated with more or less success in other places in the United States. —New American Cyclopaedia.

Christmas.

CHRISTMAS—that ever welcome anniversary—passed off very acceptably last week. The Christmas trees on Tuesday evening, at some of the Churches were laden with a bountiful crop of precious gifts, and the occasion was both pleasant and profitable to the participants. On Wednesday the weather being mild and pleasant, and the sleighing excellent, it is almost needless to state that it was made good use of by the people generally, who correctly anticipated that it was about the last day (for the present) for that exhilarating pastime. Our streets presented a lively aspect during the day, and the Band kindly favored the public with some acceptable music in the open air.

In the evening, after the annual Masonic Installation, at Warren Lodge, the members of the craft, to the number of some 60 or 60, partook of an excellent oyster supper at the Franklin House. Altogether, it was a pleasant festive season, and the recurrence of its like will be most welcome, especially to those of us who were boyfully remembered by that clever old myth, who is said to visit the fireside at the mystic hour, and secretly deposit the unexpected tokens of friendship and affection.

Internal Revenue Decisions.

The Commissioner of Internal Revenue has rendered the following decisions:— A mortgage, securing \$100 or less, is not subject to a stamp duty; but the liability of the amount secured, is the same as though there were no mortgage. The necessary stamp may, however, be affixed either to the bond or to the mortgage. Section 160.

The position of treasurer in the organization of Odd Fellows or Free Masons, or any other similar organization is not an office within the meaning of the statute. Bond given by the persons holding such positions are, therefore, not subject to a dollar stamp each, as bonds "for the due execution of performance of the duties" of an office, but to a twenty five cent stamp only, as a bond not otherwise charged in Schedule B.

Legacies and Distributive Shares.

The attention of Executors and Administrators is particularly directed to the following clauses of the Internal Revenue Law:— And every Administrator, Executor, or Trustee, having in charge or trust any legacy or distributive shares, as aforesaid shall give notice thereof in writing to the Assessor or Assistant Assessor of the district where deceased grantor or bargainor last resided within thirty days after he shall have taken charge of such trust. And in case of willful neglect of such Executor, Administrator, or Trustee, as aforesaid, he shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding one thousand dollars, to be recovered with costs of suit.

A strict compliance with the above clause of the Law will save Executors and Administrators time and trouble.

—A wit once asked a peasant what part he performed in the great drama of life? "I mind my own business," was the reply.

Annual Taxes.

The Commissioner of Internal Revenue has directed the Revenue Assessors to commence, without delay, the assessment of Income taxes for 1867; also taxes upon Gold watches, &c., and of Special taxes (formerly called licenses) for year commencing May 1st. It is intended that these assessments shall be completed in March, and the taxes all paid before the first day of May.

Lottery Swindles.

One of the most promising of the many gift enterprises offered to us for advertisement was the Gettysburg Orphan Asylum scheme. We suspect all such, and generally decline them, although offering to pay well. Mr. Van Wyck, member of Congress from New York, denounces the above scheme as a swindle, the \$80,000 farm being in his district and not worth \$6,000. And the Diamonds offered are worthless stones, once used to swindle a New York tobaccoist out of \$200,000. Don't touch one of them. Give your dollar to some charity, or lay it by till time of need comes along.—Ez.

The following is the 4th section of Educational Ordinances, introduced in the negro Constitutional Convention of Louisiana, viz:—

No person shall establish a private school unless licensed by the State, and all such schools shall be taxed as other professions, and the Legislature shall make laws governing this subject. This is to prevent the establishment of private schools for white children, as it is the object of the convention to compel the two races to attend the same school and be educated together as social equals.

LONDON, Dec. 24—Noon.—The Fenians are still active. The newest sensation is an effort made last evening to destroy the gas works at Glasgow. Attempts had been made the night before to destroy the gas works at Warrington, in Liverpool. In both cases the effort were unsuccessful.

—38,000 miles of railroad have been completed in this country, and their cost, together with those unfinished, it is estimated, will amount to the enormous sum of \$1,654,000,000.

—For all those D's tressing and Afflicting maladies which originate in Scrofula or an enfeebled or vitiated state of the blood, nothing can equal the tonic and purifying effect of Dr. Anders' Iodine Water, a pure solution of Iodine dissolved in pure water without a solvent.

NEW YORK MARKETS.

Table with market prices for various commodities like Beans, Butter, Flour, etc.

MARRIAGES.

At the M. E. Parsonage, on the 25th inst., by Luther Peck, Mr. D. FRANKLIN STEVENS, of Elk Lake, and Miss ELIZABETH LATIROP, of Dimock. In Brooklyn, Dec. 25, 1867, by Rev. S. F. BROWN, Mr. MELVIN E. PACKER and Miss ANNA M. YEOMANS, both of Brooklyn. At the parsonage in LeRaysville, Dec. 24, by Rev. A. Brigham, Mr. LEVI W. CAMP, of Middletown Centre, and Miss MEDIE B. CANFIELD, of Middletown, Pa.

DEATHS.

In Brooklyn, Dec. 14, 1867, Mrs. MARY LINDSAY, wife of Ezra D. Lindsay, in the 25th year of her age.

New Advertisements.

A. W. BERTHOLF, ATTORNEY AT LAW, Montrose, Pa. Office in west end of Brick Block, over Wilson & Gere's Stores. Particular attention given to business pertaining to the Orphan's Court. (Jan. 1, 1868).

AUCTION!

THE subscriber, having sold his farm, will sell at public sale on the premises near Middle Lake, in New Milford, on Saturday, Jan. 4th, 1868, commencing at 10 o'clock a. m., the following property, to wit:— 7 Cows, 7 Yearlings, 3 Calves, 1 span of Horses, 13 Sheep, 1 Lumber Wagon, 1 light spring Wagon, 1 set double Harness, Plows, Harrows, Chains, and other Farming Tools, a power Churning Machine and Dairy Fixture, about 250 bushels Oats, 75 bushels Buckwheat, 30 bushels Potatoes, 16 tons Hay, a large quantity of oats straw, and other articles not too numerous to mention. TERMS.—All sums under \$10 cash; \$10 or over, one year's credit with interest and approved security. C. S. GILBERT, Auctioneer. New Milford, Dec. 31, 1867. MATTHEW SHAY.

Register's Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given to all persons concerned in the following estates, to wit:— Estate of John Jones, late of Apolcon, dec'd, John Jones, Adm'r. Estate of Amos Heath, late of Choconut, dec'd, Amos Heath, Adm'r. Estate of Edward Holford, late of Clifford, dec'd, Joseph Chase, Ex'r. Estate of Silas Torry, late of Gibson, dec'd, Henry Abel, Adm'r. Estate of Noah Read, late of Harford, dec'd, G. M. Read, Adm'r. Estate of E. W. Lewis, late of Thomson, dec'd, G. L. Lewis, Adm'r. Estate of A. O. Stoddard, late of Thomson, Jacob Stoddard, Adm'r. That the accountants have settled their accounts in the Register's Office in and for the county of Susquehanna, and that the same will be presented to the Judges of the Orphan's Court of said county on Thursday, January 24th, 1868, for confirmation and allowance. J. F. GHOEBAKER, Register. Register's Office, Montrose, Dec. 31, 1867.

ESTATE OF O. L. CARPENTER.

Letters of administration upon the estate of the above named decedent having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to said estate are hereby notified to make immediate payment, and those having claims against the same to present them duly authenticated for settlement. P. CARPENTER, Adm'r. Harford, Dec. 31, 1867.

NOTICE IN BANKRUPTCY.

This is to give notice, that on the 23d day of Dec. 1867, a warrant in Bankruptcy was issued against the estate of J. H. MONTROSE, of Susquehanna county, Pennsylvania, who has been adjudged a Bankrupt on his own petition; that the payment of such debt and delivery of property belonging to such Bankrupt, to him or for his use, and the transfer of his property, are hereby prohibited by law; that a meeting of the creditors of said Bankrupt, to prove their debts, and to choose one or more assignees of his property, will be held at a Court of Bankruptcy, to be held at No. 323 Lackawanna Avenue, Scranton, Pennsylvania, before Edward N. Willard, Register, on the 22d day of Jan. 1868, at ten o'clock, a. m.

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DEMAREST'S MONTHLY MAGAZINE.

UNIVERSALLY acknowledged the Model Parlor Magazine, it contains the Original Stories, Poems, Sketches, Architecture and Model Cottages, Household Matters, Gems of Thought, Personal and Literary Gems (including the most interesting and valuable portions of the Standard Magazines), Instructions on Health, Music, Amusements, &c. by the best authors, and profusely illustrated with costly engravings (full size) and reliable patterns Embroideries, and a constant succession of artistic novelties, with other useful and entertaining literature. The series is complete in 12 volumes, and is a valuable addition to the library of every family, or lady of taste can afford to do without the model magazine. Single copies, 30 cents; back numbers, as special inducement, 15 cents. A year, \$3.50, by express, \$4.00; five copies, \$12, and splendid premiums for clubs of \$25 each, and \$50 each, and \$100 each. A new Wheeler & Wilson Sewing Machine for 50 subscribers at \$3 each. Address, DEMAREST, No. 473 Broadway, New York. Demarest's Monthly and Young America together, \$4, with the premiums for each. Jan. 1.

Auditor's Notice.

THE undersigned and auditor appointed by the Orphan's Court of Susquehanna County to distribute the fund in the hands of Elizabeth Tripp, administrator of the estate of Elizabeth Tripp, dec'd, will attend to the duties of his appointment at the office of Frazer & Gase, in Montrose, on Thursday, Jan. 22d, 1868, at 1 o'clock p. m., at which time all persons interested in said fund, and who present their claims or be forever debarred from coming in on said fund. JAMES E. CARMALT, Auditor. Montrose, Dec. 24, 1867.

ESTATE OF BENJ. J. EDWARDS.

Letters of administration upon the estate of the above named decedent having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to said estate are hereby notified to make immediate payment, and those having claims against the same to present them duly authenticated for settlement. A. H. AYRES, Adm'r. Dundaff, Dec. 24th, 1867.

FARM FOR SALE!

THE subscriber offers for sale his farm containing about twenty acres in the town of Harford, in the county of Susquehanna, and is situated on a good soil of cultivation; good buildings, &c. The farm is well watered by a brook, and is a very desirable place for a residence, and is a very desirable place for a residence. The farm is situated on a good soil of cultivation; good buildings, &c. The farm is well watered by a brook, and is a very desirable place for a residence, and is a very desirable place for a residence. The farm is situated on a good soil of cultivation; good buildings, &c. The farm is well watered by a brook, and is a very desirable place for a residence, and is a very desirable place for a residence.

Administrators' Sale.

IN pursuance of an order of the Orphan's Court of Susquehanna county, the undersigned administrators of the estate of E. T. Wilbur, late of Dimock township, deceased, will sell by public vendue on the premises on SATURDAY, JAN. 11th, 1868, at one o'clock p. m., the following described real estate, viz:— Bounded on the North by lands of Mark Crisman and P. Woodhouse; on the east by lands of Geo. Crisman and H. Drinker; on the south by lands of F. Wallace; and on the west by lands of Wm. Miles and A. Dabney, containing about 100 acres of land, more or less. TERMS OF SALE.—One third to be paid down, and the balance in two equal installments, one on the first of February, and one on the first of March, 1868. MARY S. WILBUR, C. J. WILBUR, Adm's.

\$20,000

WORTH of Goods at small advance from Wholesale Cost, in store and for sale by H. BURRIT.

Comprising a large assortment of NEW Dry Goods, Groceries, Crockery, Hardware, Stoves, Iron, Medicines, Paints, Oils, Boots & Shoes, Wall Paper, Window Shades, Hats and Caps, Buffalo Robes, Ladies' and Gents' Furs, Balmoral and Hoop Skirts, &c. &c., and combined, forming the most complete opportunity for selecting in every department of his trade, and will be sold at The Lowest Market Prices. New Milford, Dec. 17, 1867.

Auditor's Notice.

THE undersigned and auditor appointed by the Judges of the Orphan's Court of Susquehanna county on exception made to the accounts of the estate of Abraham Allen, dec'd, will attend to the duties of his appointment at the office of Frazer & Gase, in Montrose, on Thursday, Jan. 22d, 1868, at 1 o'clock p. m., at which time and place all persons interested will present their claims or be forever debarred from coming in on said fund. F. A. GASE, Auditor. Montrose, Dec. 17, 1867.

LANDS FOR SALE.

20,000 acres at Manchester, Ocean county, N. J. In lots to suit purchasers, at \$20 per acre, payable in five years; 25 miles from New York and Philadelphia; soil well adapted for farming purposes; fruits, vegetables, cranberries; climate of the best of the country. Full particulars and full information sent free on application to Gen. JOHN S. BOWLITZ, General Manager, or C. C. BENTON, Esq., Selling Agents, Manchester, Ocean Co. N. J. (Dec. 10—1mo)

UNITED STATES INTERNAL REVENUE.

Whereas, on the 5th day of Dec. A. D. 1867, the Borough of New York, in and for the County of New York, was organized, and there is now in force an act of Congress, approved on the 22d day of Aug. 1862, and amended by an act of Congress, approved on the 22d day of Aug. 1864, and an act of Congress, approved on the 22d day of Aug. 1866, and an act of Congress, approved on the 22d day of Aug. 1867, and an act of Congress, approved on the 22d day of Aug. 1868, and an act of Congress, approved on the 22d day of Aug. 1869, and an act of Congress, approved on the 22d day of Aug. 1870, and an act of Congress, approved on the 22d day of Aug. 1871, and an act of Congress, approved on the 22d day of Aug. 1872, and an act of Congress, approved on the 22d day of Aug. 1873, and an act of Congress, approved on the 22d day of Aug. 1874, and an act of Congress, approved on the 22d day of Aug. 1875, and an act of Congress, approved on the 22d day of Aug. 1876, and an act of Congress, approved on the 22d day of Aug. 1877, and an act of 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