Wit and Humor.

A GRAVEYARD SCENE.

The night was dark and cold, and the little church, on the suburbs of Birmingham, lay quietly sleeping, with a number of white slabs in its contemplation, and the figure of a solitary man, who rested upon a grave-stone, watching, apparently, a newly-made grave. He was gazing in a meditative state, when an old companion, strangely addicted to his cups, staggered into the churchyard, and, while violently treading over the graves, fell into an open one, which was to hold an occupant on the morrow, and cried in a starting manner:

"Help me out! Help me out!"

The figure in study on the tombstone, his mind occupied with the themes which a churchyard usually inspires, cried, "Save me!" and took to his legs, without attention to the inebriate's appeal. He soon arrived at the back of the churchyard, where a marsh stretched out for several miles and prevented his exit at that point. However, he had hardly taken a position on a wooden fence, which inclosed the churchyard, before a milkman, carrying his pails, crossed the path running through the yard, in order to arrive at his destination in a short time, and muttering to himself about the time of night. As he passed the grave which held the unwilling occupant he said to himself:

"I wonder what time it is now?"

"Just struck one!" came from the grave, in a sepulchral voice.

"Murder! Help! Murder!" yelled the milkman, as he dropped his pails, and took to his heels toward the back of the yard; and arriving in sight of the man sitting on the fence, he shrieked out again, "Murder! Who are you?"

"Who are you?" asked the man; trembling on his fence.

"A milkman, good sir. Now will you please inform me how I can get out of here? I have lost my pails; but I'll bear all that if I can only get out," and he shook with fear.

"I'm in the same fix," said the man on the fence, and I dont hesitate to say that I'm rather afraid to-night to cross the yard. Perhaps we'd better sit daylight."

All night long the two men sat on the fence, trembling with fear. Just before daybreak a voice came from a dark clump of trees, by the church, calling "Frank! Frank!"

This was the name of the first man who had sought the fence for protection; and thinking it was a veritable spirit summoning him to the other world, he rocked back and forward on the fence, as if undecided on which side to fall:

"Come, Frank, I want you!"

"Oh!" gasped the frightened Frank.

"Please you'd better go," suggested the milkman, thinking that inexorable Death might be satisfied with one soul, and that his presence on that night would not be required in the other world.

"I can't think on't," muttered Frank, in despair. If you'd but oblige me that much——"

"Not to be thought on," exclaimed the milkman, excitedly.

"Frank, I want you!" exclaimed his wife, appearing before them like an apparition, "Why don't you come?"

"Is it you, Betsy?" asked the trembling Frank.

"Who, you lunkhead, yes!"

"That's my wife!" exclaimed Frank, springing to the earth, and feeling the necessity of being save to insure her protection. "Come, we'll be it of this churchyard in a few minutes," he dispered to the milkman.

"Betsy," turning to his wife and introducing her, "ll make you acquainted with the milkman. y an unlooked for accident, he had to leave his ns in one of the church paths, but he will get em in the morning, when it is perfectly light."

"*You lie!*" came from the grave; "the dropped em, and cut!"

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All those 8 certain contiguous lots or pieces of ground, situate on the corner of Norwegian and Railroad Sts., in the Borough of Pottsville, Schuylkill County, marked and numbered on the plan of lots laid out by Isaac Starr, numbers, 1, 2 and 3, bounded in front by said Norwegian street, on the rear by a 10 feet wide alley, on the east side by said Railroad street, and on the east side by lot number 4, the said 3 lots together contain in front on Norwegian street 62 feet 9 inches, and in measurement to commence at the corner of Norwegian and Railroad streets, and to extend eastwardly along Norwegian street to a point distant 130 feet from the corner of Coal and Norwegian streets, and containing in width on said 10 feet wide alley 60 feet and 8 inches, and in length or depth along said Railroad street 111 feet, and along lot number four 108 feet 4 inches, with the appurtenances, consisting of a two story brick warehouse, used as a screen factory, and a frame smith shop.

Also—All those 8 certain contiguous lots or pieces of ground, situate in the Borough of Pottsville, Schuylkill County, bounded and described as follows, to wit: On the westerly side of Centre street, and extending along the same 80 feet; thence southwardly 62 feet 6 inches to an alley, thence along said private alley 85 feet to Centre street, thence northwardly along Centre street 62 feet 6 inches to the place of beginning, and numbered on Samuel Silliman's plan with the number 1 and 2 on Centre street, with the appurtenances, consisting of 2 three story brick stores, with the right of entrance to said stores from Mahantongo street, in said Borough.

Also—All that certain lot or piece of ground situate on the south side of Market street, in the Borough of Pottsville, Schuylkill County, beginning at a point on the south side of Market street, at the distance of 22 feet northeasterly from 4th street, bounded northwardly by Market street, eastwardly by another lot of George Bright, southwardly by Division street, and westwardly by lot of Richard Lee, containing in width on Market street 24 feet, more or less, and in depth 138 feet, with the appurtenances, consisting of a 3 story brick dwelling house, with a 2-story brick building attached, and a brick stable.

Also—All that certain lot or piece of ground situate on the south side of Market street, in the Borough of Pottsville, Schuylkill County, bounded northwardly by land now or late of Anselm Price and Wm. Scott, southwardly by land now or late of Henry C. Carey, Abraham Hart or Rina C. Heid, eastwardly by land now or late of Henry C. Carey, and westwardly by land now or late of Henry C. Carey, containing in front on said Market street 25 feet, and in depth 100 feet, with the appurtenances, consisting of a 2 story brick dwelling house, with a stone dwelling house, and four 1 story stone dwellings.

Also—All that certain lot or piece of ground situate in the Borough of Pottsville, Schuylkill County, bounded on the north by lot of H. J. Hendler, east by Railroad street, south by lot now or late Samuel Thompson, south-by Division street, and west by other lot of said George Bright, containing in width 24 feet, more or less, and in depth 139 feet, with the appurtenances, consisting of a 2 story brick dwelling house, with a two-story brick dwelling attached, and a brick stable, as the property of GEORGE BRIGHT.

Also—All that certain lot or piece of ground situate in the Borough of Pottsville, Schuylkill County, bounded on the north by lot of H. J. Hendler, east by Railroad street, south by lot now or late of Henry C. Carey, Abraham Hart or Rina C. Heid, eastwardly by land now or late of Henry C. Carey, and westwardly by land now or late of Henry C. Carey, containing in front on said Railroad street 25 feet, and in depth 100 feet, with the appurtenances, consisting of a 2 story frame dwelling house, with a stone dwelling house, and four 1 story stone dwellings.

Also—All that certain lot or piece of ground, situate in the Borough of Pottsville, Schuylkill County, bounded on the south by lot of Mrs. Hough, east by lot of Wm. Scott, and on the west by lot of John Hitzelberger, containing in front on said Railroad street 25 feet, and in depth 100 feet, with the appurtenances, consisting of a 2 story frame dwelling house, with a frame stable.

Also—All that certain lot or piece of ground, situate in Rush Township, Schuylkill County, bounded and described as follows, to wit: beginning at the corner of Edward Eveland, Isaac Blew, Jacob Beltz and William Kronese, containing 7 acres, more or less, as the property of JOHN HITZELBERGER.

Also—All that certain lot or piece of ground, situate in the Borough of Pottsville, Schuylkill County, bounded on the north by lot of Mrs. Hough, east by Railroad street, south by lot of John Hitzelberger, and west by lot of Wm. Simmons, containing in width 20 feet and in depth 120 feet, more or less, with the appurtenances, consisting of a 1½ story frame dwelling house, as the property of CHARLES ORTHER.

Also, No. 1—All that certain tract or piece of land, situate in Rush Township, Schuylkill County, bounded by lands of Edward Eveland, Isaac Blew, Jacob Beltz and William Kronese, containing 7 acres, more or less, as the property of JOHN HITZELBERGER.

No. 2—All those certain 2 tons or pieces of ground, situate in Barnville, Rush Township, Schuylkill County, and marked on plan as lots Nos. 2 and 3, containing 40 feet each in front and extending back 150 feet, bounded northwardly by Railroad street, eastwardly by a 20 feet wide alley, southwardly by another 20 feet wide alley, and westwardly by a lot lately owned by Elias E. Faust, with the appurtenances, consisting of a 1½ story frame dwelling house, with stone basement under the same.

No. 3—All that certain tract or piece of land situate in Rush Township, Schuylkill County, bounded and described as follows, to wit: beginning at a white oak, corner of land of Philip Pfahl, thence by other land of Gottlieb Schaabel south 31¾ degrees east 106 perches to a chestnut oak, north 71¾ degrees east 13 perches to a chestnut, north 63¾ degrees east 21 perches to a stone corner, thence by land of Julius Moyer and Gottlieb Schaabel south 34¾ degrees east 105 perches to a stone corner, thence by land of Henry Trembo, south 71 degrees west 109 perches to a stone corner, thence by land of Anthony Schaal north 17 degrees west 16 perches to a stone, north 81 degrees west 110 and five-tenths perches to a brick, and north 24½ degrees west 84 and four-tenths perches to a white oak, thence by land of Gottlieb Schaabel north 14 degrees east 68 perches, north 8 degrees east 21 perches, north 5 degrees east 17 perches, north 26 degrees west 9 perches, north 33 degrees west 23 perches, north 10 degrees east 11 perches, north 25 degrees west 6 perches to a chestnut oak corner, thence by lands of Jacob Hesseberger, north 75 degrees east 30 perches to a birch, north 11 degrees east 58 perches to a stone, and north 57 degrees west 8 perches to a corner, and thence by lands of Philip Pfahl north 42 degrees east 41 perches, north 7 degrees west 98 perches, and north 79 degrees east 18 perches to the place of beginning, containing 213 acres, more or less, with the appurtenances, consisting of a 1½ story frame tavern house, with a 1¾ story frame kitchen attached; a frame stable, wagon shed, a large stone bank barn, a frame cattle shed, 1 stone blacksmith shop, and wash-house; as the property of SAMUEL WESSNER.

Also—All that certain lot or piece of ground situate in Preston, in the Township of Butler, Schuylkill County, on the north side of Parker street, containing in front on Parker street 60 feet, and extending of that width in length or depth 150 feet at right angles with said Parker street northwardly to a 15 feet wide alley, being lot No. 8 of Block No. 15 on the map or plan of Preston as made by P. W. Sheafer; as the property of JOHN EVERSON.

Seized and taken in execution and will be sold by

GEORGE C. WYNKOOP, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Pottsville, Feb 8, '68. 6-4t

SHERIFF'S SALES OF REAL ESTATE.

—By virtue of sundry writs of *Venditioni Exponas* and *Levari Facias* issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Schuylkill County, and to me directed there will be exposed to public sale or outcry, on

Saturday, March 7th, 1868,

At 1 o'clock in the afternoon, at the Court House, in the Borough of Pottsville, Schuylkill County, the following described real estate, to wit:

No. 1—All that certain lot or piece of ground, situate in Mahanoy City, Schuylkill County, bounded on the north by Laurel street, east by lot of Mary Wynn, south by lot of John Hitzelberger, west by lot of Edward Simmons, containing in width 20 feet and in depth 120 feet, more or less, with the appurtenances, consisting of a 1½ story frame dwelling house, as the property of CHARLES ORTHER.

Also, No. 1—All that certain tract or piece of land, situate in Rush Township, Schuylkill County, bounded by lands of Edward Eveland, Isaac Blew, Jacob Beltz and William Kronese, containing 7 acres, more or less, as the property of JOHN HITZELBERGER.

No. 2—All that certain lot or piece of ground, situate in the Borough of Pottsville, Schuylkill County, in addition to the Borough of Pottsville, Schuylkill County, bounded north by lot of Mrs. Hough, east by Railroad street, south by lot of Daniel Hughes and west by Centre street, containing in width 99 feet and in depth 200 feet, with the appurtenances, consisting of a 2 story frame dwelling house with stone basement, and a frame stable.

No. 3—All that certain lot or piece of ground, situate in the Borough of Pottsville, Schuylkill County, bounded north by lot of Mrs. Hough, east by Railroad street, south by lot of Daniel Hughes and west by Centre street, containing in width 99 feet and in depth 200 feet, with the appurtenances, consisting of a 2 story frame dwelling house with stone basement, and a frame stable.

No. 4—All that certain tract or piece of land, situate in the Borough of Pottsville, Schuylkill County, bounded and described as follows, to wit: beginning at a post in a line of land now or late of John Zeckman, thence along the same north 89 degrees east 13 perches to a stone, thence along the same north 68 degrees east 137 perches to a chestnut tree corner, thence north 21½ degrees west 109 and nine-tenths perches to a post, thence south 68½ degrees west 14 perches to a post; thence south 67¼ degrees west 12 perches to a post; thence south 44¾ degrees west 13 perches to a post; thence south 60¾ degrees west 24½ perches to a post; thence south 50 degrees west 30 perches to a post; thence south 26 degrees east 39 perches to a post; thence south 34 degrees east 18 perches to a line of land now or late of John Zeck