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BERKS COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AND HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.—The seventeenth annual meeting of the Berks County Agricultural and Horticultural Society will be held at the Court House, in the city of Reading, on Tuesday, the 2d day of February, at 1 o'clock, P. M. Officers will be elected to serve during the year.
C. K. SQUAIRES,
Jan 9-3t] Secretary

PHILADELPHIA AND READING RAILROAD.

WINTER ARRANGEMENT
OF PASSENGER TRAINS
COMMENCING DECEMBER 14TH, 1868.

FIVE TRAINS DOWN TO PHILADELPHIA, passing Reading at 7.00, 10.35 and 11.15 A. M., and 4.25 and 6.35 P. M.

UP TO POTTSVILLE, at 10.35 A. M., and 5.50 and 6.00 P. M.

TRAINS WEST TO LEBANON & HARRISBURG.—Western Express from New-York, at 1.05 A. M, and 1.50 P. M. and 10.19 P. M.

Harrisburg Accommodation Train at 7.15 A. M. and Mail Trains at 10.45 A. M., and 6.05 P. M.

On Sunday, the down trains pass Reading at 2.40 A. M. and 4.25 P. M., and up-trains at 10.40 A. M., and 5.57 P. M.

The 4.25 P. M. down, and 10.50 A. M. up trains run only between Philadelphia and Reading.

Up trains leave Philadelphia for Reading, Harrisburg and Pottsville at 7.30 and 8.15 A. M., 12.30 noon, and 3.30 P. M., and at 4.45 P. M. for Reading only. The 8.15 A. M., train connects with trains for Tamaqua, Williamsport, Elmira, Buffalo, Niagara and Canada.

The 8.15 A. M., and 3.30 P. M. up trains from Philadelphia, and 10.35 A. M., and 4.20 P. M. down trains, stop only at principal stations below Reading.

Reading Accommodation Train: Leaves Reading at 7.30 A. M., returning from Philadelphia at 4.45 P. M.

The Pottstown Accommodation train leaves Pottstown at 6.45 A. M. returning leaves Philadelphia at 4.00 P. M.

The Western Express trains connect at Harrisburg with Express trains on the Pennsylvania Railroad for Baltimore, Pittsburgh and all points West, and the 10.45 Mail train connects at Harrisburg for Pittsburgh, Lancaster, Chambersburg, Sunbury, Scranton, Pittston, Wilkesbarre, Williamsport, Lock Haven, Elmira and the Canadas.

Passenger trains leave Upper Depot for Ephrata, Litiz, Columbia and Lancaster at 7.00 A. M. and 5.15 P. M.

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100 pounds Baggage allowed each passenger. Passengers are requested to purchase their tickets before entering the cars, as higher fares are charged if paid in the cars.

Excursion Tickets, good for one day, by 7.30 A. M. Accommodation Train to Philadelphia, and return, at $2 00 each.

G. A. NICOLLS,
May 23] General Superintendent

EAST PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD.

ARRANGEMENT OF PASSENGER TRAINS.
Commencing Monday, December 21st, 1868.

No. 5, Mail Train, leaves [illegible] Reading 10.35 A. M., arrives Allentown 12.05; at New York 6.00, P. M.

No. 7 Fast Mail, leaves Reading at 4.20 P. M., arrives at Allentown 5.55; at New York 10.05, P. M.

Nos. 5 and 7, run daily, except Sunday, stopping at all Way Stations between Reading and New York.

EXPRESS TRAINS:

Leave Reading at		5.44 A. M.
" " "		7.31 A. M.
" " "		2.23 A. M.
" " "		1.00 A. M.
Arrive at New York at		11.00 A. M.
" " "		12.15 A. M.
" " "		7.00 P. M.
" " "		6.10 A. M.

These trains run through from Pittsburgh to New-York, without change of cars, stopping only at Lyons, Allentown, Bethlehem, Easton Junction, Clinton, White House, Somerville, Bound Brook, Plainfield and Elizabeth.

The 5.44 A. M. train runs daily except Sundays and Mondays.

The 2.23 P. M. trains run daily except Sundays.

The 7.31 A. M. and 1.00 A. M. trains run daily.

West bound trains, leave New York, at the foot of Liberty street, as follows:

Leave New York.		Arrive at Reading.
12.00 M.	Mail No. 6,	6.00 P. M.
3.00 A. M.	Express Train,	1.50 P. M.
5.30 P. M.	Express Train,	10.10 P. M.
8.00 P. M.	Express Train,	1.00 A. M.

Mail Train leaving Allentown at 7.20, A. M., stops at all Way Stations, arriving at Reading at 9.10, A. M., running daily except Sundays.

The P. M. Train from New York, stops at all stations between New York and Reading, leaving Allentown at 4.20, P. M., arriving at Reading at 6.00, P. M., running daily except Sundays.

The 8.00 P. M. train from New York runs daily stopping at Elizabeth, Plainfield, Somerville, Junction, Easton, and Bethlehem, arriving at Allentown at 11.40, P. M., passing Lyons at 12.20 A. M., arriving at Reading at 1.00 A. M.

Passengers are requested to purchase tickets before entering the cars, as 25 cents extra will be charged and collected on the train from all who pay the fare to the Conductor.

COMMUTATION TICKETS
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F. M. EMENTROUT,
Jan 2-tf] General Ticket Agent.

READING & COLUMBIA RAILROAD.

On and after Thursday, Nov. 26th, 1868, Passenger Trains will run on this road as follows:

Leave Reading at	7.00 A. M.
" "	6.15 P. M.
Arrive at Lancaster at	9.15 A. M.
" " Columbia at	9.25 A. M.
" " Lancaster at	3.25 P. M.
" " Columbia at	3.30 P. M.

RETURNING:

Leave Lancaster and Columbia at	8.00 A. M.
" Columbia at	3.20 P. M.
" Lancaster at	3.25 P. M.
Arrive at Reading at	10.20 A. M.
" " Reading at	5.40 P. M.

Trains Nos. 2 and 4 make close connection at Reading with trains North and South, on the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad, and West on the Lebanon Valley Road. No. 2 also makes close connection with train for New York.

Tickets can be obtained at the offices of the New Jersey Central R. R., foot of Liberty street, New York, and Phila. & Reading R. R., Thirteenth and Callowhill streets, Philadelphia.

Through Tickets to New York and Philadelphia, sold at all the principle stations and baggage checked through.

Trains are run by Philadelphia and Reading Railroad time, which is ten minutes faster than Pennsylvania R. R. Time.

GEORGE F. GAGE,
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B. F. HUBER.
dec 15-3m

ESTATE OF DANIEL BAUM, LATE of Muhlenberg township, Berks county, deceased. Letters testamentary to the estate of the above named decedent have been granted to the undersigned, residing in said township. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims will present them, properly authenticated, for settlement.
THOMAS BAUM,
DANIEL BAUM, Jr.,
Dec. 19 6t] Executors

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the account of Lewis Schaeffer, Committee of Isaac K. Kline, a lunatic, has been filed in the Prothonotary's office of Berks county, and that the same will be confirmed, on Monday, the 8th day of February next, unless cause be shown to the contrary.
W. R. GRIESEMER,
Jan 9-4t] Prothonotary.

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ASSIGNMENT OF JACOB E. SNYDER.—All persons are hereby notified that Jacob E. Snyder has made a voluntary assignment of all his real and personal property to Benjamin Franklin Snyder, in trust for the benefit of the creditors of the said Jacob E. Snyder. All persons who are indebted to Jacob E. Snyder, are requested to make payment to Benjamin Franklin Snyder, assigned, and those having claims against the said Jacob E. Snyder, will please present them, without delay to the undersigned. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN SNYDER,
dec 2-6t] Assignee.

☞ PARTNERSHIP NOTICE.—Notice is hereby given that I have this day associated Mr. Albert R. Durham as a partner with myself in my Drug business, at No. 14 South Fifth street, Reading, Pa., in which place the business will hereafter be conducted under the firm of McCURDY & DURHAM. Desiring to express my thanks to the public for their support and courtesy during the past twenty years, I respectfully ask a continuance of favor to the new firm.
J. K. McCURDY.
Reading, Jan 1, 1869.

In announcing our new firm, we desire to commend ourselves to the favorable consideration of the old friends of the house, and to the public generally.
J. K. McCURDY,
Jan 2-3t] A. R. DURHAM.

ORPHANS' COURT SALE.—PURSUant to an alias order of the Orphans' Court of Berks county, will be sold at Public Vendue, on Saturday the 23d day of January, A. D., 1869, at the public house of Isaac Miller, in Spring township, Berks county:

All that certain messuage, tenement and tract of land situate in Spring township, Berks county, bounded by lands of Joseph Grill, George Gallinger, Israel Shirk, containing 75 acres and 63 perches. The improvements are a one story LOG HOUSE, Frame Stable, Stone Spring House, and other outbuildings. About two acres of the above is heavily timbered and three acres of meadow land with a good Orchard of choice fruit. Late the property of life of *Catharine* and *John Rollman*, deceased.

Sale to commence at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, when due attendance will be given and the terms of sale made known by
GEORGE ROLLMAN, Surviving Trustee.
By order of the Court.—Levi H. Laiss, Clerk.
Jan 2-3t

ORPHANS' COURT SALE.—PURSUant to an order of the Orphans' Court of Berks county, will be sold at public vendue, on Tuesday, the 26th day of January, A. D., 1869, at the late residence of John Beehtel, deceased, in Heidelberg township, Berks county:

An undivided moiety or half of a certain, messuage, tenement and lot and piece of ground situate in Heidelberg township, Berks county, bounded by lands of David Kohl, by property of the School District of Heidelberg township, by a public road and by the Dauphin turnpike, containing one acre and a half more or less, with the appurtenances. This improvements are a one story PLASTERED HOUSE, one story Kitchen attached, Frame Stable, Wagon Shed, Pig Sty, summer kitchen or house, wood shed, pump and well of water, and other outbuildings. Late the property of *John Bechtel*, deceased.

Sale to commence at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, when due attendance will be given and the terms of sale made known by
ISAAC BECHTEL, Adm'or.
By order of the Court.—Levi H. Laiss, Clerk.
jan 2-3t

REGISTER'S NOTICE.
TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT the following accounts have been filed in the office of the Register, in and for the county of Berks, and that the same will be presented to the Orphans' Court for confirmation, on Saturday, the 23d day of January next, at 10 o'clock A. M., at the Court House, in the City of Reading, *1869.*

Filed December 5. Account of John Pfleger, Executor of Elizabeth Hoffman, deceased.

Filed December 10. Account of Ignatius Shaub, Administrator of Anthony Shaub, deceased.

Filed December 12. Account of Augustus Kochel, Executor of Sarah Kochel, deceased.

Filed December 14. Account of Daniel Buskirk, Guardian of Sarah Spies.

Filed December 14. Account of Joseph Dreisbach, Administrator of Catharine Homan, deceased.

Filed December 15. Account of William Krick, Administrator of John Krick, deceased.

Filed December 18. Account of William Fisher, Administrator of Daniel Fisher, deceased.

Filed December 18. Account of Nicholas Jones and William Yocum, Executors of Mary Jones, deceased.

Filed December 23. Account of Polly A. Fisher, Guardian of Jonathan Schoener.

J. D. WANNER, Register.
Register's Office, December 21, 1868.

PUBLIC SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE.—Will be sold by the undersigned, at the public house of Union Grove, in the village of Lesport, Ontelaunee township, Berks county, on Friday, the 22d day of January, A. D., 1869, at 1 o'clock P. M., the following described real estate, to wit:

No. 1. All that certain Tract of Land situate near Lesport, Ontelaunee township, in the County of Berks, adjoining lands of Valentine Hartman, Lesport Iron Company and others, containing 10 acres more or less.

No. 2. A certain Tract of Land situate near Lesport, in the township of Ontelaunee, said county, adjoining lands of Lesport Iron Company, Daniel Fisher and others, containing 5 acres more or less.

No. 3. All that certain messuage and piece of land in the village of Lesport, in said county, adjoining property of Penrose Wiley, Helena Ulmer, and others, containing 1 acre and 95 perches. The improvements consist of a large two story DWELLING HOUSE, Frame Barn, Wagon Shed and Blacksmith Shop. The above premises are suitable for a tavern stand.

No. 4. A Lot of Ground in the village of Lesport, adjoining property of Penrose Wiley, Tobias Clouser, deceased, and others, containing 60 acres strict measure.

No. 5. All that certain FRAME DWELLING HOUSE and lot of ground in said village of Lesport, in said county, containing 11 perches, strict measure.

No. 6. All that certain BRICK HOUSE And lot or piece of ground in said village of Lesport, in said county, containing 11 perches, strict measure.

The above properties will be sold in the whole, or by lots to suit purchasers. Conditions of sale made known by.
FRANKIN MENGLE.
Jan 2-3t

IN THE COURT OF QUARTER SESSIONS OF BERKS COUNTY.—In the matter of Sections 6th, 7th and 8th, of the Topographical Survey of the City of Reading.

And now to wit, December 18th, 1868, at a Court of Quarter Sessions, held at Reading, in and for the County of Berks, the Petition of Daniel Ementrout, Esq., Solicitor of the City of Reading, presented, Setting forth that drafts or plans of the 6th, 7th and 8th sections of the Topographical Survey of said City, have been delivered to the Clerk of the Court of Quarter Sessions of said County, and by him filed in his office for inspection and examination, and praying the Court to fix a certain day or days, not less than thirty days from the date of the publication of the notice hereby authorized and ordered, to hear any objections that may be made to the said drafts or plans of any of said sections or any part of any of them by any freeholders or citizens of said city, and to adjudge and determine whether any and what alterations shall be made therein. The said Court do hereby fix the 25th day of January, A. D., 1869, as the day for hearing such objections, if any shall be made, and to determine whether any and what alterations shall be made therein, and in the absence of objections, exceptions or alterations as aforesaid, to adjudge and decree the said plans or surveys, or any of them established, fixed and confirmed. The said Court do further direct that this order shall be published, at least thirty days previous to the said 25th day of January, A. D., 1869, in at least two weekly newspapers published in the city of Reading and County of Berks, for four successive weeks.

Per curiam.
W. J. WOODWARD, M. D.

Attest: I. M. GEHART, Clerk.
(L. S.)
By order of Select and Common Councils of the City of Reading.
DANIEL EMENTROUT, City Solicitor.
Reading, Dec. 28-4t.

COAL SCUTTLES, COAL SHOVELS, Heater Scoops, Ender Shovels, and a variety of other useful Hardware, for sale cheap by
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From the Western Rural.

LETTY'S ENGAGEMENT RING.

BY MRS. M. L. RAYNE.

Jerry Dawson loved Letty Davis, but he was quite unequal to the task of telling her so, for he was afflicted with a constitutional bashfulness, that made him completely tongue-tied, when he had anything interesting to say, and though one of the best fellows in the world, he labored under the disadvantage of being unable to tell any lady so. Letty knew well enough he loved her, but she was mischievously determined that he should tell her of it, and would pay no attention to his blushes, and hints and other consequences of bashful affection.

Jerry grew despondent over his untold love, and at last determined on a bold stroke; he would buy a ring, and at the first chance slip it on her first finger, and in that way seal her love to him. It was a bright thought, and he at once acted upon it.

But he dared not acknowledge to the jeweler of his native place, that he was buying a ring for a girl, so he asked to look at "fine gold rings for *elderly gentlemen*."

Mr. Shooks understood his customer and knew well enough his *penchant* for sweet Letty Davis, so he picked out a small, heavy ring that he thought would do, and put it up in a tiny box, saying carelessly, "I think this will suit your friend;" and only charged a couple of extra dollars for the deception.

Jerry went home with the ring, and tried to look unconscious, put his lantern out of the window, and hanging the cat up, and horrified his mother by asking her if she was "married" instead of tired.

The next evening he started, done up snugly in his Sunday best, to see Letty, but had only got as far as the "creek," when he remembered that he had left the ring behind.

He did not like to go through the kitchen and disturb the old folks, so he went to the front door and found it locked; his wits were in working order, however, and suggested the hop vine pole up which he clambered to his bed room window, and, favored by chance and a "Progressive Parlor Match," found the ring.

But alas for the course of true love, etc. As Jerry Lawson reached the window, and thrust one leg over the sill, in a mole dramatic moonlight-scene-manner, his mother, who believed him out, rushed in at the door armed with a broomstick, and the kitchen tongs, shouting in a frantic manner, "Stop thief," while his father, holding a terrible cudgel which he kept behind him, cried "Catch him, Betsey, give it to him!"

Jerry disappeared as suddenly as if he had been "game," and arrived at last at Squire Davis' so utterly exhausted, as to be quite unable to do any love making at all. Indeed it was just as well, for Letty was out with some young friends and Jerry thought it would be better still to leave the ring with Mrs. Davis, and have her break the matter to Letty.

So he wiped the perspiration from his honest but shiny forehead, and prepared his little speech.

First he fumbled in his coat, then in his trowser's pocket and at last from the depths of his coat pocket he brought up the little box with its glittering treasure.

His hand trembled so, it was with difficulty he could produce the ring, and when he did, not one word could he say, for just as he opened his mouth, the voice of Letty sounded on the porch; he caught the homely red hand of the dear old lady, threw the ring into it and with a grasp "for Letty," made a quick escape by the back door.

"Well I never!" said Mrs. Davis as she looked at the ring, "I do believe Jerry Dawson is going raving crazy. Why he used to be as sensible as he was good, and now he's just like a Roman maniac." She probably meant "raving" but if her authography was wrong, her judgment was right. "And I do believe," she continued, "that Letty's gone right on with Mattie Reynolds, to stay all night, and won't know she's engaged till to-morrow morning. I'm right glad of it, for Jerry is a powerful good fellow, and he'll get over being bashful. Love makes fools of all men at some time or nuther. I'll put the ring on my little finger and keep it till Letty comes home."

Father Davis coincided with his wife about Jerry being a good fellow, and promised to step down in the morning, and ask him up to Thanksgiving dinner, saying:

"Seeing he's as good as one of the family now and won't mind being joked a little."

Father Davis saw Jerry and made him quite happy by the invitation, but alas for Letty and the ring! Good Mrs. Davis had so much to do with pies and tarts and the Thanksgiving turkey, that she never thought of the ring, not even when she sat down to the table flushed hot, and saw Jerry and Letty seated opposite each other, the one miserably bashful, and woefully unhappy, because no ring was on Letty's hand; the other smiling and coquettish, and secretly proud of her handsome lover.

The squire got through the blessing and the serving, and each one was deep in the turkey and cranberry sauce, when a remarkably gurgling noise was heard, and Letty screamed; "Jerry's choaking!" Everybody turned to look and sure enough Jerry's face was purple, his eyes distended and his fingers clutching the table cloth, with a force that drew all the dishes together. At that moment the squire leaned forward and gave him a hearty thump on the back, and "chuck!" with a great rattle, flew something on the plate, while Jerry white and limp, collapsed into his former condition.

"Goodness me!" ejaculated Mrs. Davis, "if it ain't Letty's engagement ring!"

This was news! Letty's face burned, her father laughed a regular haw, haw, and the twins, Jessie and Alex, tittered audibly.

"It must have slipped off when I made the turkey dressing, and I declare I never once thought of it, or said a word to Letty about it. You can give it to her yourself, Jerry, after all."

Jerry made a desperate effort, and reached the ring across the table, to Letty. It seemed as heavy as a bar of iron, and just as Letty's hand was put timidly forth to take it, he dropped it.

"Where's it gone to now?" asked her mother.

"It's in the mustard pot," roared Alex.

"No it ain't, it fell in the gravy—I saw it," responded his sister Jessie.

But the ring was safe enough. It had landed from the table into Letty's lap, and she had coolly placed it on her finger, where it nestled lovingly as if at home. Jerry, happy fellow, saw it, and the plum pudding might have been rose leaves, or saw dust, for all he cared.

Jerry takes things coolen a. s and has ordered his wedding ring, made, with a appropriateness quite remarkable, but Letty says she will not trust him out of sight, for fear he should marry her mother instead, or, have the ring served in the wedding cake.

FAMILY ICE HOUSES.

A plan of constructing a cheap ice house, sufficient for the wants of a large family living in the country, near a pond of fresh water, has recently been suggested. A frame building, twelve feet square, and eight or nine feet high, it is asserted, will be sufficiently capacious for all purposes. The house should be supported on posts elevated a few inches above the ground, to secure proper drainage, and should be constructed of three inch joists, with an outer boarding, and having inside another series of uprights, also boarded, from six to ten inches removed from the outer shell. The floor should be made of solid plank, and the space between the two walls should be filled with tan, saw dust, straw or chaff; when a roof of good pitch is added, the ice house is completed. A drain for water should be made from the floor, and the space above the uprights between a loose flooring and the pitch of the roof, filled with straw or hay, or some similar dry, porous material. On the roof should be a ventilator, the top defended from rain or snow.

The ice should be packed in one solid mass, the sides not reaching the inner walls of the building, but allowing a space of from six to twelve inches all around. The top of the ice should be covered with straw, and the door should be like the sides of the building, or double doors should be made, one in the outer and the other in the inner wall.—Morning-glories or any climbing vine should be planted around the building and should be made to creep up the walls and over the roof, as an additional defence against the burning summer sun. A building of this kind, it is asserted, could be erected in one or two days by two men, even if they were not practical carpenters.

CAUTION TO FLIRTS.—"Too much of one thing is good for nothing," says an old proverb and it will apply very appropriately to young ladies and their beaux. The worst thing for a girl, unless she wishes to live and die an old maid—though she may do worse—is to have too many beaux. She may be stylish, and "smart enough for any of them," anything you please, she is sure to fail at last. The very fact that she has been the recipient of attentions from more men than she needs to know, places her on the level with a nearly worn out book—acceptable only to those who can't get anything better. Girls given to flirting, will come to the foot of their sex in due season.

USE FOR COAL ASHES.—A careful farmer in Ohio writes that he has used coal ashes for twenty years as a compost for the droppings in his poultry yard. White and red ash contain about four per cent. of soluble alkalies. By sifting dry coal-ashes every morning under his roosts, he obtains at the end of a year a ton or more of material as rich as guano. The coal-ashes should be kept perfectly dry. In that condition it is as good as gypsum as an absorbent.