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COMMUNICATIONS intended for publication in the EAGLE must be accompanied by a responsible name, as a guarantee of sincerity on the part of the writer. The name will not be published unless so desired by the correspondent.

Correspondents should make their communications short and to the point. Our space is too limited for very long articles.

Write only on *one side* of the paper, and as plainly as possible, without flourishes.

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ADVERTISERS are requested to hand in their advertisements as early in the day as possible, as our rapidly increasing circulation compels us to go to press about 2 p. m.

BRIEF MENTIONS.

A large number of business changes will take place on Penn street this Spring.

Miss Maria L. Sanford is a candidate for County School Superintendent in Chester county, Pa.

Winter lingers in the lap of Spring, and is *evidently* atoning for past delinquencies. The rigor of the present weather has a double sting [8, a. m.]

Store, shop and saloon keepers are complaining of dullness of trade. Scarcity of stamps and an approaching April, are the conceded causes. But the storm will soon be over, and things will move along in their usual channel of activity. Patience!

In a cold climate, ceilings should never be higher than nine feet. It takes considerably more than double the fuel to heat a room twelve feet high than if it were nine feet.

A "dog panic" prevails in many parts of the State. We wish it would extend to Reading and create a spirit of opposition to the many curs which infest our streets.

Change is not always improvement. We thought so last night when we found that the chamber maid had turned our room topsy-turvey.

Take things as they are and not as you wish them to be if you desire to be happy in this world.

Some evil-disposed person tore the railing from the door of St. James' Lutheran Church.

The Editor of the Allentown *News* wants to fight the Editor of the Bethlehem *Times*.

The new hat factory of Levi Hendel, deceased, in Maple alley, is to be converted into dwelling houses.

Good boarding houses are in great demand at the present time.

Mr. Bannor is just finishing seven two-story frame houses in South Twelfth street.

Calico balls are quite the rage in many places. They have satisfactorily demonstrated that silks and satin are not indispensable to social pleasure.

Mr. DeHart is building a hat box factory on a back lot on Chestnut street, between Eleventh and Twelfth streets.

Frank Boyer's handsome three-story brick residence at the head of Penn street, is being rapidly completed.

The Continental Old Folks were in Williamsport on Friday and Saturday. They opened in Jersey Shore last night.

The two young men who so *sweetly* sang the other night, "meet me by moonlight," met an officer who sent them home to meet their mothers!

It is supposed that the thief who was reported as having left the house, did so because he was not able to take it with him.

The Blue Mountain is being rapidly stripped of its heavy timber.

Extensive preparations are being made in this city, Pottsville and other places, for the grand parade to come off in Philadelphia on the 26th of April.

A. Hoffoin has removed his clothing house to No. 433 Penn street.

A patent for a snoring preventive has been applied for. It consists in the application of a common clothes pin to the nose.

The smoke house belonging to C. B. Kerr, near Millersville, Lancaster county, was robbed one night last week of a large lot of meat and two hogs.

The Ringgold Band of this city is being complimented by the Washingtonians.

Ice, six inches thick, was cut this morning.

Messrs. Bushong & Bro., will shortly commence the erection of a large number of dwelling houses, on Kissinger street.

A school for the management of velocipedes will open to-night at Keystone Hall.

Improvements and repairs are to be made at the Fair Grounds.

The hotel registers within the past few days, presented a small list of names.

A petition is being circulated to take steps to abolish the Free Concert Saloons in this city.

The number of coal trains coming down the road is increasing.

A splendid assortment of stationery can be found at the EAGLE book store.

ECLIPSE OF THE SUN.—We are to have two eclipses of the sun during the present year. The first will take place on the twenty-third of July, but will only be partial, and invisible in this country. On August 7th a total eclipse of the sun occurs. This will be the most interesting that has been witnessed in the United States for many years, and will not happen again until the last year of the century. The shadow of the earth will commence crossing the sun's disk about *half* past four in the afternoon, and will not entirely pass over it until nearly half past six.

THE SMALLEST MAN IN THE WORLD.—On Saturday afternoon, Charles R. Decker, the smallest man in the world, made his appearance on the streets and created quite a sensation among the little folks. His business was to dispose of a number of photographs of himself which he had in his possession. This diminutive specimen of humanity was born on the 22d day of April 1848, at Pontotoc, Miss., is only 31 inches high and weighs just 45 pounds. The pictures are sold at 35 cents apiece.

PENNSYLVANIA INSTITUTION FOR THE INSTRUCTION OF THE BLIND.—We have received the Thirty-sixth Annual Report of the Pennsylvania Institution for the Instruction of the Blind, for 1868. The Institution appears to be in a flourishing condition. The value of the articles manufactured during the year 1868 are valued at $14,026.93. Only two of the pupils are from Berks county—Charles Fritz and Hannah C. Preiss. There are at present 179 pupils in the Institution, of whom 30 support themselves wholly or in part. No death occurred during the year. The Institution is situated at Twentieth and Race streets, Philadelphia. It is deserving of all possible support and encouragement.

POLICE AFFAIRS.—Charles Johnson is an American citizen of African scent. Chawles some time since committed an assault and battery on a man named Quinn, and a warrant was placed in the hands of officer Dillon for his arrest. Chawles made tracks for Schuylkill Haven, but yesterday he again blessed our city with his presence. Officer Dillon was at once on his trail, and the pursuit became so close that Chawles abandoned his usual loafing places and concealed himself up town. Last night officer Hample endeavored to disperse a gang of five noisy niggers on the corner of Tenth and Washington streets. All obeyed him except Chawles, who was "in the crowd," and who declared that he wouldn't go, and that no officer could make him go or arrest him either. Officer Hemple at once tackled Chawles, but "the colored troops fought nobly," and the assistance of Constable Diehl was required to get Chawles to the station house. This morning Chawles was requested to contribute $3.25 to the city treasury, but his exchequer not being in a fit condition for the resumption of specie payments, he was retained, and is now playing chequers with his nose through the bars. When he is released, he will probably have to answer for the assault and battery which caused his recent pilgrimage to Schuylkill Haven.

John Summerhold resides in Tenth street, between Chestnut and Franklin. Summer did not get hold of John yesterday, but whisky did. Last night he was very drunk and disorderly, and was also abusing his wife. Officer Lawrence took him to the station house. This morning John's better half appeared and a compromise was affected. On paying a fine of $2.25 he was discharged.

Peter Smith was slightly weak in the knees, and, sleep overcoming him, he sank sweetly to rest on the pavement at the corner of 7th and Penn streets. Officer Lewis took Peter to the Station House, when he continued his slumbers unbroken through the night. Peter had no money, and was retained.

George Rowe was in a state similar to that of Peter Smith. George selected a pavement in Bingaman street between 7th and 8th as his place of rest, but Officer James Maurer disturbed his slumbers, and George was compelled to "roost" the balance of the night at the Station House. George's pocket book was in a better condition, however, than that of Peter, and this morning by paying a fine of $3.25 he was discharged.

Thomas Kovell was drunk at the corner of 8th and Chestnut streets. He lodged at the Station House the balance of the night, and this morning paid his fine of $3.25 "like a man," and was discharged.

The Station House accommodated 10 lodgers last night.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY.—The anniversary of the birthday of Ireland's patron saint will take place on Wednesday, the 17th inst. We have not heard that any organized celebration of the day will take place in this city, but we presume our Irish fellow-citizens will manage to keep it in some appropriate manner. Popular *legends have ascribed* to St. Patrick many miraculous achievements, among which was the banishment of all venomous reptiles from Ireland by means of a crosier or staff, which is said to have been preserved with great veneration in Dublin as late as the year 1390. According to the best authorities the life of Saint Patrick was a very eventful one; some writers state that he was born in Gaul in 372, but the greater number agree that he was born at the mouth of the Clyde, in Scotland, in 372, and died at Down in Ulster about the year 464. In the year 432 he began his missionary labors in Ireland, and preached the Gospel with wonderful effect. While preaching to the Irish, he used the shamrock or clover with its three leaves on one stem to illustrate the Trinity; this accounts for its adoption by the Irish nation as its emblem. Perhaps no missionary ever accomplished a greater work than St. Patrick, or one more productive of good results; his life was passed in a rude age, and is consequently much obscured by tradition, but the good effects caused by his preaching will continue forever.

THE READING DISPENSARY, since the 1st of January, has been favored with the following charitable contributions:

Jan. 26—By Mrs. Catharine Brooke, 3 pairs drawers and 1 shirt.

Feb. 8—By Mrs. Orrick, 2 pairs stockings.

Feb. 16—By Sewing Society of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Franklin St., 9 pairs drawers, 1 cushion, 8 sheets, 2 wrappers, 7 hospital shirts, 1 pair slippers, 13 bosom shirts, 10 pair stockings, 1 vest, lot of bandages, 2 pairs pantaloons, 4 handkerchiefs, 3 blankets, 2 pillows, 1 comfortable, 1 bolster and 4 cases.

Feb. 22—By Mrs. James Jameson, one rocking chair.

Feb. 26—By Sewing Society of The Universalist Church, 20 yards rag carpet, 1 pillow and bolster, 1 bed-spread.

P. M. ZIEGLER, Sec'y.

[Communicated.]

MR. EDITOR:—The Dispatch has an article on the subject of the rival candidates for Assessor. Will you permit me through your columns to inquire whether Michael Walter was a candidate for an appointment under President Johnson; whether he and his brother Jacob called upon Major Getz to secure his influence; and whether Jacob, who is a Democrat, stated that Michael had got a little wrong, but if he would get the place he asked for he would be all right; and whether Michael assented to this? In short, whether Michael did not seek an appointment under President Johnson, whom the Dispatch so much abuses? The Dispatch will also state whether Mr. Walter's claims are not pushed by the whole of Colonel Alexander's friends and followers? and whether he and they were such an honest party that the Government should put them in power again? How would the revenue returns of certain gentlemen be, and how many rings would be formed, if they should happen to get an Assessor whom they can manage? Will the Dispatch answer?

CIVIS.

ARRESTED.—Two young men, giving their names as James J. Watson and Charles Taylor, were arrested this morning about 6 o'clock at the Keystone House. They are charged with having stolen $100 from a man at Easton. They were taken to Easton this morning.

CORRECTION.—In our report of the election of officers of the Democratic Association, published in the EAGLE yesterday, the name of Hiram S. Getz, Treasurer, was accidentally omitted. Mr. Getz was elected by acclamation.

PETERS' MUSICAL MONTHLY.—The March number of Peters' Musical Monthly contains some twenty-four pages of choice new music, giving selections from the best authors, and variety enough to suit the most fastidious. Among them is a beautiful little ballad, with chorus, by J. S. Cox, entitled "Left All Alone;" a Sacred Song by George Leach, entitled "The Lord will Provide;" "Coraline," by Will S. Hays; a comic song by T. Brigham Bishop, entitled "The Young Widow;" and three instrumental pieces, namely: "Pretty as a Pink," Barcarole, by Mack; "Fleur de The Galop," by Dressler, and the famous "Grecian Bend March," by Prevot. In addition to the above, Mr. Peters gives fifteen pages of choice family reading, and all for the moderate sum of 30 cents, or $3 per year—over $3 worth of New Music appearing in each number. Those of our musical friends who do not subscribe are certainly losing a rich treat, as $40 worth of music cannot be bought every day for such a small sum. Issued by J. L. Peters, Music Publisher, P. O. Box 5120, New York. Sample copies, 30 cents.

SECOND EDITION.

2 1-2 O'CLOCK P. M.

THE Concert by Winter's Band and the Reading Maennerchor, at Keystone Opera House, last night, was attended by a crowded and fashionable audience. The performances elicited general admiration and praise.

"MURDERER ARRESTED."—In the EAGLE yesterday we mentioned the arrest of a supposed murderer on the Reading Railroad, below Phoenixville. We have since been informed, by passengers on the up train, that the man was not arrested by the passengers, but by three Philadelphia policemen who were on the train. The passengers merely rushed out of the cars to see the arrest made. The man had previously been concealed in a stable, which was searched without finding him. He then walked up the railroad, when he was seen and captured as above stated, taken to Phoenixville, and thence taken back to Philadelphia. He claims to have committed the supposed homicide in self-defence. The Philadelphia Bulletin of last evening gives the following account of the affair:

"On Saturday evening, between 8 and 9 o'clock, two Germans named Joseph Doll and Casper Weiss, were in a lager beer saloon at Thirty-second and Thompson streets. They got into a quarrel and Doll seized a stave from a barrel and beat Weiss upon the head with it. Weiss was so badly injured that his life is despaired of. After committing the murderous assault, Doll fled. An account of the affair was reported at the Ninth District Police Station, about 9 o'clock yesterday morning, and Lieutenant Lovezaire detached Sergeant Atkinson and a squad of men to look after the assailant. He was traced along the line of the Reading Railroad and was captured about three miles below Phoenixville. He was brought back to the city, and after a hearing before Alderman Pancoast, was committed in default of $2,000 bail."

DANGEROUSLY ILL.—During the row on Saturday night at Canterbury Hall, the proprietor, Mr. Christ, was so much injured by having been kicked in the side and on the breast, that he is confined to bed, and during last night was in a critical condition.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT.—Isaac Alderfer, living about one mile north of Evansville, met with a serious accident last Saturday evening. Having just returned from mill with a load of feed, and having his horse partly unhitched from the wagon, the animal became frightened and started to run. Mr. Alderfer, in endeavoring to stop him, fell, and the loaded wagon passed over his arm crushing it badly. He was attended by Dr. S. B. Detweiler and is now doing as well as could be expected.

READING LIBRARY.—We mentioned yesterday that library shares should pay an annual contribution of one dollar.—This, however, is only on the shares used. For example, a stockholder owns two, ten, twenty or more shares, but really only uses one share for obtaining books. He pays his one dollar per annum on this share, but nothing on the rest. The shares not used are called dormant,—the shares used active. If he chooses to do so he can make any of his dormant shares active in the name of *any person he may designate*, and the share so activized pays one dollar annual contribution.

This is an excellent arrangement. It would not be right that persons who have liberally subscribed a large number of shares, in order to aid the Library, should pay an annual contribution upon them, as a single share would answer all the purposes of obtaining books.

They pay but one dollar per annum on a single share. They may, however, have some friend, perhaps a deserving *young man or woman, who is not able to* buy a share. They can then activize one of their shares in the name of such person who pays one dollar per annum to the Library for its use. When this dollar is no longer paid, the share ceases to be active, reverts to the stockholder, and belongs to his dormant list.

Stockholders should seek out deserving young persons who are willing to pay one dollar per annum,—and there are few who cannot do that,—and give them the use of the Library. In this way they not only add to the funds of the Library, but promote a taste for reading, which is the main object of the institution. All this has already been done to a considerable extent. Some 250 dormant shares have already been made active, and the number might be greatly increased. Still, whoever can, should buy a share.

DEAD DOG.—A dead dog is lying in the gutter in Penn street above 7th. It should be removed.

ATTEMPTED BURGLARY.—Last night, between the hours of 10 and 12 o'clock, an attempt was made to break into the residence of Mr. Peter Gift, No. 427 Laurel street. The burglar got over the fence and tried to force open the back shutter. He was disturbed in his operations, however, and did not succeed in getting in. He prowled about the house nearly all night, and every few minutes would give a low whistle.

On Sunday night an attempt was made to effect an entrance into the cellar of Mrs. Harner, residing at 411 Laurel street, but the burglar was disturbed by her son, and left.

THE Tamaqua Journal says that on the 22d ult., a young bay mare with harness and a buggy, belonging to Jacob Billman and William Bachert, were stolen from Seiberling's tavern, about four miles below that place. A reward of fifty dollars is offered for the recovery of the property, with an additional reward for he arrest of the thief or thieves.

BY THE CUBA CABLE.

HAVANA, March 8.—A severe engagement occurred on the march of Gen General Lesca to Puer o Principe. Gen. Lesca found the enemy to the number of 4000 strongly intrenched on the Sierra de Cubitas. Artillery was brought up, and commenced a vigorous fire upon the works. Covered by the batteries, a column of regular troops, 1500 strong, attacked the enemy's fortifications with the bayonet. Both sides fought with determination, and the havoc was fearful. Gen. Lesca reports his loss at 31 killed and 80 wounded.

The loss of the rebels is estimated at upwards of 1000 killed and wounded. Government accounts claim a victory for General Lesca, and assert that the insurgents are much disheartened by their defeat. The detachment that left Puerto Principe for Santa Cruz, to obtain supplies brought to that port by the fleet, returned on the 2d inst., with provisions and ammunition, having made the march both ways without serious interruption. The entire available strength of the rebel forces now under Quesada is estimated at 7000 men.

The Diario reports that the rebel leaders in the province of Santa Espiritu have deserted their men in the Eastern department. Bands are roaming between Holquin and Gibara, and committing great depredations and outrages. They carry the rebel flag, but are disowned by the insurgents themselves, and denounced as bandits. A steamer arrived here to-day from Cienfuegos with a number of prisoners, among them four priests.

PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATURE.

HARRISBURG, March 8.

In the Senate, the following message was recieved from the Governor:

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,
HARRISBURG, March 8th, 1869.

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

GENTLEMEN—I have the honor to transmit, for the consideration of the General Assembly, a duly attested copy of a concurrent resolution of the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, entitled, "A resolution proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of the United States," this day received from the State Department, Washington, D. C.

I cordially approve this action of the National Congress, and unhesitatingly recommend the prompt ratification of the same by the Legislature.

JOHN W. GEARY.

Several bills of a private character were then taken up and passed finally.

Adjourned to to-morrow at 11 a. m.

In the House, a large number of petitions and remonstrances were presented, including several from various counties without distinction of party, against the ratification of the proposed 15th amendment of the Constitution, conferring the right of suffrage upon negroes.

Mr. Wilson presented a petition from the representatives in Congress from Pennsylvania, asking the legislature to appropriate a sufficient sum of money to pay for a bronze statue of the late Thaddeus Stevens, to be placed on the Lincoln monument at Washington.