



The Jeffersonian.

THURSDAY, JULY 12, 1855.

Plank Road.

At a meeting of the Lehigh and Delaware Plank Road Company, held in Stroudsburg, a short time since, JOSEPH FENNER, was elected President, and PHILIP MIXSELL, Jr. Secretary.

This Company was chartered at the last session of the Legislature, to build a plank road from Cumfordsville, in the County of Luzerne, to the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Rail Road in the County of Monroe, and is intended to make an out-let, for the vast quantities of lumber manufactured on the Lehigh and in the western part of Monroe County, to the Rail Road. This improvement, when finished, will be a great benefit to the lumbermen. We doubt not, judging from what we know of the gentlemen who have it in charge, that it will be pushed to a speedy completion.

Easton, Belvidere, Delaware Water Gap and Stroudsburg Telegraph Company.

At an election for officers of this Company, held at the Indian Queen Hotel, in this place, on Tuesday last, the following named persons were duly elected as officers for the ensuing year, viz:

President

H. S. HECKMAN.

Secretary

LEWIS D. VAIL.

Treasurer

JOHN N. STOKES.

Directors

- E. A. DEPUE,
DEPUE S. MILLER,
DAVID A. DEPUE,
E. R. CRANE,
JESSE REICHHARD,
WILLIAM A. BRODHEAD,
HON. JAMES H. WALTON,
ROBERT BOYS,
WILLIAM DAVIS, Esqr.,
THEODORE SCHUCH.

SAMUEL MELICK, on Thursday of last week, was elected operator, for the station at this place.

Dentistry.

As Dr. SWAYNE will only remain in our town for another week, those who yet wish his services should call upon him as soon as possible.

Rev. Dr. D. V. McLEAN, President of La Fayette College, Easton, Pa., will deliver an address on Education, at the Court House in this Borough, on Monday evening next, the 16th inst. We have heard this gentleman's lectures highly spoken of, and hope that our citizens, generally will attend.

Democratic State Convention.

The delegates to the Democratic State Convention met in Harrisburg, on Wednesday, for the purpose of nominating a candidate for Canal Commissioner.

Hon. J. Glancy Jones, of Berks Co., presided.

The ballottings resulted as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Name, 1st Bal., 2d. Bal., 3d. Bal. Lists names like Arnold Plummer, Venango co., etc.

Arnold Plummer, having received a majority of the votes cast, was declared the democratic nominee for Canal Commissioner.

The Committee on Resolutions made a minority and a majority report. The majority report avoided the liquor law and Nebraska question. The minority report took decided ground on both these exciting subjects. A motion to substitute the minority for the majority report was negatived—Ayes 19, nays 89.

The majority report was then adopted, as also an additional resolution against negroes voting.

A Washington correspondent of the Herald says, that some officers of the Army and the Government have been discovered speculating in land, and that Commissioner Manypenny has brought on himself the anger of Jeff. Davis and other functionaries for disclosing it.

The corruptions and speculations of the favorites of the present administration surpass belief; and any honest officer who undertakes to fulfill his duty by investigating them is pretty sure to fall. They dare not remove Manypenny, however, as the great State of Ohio stands at his back.

Another Presidential Candidate.—A large meeting was held on Saturday week, at Green Castle, Iowa, at which the Hon. J. Scott Harrison, son of the late Gen. Harrison, was unanimously nominated for the Presidency of the United States.

The United States Magazine for July.

Were the actual worth of this sterling monthly generally known, its subscription list would number hundreds instead of tens of thousands. Notwithstanding the ridiculously low price at which it is published (one dollar per annum,) it is printed on new type and superior paper, and illustrated with a profusion of choice engravings on wood, and its mechanical and artistic execution generally, is creditable to the typographical profession.

The News from Europe.

The Hermann at New York, and the America at Halifax, bring the one four days and the other seven days later news from Europe. The intelligence from the seat of war is important, though but brief details, received by telegraph by the English and French governments, are given to the public.

Immense Casting.—At one of the New York iron works, last week, an iron plate was cast for the atelier of a plate of glass works, which weighed forty tons, and measured twenty feet long, ten feet six inches wide, and ten inches thick.

Wonders of the Atmosphere.

The atmosphere forms a spherical shell surrounding the earth to a depth which is unknown to us by reason of its growing tenuity as it is released from the pressure of its own superincumbent mass. Its upper surface cannot be nearer to us than fifty and can scarcely be more than five hundred miles. It surrounds us on all sides, yet we see it not; it presses on us with a load of fifteen pounds on every square inch or surface of our bodies, or from seventy to one hundred tons on us all, yet we do not so much as feel its weight.

Chicago. The growth of this city has indeed been wonderful. In 1840, or only fifteen years ago, the population amounted to 4,479, while at the present time it is estimated at 100,000.

Chicago and Milwaukee, open to Racine. Illinois and Wisconsin, open to Fox river. Galena and Chicago Union, open to Galena.

Beloit Branch of the Galena, open to Beloit. Beloit and Madison, open to Alton. Chicago and Galena, Air-Line. St. Charles Branch.

Chicago and Aurora. Central Military Tract. Peoria and Bureau Valley. Chicago and Rock Island. Peoria and Bureau Valley.

Chicago and Mississippi. Illinois Central, open to Cairo. Michigan, Southern, and Northern Indiana, open to Toledo. Michigan Central, to Detroit. New Albany and Salem.

Two Weeks Later from California. The Prometheus at New Orleans.—The Walker Expedition.—The Town Rivas Captured.

New Orleans, July 6.—By the steamship Prometheus, from Aspinwall, California dates to the 16th ult., have been received. The intelligence from the mining districts is of the most favorable character, and there has been a large shipment of specie from San Francisco.

The land claim of Messrs. Bolton and Barrow has been confirmed by the U. S. Commissioners. The law prohibiting gambling is generally observed in San Francisco.

The town of Auburn has been mostly destroyed by fire. At the recent municipal elections in Placerville and other towns, the Know-Nothings have been successful.

The intelligence from Niagara is important. The filibustering expedition under Walker, had landed in Niagara and captured the town of Rivas, causing the most intense excitement throughout the country.

Arrivals at San Francisco.—June 3d—ships Winged Racer, and Fanny Ford. 4th—ship Syren, 5th—ships Harvey Birch and Phoenix, 6th—ship Flying Cloud, 13th—ships Rover, Samuel Russell, Auburn and Rockland.

Fatal Effects of the Heat.

The intense heat of Saturday, June 30th, had a disastrous effect in N. York upon many poor laborers and others who were exposed to the sun's rays. A large number of persons were overcome by the heat, and up to Saturday afternoon ten deaths were reported at the offices of the Coroners.

Several sudden deaths, from the effect of heat, took place also at Baltimore on Saturday, as follows:

A man, (name unknown,) whilst walking along the Liberty road near Dr. Hitch's farm, just beyond the limits of the city, on Saturday afternoon, fell to the ground and expired in a few minutes.

An elderly lady from the Eastern Shore arrived in this city on Saturday afternoon last, and was proceeding on her way to Franklin street, along South Charles, when she received a sun stroke, from the effects of which she expired in a short time.

About half-past seven o'clock, on Saturday evening a man named John Hogan was carried to the Southern district police station in an insensible state, where he died about two hours afterwards.

A man whose name is said to be John Barker was sun struck on Friday afternoon on the Charles street avenue, and shortly after expired. A verdict was rendered of 'death by a stroke of the sun.'

Joseph Hamilton, formerly a police officer, suddenly fell, on Saturday afternoon, at the Corner of St. Paul and Cathedral streets, and expired shortly after being conveyed to his residence. His death is attributable to the extreme heat of the weather.

Leonard Andre, George W. Best, John P. Best, Robert D. Bogart, John M. Boys, William Boys, Peter S. Brown, Michael Brown, John W. Burnet, Benjamin T. Butz, William Cahill, James T. Carner, Charles D. Clark, Garrit V. Clark, John W. Clark, John C. Cleecker, Dimmick Coolbaugh, Arthur H. Davis, G. Morrison Dean, William Dean, John Diehl, John F. Drinkhouse, James Edinger, Thomas Dunne, James Gouger, John A. Gross, Theodore C. Hammon, William Henry, Henry Hudson, John Huntsman, William Keller, James Keener, Stewart Kintz, Thomas A. H. Knox, William R. Kutzler, Charles Major, Edward Melick, A. Brittain Miller, Adam Overfield, Philip S. Postens, Edwin A. Schoch, Charles Staples, Daniel C. Staples, Edwin Staples, J. Summerfield Staples, Theodore B. Staples, Charles Starner, Franklin Starner, John Storm, John J. Walton, Eugene B. Walton, Martin L. Walton, William F. Walton, Conrad Z. Warnick, Charles Wintemute.

Other roads are in progress which, when completed, will, together with the above, form an aggregate of 6,735 miles.

Trains of cars arrive and depart daily on most of the routes, and land in the immediate neighborhood of the city which but a few years ago sold by the acre now sells by the foot and at very enormous rates.

Illegitimate Children. The last Legislature passed the following important section, relating to the name and right of illegitimate children to inherit the estate of their mother—and the estate of such child:

Section 3. That illegitimate children shall take and be known by the name of their mother and they and their mother shall respectively have capacity to take or inherit from each other personal estate as next of kin; and real estate as heirs in fee simple; and as respects said real or personal estate so taken and inherited, to transmit the same according to the intestate laws of this State.

The Roman Catholic Cathedral in Pittsburg, Pa., which was consecrated on Sunday last, was commenced four years ago, and will be when finished, says the Baltimore American, the most magnificent church building in this country. It is estimated that from 4,000 to 5,000 persons can be seated within its walls; and if necessary, additional pews can be set upon the space now left free for processions, &c. Among the many novel features introduced into this church, is the invention of Bishop O'Conner, by which the seats can be changed without the occupants being required to leave their pews, so that the congregation can face either way.

Delicious Beverage.—James Keenan, in an interesting letter about Japan, says that "sacie," the principal drink of the country, is supposed to consist of sour whiskey, tobacco juice, and aquafortis.—What a mixture!

REPORT

Of the Free Union School of Stroudsburg for the Month of June.

In every study except Spelling, a PERFECT recitation is marked 1; Good 2; INDIFFERENT 3; BAD 4; VERY BAD 5; FAILURE 6. Each recitation is thus marked, and the above is the average for the month. In Spelling the number at the left indicates how many were correct, that at the right incorrect. Thus 127 16 means 127 right and 16 wrong. If a Scholar's record in Geography for one week, was Monday 1; Tuesday 5; Wednesday 1; Thursday 2; Friday 4; then the average would be 2.6 (two and six tenths.) Those marked thus * study Algebra. In the number of days the h means 1/2. Thus, 17h means 17 1/2.

UPPER DEPARTMENT.

NUMBER OF DAYS TAUGHT 21.

Table with columns: Name, Days Present, Minutes Late, Latin, Geometry, Constitution, Grammar, Geography, Mental Arith, Arithmetic, Spelling. Lists names like Aurora Albertson, Harriet Albertson, etc.

Whole of number of Girls 54, do. do. Boys 56, total 110. Girls, average attendance, 17 days. Boys average attendance 17.2. Average number of Girls present each day 44. Average number of Boys present each day 46. Girls time lost by absence 212 1-2 days. Boys time lost by absence 203 days. Girls time lost by tardiness 703 minutes. Boys time lost by tardiness 1423 minutes. Total time lost 421 days.

Till examination day not a single father or mother did spare sufficient time to visit their own children in their school. On that day the following were present: Elizabeth F. Wintemute, William S. Wintemute, John Edinger, R. S. Staples, C. U. Warnick, M. H. Dreher, William Clark, and Samuel Rees, Jr.

The books and studies are the same as during last month. We would request each parent to ask herself or himself these two questions. 1st. Has my child been a regular attendant at school? 2d. Have I each evening carefully seen that the lessons assigned for home study were learned? If these can be answered in the affirmative then you may rest assured that your child has learned well. But more of this some other time.

LEWIS D. VAIL, Principal. MARGARETTA S. MILLER, ELIZABETH MALVEN, MARTHA GORDON, Assistants.