

A muddle similar to that which has rendered the name of Louisiana a byword and a reproach, only a little more so, has lately arisen in Texas. There has existed in the latter state, for some time, a species of madness for constitutional tinkering, the result of which has been a constant running into the Courts, just as the mended matter disagreed with the political demagogues who supposed themselves to be aggrieved. The last tinkering job was supposed to be just the thing, and every body appeared to be satisfied with it until an election held under the new piece of political patch work revealed the fact that certain would be great men were just 50,000 out in the affections of the people—just that much short of the positions to which they aspired. The result has been another dash at and decision from the Courts, and now the result promises nothing but confusion and quarrelling in the State if not civil war.

Governor Davis, indignant over the thought that he has been left out in the cold to the tune of 50,000, (a most hopeless majority to stare one in the face,) at once resorts to an indulgence in terrible proclamations, and syncretistic appeals to President Grant for military aid to keep him in power. His proclamations, though terrific, are not calculated to injure any body but himself, and were pleased to see that the President refuses military aid, and ventures the Governor the sensible advice to abide by the result of his run and behave himself. The Government has enough to do to keep it employed, without "skinning the skunks" which politicians may elect to run lose in the States, but if Governor Davis and those who side with him decide to raise a rumpus and revolutionize the State of Texas we do not know but that Gen. Grant should spare the time to go down and thresh them as they deserve.

The Rebellion has been crushed long enough to assure peace in the States; but if the spirit of rebellion continues its hold on individual citizens of the States, strong enough to make them mad, there should be no hesitation in dealing out just such remedies as will be sure to crush it out of them.

**Abstract of Report of Surveyor General.**

The report of the Surveyor General for the year ending November 30th, 1873, shows the total receipts of the office for purchase money, fees, &c., to be \$55,615 43, an increase of \$7,460 over 1872, and larger in amount than for any year since 1838, excepting the years 1864 and 1870. 939 Patents were issued during the year covering 153,845 acres.

The matter of bringing suits against land owners for moneys due the Commonwealth for unpatented lands has been postponed for the present, on account of the financial troubles; and in the belief that a large majority of those so indebted will, if further time be given, pay without being compelled to do so by suits. The Surveyor General strongly urges all owners of unpatented lands to make prompt payment therefor to the State, and perfect title by application for patents, thus saving interest accruing as well as cost of suits.

The notices of liens served during the year embrace 168,990 acres against which the State has claims amounting to \$66,773. Notices to be served on others are being made out as rapidly as possible.

Special attention is called to the necessity for additional Legislation for the better protection of land-owners. Under the present laws persons make it a business to search for defects—or what they suppose to be such—in the titles of others, and in many such cases they have the required application entered in some distant place, where the real owners can have no knowledge of the preliminary steps to dispossess them of their lands, and as the Land Department has no accurate maps to show whether the land has been previously taken up or not, expensive and tedious litigation has been entailed on many persons who supposed that all their rights were covered and protected.

To remedy this evil the Surveyor General recommends that the witness, as to the land being improved or not, should be a resident of the immediate vicinity of the land applied for, and that at least thirty days' notice should be required by publication in one or more papers of the county of the fact of the application with a description of the land, its location and boundaries.

The Surveyor General believes that this will not in any way interfere with applications for vacant lands made in good faith, and in cases where the lands belong to others it will enable them to caveat against the issue of a warrant as well as to perfect any defect shown to exist.

The Surveyor General further recommends the extension of the pre-emption right so as to cover all cleared lands actually used by the party in possession, and for which he pays taxes but by oversight or want of knowledge failed to perfect title by warrant and survey.

**A Wholesale Slaughter.**

Governor Hartranft sent to the Legislature one day last week eighty-five messages, including eighty-five acts of special Legislation which he could not affix his signature conscientiously. The reason for his action in each case is plainly given; and in one case it appears that the bill which was attempted to be imposed upon him had never passed the House of Representatives. And this is the man who was denounced as dishonest and unfaithful for the position of Governor!

The Hon. Wm. Kistler, our Representative in the Legislature paid a visit to his home on Saturday last. He was looking well. He left again for Harrisburg on Tuesday.

GER registered to vote at the February election.

THE farmers predict an entire failure of the fruit crop this year.

OUR ice men still wear sombre looks, though the air is getting coolish.

THE Turkeys have commenced roosting lower since the holidays.

THE County Auditors have concluded their work of examining into the affairs of the county. We will lay the result of their labors before our readers next week.

A DELAWARE WATER GAPER treated our town to a whole wagon load of suckers, caught in the Delaware, on Tuesday morning last. They went off like hot cakes.

BARE ground still marks the place where the Snow ought to be. This was Tuesday's experience. Yesterday snow lay on the ground to the depth of 6 inches. Ho! for the "beautiful."

THE Methodist protracted meeting is still in progress in this borough, with a well filled altar each night. The acquisition to the membership of the church must prove encouraging to the brethren.

A VERY brilliant meteor passed through the air north of Fennersville, traveling northward, at about 9 o'clock, on Thursday evening last. On reaching the horizon formed by the Pocono Mountains, it exploded, and for several seconds, made the surroundings as light as day.

ONE of our master builders informed us a few days ago that he had entered into contracts for the erection of six new dwellings, to be finished as speedily as possible, and we presume others in the same line are equally pressed with work. This does not look like very hard times in Stroudsburg.

LOADS of rail ties pass through our streets to the Depot daily. They are worth considerable more now than they were ten years ago, and they would quadruple themselves in value if they were allowed to remain standing in the woods for ten years to come. A bird in hand, &c. however is what is the matter.

FRANK RAY, (colored) in jumping from the Street Car, at the corner of Walnut street and Ananookin avenue, on Monday evening last, fell under the car and both wheels passed over the heel of his left leg. A little crushing of the flesh and a few scratches were, marvellous to relate, his only hurts.

LECTURE.—The second Lecture of the course for the benefit of the Lutheran Church, will be delivered by the Rev. J. A. Kunkelman of Philadelphia, in the audience room of the Church on Tuesday evening the 20th inst., commencing at half past seven o'clock.—Subject: "China and the Chinese."

**Chestnut Hill Items.**

GOLD IN CHESTNUT HILL, &c.—We have been informed that Mr. Harrison Kehler, of Chestnut Hill township, this county, killed a duck from his flock on Christmas last, and upon opening and examining its crop it was found to contain thirty-seven pieces of gold in its natural state. The duck, it is supposed, got the gold from a small brook flowing near by. These facts create a supposition that more of the article may be discovered, and we are waiting with much anxiety to hear it proclaimed that beds of this precious dust are within the limits of this county. There need be no doubts regarding the truth of this statement, as the gold has been examined by scientific men.

We are much pleased to see that since this discovery of gold a resumption of specie payment has taken place in the neighborhood. One of our citizens, who, it is supposed has been for a long time hoarding up large quantities of specie, very recently paid one of his creditors the sum of six hundred cents in the same small coin. Under those circumstances we shall expect a bright future for Brodheadsville, and that it will rank as one of the first towns in Monroe county.

The prosperity of Brodheadsville has increased very much during the year past, as is evident from the numerous handsome dwellings that have been erected, and from the public works that have been and are being started, which will give employment to vast numbers of workmen. Among the principal that are now in operation are Grover's Steam Mills, which are within the borough limits, and are under the supervision of Mr. George Bond a worthy and influential citizen of the place. These mills give employment to about fifty men and teams and are doing an extensive business. The German English Normal School building which has seemingly been a drag for some time is no longer such, work is to be commenced upon it immediately. The grounds have been carefully selected and purchased and the building will be most beautifully located, overlooking Brodheadsville lake a handsome sheet of water laying north of the town. The Rev. D. E. Schroeder still remains with the people of this place, and is yet their kind pastor and teacher. Prof. John C. Hoffman, an eminent musician, is also making a decided improvement in the musical abilities of our young people, in singing, &c.

Mr. Philip Gearhart, of Chestnut Hill township, very recently slaughtered a fat hog which weighed 580 pounds after it was dressed. The hog was one year old, and was raised by Mr. G. Who can beat that?

More anon,

[We hope "Observer" will keep us posted as to matters occurring, and we should like very much to have an "Observer" in every township in the county. Who in the other townships will follow "Observer's" example? Editor.]

**Auditor's Notice.**

Estate of **EUNICE SNYDER**, deceased.

The undersigned appointed by the Orphans' Court of Monroe County, Auditor, to make distribution of the money in the hands of Wm. Smith, Administrator of the Estate of Eunice Snyder, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will attend to the duties of his appointment on Saturday, the 7th day of February, 1874, at 10 o'clock a. m. at the office of Stephen Holmes, Jr., in Stroudsburg, at which time and place all persons having any claims against said fund will present the same, or be forever debarred from coming in for any share thereof.

JOHN S. FISHER, Auditor  
Stroudsburg, Jan. 8-4.

**Monroe Co. Agricultural Society.**

Secretary's Office, Stroudsburg, Pa. )  
January 4, 1874.

NOTICE.—The annual meeting of the Stockholders will be held at the Court House, in the Borough of Stroudsburg, on Saturday, January 31st, 1874, at 2 o'clock p. m. at which time there will be an Election for five Directors to serve during the ensuing year.

WILLIAM S. REES, Secretary.

**Teachers' County Institute.**

The Eight Annual Session of the Monroe County Teachers' Institute, will be held in the Court House, in the borough of Stroudsburg, beginning Monday, January 26th, 1874, and continuing 5 days. Prof. Robert Curry, Dep. State Supt., and Rev. A. R. Horne, Principal of the Keystone State Normal School, have been invited and will be present as Lecturers and instructors in chief. The teachers of the county, are hereby called upon and invited to be present at the place and time above named. It is highly important that a full attendance be secured.

Wednesday, January 28th is named as Directors day. School Directors are respectfully invited to be present on this day particularly. The Dep. State Supt. being present, a good opportunity will be afforded Directors to have doubtful questions pertaining to School Law officially decided.

All in any way interested in education are cordially invited to lend their presence and support.

JERE FRUTCHERY,  
County Superintendent.

**SEBASTIAN ECHLE,**  
**BOOT AND SHOE MAKER.**

SHOP CORNER OF  
Pocono and Green Streets,  
STROUDSBURG, PA.

I am now prepared to make to order, all kinds of Boots and Shoes, such as French Calf, American Calf, Rip, Turkey Morocco, Glove Kid, and Pebble Goat, at reasonable prices.

Special attention paid to half-soles, heelings and all kinds of mending. One trial and be convinced.

[Nov 6th]

**PRICES REDUCED**  
AT THE  
**Corner Store!**  
—THE—  
**CHEAPEST GOODS**  
IN TOWN.

Great bargains are now offered in  
**FANCY DRESS GOODS,**  
ALPACAS, VELVETEENS,  
**CLOTHS,**  
CASSIMERES, FLANNELS, &c.,  
all of which have been marked down to  
**PANIC PRICES.**

Goods all new and right in style, but marked down to meet the times. We invite all to call and see for themselves. Terms Cash.

C. R. ANDRE & Co.  
dec-4th] Main St., Stroudsburg, Pa.

**GOOD NEWS!**  
**NEW FIRM AND NEW GOODS!**  
**WAGNER & RHODES**

would announce to the public, that they have taken the stand lately occupied by L. T. Labar & Co., and fitted and stocked it with choice lines, of

**Groceries,**  
**Provisions,**  
**Crockery ware, &c.**

Every article in store has been selected with the greatest care, and at what price sold, every thing purchased of them will prove to be of the best quality.

It is the design to keep a complete assortment in each line, so that all tastes may be suited.

Whether in want of heavy or fine  
**Groceries or Provisions, Crockery Ware,**  
**and Glassware, Tobaccos**

or what not. This will be found to be the place to call. A speciality with them will be a No. 1 brand of

**St. Louis Mills Flour**

which stands at the head of the list everywhere. Call and examine goods. Prices marked down to the lowest living figure.

**SASH, DOORS AND BLINDS**  
—o—  
Constantly on hand.

**ALSO:**  
On hand and for sale a superior lot of  
**Ceiling Lath, Hemlock Boards and Scantling, Matched Flooring, and White Pine of all kinds.**

H. S. WAGNER. M. W. RHODES.  
April 10, 1873-4f.

**DONATION DEFERRED.**—Owing to the inclement weather on the 8th, inst. the donation that was to be held for the benefit of the Rev. H. Daniel, at Fennersville, will be held on Tuesday, January 27th, 1874, in the afternoon and evening. Should the weather be unfavorable on that day, it will be held on the first fair day. The public are cordially invited to attend.

By order of the Committee of arrangement.  
CHAS. B. SHAFER, LINFORD HOPKINS,  
ANDREW MIXSELL, GEO. STUCKER,  
GEORGE BITTENBENDER.

WE heard recently of a sensible young lady of our "burgh," who applied a lotion to her handsome face with a view to make it still more handsome. The result was that the lotion took off both excrement and skin, and did not beautify a bit. Nature aided by soft water and castile soap after good days' work helping mother is by far the best beautifier "galls."

WE have received the Public Ledger Almanac, for 1874, which is sent gratuitously to every subscriber of the Philadelphia Public Ledger, Geo. W. Childs, publisher. It is filled with valuable statistics, and matters of interest and importance, and is finely gotten up.

The manufacturers of Williamsport have 226,942,276 feet of lumber on hand.

**MARRIED.**

On the 25th of Dec. 1873, by Rev. John F. Chaplain, Mr. Joseph W. Kinney and Miss Lizzie Gray, both of Sussex county, N. J.

At East Stroudsburg, Jan. 3, 1874, by A. W. Loder, Esq., Mr. Peter Drum, of Pittsburg, Pa., and Miss Catharine Bond, of Oakland, Monroe county, Pa.

On the 7th inst. by the Rev. John B. Kugler at Junction, William T. Ace, to Sue, daughter of John C. Lake, both of Junction, N. J.

**DIED.**

In Stroud township, on the 12th inst., Mrs. Nancy Musselman, wife of the late Christian Musselman, aged 70 years, 9 months and 23 days.

At Laramie City, Wyoming Territory, Dec. 30th 1873, of Scarlet fever, Mary Mott, daughter of Alonzo G. and Susan M. Dunn, aged 7 years, 1 month and 15 days.

[Easton Argus please copy.]

**ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.**

Whereas letters of Administration to the Estate of John Setzer, late of Paradise township, County of Monroe, deceased, have been granted to the subscriber, all persons indebted to said Estate are requested to make immediate payment and those having claims against the same, will present them duly authenticated for settlement.

TOBIAS SETZER, Adm'r.  
P. O. Address—Paradise Valley,  
Jan. 15-6f] Monroe Co. Pa.

**ORPHANS' COURT SALE.**

By virtue of an alias order of the Orphans' Court of the county of Monroe, there will be sold at Public Vendue, at the public house of Charles Brown, in the village of Tannersville, on

**SATURDAY, February 14th, 1874,**  
the following Real Estate of Joseph Heckman, deceased, late of Pocono township, in said county, viz: A certain mesuage and tract of land situate in said Pocono township, containing

**300 ACRES,**  
more or less, bounded by lands of Andrew Sleccker, James Werkheiser, John Stump and others. The improvements are a

**Frame Dwelling House,**

24x44 feet, 2 stories high; a Frame Barn, 28x36 feet; Wagon House, 18x28; Hog Pen; Corn Crib and other outbuildings. Also

**Saw Mill**  
in good condition. About 50 acres cleared—5 acres of which are Meadow Land. Balance good.

**TIMBER LAND,**

principally Chestnut and Rock-oak. The Pocono creek runs through the same, affording an excellent water power.

**APPLE ORCHARD**  
and other fruit trees on the premises. Public road from Tannersville to Long Pond passes along and through the farm.

Conditions.—One-third cash, one-third in 6 months, and balance in one year, with interest, to be secured by judgment bonds and mortgage.

Sale to commence at 1 o'clock, P. M.

JOHN BUTZ, Administrator.  
jan15-4f] THOS. M. McILHANEY, CLERK.

**Auditor's Notice.**

Estate of **GEORGE BUSKIRK**, deceased.

The undersigned Auditor appointed by the Orphans' Court of Monroe county, to make distribution of the money in the hands of Evan Sprigle, Administrator of the Estate of George Buskirk, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will attend to the duties of his appointment on Saturday, February 7, 1874, at 10 o'clock A. M., at the Prothonotary's office, in the borough of Stroudsburg, at which time and place all persons having any claims against said fund will present the same or be forever debarred from coming in for any share thereof.

THOS. M. McILHANEY, Auditor.  
jan8-4f]

**Auditor's Notice.**

Estate of **FRANCIS WAGNER**, deceased.

The undersigned Auditor appointed by the Orphans' Court of Monroe county, to make distribution of the money in the hands of Francis Wagner, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will attend to the duties of his appointment on Thursday, February 6, 1874, at 10 o'clock A. M., at the Prothonotary's office, in the borough of Stroudsburg, at which time and place all persons having any claims against said fund will present the same or be forever debarred from coming in for any share thereof.

THOS. M. McILHANEY, Auditor.  
jan8-4f]

**Auditor's Notice.**

Estate of **BENJAMIN DEPUE**, deceased.

The undersigned Auditor appointed by the Orphans' Court of Monroe county, to make distribution of the money in the hands of Stoddell Wolf, Administrator of the Estate of Benjamin Depue, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will attend to the duties of his appointment on Friday, February 6, 1874, at 10 o'clock A. M., at the Prothonotary's office, in the borough of Stroudsburg, at which time and place all persons having any claims against said fund will present the same or be forever debarred from coming in for any share thereof.

THOS. M. McILHANEY, Auditor.  
jan8-4f]

**RUSTER'S.**  
**The National Hall of Fashion!**  
The Oldest and Most Reliable Clothing Store in Stroudsburg.

ALL THE  
New Fall and Winter Styles of  
CLOTHING, HATS, CAPS, FURS,  
Furnishing Goods and Dry Goods.  
PARTICULAR ATTENTION PAID TO  
**Custom Work.**  
GOOD FITS WARRANTED.  
Always on Hand a Fine Lot of  
**SCOTCH AND ENGLISH SAMPLES.**  
Also Measures taken for Custom Shirts and  
**HIGH SILK HATS.**  
N. B.—The Highest Cash Price Paid for Raw Furs.

**N. RUSTER,**  
PROPRIETOR OF THE NATIONAL HALL OF FASHION  
Sept. 18, 1873.] MAIN STREET, STROUDSBURG, PA.

**PRIME OYSTERS**  
AT  
**C. D. BRODHEAD'S**  
**Grocery Store.**  
Families or parties desiring  
**FRESH OYSTERS,**  
will find them for sale by the  
QUART, HUNDRED OR THOUSAND,  
at all hours during the day and evening.  
nov 6-f]

**The Colby Washer and Wringer.**

The undersigned having secured the agency for the justly celebrated Colby Washer and Wringer for this County, are prepared to offer these matchless household utensils to the public. Nearly three hundred of them have been sold in Stroudsburg and vicinity with universal satisfaction to purchasers. The undersigned will commence canvassing the County at once. We refer by permission to the following parties who have the Washers and Wringers in use:

A. O. Greenwald,  
C. S. Palmer,  
C. H. Howenstein,  
Esther Wintermute,  
P. Miller,  
H. Schoonover,  
Dr. Wm. D. Walton,  
S. P. Buckley,  
John Baldwin,  
E. L. Wolf  
Geo. E. Stouffer.

Price—Washer \$5, Wringer \$7.  
**BROWN & WALTON.**  
J. P. BROWN. J. K. WALTON.  
July 31, 1873.—4f.

**Borough Ordinance.**  
STROUDSBURG, PA., Nov. 21, 1873.

At a special meeting of the Town Council, held at the office of C. Burnett, Esq., this evening, present John N. Stokes, Chief Burgess; Messrs. Marsh, Flory, Fisher and Conner, Councilmen.

The following ordinance was passed:  
Be it ordained and enacted by the Chief Burgess and Town Council of the borough of Stroudsburg, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same:

That the deposit of coal ashes and all refuse matter of whatever kind, in the gutters and streets of the borough of Stroudsburg, is hereby prohibited. Any person or persons violating this Ordinance, shall be subject to a fine of Five Dollars, for each and every offence, to be recovered as debts of like amount are by law recoverable.

Sec. 2. All residents of the borough of Stroudsburg, are hereby directed to shovel the snow off the pavements, and also to open the gutters in front of their residence and lots, within six hours after the fall of each and every snow. If the provisions of this Ordinance are not complied with within the time above specified, it will be done by the Town Council, at the expense of each individual so refusing, with an addition of 20 per cent. added to the cost, to be recovered as debts of like amount are by law recoverable.

JOHN N. STOKES, Burgess.  
Attest—THEO. SCHOCH, Sec'y.

**GRAND OPENING**  
IN  
**HUTCHINSON'S BRICK BUILDING,**  
opposite T. Stemple's Store,  
**EAST STROUDSBURG.**

Having just opened with an entire new stock of  
**Dry Goods and Groceries,**  
CONSISTING OF

**DRESS GOODS,** WOOLENS,  
**DELAINES,** SHAWLS,  
**POPLINS,** ALPACAS,  
**WHITE GOODS,** FLANNELS,  
**CASSIMERES,** DOMESTICS,  
**CLOTHS,** PRINTS,  
**AND OIL CLOTH.**

Also a full assortment of choice Family Groceries and Provisions, Flour, Feed, Meal, Salt, Fish, Pork, Oil, Syrups, Molasses, Sugars,

**Crockery and Tinware, Wooden and Willow Ware,**

Flavoring Extracts, and Spices of every kind, and in fact every thing usually kept in a Dry Goods Store. All my goods are new and cannot fail to give satisfaction.

Goods shown with pleasure. Call and examine before purchasing elsewhere and thereby save time and money.

J. H. SHOTWELL,  
Formerly Slater & Shotwell.  
Dec. 4, 1873.—3m.\*

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**MAKES THE WEAK STRONG.**

The Peruvian Syrup, a Protected Solution of the Protoc chloride of Iron, is so combined as to have the character of an aliment, as easily digested and assimilated with the blood as the simplest food. It increases the quantity of Nature's Own Vitalizing Agent, Iron in the blood, and cures "a thousand ills," simply by Toning up, Invigorating and Vitalizing the System. The enriched and vitalized blood permeates every part of the body, repairing damages and waste, searching out morbid secretions, and leaving nothing for disease to feed upon.

This is the secret of the wonderful success of this remedy in curing Dyspepsia, Liver Complaint, Dropsy, Chronic Diarrhoea, Boils, Nervous Affections, Chills and Fevers, Humors, Loss of Constitutional Vigor, Diseases of the Kidneys and Bladder, Female Complaints, and all diseases originating in a bad state of the blood, or accompanied by debility or a low state of the system. Being free from Alcohol, in any form, its energizing effects are not followed by corresponding reaction, but are permanent, infusing strength, vigor, and new life into all parts of the system, and building up an Iron Constitution.

Thousands have been changed by the use of this remedy, from weak, sickly, suffering creatures, to strong, healthy, and happy men and women; and invalids cannot reasonably hesitate to give it a trial.

See that each bottle has PERUVIAN SYRUP blown in the glass. Pamphlets Free.

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