

The Water Gap and the Wind Cave.

BY J. R. DURFEE.

[From the Carbondale Advance.]

Mr. Editor: When I wrote you last I didn't think to write you again from this place, but stopping awhile here with our son and his excellent wife, and yesterday being Decoration Day we proposed to take a ride down to what is termed the Delaware Water Gap, where nature has seemed to display some of her grandest designs, and where we had often rode through on the cars, but, being so low down and so close under the mountain, one has no opportunity of viewing anything of the sublimity of the scenery.

Yesterday being one of the loveliest days of the whole year, and a day set apart for the decoration of the graves of our fallen heroes, a party of us took a private carriage, so as to take a general survey of the mountain scenery. We took the most eligible route for three miles, where we could have the finest views of the mountain hills whose names are legion twice told. Nowhere on the continent could be found their superior, not even the Palisades or the Highlands of the noble Hudson.

We always supposed that J. T. Headley was possessed of an elastic imagination when writing of the sacred mountains, but we very much doubt of its equalling the reality here, where for a mile and half the Delaware river bends its way in a serpentine course, and the mountains on either side not only bathing their feet in its moving waters but towering above some six or eight hundred feet. It has always been the theory of geologists that all rocky formations were formed on a level basis. If so, there must have been some tremendous upheavals, as most of the rocks are what we would say turned up edgewise. As we mentioned in our last, the first settlers with much difficulty worked a wagon road through at great expense, partly in the river and partly in the mountain on the Pennsylvania side, but when the railroad was built through there the company took that road and built the carriage road along high up on the side of the mountain at great expense. On this road, and overlooking the Delaware, is built the Kittatinny House, with its many beautiful surroundings, which time and space forbids me to mention. In one of the mountain gorges near by is a new brick church belonging to the Presbyterian order, and opposite it is a neat church built of brick with a beautiful steeple and bell, erected at the expense of the visitors that congregated there through the hot summer months, and dedicated to the Methodist denomination, and whoever should come there to enjoy the cool mountain air and healthy breezes as they rush along, filtered through those gorges. It would be taking up too much space in your valuable paper to attempt anything like a birds-eye view of the many interesting scenes in and about these places, so much admired by the denizens of city life, of which we have already given a sketch. I suffice it to say that over 5,000 people come into this neighborhood to spend their summer months. But that is not what I set down to write about. Probably many of your readers recollect an account given in the columns of the Advance last year of an extraordinary cave, something like the following:

"Two or three years ago a Mr. Frear bought one hundred acres of land on the Kittatinny Mountain, near the Delaware Water Gap. One day last summer Mr. Frear, while cutting wood on the mountain, discovered near the base a wall ten or twelve feet high laid up against a perpendicular precipice of apparently solid rock. He took down a portion of the wall and came to an opening in the rock large enough to permit the passage of his body. The instant the opening was uncovered a strong current of air escaped. It was so cold that Mr. Frear was in a very short time chilled through and through.

"Determined to explore this singular cavern, Mr. Frear entered the opening. He found himself in a large chamber, the walls being of rough and jagged rocks. The cold was so intense that he could not explore the cave further than fifty feet. Since then no person has penetrated further than sixty feet under the mountain. The draft of air is so strong at the mouth that trees thirty yards distant are kept in constant motion. One can stand but a few minutes in the mouth. A thermometer standing at ninety degrees above zero will in a short time fall thirty in the current.

"A piece of pure lead, a gun barrel and a collection of bones were found by Mr. Frear in the cavern. He threw the bones in the river before ascertaining whether they were human remains or not.

"A dog accompanied him on his first exploring tour. The dog jogged on into the cave. Since then it has never been seen.

"Hundreds of people have visited this remarkable cavern, and witnessed this mysterious phenomenon of the cold current of air. No satisfactory explanation has as yet been given as to its cause. There are a number of crevices in the rocks near the opening from which the cold air also issues.

"Mr. Frear erected a temporary platform in front of the cave. A person standing on this five minutes would experience a sensation of almost complete numbness. It was the owner's intention to excavate a passage way and erect a building over it for the accommodation of inquiring visitors. He was killed on the railroad, however before his project was carried out. The cave is considered one of the greatest curiosities in the world."

To this remarkable phenomenon was the object for which our party set out, four miles distant. At the Kittatinny House we inquired and were told that about a mile further on we would come to it beside the road, walled up. On reaching the spot there was only room for the river, the railroad and carriage road. A few steps from the carriage road was the front of a low stone building, running back some forty or fifty feet and about twenty feet wide, with a pair of doors resembling a blacksmith shop, which were locked with a pad-lock. On the doors was marked with red chalk. "The key at the next house," which was a quarter of a mile, and no house in sight; "admission ten cents." While one of the party went for the key we busied ourselves exploring the rocky premises, which run up a very steep grade and looked as though

there had been an avalanche of stones and rocks of all sizes rushing down, while back about fifteen rods there was a perpendicular ledge of solid rock some seven or eight hundred feet high, which might well be called the Rock of Ages. After having feasted our eyes on one of the most sublimely wonderful of nature and felt the cold air through the crevices, we examined the thermometer which we had brought with us. Before leaving our carriage it indicated eighty-six degrees, but had now run down to seventy-six degrees. On opening the doors it seemed like opening the doors of a warm sitting room and emerging into the most frosty winter evening. Placing the thermometer for five minutes near the month of the cave it run down to 38 degrees and then to thirty-six degrees. After being treated so coolly we very willingly left the scene for a more congenial atmosphere. Scarcely ever did I visit a place that lent more to satisfy the cravings of the romantic mind than here, and so easy of access. Any one stepping off the train at the Water Gap station can either walk down a mile or so and have a full view of all along the river and back, or hire a carriage and see much of nature's grand designing, and take the next train either way.

East Stroudsburg, June 1, 1874.

Hon. Thomas A. Scott, first Vice-President of the Pennsylvania Railroad has been elected President to succeed John Edgar Thomson, deceased. This selection is a perfectly natural one, as Col. Scott is without doubt the leading railroad man of the country.

The borough authorities of Easton have ordered that all cigar stores in that place must cease doing business on Sundays.

A man in Maine advertises that his wife has left his board and taken the bed with her.

Under the Act of Assembly of 1859, with the amendment of 1873, the pealty for the willful destruction of a bird's nest is \$10.

A farmer in Chester county, Pennsylvania, sold from thirty hens, in 1873, eggs and chickens amounting to \$430 78. The cost of feed and commissions for selling amounted to \$161 84, leaving a net profit of \$268 94.

MARRIED.
On Thursday, June 4, 1874, by Rev. John F. Chaplain, Mr. Austin N. Bush and Miss Anna Keifer, both of White Haven, Luzerne county, Pa.

DIED.
In Stroud sep., on the 4th inst., Mr. Daniel Miller, aged 67 years, 3 months and 19.

Special Notice.
Of all the numerous importations of organs and pianos into our town the Esty organ and Schomocker piano stand at the head of the list for excellence of workmanship and sweetness of tone. Although the Burdett organ may claim a superiority, they pay a royalty to Esty for the manufacture of their crack instrument. The best evidence of the popularity of the Esty organ, is, that it is to be found in nearly every house in the country and all are perfectly satisfied. J. Y. Sigafus offers an Esty organ, double reed, for \$125, and a Schomocker piano for \$350. Sound your timbrels, blow your horns and bring out your "yang yangs," gentlemen, the Esty defies competition. [June 11-12]

Buy your Boots and Shoes of Adam Stroudsburg, Pa. [June 4-3t.]*

SPECIAL NOTICE.—Read the advertisement of the fall term of the Wickersham Normal School, in another column of the Jeffersonian. As the school will be crowded next term, those intending to attend it, would do well by applying early. [June 4-4t.] D. E. SCHEDLER.

Collars, ties, cuffs, suspenders, &c., at Fried's.

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NOTICE.
To Henry McClellan of the City of Brooklyn, Kings county, State of New York, Assignor to Francis A. Gale, in trust for the benefit of his creditors; and to all other parties interested in said assignment:

Take notice that the petition of said Francis A. Gale, assignee as aforesaid, has been filed in the Court of Common Pleas of Monroe county, Pennsylvania, praying for his discharge from the duties of Assignee under said deed of assignment, for the reasons in said petition set forth, and that the application of said Assignee for his discharge will be heard and considered by said Court, at the Court House in the Borough of Stroudsburg, on Tuesday, the thirteenth day of June, instant, at twelve A. M. when and where all persons objecting to the discharge of said assignee, must attend, and make their objections known.

By order of the Court, T. M. McLLHANEY, Prothonotary. Stroudsburg, June 11, 1874.—3t.

LIME! LIME!!
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NOTICE
Is hereby given to all those who are indebted to the undersigned, that they request them to call at their old stand and make settlement forthwith. All accounts remaining unsettled after the 15th of June next, will be placed in the hands of a Justice of the Peace for settlement. R. F. & H. D. BUSH. Stroudsburg, May 28, 1874.—3t.

Administrator's Sale.

Of the effects of the late Levi Strauss, will be offered at Public Sale, at the residence of Wm. B. Ruff, in Stroud township, Monroe County, Pa., on

FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 1874,

the following articles, to wit: 1 two year old Heifer, 1 acre of Rye in the ground; 2 beds and bedding; 1 Cook Stove and Pipe; 1 Table, 6 Chairs, 1 Wash Tub, 1 Cabbage Cutter; a lot of Crockery and Earthen ware; Fruit Jars, Tin ware, Knives and Forks; a lot of Carpet; Shoemaker's Tools, Carpenters Tools; Crow-bar, and Grubbing Hoe; Cider and Meat Barrels; Forks, Rakes, also a lot of old Iron, and many other things too numerous to mention.

Sale to commence at 1 o'clock P. M. when terms and conditions will be made known, by MORRIS H. STROUSS, Adm'r. May 21, 74-3t

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A good girl can get good wages. Apply at house of T. DUNKIN PARETT, next door to Lutheran Church. May 14-1t.

Caution Notice.

The undersigned, owners of Real Estate in Stroud township, Monroe County, Pa., hereby caution all persons against trespassing on their premises for the purpose of fishing, hunting, or for any other purpose whatsoever, as they will have the law executed as in such cases provided. SILAS L. DRAKE, CATHARINE STAPLES. May 14-1874]

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