



The Jeffersonian.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1875.

THERE was another cold snap in Canada, New England and the Northwestern States on Saturday, the thermometer ranging from zero to forty degrees below.

Go and see the grand Panorama of the Messiah on exhibition in the M. E. Church, East Stroudsburg, to-night. The most elaborate pen description would fail to convey the faintest idea of the grandeur of the paintings.

FRIEND SCHOCH.—Please insert the following puzzle in your valuable paper.

One R, two O's, one J, one T, two U's, one L, two F's, one Y, one H.

Place them in regular order and you will have the answer. A. J. V.

No! we didn't get one of those valentines, either good bad or indifferent. We never did get one—we never expect to—we never want to. We are too old, and our mind has run for a head of sublimity affairs of that character.

REPORTS from many points in Maine and New Hampshire give the mercury as ranging from 20 to 25 degrees below zero. This was generally the coldest day of the season. Many of the harbors along the coast are closed with ice.

Mr. J. T. CARMER lost his pocket book, containing between fifteen and sixteen dollars, currency, a check of Reuben Miller for ten dollars and other notes and papers, last Friday morning. On Saturday morning the pocket-book was found lying on the pavement in front of Wm. Davis' office, containing all the papers but the money gone.

Ed. L. WOLF, formerly with us, but now an attaché of the Scranton Daily Times dropped in upon us accidentally and suddenly on Wednesday of last week, and spent several days in town. It looked quite like old times to see him around again. He received, what is always awaiting him here, a cordial welcome to Stroudsburg.

If there is an icier town than Stroudsburg has been for a week or two past, we would like to have it trotted out for comparison. Ours is the handsomest town in the States in summer, but we really cannot brag much over it in such a winter as this, though at all times we confess to the tender impeachment of having prettier girls and more of them, in proportion to population, than any other "burg" we ever heard of.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Monroe County Agricultural Society, held at the Court House, on Saturday last, the following named gentlemen were elected Directors for the ensuing three years:

- John Kern, John B. Storm, Theodore Schoch, Wm. S. Rees, Wm. S. Wintemute.

M. M. Burnett, Esq., was elected for two years, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Hon. John DeYoung.

A MEETING of the stockholders of the Stroudsburg Library Association will be held on Saturday next (20th inst) at the Library at three o'clock, p. m., where officers for the ensuing year will be elected and other important business transacted. A full attendance is requested. Persons having books belonging to the Library will please return them on or before said meeting, by order of

ROBT. PITTS, Pres't. JACKSON LANTZ, Sec'y.

AND NOW we have another argument in shape of a narrow escape from fire in favor of those cisterns which was the subject of so much talk a year or more ago, and which we have endeavored to keep before our people. This time the Jeff. came near being scorched, but was saved the calamity by opportune discovery. With the utmost care such things will happen, and it therefore the more strongly behooves us to provide the means which an emergency may at any moment demand.

ST. VALENTINE had his day on Sunday last, and a very quiet day it was too. The little chaps, and big ones too, both of the female and female persuasions, found other days on which to send their tender missives, and on Monday and Tuesday, they went it with a rush. And they were of all sorts and sizes, the etic, the pathetic, the sympathetic, and the burlesque, ranging from the refined and more costly from the course caricature retailed at a penny, the latter as usual predominating. And some were mad and others glad as a matter of course.

THE proprietor of the Stroudsburg House is just the kind of property owner we have needed here for years. Not content with more than thrifling the size of the Stroudsburg house, he has hardly got half through with the one job before he conjures up another. He is now gathering brick and other material on the ground to make extensive additions to the brick building which forms the rear portion of the hotel. We understand that the improvement contemplates an addition of twenty feet to the length of the brick, and another story over the whole of that part. When completed, with its gas and water connections the Stroudsburg House will be one of the finest hotels in the country, as it will be sure to be, under the management of friend Whitesell, one of the best.

In the suit of Susanna Leshar against the city of Reading to recover damages for the loss of her husband, caused by his wandering into the Schuylkill canal at a dangerous point and drowning, the jury on Saturday morning rendered a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$5,000. Counsel for the city filed a motion for a new trial.

Prof. J. A. CLEMENTS has accepted the position of principal in the school near Brodheadsville. The Prof. must have considerable nerve to accept the position, for rumor says the scholars have "licked" out the two last teachers who have ventured in their midst to learn the "young ideas how to shoot."

OUR Y. M. C. A., we are proud to be able, to say, is in a flourishing condition, and is largely attended, especially by the young ladies. The masculine portion of its membership are not so prompt in attendance, but this, probably, is owing to the fact that they are allured by the excellent sleighing which has prevailed for some time, and which affords opportunity for an occasional "trip of the light fantastic," which is but another argument in favor of the starting of that dancing school which we have steadily suggested since the beginning of winter.

THE communication from "Observer" was duly received at this office. His disguised chirography, filthy language and hypocritical protestations of friendship for the Y. M. C. A., plainly shows the "cloven foot" without shoes and indelicately stamps him as one of those "who borrow the livery of Heaven to serve the devil in." The language of his communication plainly shows that he is a sycophantic misanthrope and loves to revel in debauchery and social filth. None but a moral and physical coward could pen such a communication, and well he knows it. We wish "Observer" to distinctly understand that we want none of his advice as to how we shall conduct our paper.

ROBBERY.—About 1 o'clock Wednesday night February 10th, the residence of Mr. Manassah Labar, Delaware Water Gap, was entered by burglars and about \$46 in currency carried off by them. The gallant knights of the jimmy, it is supposed after entering the house proceeded to the room in which Mr. and Mrs. Labar were sleeping, administered chloroform and then took their own time in "going through" the room. In Mr. Labar's pants pockets they captured \$41.00 and in the clock they secured another "V" which had been put there the evening before by Mrs. Labar. No other rooms were entered and the robbers departed apparently satisfied.

If the winter, thus far, has suggested any one thing as a necessity for our borough, it is that our streets or rather side walks need a thorough overhauling. The icy condition of both sidewalks and streets for a month past—and the same condition has each winter prevailed for years past—are not only disgraceful, but they may any day become the cause of great damage to us pecuniarily—and we may become wretched in thousands of dollars payable for broken limbs, &c., growing out of falls upon our slippery side walks. The fact is that our streets are either too high for our side-walks, or the side-walks are too low for our streets, and thus with our miserable drainage,—though we have every facility afforded by the lay of the land for most perfect drainage, in every accumulation of snow, followed by rain causes both street and side-walks to become a continuous sheet of slush, which, in turn becomes ice, dangerous to locomotion in whatever way attempted.

It is not, however, practicable in view of the present condition of our borough finances to remedy the evil at once, but we can inaugurate a plan which, in the course of a very few years, would give us streets second to those of no other town and city on the continent, and at very little expense comparatively with the benefit derived from the accomplishment of the work. To secure this end, it would be necessary to lay the foundation at once, by having our town plot run out by a competent engineer, with a view of ascertaining its elevations and depressions, and the establishment of a regular system of grades, and these so arranged as that each street should be made to carry off the water accumulating, during a rain or thaw, on a certain and fixed amount of territorial surface. This done, stringent ordinances stringently enforced, requiring each property holder to do a certain quantity of work each year—the amount so fixed as not to be burdensome to any—under the supervision of an experienced road master, would find us in condition to pass a winter with our streets and sidewalks free from ice, and spring, summer and fall with streets comparatively free from mud. The cost of an Engineers services would probably reach four hundred dollars, but then we would know precisely what to do and how to go to work to do it, which of itself would be worth a dozen times the amount.

Some fifteen or sixteen years ago a gentleman skilled by practice in the science of Engineering offered to do the whole thing merely for the cost of the necessary instruments—some thirty-five or forty dollars—with no compensation for his time. Then, however, our borough fathers were carried away with the dot and go one principle and knew that the better plan was to fill up a puddle, and then wait until a future rain revealed another puddle to fill up, accounting nature as by far the best Engineer. They did not believe in this thing on three legs, and a man blinking through it, at another man with a poll and a little red and white block fastened on it, and another couple of men measuring out the ground with wires linked together. My! They could not think of paying the forty dollars for such nonsense, whereas, if they had done so, and then passed stringent ordinances for something more than notoriety in their breach, to day a hundred dollars of benefit for each dollar spent would have been, confessedly, a small estimate of the percentage gained from the investment. And now this thing is yet to be done, and the sooner it is done, the sooner we will learn, just what it is so necessary for us to know—how to go to work to get our streets in such shape as will warrant the free passage of water without tearing them all to pieces, and enable us to walk our sidewalks in winter without endangering life and limb at every step we take.

We throw out these ideas suggestively, and may revert to the subject again.

Mr. C. E. DURFEE, is offering some desirable building lots on easy terms, either side of the borough line.

Mr. Barrier, of Hamilton, is building a neat two-story house on the opposite side of the Railroad from Jesse R. Smith's.

Mr. Wm. Bush, who went to Laramie, W. T., in the fall, has frozen his feet so severely that the amputation of some of his toes was necessary.

Mr. THEO. J. BUNRETT, for the past five years employed as head clerk in S. Fried's clothing and notion store, severed his connection with that establishment last Saturday. Mr. B., is one of the most efficient and accomplished clerks in town, and by his gentlemanly deportment won a host of friends. In the spring he will take charge of a clothing store, at Towanda, Pa., to be opened by Mr. Johnson Bush, of this place.

Y. M. C. A.—The Regular monthly meeting of the Association will take place in their rooms on Friday Feb. 19th at 7:30 P. M. The following Programme will be observed.

An Essay by Rev. J. F. Chaplain D. D. Select Readings by the members of the Association. Music by Amateurs.

A cordial invitation is extended to the public. All young men desirous of promoting social enjoyment and intellectual culture are invited to take part in the formation of a Literary Society under the auspices of the Association. By order of the Association. W. B. BELL, Sec.

Borough Election.

The Election, for this Borough, held at the Court House, on Tuesday last, passed off very quietly. The agreement entered into on Monday evening was ratified with a unanimity rarely witnessed, and nearly every man who went to the polls voted it fairly and squarely.

The following are the names of the officers elected:—

- Chief Burgess—Theodore Schoch. Town Council—John Edinger, Darius Dreher, Reuben Miller, Charles U. Warnick, Garret G. Ramsey, Wilson Dreher. Judge of Election—John Kern. Inspectors—J. H. Butts, Samuel Hoffman. School Directors—Stroud Burson, Wm. H. Garis. Overseers of Poor—P. H. Robeson, Reuben Thomas. Auditor—B. S. Jacoby. Assessor—M. R. Brown. Constable—Edwin Fisher.

What We heard and saw within the Week.

Our corner, last Sunday afternoon was very much crowded. There was a conglomeration of characters that hemmed us in. Two representatives of the "Sewing Circle," "Hoop-la" "Tempest" and other familiar faces reminded us very much of being

"Down in a coal mine, underneath the ground, Where no ray of 'Sunshine' ever can be found."

The residents of "Hoboken" complain of being annoyed very much by the hideous howls of the button factory "Modocs" while passing through their quiet village before the dawn of day. "Scarf-faced Charley" "Jersey Sniveling" and "Captain Jack," are said to be particularly noisy.—The "Sewing Circle" is in ecstasies over the arrival of friends. Hudnot has telegraphed to them that should they contemplate taking a soda-water "bust," he would reduce the price to five cents in order to secure their patronage.—The "dark-eyed beauty on the corner" seems to have lost all charms for "Jim Crow" since the advent of the fair face from the city of Brotherly love. We hope she may survive the loss.—That sacred music on the corner, last Sunday, was splendid. Now let us have a free and easy Sunday desecration will be complete.—"Tempest" is the most amiable person we know of, but she wost smile worth a cent.—Couldst not a portion of the choir be induced to forego the pleasure of a warm stove in the parlor with a "dolly varden" image as the attractive feature, until after the services are over? "Sittins" up seven nights a week certainly ought to be fun enough for one week.—While the Ejeje Islanders are happy and content to dine upon fricassee baby and roast man, would it not be christian-like instead of contributing large sums for the purchase of tracts and dolly varden shirts for these and other heathens, to look after our own poor.—We hope our friend enjoyed the herring last Friday night.—The "M. L. K's" were handsomely entertained at the residence of original John, by J. N. Skinner, Grand Worthy Apostle, from Port Jervis, N. Y. At a late hour the club could have been seen sorrowfully wending their way homeward "injin" fashion.—There is a new society in operation at "Kautz's" corner. They are the smokers and ten cents per week the admission fee. Coconut pipes are not allowed in the rooms. For further particulars apply to Josiah.—"Have you seen king David?" Is the latest "Jim Crow" agony.—"Bushy" is "Tempest" tossed and "Frank" is sighing for circus fare.

"Hoop-la!"—The "Sewing Circle" brigade are as amiable as Captain Jack's Modocs.—No wonder Ike looks so so, our empties Phillips' vinegar bottles about three times a week.—An old soldier in passing Matlack's hardware store a few days ago, saw a pasteboard sign tacked on the door announcing the fact that "creepers for sale here" could be found inside. He stood motionless for a few moments with his eyes fixed upon the ominous sign, then exclaimed, "Creepers. By gosh, I guess that fellow never was in the army or he would have had enough of the cursed parasites," and quietly passed on.

East Stroudsburg Whispers.

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Mr. Wm. Bush, who went to Laramie, W. T., in the fall, has frozen his feet so severely that the amputation of some of his toes was necessary.

Sleighing goes fine by keeping the hair and ears tied on.

Business has been dull of late except with candidates.

Mr. David Vanliet returned with his bride on Saturday last, and were serenaded by the calithumpians, who were satisfactorily remunerated by the groom.

Mr. John Loder was complimented in the same manner.

If marrying continues as long as the cold weather, we can expect continued squalls.

OBITUARY.

SAMUEL HOOPER.

Hon. Samuel Hooper, member of Congress from Massachusetts, who died at Washington on Saturday night, had just completed his 67th year, having been born in Marblehead, Mass., February 3, 1808. After receiving the education to be obtained at ordinary country schools, Mr. Hooper, at an early age entered a counting house in Boston, that of Wm. Appleton & Co., largely engaged in china trade. Later, as business agent for his father, who was engaged in European and West India trade, he visited Russia and the West Indies. In 1832 he became a partner in the wealthy house of Bryant, Sturgis & Co., of Boston. Ten years later he became a member of the firm of William Appleton & Co. In 1851 he was elected to the State Legislature, serving three years as a member of the House. In 1857 he was chosen to represent his native State in the Senate, and in 1861 was elected a member of the House of Representatives, in which position he remained until his death.

In Chicago the daily newspapers have been in dicted for publishing lottery advertisements.

The Adams Express Company has declared its usual quarterly dividend of two dollars per share.

Among the new measures presented to the Legislature is one to revise the assessment of property for purposes of taxation. By its provisions assessors are required to appraise real and personal property at the rate or amount for which it would sell at public sale after due notice. This is for State, county and local purposes. Power is given to re-assess improved property between the periods of the triennial assessment. The County Commissioners are made a board of revision, as at present. The passage of an act of this kind would make the election of intelligent and capable assessors an important object, and it would remove much of the dissatisfaction and injustice caused by the inequality of the partial assessments now in vogue in some of the counties.

Those of our people who thought that the Democratic successes of last fall might possibly be followed by some reform in public affairs must be pretty thoroughly undeceived by this time. Was party will have a large majority in the next House of Representatives at Washington, and what the source of that majority will be is already indicated. It will go back as nearly as it can to the condition of things before the war, when its course was governed altogether by the radical Southern men who really possess the brains of the organization. It will do nothing at all to promote the material interests and increase the prosperity of the nation, but it will do everything it can to hinder and hamper the President and the Senate in fulfilling existing laws. It will be in all respects a clog and a load upon the country and its material development. At Harrisburg, where the Democrats have obtained control of one branch of the Legislature, their conduct thus far has been anything but admirable. Although the session has been running six weeks the House has accomplished absolutely nothing, but has used up the time in exhibiting the incompetence of the Speaker and the inefficiency of the majority by whom he was chosen. Clearly no good results are to be gathered from that source. And in Philadelphia, in a smaller field, the same enmity to a good and decent administration of the laws is manifested. The ticket for police magistrates formed by the Democratic convention is so bad that the best men of the party are disgusted and instinctively revolt from it. But the central political authority will listen to no change, and the city has the prospect before it of a magistracy partly composed of the lowest post-office element. Such being some of the fruits of Democracy when trusted with power, the people at large may well hesitate before they yield again to its deceitful professions of reform.—Bucks Co. Intelligencer.

JURY LIST—FEB. TERM-1875.

GRAND JURY—FIRST WEEK. Chestnut Hill—Felix Storm, Chas. Hufsmith, Abraham Mengel. Eldred—Paul Gower. Hamilton—Christopher Bittenbender, John H. Fenner, Simon Storm, Geo. Green, Casper Metzgar. Jackson—John Hay. M. Smithfield—Moses Strunk, Benj. S. Strunk, Charles Trible, Andrew J. Fish, Hugh Labar. Paradise—John Storm. Pocono—Henry Miller, Charles Arnold. Ross—Samuel Meckes, Reuben Hartzell. Smithfield—Martin Yeater, James Fenner. Stroudsburg—Hiram S. Wagner. Tunkhannock—Frederick Keenhold.

PETIT JURY—FIRST WEEK. Barrett—Geo. B. Williams, Geo. W. Ink. Chestnut Hill—Simon Trach, John Merwine, R. Wess, Joseph Heller, Charles Eberle. Eldred—Charles Roth, Christ. Barleib, Jr., East Stroudsburg—Wm. E. Henry. Hamilton—Stoddard Lesh, Isreal Houser, Linford Hufsmith, Joseph A. Featherman. Jackson—Frank Anglemover, Andrew Detrick, Michel Miller, Joseph Green. M. Smithfield—John Primrose. Paradise—Jacob Leann, Jacob Resecker. Poik—Paul Smale, Reuben Kresge. Ross—Jacob Schoch. Smithfield—Edward Yetter, Andrew Albert, Barnet Morgan, Samuel Casebeer, Harman Kober. Stroud—Peter K. Edinger, Geo. Bush. Stroudsburg—John Conner, Jere. Frutcher, Joseph Matlack, Theodore Schoch. Toboggana—Samuel Setzer.

PETIT JURY—SECOND WEEK. Barrett—Stephen H. Peters, Emery Price, Eli Utt. Chestnut Hill—James Everitt. E. Stroudsburg—Comodore Price, Jacob Buskirk, Wilson Pierson, Chas. E. Durfee. Hamilton—Abner Shoemaker, Geo. F. Heller, Jacob W. Butz, Joseph Fellenzer, Peter Mosteller, Geo. Erdman, Jr., Jabez Kirkbuff. Jackson—Philip McCluskey, John Dailey. M. Smithfield—George Michael, George W. Labar, Philip M. Peters. Paradise—John J. Price. Price—Thomas Fish. Smithfield—M. C. Kautz, John W. Custard, David Smith, Charles M. Huffman, Isaac R. Transue, David Yetter, Manassah Labar. Stroud—Sydenham Lee, Charles Dennis, Henry Dennis. Stroudsburg—Benj. Hannas, Robert Boys, James Postens. Tunkhannock—Henry Keenhold. T. M. McILHANEY, Proth'y.

A fast express train on the Reading Railroad, recently ran twelve and a half miles in twelve and a half minutes.

The bids for carrying the mails in the several States and Territories will aggregate at least sixty thousand. Those from Texas alone, by actual count, reach four thousand.

All ministers, of all denominations, throughout the country, are requested to present the subject of intemperance and its remedies to their congregations on the day preceding the 22d of February.

Stoves to the value of \$200,000 were turned out last year at the Phoenix Stove Works at Quincy, Ill. The average number of employes is about 110, and the weekly pay \$1,400.

Typhoid fever is prevailing to a great extent in the vicinity of McAlisterville, Juniata county. At the Soldiers' Orphans' School at that place there are twenty eight pupils ill.

Hiram Hiles, engineer at the Stockton breaker, near Hazleton, fell down an icy stairway at the engine house Monday and was killed, his neck being broken. He leaves a wife and two children.

Monday evening Patrick McElroy fell from a bucket on shaft No. 3, of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad tunnel, in Jersey City, and was killed. He is the fifteenth man killed in this tunnel within a few weeks.

Rev. Henry S. Miller, pastor of the Phoenixville Lutheran church, preached his farewell sermon on the 7th inst. He is seventy-four years of age, and during his ministrations has attended 1,350 funerals, and married 1,250 couples.

In consequence of the hard times, a Norristown young man was compelled to toss up a cent to decide whether to give up his pew in church or stop smoking. Fortunately the nickel came down in favor of retaining cigars. It is thought he would have tossed a second time if it had not.

One of the apprentice boys in the Daily Examiner office, Lancaster, seeing an advertisement in a New York paper, stating that any person who would send four postage stamps to such an address would be paid, by return mail, how to make from \$20 to \$40 per day, by remaining at home during the evenings, sent the postage stamps, and by return mail received an envelope containing four old fashioned darning needles, with the words, "knit stockings."

It appears by letters embraced in the Penn manuscripts that anthracite coal was found in the Wyoming region, and a specimen sent to England in 1766. Heretofore it has been supposed that the discovery was first made about 1771. In 1769 Thomas Penn, writing from London, refers to coal hills near Pittsburgh. A map of Pennsylvania, published in 1770, notes the existence of coal in the vicinity of Pottsville.

A license bill has been presented in the Legislature which not only repeals all laws now in force in regard to the sale of liquors, but permits any citizen "of temperate habits and good moral character" to engage in the business on paying a stipulated sum to the county treasurer. The rate for ordinary country taverns is fixed at \$50 per annum, and they are required to keep "good entertainment for man and beast." Such an act would practically open the sale of liquor without restriction, and would hardly be acceptable to those who are now engaged in the business.

The measure known as the "little tariff bill" having become a law, it is of some importance to the business community generally, to understand the change thereby effected in the law for stamping checks. One of the sections of the law provides:

That the words "bank check, draft or order for the payment of any sum of money whatsoever drawn upon any bank, banker, or trust company at sight or on demand, two cents, in schedule B, of the act of June 30, 1864," be and the same is hereby stricken out, and the following paragraph inserted in lieu thereof: "Bank check, draft, order, or voucher for the payment of any sum whatsoever drawn upon any bank, banker, or trust company, two cents."

The effect of this is to render liable to stamp duty checks worded "one day after date," which have been used to evade the tax.

Piece by piece the Southern press is throwing aside its flimsy pretenses of loyalty to the National Government, and revealing its naked instincts of treason and rebellion. This, for instance, is the method which the Shreveport (La.) Times would employ in order to bring about a settlement of the questions at issue in that State:

"This policy of peace never had our indorsement. We believed, and we believe now, that the protest of Louisiana against the wrong upon her Constitution and liberty had better have been written in the blood of ten thousand men than in the speech of Speaker Wiltz; we believed, and we believe now, that the American people should have risen in their might and forced the brute of the White House to recede from his infamous, illegal and tyrannical interference with the Legislature of a sovereign State. Republics are born in the midst of battles; and evils, innovations upon government, corruptions, and wrongs, such as those established by the present Administration have seldom, if ever, been corrected by the civil processes of the law; they gradually engraft themselves upon the laws and institutions of the country, and only the fires of revolution can burn them out. The revolution must come, and we believe it better that the American people should confront Grant and his twenty thousand soldiers in 1875, than that they should confront Grant and his three or four hundred thousand soldiers in 1876."

The people are gradually getting the evidence before them. We have little doubt as to what their verdict will be in 1876.

A Williamsport lady has hair five feet long.

Millford has a suit originating in a Fremont campaign bet.

The police department of Reading cost that city \$48,000 last year.

A Lehigh county lady has died of a tumor, which was partly petrified.

A Cumberland county man owns a 4,100 pound steer, and wont sell him for \$1,000. There is an old house in Reading in which George Washington once took a meal.

A Baltimore girl, worth \$45,000 wants to marry some young man who has learned a trade.

The Shamokin Times says a wild hog was shot on the Mahanoy mountain the other day.

The Grant, Rogers & Danforth Locomotive Works, in Paterson, N. J., have resumed work.

Bishop Horan, late Roman Catholic bishop of Kingston, Ontario, died there on Monday.

The mills in Cleveland, Ohio, are all idle, and half the blast furnaces in the vicinity are blowing.

The price of admission to the Centennial Exposition has been fixed at fifty cents for a single admission.

A hard beverage. A New Hampshire farmer has five hundred barrels of cider, but not a drop of water.

\$11,284,524 72 is the sum now held by the Philadelphia Savings Fund for its depositors; all are not spendthrifts.

Mrs. George Shearer, of Canra, sold 3,506 pounds of butter in the West Reading market house during 1874.

Vast deposits of iron ore are said to exist in the vicinity of Jacksonville, along the Reading and Lehigh Railroad.

It is all very well to say, "God help the poor," but the best plan is to do a little in that line on your own account.

The California farmers are jubilant at the splendid crop prospects. Plowing and seeding are progressing finely.

A Maine farmer discovered a rat ensconced in the fleece of one of his sheep a few mornings since, nearly frozen to death.

Epizooty is again prevailing to a considerable extent in the lower end of Berks county and the upper end of Chester county.

The Eagle says the iron trade in Reading, Pa., is gaining a little life. The price of bar iron is quite as low as before the war.

The James river is frozen over at Richmond, Va., so as to prevent the arrival or departure of vessels—a very rare occurrence.

A number of residents of Corry have formed a colony to settle in California, and leave shortly for that far-off land of gold and silver.

One hundred thousand buffalo hides have been tanned since last spring by the Wilcox Tanning Company, at Wilcox, Elk county, Pa.

The compulsory education law which has just passed the Maine Legislature provides for clothing the bodies of destitute children as well as their minds.

Carnals and dromedaries are becoming so plentiful in Nevada, that they are rapidly supplanting horses, mules and oxen as beasts of burden.

The ice-men have done harvesting. Their granaries are chock full, and now those of them who ever pray at all, are praying for a good, long, hot summer.

John Jacob Astor tried to avoid paying \$37,000 of his taxes, but a cruel court last week decided him liable. Pity the sorrow of a poor old man.

A late private letter from England says: "We have not had such storms in Great Britain for forty years as we have had thus far this winter."

Just think of it! In California at this time orange trees can be seen in the bud, in the blossom, and with their golden fruit just ready to fall the ground.

One of Columbia county's wealthy citizens recently pleaded the statute of limitations on a bill of one dollar which had been due for seven or eight years.

The jury of inquest on the body of the burglar lately shot by Rusk Burgess, in Richmond, a few days since, brought in a verdict of "commendable homicide."

The champion undertaker of Montgomery county is Joseph McGonagle, who has had the quiet satisfaction of laying away fourteen hundred and seventy-eight people.

The total amount of anthracite coal mined in this State last year would form a solid wall a hundred feet high, a hundred feet wide, and nearly eleven miles in length.

A Williamsburg, N. Y., man awoke his wife the other night, and in a startled tone of voice, informed her that he had swallowed a dose of strychnine. "Well, you fool," said she, "lie still, or it may come up."

The Philadelphia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, will hold its next annual meeting in Norristown, commencing March 17th. Bishop Andrews will preside, assisted by Bishops Scott and Simpson.

A few weeks since a Chicago drummer saw a young lady plowing in a field in Macoupin county, Illinois. He stopped to ask: "When do you begin cradling?" "Not till heads are better filled than yours," was the sententious reply. The young man passed musingly on.

A Young fellow in San Francisco suddenly snatched a kiss from a lady friend, and excused his conduct by saying that it was a sort of temporary insanity that now and then came upon him. When he arose to take his leave the pitying dame said to him, "If you ever feel any more such fits coming on, you had better come right here, where your infirmity is known, and we will take care of you."