

OBITUARY.

Our readers will have noticed in last week's paper the announcement of the death of one, who has become quite a celebrity, and was known to the traveling public for nearly forty years. We allude to Mr. David Starner, whose death took place on the 6th inst. Mr. S. was a native of this place, and at least forty years of his life was spent as a stage driver between Easton and Stroudsburg or between Stroudsburg and Milford. Indeed from quite young manhood, until some six years ago, since when he has been a sufferer from the disease of which he died, he may be said to have occupied the seat on the stage box, both night and day. He lacked the advantages of education, because his youth passed while educational advantages were rather sparse in this neighborhood—but he possessed truthfulness and a disposition to oblige, which made him as useful in his sphere, as are the best of those who occupy more exalted positions among men. Accommodating to a degree, he was to the people along the road what express companies are to-day, with this difference that his terms were moderate, and his good offices were always promptly discharged and to the satisfaction of his patrons. Many a trip to Milford, to Stroudsburg and to Easton were spared residents along the road, by David's perfect readiness and promptness, and frequently his stage box was literally packed with the fruits of his many commissions, and yet notwithstanding his illiteracy and his inability to read, he was never known to have made a mistake, nor to have failed in leaving the right package in the right place. His power of memory was but little short of miraculous, and whether with package or message, it was all the same, "Dave," as he was called by every one, was always ready to meet his customer satisfactorily so far as his share of the transaction was concerned. About six years ago, while in the pursuit of his avocation he was attacked with paralysis, and for most of the time since, he has been bed ridden. While we regret the death of one who in his day and sphere was as useful, we do not feel that we ever step the bonds of good heartedness when we say that death was a relief at which his own good soul rejoiced. He has left earth's trials and tribulations—earth's pains, and earth which had ceased to be earth to his clouded mind, and, doubtless, his step from time to eternity, was but a transition from life's trials to a far more glorious and never ending bliss in heaven. His remains were interred in the Cemetery on Friday last, preceded by solemn services and an appropriate sermon by the Rev. Mr. Carrow, at the Methodist Church.

AND now set hens. AND the gas project—don't let us forget that.

THE frost is nearly all out of the ground hereabouts.

THE question with a good many now is—what has become of the garden tools?

AND now gate practice comes in play. Lovely evenings for billing and cooing.

OUR candidate for Associate Judge is Amanudus Orevus Greenwald. Mind that now.

New goods will arrive at N. Ruster's this week and next. Don't fail to call and see them.

THE rafting season has fairly opened on the Delaware. On Thursday last fifteen rafts passed down the river.

Those wishing to secure a good bargain will do well to call at N. Ruster's, as he is bound not to be undersold.

Goods cheaper than ever at N. Ruster's. He has them marked way down to bottom prices.

APRIL showers! Yes, we had rain on Sunday night, and snow on Tuesday morning to the depth of seven inches.

LOVELY month has been April thus far, with just storm enough to break the monotony of too much of a good thing.

Col. James Page, one of the best known citizens of Philadelphia, died last Tuesday a week, aged a little over 80 years.

Y. M. C. A.—The next regular monthly meeting of the Y. M. C. A. will be held in their rooms Friday evening, April 16th. All are cordially invited.

RELIGIOUS.—Services will be held in St. Matthews Catholic Church, East Stroudsburg, next Sunday, April 18th.

REY. P. J. McMANUS, Pastor. THERE will be a spelling match at the rooms of the Y. M. C. A. on Saturday evening next, commencing promptly at 8 o'clock. Everybody most cordially invited to be present.

STRODSBURG and vicinity is soon to have a "sporting club"—the object of which is the commendable one of seeing that the game and fish laws of the commonwealth are enforced hereabouts.

IMPORTANT.—In order to quit the Boot and Shoe Business, Simon Fried offers his entire stock of Boots and Shoes, at first cost and below cost. Come one and all, now is your chance for Bargains.

THE stones are now loose, and it is about time that we get to work at those cisterns. Remember, "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," and that it is much better to build the cisterns now, than after a while feel sorry that we did not build them.

WE noticed Mr. Theodore G. Wolf, a former Stroudsburg boy, and now Superintendent of the Lackawanna Iron and Coal Company's rolling mills, on our streets during several days of last week. Dore was not looking as well as usual.

WM. H. WOLFE, of Scranton, spent several days last week on a visit to his father Mr. Peter Wolfe, in Smithfield. We regret to learn that the old gentleman is considerably under the weather. He has turned, we are informed, his 85th year. A ripe old age truly.

Simon Fried, dealer in clothing, &c., who recently returned from the city, is now displaying one of the finest and best assortment of goods in his line of business, ever offered for sale in Monroe county, which he will sell at the lowest rates. Read his advertisement in another column, and give him a call.

A GRAND festival for the benefit of the Pastor of Stroudsburg, A. M. E. Church, will be held in the vacant store room of Wm. S. Wintermute, Main street, on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, 14th and 15th, inst. Several white ladies having kindly consented to aid us, and will be in attendance. An invitation is extended to the public generally. Admission free.

WILD PIGEONS have been unusually plentiful with us this spring. Large numbers have been shot and caught, and, they have been offered to our citizens at \$1 per dozen. A flock settled down in one of our up town gardens last Friday, but they left before giving our hunters a chance at them. Our typographical force went out last Saturday to "play havoc and let loose the dogs of war" among them and returned after a hard days work with 0-0-0. Bully.

MR. SAMUEL MELICK and lady, left here for their home at Newburg, on Friday last. It will be a pleasure for their many friends here to learn that the trip has resulted in an improvement in Mr. M's health, and for them to learn of the many wishes expressed that they may soon again be found visiting this the scene of their young man and womanhood. Of course, having tasted of the refreshing waters of Stroud's spring they cannot stay away for long.

DECKER & Co., of the cheap auction store have a large advertisement in this week's paper, giving a description of their spring and summer goods just received and their astonishing low prices.

Some people on reading his advertisement may think it one of those humbugs that are often seen in print, and we too might come to the same conclusion, were we a stranger to Mr. Decker and his honorable way of dealing, but we know, for we have dealt with him a number of years. That his goods are among the best, and as he advertises them we venture to say, so you will find them. Look at his wonderful advertisement, then give him a call and satisfy yourself.

IMPROVEMENTS.—The improvements, hereabouts, are pushing along. Mr. Fulmer is pushing the work on the Stroudsburg House, and will have it completed as speedily as possible.

Stephen Holmes, Esq., broke ground for his new building, next above Brown's jewelry store on Monday. The building will occupy a law office, for the owner, among other things.

Windy White is erecting a dwelling for J. H. Stroud, Esq., near the old Presbyterian church, which Mr. White will occupy as a residence.

Our Boarding House Keepers, and landlords, generally, are brushing up for the summer campaign, and making things look spruce and shikey as a new pin.

THE last two weeks have been productive of interesting occasions among the Odd Fellow brethren. On the 3d inst the new officers of Fort Penn Lodge were installed, on the 6th, the officers of Mountain Home Lodge, and on the 10th the officers of Neola Lodge, for the ensuing six months, will be officiated as follows:

FORT PENN, No. 134. N. G.—Silas D. Robeson, V. G.—M. R. Brown, Sec'y.—William S. Rees, A. S.—Thos. M. McIlhenny, Treas.—Darius Dreher, Rep. to G. L.—John S. Fisher. Number of members 185. Amount paid for relief during the past term \$254 00.

MOUNTAIN HOME, No. 684. N. G.—J. M. Carlton, V. G.—Nathan H. Shafer, Sec'y.—C. W. Decker, A. S.—John Boehm, Treas.—Allen Price, Rep. to G. L.—E. H. Heller. Number of members 168. Amount paid for relief \$109.

NEOLA, No. 827. N. G.—J. W. Butts, V. G.—Alexander Harps, Sec'y.—A. B. Shafer, A. S.—C. M. Low, Treas.—Abraham Setzer, Rep. to G. L.—Jacob Kotz. Number of members 97. Amount paid for relief \$95.

We are pleased to learn that the order, hereabouts, is in a very flourishing condition.

Mauch Chunk has the mumps in epidemic form.

Louisville, Ky., erected fifty-seven manufacturing establishments last year.

Baltimore has a beggar who has retired from business with a fortune of \$26,000.

The month of May coming, will have five Saturdays, five Sundays, and five Mondays.

The United States already pays twice as much in pensions as any other nation in the world.

In the wheat fields in Bradford county, Pa., living grasshoppers are found in considerable numbers and the farmers in that locality are worried about it.

The Wheat crop of Oregon has not been a failure ever since first settled by the whites, thirty years ago. What country on the globe can show a better record than that?

A Cleveland youth of rather fast proclivities fell in love with a parson's daughter, and as a clincher to his claims, said to the reverend gentleman, "I'll go my bottom dollar on pioussness."

The largest and wealthiest villas in the country is Kalamazoo, Michigan, which has 11,350 inhabitants, five railroads, several millions of manufactures, and half a dozen banks and colleges. It has never applied for a city charter.

A colored congregation in Dayton have decided to forgive their clergyman for betting on three-card monte and losing \$90 of festival money. One of the deacons remarked, "We is all human, and de game is wery exciting."

Irascible old party—"Conductor, why didn't you wake me up as I asked you? Here I am miles beyond my station. Conductor—"I did try, sir, but all I could get out of you was, 'All right Maria; get the children their breakfast, I'll be down in a minute.'"

A kind hearted baker in Charlestown, Mass., who regularly filled a basket with broken bread for a female beggar every morning, was somewhat surprised the other day to ascertain that she was a boarding house keeper, and that ten people daily sat at her table.

Old Ben Wade declines running as a candidate for Governor at the ensuing election in Ohio. He gives several reasons for this course, the principal one of which is sufficient in itself, to wit: that for two years past his voice has been so used up that he has not been able to make a speech, and it is worse now than ever. The old gentleman is now in his seventy-fifth year.

The prospect of having so noted a champion as Wade for a Republican candidate was sufficient, while it was indulged in, to drive off all competitors; but now that he is out of the way it behooves the Republicans of Ohio to make choice of some one whose name will be strong enough to lead them to victory. Ex-Governor Noyes, ex-Governor Hayes, and ex-Governor Dennison have all been named, Hayes being the strongest of the lot. Sherlock J. Andrews, of Cleveland, and Professor Monroe, of Oberlin, are also named.

President Grant will be fifty-three years old on the 27th inst.

The New York Tribune went into its new seven-story palace on Saturday.

Specimens of 257 varieties of wood have been collected in Berks county.

Forty buildings were destroyed by fire at Millerstown, Pa., on Sunday.

Paterson, N. J., and New Britain, Conn., elected Republican mayors on Monday.

A married man in Louisville is named Broomback, and it is said that his life harmonizes with his name.

William Bardsley, Republican member of the Legislature from the Seventh ward of Philadelphia, died on Thursday.

At a sale of merino sheep at Fresno, Cal., the other day a single ram brought \$500, and fifty ewes were sold at \$40 each.

George Reynolds, of Salt Lake City, convicted of polygamy has been sentenced to one year in the penitentiary and a fine of \$300.

An additional warrant of attachment has been issued and delivered to the Sheriff for execution against the property of William M. Tweed.

Four prisoners escaped from the Crawford county jail on the 9th inst., by taking a stone out of the wall and descending by the aid of a rope.

The wheat crop in Southwestern Virginia has greatly improved within the last few days, and an average yield is now confidently expected.

A State census will be taken of the State of New York beginning on the 1st of June next. This census is provided for by State laws and the expenses paid by the State.

Rev. R. B. Kistler, a Lutheran clergyman who lives in Cherryville, Northampton county, got out his sleigh on December 22, 1874, and drove in no other vehicle until March 30, 1875, riding in it 971 miles in fourteen weeks.

The principal African discovery made since the death of Dr. Livingstone, has been what is thought to be the southern outlet of the great Lake Langanyike, by Lieutenant Cameron. This immense lake is 350 miles long, and has an area of more than 10,000 square miles.

There is a snow-bank in Winnebago Co., Iowa, 28 feet high. The man on whose farm it rests is going to build a shed around it and keep an ice cream saloon next summer. He is denounced by his neighbors, who have only little drifts, 18 to 20 feet high, as a bloated and grasping monopolist.

The ruling of Judge Elwell in respect to the collection of school taxes has been reversed by the supreme court and the interpretation of the law by the school department sustained. The effect of this decision is to authorize school directors to assess a tax not exceeding fifteen mills on the dollar for school purposes.

At Hightstown, N. J., the temperance women have gained an election victory. On Monday the Mayor was to be chosen, and there were two candidates, one "no license" the other "licenses." The former was chosen by ten majority. The greatest enthusiasm prevailed. The clergymen electioneered the whole day through, while the ladies held constant prayer meetings.

The prospects of relief from the terrible grasshopper scourge, which for two years past has been inflicted upon the people of Southern and Western Minnesota, is not flattering. A farmer of Blue Earth county recently found in one peck of earth, 800 eggs, all of which, after being placed near a stove, hatched out. Quite a number of farmers, discouraged with the prospects, have abandoned their homesteads and left the country. If the prophecy proves correct, those counties most afflicted will be utterly deserted in a short time.

After shaking hands at the ferry dock the other day, one colored man inquired of another: "Didn't you marry de widow Jones about de first of January?" "Dat's me—I did," was the answer; "but I've dun left her." "Why, how's dat?" de fust week she called me 'honey,' de next week she sulked around and called me ole Richards'; the third week she cum for me wid a flat-iron and broke two ribs, and I'm gwine to keep right away from dar."

Another circumstantial account of further gold discoveries in the Black Hills comes from Yankton, Dakota. The Owens brothers, who are reported as bringing in the news, are well known on the border, and are men whose statements can be relied upon. Being out on a hunt with a party, and meeting some of the Black Hills prospectors, they were induced to venture on a prospecting tour, though lacking experience, and without tools. Camping some thirty miles south of General Custer's lines, they found gold within three days in such quantities that, leaving their companions to guard the spot, the Owens boys returned for supplies and equipment. They have no fears of the Indians, having met both Brule and Teton, Sioux, and maintained friendly relations with them.

The Cincinnati Commercial has a facsimile of the signature of Mr. J. C. Nowell, of the First National Bank of Indianapolis, the appointed successor of General Spinner as Treasurer of the United States. From this it would appear that the country is only to have a change from one remarkable signature to another. It looks like a handful of fish-hooks.

During the past few months the Agricultural Department at Washington has distributed 15,000 bushels of imported oats, and the same quantity of imported wheat; between a million and a half and two million bags of seed, containing corn, beets, carrots, onions, melons, pumpkins, &c., have been distributed through every State and Territory of our vast country.

The Rev. Father O'Hara, of Wilkesbarre, has been giving his flock good advice, with respect to the mining troubles. He advised them to keep aloof from the instigators of the troubles, whom he denounced as men unworthy of confidence or respect, that their past life was of doubtful character, and they only worked to the detriment of those who tried to make homes for themselves and families, by earning a livelihood through honest labor.

The high water at the recent flood washed about four feet of earth from ten to fifteen acres of land lying along the Tennessee river, near Louisville, Blount county, Tenn. When the water subsided a strange spectacle was presented. The whole of the denuded area was covered with skeletons. Some were straight, some reclining, some doubled up and some in a sitting posture. There were the osseous forms of infants, of children and of full grown persons. Over one thousand forms have been counted. Persons who have lived in the vicinity of this mysterious cemetery for more than half a century never heard of any human bones being discovered there before, and the skeletons are not found in a mound, nor in what appears to be an artificial formation of earth.

Governor Tilden of New York is determined to wage relentless war upon the old Tammany Ring, as well as the canal thieves. He last week pardoned James H. Ingersoll, one of Tweed's accomplices, who was serving out a term of five years in the penitentiary. Ingersoll was released for the purpose of using him a witness in the suits brought against Tweed, Sweeney and Connelly, to recover the money stolen by them from the city treasury. Although Tweed is in prison he has been dispossessed of none of his enormous wealth, and there seemed to be no way of regaining the proceeds of his robberies while in power. But with Ingersoll as a witness it is expected that several millions of this ill-gotten spoil will be recovered for the benefit of the plundered tax-payers. Governor Tilden has the good will of all honest citizens in his warfare against the thieves.

The President on Rumors.

President Grant was interviewed by a correspondent of the New York Times, last Monday, in reference to recent rumors. In regard to Mexican incursions into Texas he said the accounts were exaggerated. A force of military has been ordered to the frontier to protect the settlers from the inroads of Mexican Guerrillas. There were no reasons at present for apprehension of a war between the two countries, and he said that nothing would be done by this Government to provoke such a result. He further said that the reported resignation of Commissioner Douglass was untrue, and that no changes that he was aware of were about to be made in the Cabinet.

STATE CAPITAL.

Bills Approved by the Governor.

HARRISBURG, April 12.—Governor Hartraft has approved the following acts of the last Legislature:— To repeal the Local Option law. To provide for the appointment of a State Board of Centennial Managers. To regulate the practice of medicine, surgery and obstetrics in this State. To provide for the election and appointment of trustees for the State Normal Schools. To authorize an additional law judge in the Nineteenth District. To establish a system of free banking, and to secure the public against loss from insolvent banks. To regulate the manner of increasing the indebtedness of municipalities, and to provide penalties for the illegal increase thereof. Authorizing and regulating the making of local appropriation to schools commonly known as homes for friendless children. To provide for the expenses required by an act entitled an act to provide for the continuance and maintenance of soldiers' orphans. To prevent the sale of intoxicating liquors and for the preservation of order at soldiers' encampments. To provide for printing and furnishing wrappers for the Legislative Record. To provide for settling the claims of E. Peters and John Laute. To reimburse A. H. Waters for clothing and funeral expenses of soldiers' orphans.

Clear the Track! MAKE ROOM FOR THE Wonderful Cheap Goods THAT HAVE JUST ARRIVED AT DECKER'S WONDERFUL CHEAP AUCTION STORE!

What Next? GOOD NEWS!—DECKER has just been buying out a merchant, took all the goods at 60 cents on the dollar from first cost, and he is now rushing them off to his customers, some at cost and some below cost.

What Next? The next thing is, for all his customers to come and get some of the greatest bargains ever offered in Stroudsburg.

What Next? Fine spring and summer Dress Goods, striped, plaid and plain Goods, only 12, 14 and 16 cts.

What Next? Fine black and colored Alpaca and Alpaca Lustre, only 25, 30 and 35 cents.

What Next? Splendid White Dress Goods, Peka cross-bar, Jacksonite, Naonook, Victoria Lawns, Hamburg edgings and insertings, cheapest in the country.

What Next? Beautiful Calicoes, 6, 8 and 10 cents for the very best, Merimacks and Cocheocos.

What Next? Good heavy solid Gingham only 10 cts.

What Next? Bleached and unbleached Muslins, some of the very cheapest in the country. We want every body to get a sight of these.

What Next? Very heavy over-all stuff only 16 cts., worth 20 cents in some stores.

What Next? Fine Damask Linen Table Cloths, two yards wide, only 75 cents a yard, worth \$1 in some stores; and good unbleached Linen Table Cloths only 45 and 50 cts. a yard.

What Next? Beautiful white Counterpanes only \$1 25 very cheap; Linens, Linen Towels, Napkins, Gents' and Lydie's handkerchiefs from 8 to 25 cents.

What Next? Three thousand yards of SILK AND VELVET RIBBONS, all widths and colors, nearly half price.

What Next? 200 trimmed and untrimmed Hats for Ladies, Misses' & Children, less than half price. ALSO—Laces, Flowers and Feathers wonderful cheap.

What Next? Gents', Ladies', Misses' and Childrens' Hosiery and Gloves, some of the best in the country for the price.

What Next? All kinds of Notions and Fancy Goods—good Pins, and Best Needles for 5 cts. a paper, and good spool cotton, 200 yards warranted, only 4 cents a spool. Paper Collars 10 cts. and others in proportion.

What Next? Four hundred Palm Leaf and Japanese FANS, only 3 and 5 cents a piece.

What Next? Kentucky Jeans 18 cents a yd., good Cassimere 50 cts. good Water-proof 95 cts. and double width black Beaver Cloth only \$1 75, great bargain.

What Next? Flannels of all kinds and colors. Among them is heavy plaid shirting, only 18 cents a yard, and beautiful Counterpanes very cheap.

What Next? Excellent Cotton Bats and Carpet Warp, a great bargain.

What Next? We will sell you a whole suit of Men's clothes, coat, vest and pants made up of good heavy Cassimere, well made and lined, only nine dollars and fifty cents, warranted.

What Next? We will sell Boys' and Youth's suits from four to seven dollars, good cloth and well made.

What Next? We will sell our five dollar Mens' Boots for \$3 50, and Mens' good lasting Boots for \$1 75, worth \$2 50.

What Next? We shall sell Ladies' good lasting Gaiters for \$1 25 and \$1 50, worth \$1 75 and \$2 25 in some stores. We shall keep a good assortment of Ladies' and Misses' and Childrens' Shoes, and sell them wonderful cheap.

What Next? We will sell good soft fashionable Hats for Men for \$1 50 and \$1 75, worth \$2 and \$2 50 in some stores. Small Boys' and Youth's Hats and Caps, very cheap.

What Next? We intend to keep on hand fashionable Dress goods, in quantities so that none need to go away without being suited, both in style, quality and price.

What Next? People wonder how Decker can sell goods so cheap. The reason is simply this. Mr. Decker lives near the city and can be there a great portion of his time hunting up the pretty and cheap goods, and buys them for cash, and this is the reason he can sell them so cheap for cash.

What Next? Our customers will find in Mr. QUACKENBUSH, the Superintendent of the Store, a gentleman who will always be glad to see them and show them the cheap goods with great pleasure.

What Next? Be sure and go to the Cheap Auction Store, down town, 4 doors below the Post Office.