



The Jeffersonian.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5, 1875.

Our public improvements are progressing slowly but surely.

THREE rough looking tramps passed through this place, on Tuesday last.

THERE will be a grand picnic held at Lake Popoconung, Saturday, August 14th.

STRAW-RIDES and picnic parties have been freely indulged in by our young folks.

C. S. COLBERT, Esq., and family, of Frankford, Pa. are stopping at Mrs. M. A. Lee's, in this place.

SINCE constable Fisher's raid on the "mud larks" there has been peace and quietness down town.

THE Indian Queen Hotel, under the proprietorship of Nathan Shafer, son of the Sheriff, is doing a rushing business.

THE numerous rains of the past few days have done considerable damage to hay that has been cut within the past week.

CARRIAGES and hacks going to the depot loaded with city folks and their trunks, are the result of the late cool rains.

OUR County Commissioners are erecting a new bridge over the Pocono creek at the upper end of town. A wise step, indeed.

THE chicken thieves that have been making their raids on various coops hereabouts are now turning their attention to the investigating of potato patches.

THE Union Camp Meeting, under the auspices of the M. E. Church, to be held in Hinckle's woods, about three miles from this place, will commence August 18th.

OUR citizens have realized the need of gas on our streets the past few dark, rainy nights. In their absence a grand harvest field is opened for the depredations of "foot-pads."

C. P. MICK, has erected a new sien in front of his cigar establishment, nearly opposite the M. E. Church. Charley's excellent cigars are appreciated by all lovers of the weed.

THE Bushkill Falls free lovers, Messrs. Weeks, Sinnickson & Co., have had a little rumpus, and now Sinnickson, to use his own expression, is "kissing through the bars" of the "Stone Hotel," Milford, Pa.

MR. ROBERT HUSTON, has at last commenced laying a flag stone pavement in front of his store and residence. The stone are from his celebrated Pocono Blue Stone Quarry and the finest we have ever seen.

REPORTS from all parts of the County are in favor of a good crop of oats and corn.—Wheat and rye could have been better, but the yield was fair. Fruit is not abundant yet there will be sufficient supply for home consumption.

MR. JOHN ULMER, has opened a fashionable tailoring establishment in rooms over J. S. Williams' billiard hall. Mr. Ulmer is a young man who thoroughly understands his business and will no doubt succeed, as he is a first class workman.

THERE are seven candidates for the office of County Treasurer and four for the office of Prothonotary. There are also four aspirants for the Judicial robe, four or five for County Commissioner, and three or four for the office of District Attorney.

CAMP MEETING.—A Union Camp Meeting will be held on the 18th of August, in Mr. Hinckle's Woods. Boarding will be provided on the ground at reasonable rates. G. L. SCHAFFER, Pastors. L. M. HOBBS, Pastors.

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS.—The Hon. Theodore Runyon and family, from Newark, N. J., are stopping at the Indian Queen Hotel. Mr. Runyon is one of the oldest legal lights in New Jersey and occupies one of the highest positions in the State, that of Chancellor.

MR. JOS. HUNTSBERGER, of Centreville, Northampton Co., was in town on Tuesday last on business and before leaving gave us a call. This is the first time in several years we have had the pleasure of seeing Mr. Huntsberger, and was pleased to see him looking so well. Call again, Joe.

ONE of our most fashionable young ladies who is so fearful lest her garments may become soiled by the too near approach of servant girls, should be more particular in her selection of gay chaperons. Though they be servant girls, they are modest, virtuous, intelligent, industrious and sensible girls, and no gaudy butter flies.

"CECELIA" has for some time past been sojourning at Lawry Cottage, East Stroudsburg. In her letters to the Philadelphia Sunday Mercury she goes into ecstasies over the beauty of the surrounding scenery as seen from the Cottage, and bestows a liberal amount of praise, well deserved too, upon the Host and Hostess, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Durfee.

WM. M. MOSIER and MILTON FRANTZ, will erect a boarding tent on the camp ground at Hinckle's woods, where they will furnish an ample supply of the best provisions for the accommodation of those who patronize them during the continuance of the camp meeting which commences Wednesday, August 18th. Messrs. Mosier & Frantz have assured us they will conduct their tent in first class order, and spare no pains in accommodation.

BEEHIVEN Cornet Band, was the recipients of an elegant fruit cake, a gift from Miss Ida Posten of Whitehaven, on Monday last. The boys kindly remembered us with a good sized slice for which they will accept our thanks. They also requested us to return their most hearty thanks to Miss Posten for the elegant present, upon which they feasted their appetites Monday evening.

THE "Caldeo" base ball club of this place went to Pleasant valley last Thursday for the purpose of meeting the Leighton club on the green sward and testing their qualities as base ballists, but were disappointed, as the Leighton boys failed to put in their appearance. A "scrub" game was played on Friday, resulting in a victory for the Caldeo's. The club were quartered at the Pleasant Valley House, Mr. Reuben Shupp, proprietor, who entertained the boys in the most hospitable manner.

ANOTHER ROBBERY.—The Store house of B. F. Brodhead, at the Delaware Water Gap, was entered last Thursday night by robbers and ten pieces of fine Cassimere, a lot of Shoes, two black oil-cloth Satchels, several boxes of Silk Thread, several boxes of Ladies' Stockings, Kid Gloves, Zephyrs, Knives, Ribbons, &c., stolen. A reward of \$50.00 is offered for the recovery of the goods and \$50.00 for the apprehension and conviction of the thieves.

THE real estate of the late Jacob Singmaster, of this place, will be offered at public sale on Tuesday, August 24th. The sale will no doubt be one of the most important that has ever taken place in this borough or county. His private residence, one of the most beautiful in architectural design and finished in the most elaborate style, will be the attractive feature of the sale, and spirited bidding is anticipated by several who are anxious to become the owner of the beautiful villa. Several of the finest building lots in and around Stroudsburg, belonging to the estate, will be offered for sale at the same time. See advertisement in another column.

Preparing for the Centennial. Among the live things done by Philadelphia towards rendering the Centennial a success is the enlargement of the St. Cloud Hotel on Arch Street above Seventh. This popular house has always been a favorite with visitors from this part of the state, and we may say with sensible people generally, and the recent addition of some thirty new rooms, all beautifully furnished, together with a fine new Ladies' Parlor on the first floor, will make the St. Cloud more attractive than ever. It has a first-class elevator, and the table and accommodations throughout are not surpassed anywhere, while the charges are but three dollars per day. The positions of Room clerk and Cashier, and respectively admirably filled by Mr. Harry Dennison and Mr. J. T. Skiles.

The following letter, unsolicited by J. H. McCarty & Sons, speaks for itself in establishing their reputation as obliging and accommodating undertakers.

PHILADELPHIA, July 30, 1875.

Messrs. J. H. McCARTY & SONS. Gentlemen:—I herewith return to you my most sincere thanks for your unprecedented kindness, rendered by supplying my son with a Casket—and furnishing all necessary articles for my wife's Funeral. Being entire strangers to you and away from home, and you not knowing myself or family—or that you would ever be remunerated for your trouble and labor—such a deed of kindness must have been prompted by a magnanimous and Christian heart. I cheerfully recommend you to all parties who may need anything in your line of business. Our City undertakers could not be more accommodating and furnish a better class of goods and Coffins than you supplied for my wife,—an entire stranger to you. You are at liberty to make such disposition of this letter as you like.

I am very truly, yours, ROBERT SINLEY.

Lewis county West Virginia, has a twelve year old boy who weighs 153 pounds.

A Reading man has been using the same pocket comb for fifty-five years.

J. Atwood Pyle, of West Nottingham township, Chester county, has a young four legged turkey.

HAIL stones nine inches in circumference fell in Lycoming county, the other day, doing much damage to the grain.

THE Luzerne County Agricultural Fair will be held at Wyoming, commencing Sept. 28th and continuing three days.

A BOY in Selingsgrove, Union county, picked one thousand quarts of strawberries from a patch of less than a fourth of an acre this season.

THE Pittston Gazette says "an effort is being made to have Moody and Sankey, the revivalists, attend the camp meeting at Wyoming grove in August."

In New York a spurious trade dollar is in circulation so perfect an imitation of the genuine in weight, ring, and general appearance as to be received without question at the banks.

A new motor has been discovered at Hamilton, Canada. It is propelled or operated by the explosion of nine parts of air and one of coal gas. The inventor challenges Keely to a trial.

THERE was a total of 110,450 tons of flour and wheat exported from Oregon, during the year ending June 30th. It is expected that the quantity for export during the ensuing year will be fully as large.

PROFESSOR JANNEY says that the future great wealth of the Black Hills will be its grass lands, farms and timber. The soil is deep and fertile, and the rain greater and more regular than that of any other region west of the Alleghenies.

THE Saratoga Republican says that it is rumored that W. F. Halstead, the present efficient Superintendent of the D. L. & W. RR., is also to be Sup't of Lack & Bloomsburg Division in place of D. T. Bond, present incumbent.

THE sun was so hot in Jacksonville, Florida, on Wednesday, July 28th, that people amused themselves cooking eggs in the sand. One person buried two for six minutes, and when taken out they were as hard as though they had been boiled for half an hour.

A gentleman of New Castle owns a mule which, the other day, trotted a mile in 2:45. As this is the first time the animal's speed was ever tested, and this without training, it is expected that much greater speed can be attained.

Six months ago one Helsel, of White township, Cambria county, sold his wife to one Dodson, for and in consideration of the sum of \$100 by said Dodson to said Helsel to be paid. The money not being forthcoming, Helsel is now trying to get his wife back, but as she and her purchaser are in jail for selling liquor without license, present success is not possible.

A MONSTER suit against the United States has just been instituted in the United States Court of Western Missouri by the heirs of a certain Spanish officer stationed at the post of Arkansas in 1793, for the recovery of six million acres of land in Arkansas and Missouri, granted to him at that date. One-third of the contested lands have been owned by private citizens for seventy years, under the grant from the United States. Four million acres are still unentered. The inhabited part is filled with towns, intersected by railroads, built up in villages and laid out in farms. The claim is looked upon by the lawyers as being perfectly valid. The claimants are residents of Arkansas, and are nearly all of them poor people.

The custom house statistics of Philadelphia for the last fiscal year have just been published. There was sent out during that time American productions to the value of \$28,588,019, while the foreign imports amounted to \$24,798,353, leaving a balance on the right side of the ledger of nearly \$4,000,000. Another point in favor of the port is that while during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1874, the Philadelphia importations through New York were \$1,073,842, for the year ending June 30, 1875, they were but \$561,966, a falling off of nearly one-half. These importations came to an amount of a little less than two-thirds in American vessels, and a little over one-third in foreign vessels.

Telegraphic reports published on Saturday state that heavy rain had fallen during nearly the entire week in Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky and Missouri, doing immense damage to the crops of wheat, oats and hay. Corn was also much injured. It is not the general custom in that region to house the ripened crops in barns, but to thresh them as soon as possible after harvesting, and this practice has probably increased the loss. The streams have all been flooded and a good deal of produce carried off in that way. Still, when the storms are over and the clear sky appears again it will doubtless be found that the destruction has not been universal and that there is a fair amount of produce left. The worst news of a misfortune generally comes first, and there are some points about the dispatches that look like an effort to put up the grain market.

The joint committee of the Legislature appointed to investigate the affairs of the Reading Coal and Iron Company—another name for the Reading Railroad—closed its proceedings at Atlantic City on Saturday. During the sittings in Philadelphia a great deal of testimony was taken. The retail coal dealers complained of oppression and fraud on the part of the Company, and maintained that it exercised a practical monopoly of the coal trade from the Schuylkill region. President Gowen, in defending the Company, brought home to the dealers themselves some very unpleasant facts as to short weights and increased prices. His argument before the committee at Atlantic City was a comprehensive statement of the whole case, showing that the effect of that Company's operations had been to reduce the price of coal to consumers and to insure a regular supply. He also intimated that the strikes and outrages in the coal regions were to a large extent the result of hostility to the Company, and on the whole made out a case that will enable the committee to report without much difficulty.

The facts concerning the massacre of a company of emigrants by the Mormons at Mountain Meadow, in Utah, in 1875, have at last been brought to light in the United States Court at Beaver, in the Territory. Several persons who were present and participated in that bloody slaughter, eighteen years ago, have testified as to the circumstances. There were over one hundred emigrants, of all ages, with about thirty wagons, on their way toward California, passing through the Mormon territory. The Mormons were at that time in a state of hostility to the Federal government, and endeavored to instigate the Indians to destroy these emigrants, but for some reason it was not done. The Mormon leaders then undertook to do it themselves. Summoning a number of armed men they followed the emigrant band to a suitable place and surrounded them, pretending that their object was to protect the wayfarers from Indian attacks. When all the arrangements were made all the emigrants except the small children were deliberately shot down in cold blood. Old and young, men and women, all were murdered alike and their bodies left to be devoured by wolves and vultures. Their bones were found there months afterward, revealing their awful fate. Only the small children, too young to remember what had been done, were spread and placed in Mormon families to be reared in the true faith. Although it has always been believed that this massacre was perpetrated by the Mormons, and not by the Indians as they alleged, it is only recently that any positive evidence has been obtained. Not a single emigrant was left alive of sufficient age to tell the tale, and now the facts have come to light through some of the apostate Mormons, two of whom were bishops of the church. They appear to be of an unquestionable character, and open to us a new view of the despotic and horrible nature of the Mormon oligarchy.

There are 130 boys in the Maine state reform school.

The election in Kentucky on Monday resulted in the triumph of the whole Democratic ticket.

A dispatch was received by a gentleman in Milford, Pa., from Paris, that was only an hour and a half on the way.

The Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York has been directed to sell \$5,000,000 in gold during August.

They have found the right remedy for "tramps" up in New Hampshire. It consists of a well-administered dose of cold lead.

It is thought at Washington that General Bates will be elected to fill the unexpired term of Andrew Johnson in the Senate.

The yield of wheat throughout Maryland this season has been unusually large. In some favored localities the return is unprecedented.

The sale of the Northern Pacific Railroad, which was advertised to take place on Monday, has been postponed until Thursday, August 12.

Benjamin Bannan, for many years the publisher and editor of the Pottsville Miners' Journal, died at Pottsville on Saturday, aged 68 years.

An Indiana farmer named Murray, while pitching hay from his loft recently, pitched out \$5,520 that some one had concealed, and he feels merry enough over it.

Senator Andrew Johnson, ex-President of the United States, died at an early hour on Saturday morning at his daughter's residence in Greenville, Tennessee.

The Catusqua Manufacturing Company are now making plate steel. The Lehigh Shovel Company, of that place, uses this steel and pronounces it first class.

An Oregon man has astonished the authorities of the Agricultural Department at Washington by sending in a single shipment 136 different kinds of insects.

Johnson won the championship of the world and \$2,000 in a swimming contest at Philadelphia on Thursday last week. He swam 10 1/2 miles, his opponent Coyle, about 8 1/2.

The newly-elected dean of the law department of Lafayette College, Hon. W. S. Kirkpatrick, will deliver an address at the inauguration of that branch of the college, October 6.

A problem for physiologists is the case of a Chinaman and negro woman who married in Arkansas a year since. Their first child has light hair, and its complexion is white as snow.

Judge Morris, counsel for Theodore Tilton, on Monday served a notice on Mr. Beecher's attorneys to be prepared to answer in a new trial on the first Monday in September.

An Altoona clergyman had his carpet bag stolen at the West Philadelphia depot on Tuesday night. It is supposed the thief committed suicide when he discovered that it was full of sermons.

A Berks county boy has lost one of his eyes in a very singular manner. He was engaged in picking potato bugs, when one of them flew in his eye, blinding him, despite the best medical aid.

The public debt statement shows the decrease of debt since June 30 to be \$1,294,887. Coin balance, \$68,942,700.20; currency balance, \$4,316,969.96; coin certificates, \$22,752,100.

On the north sides of some of the Maine mountains the snow is said to be still very deep. The snow banks appear in curious contrast with the trees all around them in their bright green foliage.

A Medina (Pa.) physician, while peacefully engaged in robbing the grave of a dead negro, for "scientific" purposes, had an eye shot out by some unfeeling person who sought to retard the march of science.

The damage by the great rains in the West is beyond estimate. All the great rivers are terribly swollen and many of them have overflowed their banks. The crops in many sections are almost a total failure.

Two hundred and fifty Irishmen of Mercer county publish a card in the Sharon Herald, stating they are disgusted with Democracy; entirely withdrawing their support from and severing their connection with that party.

Gen. F. E. Spinner, the honest old gentleman who has just gone out of the position of Treasurer of the United States, after a service of fourteen years, is now proposed as the Republican candidate for Treasurer of the State New York. They couldn't choose better.

The Towanda Reporter says that Bradford county will give Governor Hartranft this year a majority 1200 or 1500 larger than he received three years ago. People who were then influenced by the calumnies against him have learned better, and hundreds who voted for Buckalew will be on the right side this time.

Two weeks ago, in Scranton, James Nealon stabbed Martin Gleason, inflicting a painful wound. Gleason vowed a vow of vengeance, and since then has been "laying for" his enemy. On Saturday his wish for opportunity came, and he fired three shots into Nealon's body, wounding him dangerously. The jail now holds Gleason.

It is reported from Saratoga that a "slate" for the Pennsylvania Democrats has been made up there. Ex-Governor Bigler is down for Governor, and an ex-Republican—probably Eli Slicer—for State Treasurer. The Democrats of the various counties can now go on electing their delegates to carry out this nice little arrangement.

There is some prospect that the musical jingle of silver coin will be heard in the land before long. The Treasury Department hopes to be in readiness to issue silver by the first of September, if the conditions remain favorable as is now promised. A very considerable amount is now on hand, which is being steadily increased by the monthly coinages.

If Mormonism is in its decline it certainly does not lack for proselytes. On Wednesday of last week 740 Mormon emigrants landed in New York. The number of girls between eighteen and twenty years of age was quite large. The men were mostly farmers. They proceeded directly to Utah.

A Galveston hen has distinguished herself by laying curious double egg, consisting of an outer and an inner body. The former is larger than an ordinary goose's egg, and has no yolk. In the place where the yolk ought to be lies the inner egg, covered almost completely with a hard shell, and perfectly formed in every other particular.

Attorney-General Pierpont has decided against the validity of the famous Chorpning claim on the United States Postal Department for \$445,000. The Attorney-General is of opinion that the sum mentioned—which, by the way, was "awarded" by the late Postmaster-General—cannot be recovered in court, being void under the statute of limitations.

A census of the city of New York, by State authority, has just been made, which shows a total population of about 1,100,000. This result is a great disappointment to the Democrats, who counted on 1,500,000, which would materially enlarge their representation in the Legislature. Senators and Assemblymen are to be appointed next winter on the basis of the enumeration now made.

A Vicksburg boy got hold of a newspaper the other day which said that hot drinks were more cooling to the system than cool beverages. He emptied a handful of ground pepper into the coffee-pot in order to test the experiment, and soon after breakfast he was heard confessing to his father his disbelief in domestic recipes of any kind whatever. The father used a barrel stave to aid his side of the argument.

A wealthy farmer familiarly known as "Old Steffy," who lives near the Lehigh County Poor House, has a stack of hay standing in one of his fields which was placed there twenty years ago. When the hay was cut and stacked the farmer could not get his price for it, and resolved that it might stand where it was until it would rot, and that is what it is doing, sinking perceptibly each year as it gets older.

A few days ago a resident of Port Jarvis, was taken sick and sent for a doctor, the doctor laid a prescription, with the request that one of his children should call at his office the next day and say how the patient was doing. A little girl came, and, when questioned, she promptly answered: "Please sir, father is getting better; he's broke the stove all to pieces this morning, and been a fighting mother just like he used to."

The men who now control Tammany Hall are weeding out the insubordinate elements, and have expelled John Morrissey, Jimmy Hayes, Judge Ledwith and several other active leaders of the "short-hair" faction from the General Committee. The culprits were not sufficiently obedient to party discipline. They have taken steps to form an organization of their own, and there is a very fair prospect that Tammany will suffer a pretty bad wrench before the trouble blows over.

Through tickets are now sold from New York to Australia, Japan, China and India, a distance exceeding 12,000 miles. The route will be by the way of the Erie railway, and the Union and Central Pacific railways to San Francisco, and thence by steamer to the points indicated. Under this arrangement passengers can secure berths in San Francisco steamers at time of purchasing tickets in New York. Two hundred and fifty pounds of baggage are allowed each passenger free.

Recent crop reports from Europe indicate that the harvest of grain is better than was supposed a few weeks ago. The wheat that was prostrated and badly damaged by heavy wind and rain had partially recovered, and it was hoped that if fine weather followed much of it would be saved. The rise in the price had been equal to 12 cents per bushel in a single week, but at last accounts it was rather lower. From Russia it is now reported that wheat will yield a fair average. The demand for shipments from this country, however, is still maintained.

In a recent case in Elk county, Judge Williams decided that a purchaser of land at a tax sale took no title at the time; that the owner retained his legal title, and that the purchaser had no right under his tax deed until the expiration of the term for redemption, and no remedy in law or equity, although the owner might remove all the timber and every thing else of value on the land before the two years expired; and thus, if the land was of no value except for timber, compel the unlucky purchaser at a tax sale to lose the money he had paid the County Treasurer for the lands.

About twenty-three years ago, Jeremiah Perce, a well known grocer of Providence, eloped with the wife of Thomas Harrington, one of his tenants, and a short time after Mrs. Harrington returned, seemingly penitent, but soon disappeared again, with her five-year-old daughter. Since then nothing has been heard from any of the party, till, a few days ago, an advertisement in a Providence paper, sent from Fort Scott, Kansas, by the girl, who is now married and has a family, was answered by one of her relatives, and she was restored to her friends. A curious fact about the case is that, after twenty-three years, every member of both the families is still living.

Murder and other crimes are becoming so frequent and flagrant in New York that the World, in a double headed editorial, calls for the organization of a Vigilance Committee, unless security is given to a greater degree than late. It says: "Security of life and property in broad daylight at least, is the first essential condition of civilized society. If these are not to be obtained in New York without a Vigilance Committee, how long will it be before a Vigilance Committee goes to work in New York to obtain them? And what stands in the way of obtaining them to-day in New York but a worthless, cowardly, corrupt, and in every practical aspect contemptible organization of the police force in New York?" And Democrats at that.

A letter from Pierson, Mich., 6th inst., to the Grand Rapids Eagle, conveys the following: "On Sunday last the family and relatives of Asa C. B. Fields met at his residence in this village, and as it was the Fourth of July, each one had brought something good to eat, calculating on a good dinner and a social visit. Among the fine dishes brought in was a large chicken pie, and all who ate of it were taken sick. Dr. H. S. Holden was called in, and found them all apparently suffering from a heavy dose of poison. The doctor immediately applied the usual remedies for poison with success, and the parties (ten in number) are all able to be up, though so violent was the attack that at one time recovery seemed doubtful. The provision has been thoroughly examined, and all agree that the poison originated from the chicken pie, which had been made from chickens which had been feeding on potato bugs."

People who are puzzled at the technical phrases used in base ball reports are commended to the perusal of the following definitions:

Field—The cow pasture where the leather-hunting is performed.

Base—Salt bags scattered around in the grass for the players to jump on.

Nine—The number of roosters in knee breeches that constitute a base ball deck.

Umpire—The chief baller—he laws out "strike." His other duty is to sit on top of the bats and smell the ball as it goes by.

Judgment—The umpire's opinion after taking such a smell.

One ball—What the umpire says when the smell proves unsatisfactory.

Strike—A miscue by the batter.

Put out—The fellow who tries to get in without paying fifty cents.

Dead ball—one that comes to life again after being buried—in the hands of the pitcher.

Foul—a ball that bounds just the way one is positive it will not.

Fair foul—a little one for a cent.

Balk—a breach of promise indulged in by the pitcher.

Stealing a base—tuffing a bag in the car and walking off to the next, when the catcher isn't looking.

Beauty—a ball so hot that the second baseman lies on his stomach to avoid it.

Hot ball that sings the short stop's head as it goes by.

Fly—a ball which scorns the earth, and, like the gentle house fly, buzzes around in the elevated atmosphere.

Wild throw—Slinging at the third baseman, and killing a small boy in the right field.

Donaldson—A Strange Story.

CHICAGO, August 2.—The Times will publish an affidavit to-morrow, signed by James McAffrey, a workman in South Chicago, to the effect that he yesterday evening picked up on the lake shore, near Hyde Park, a bottle containing a card, on which was written the following: "July 19, 2 A. M.—We cannot stay up more than an hour longer, as the gas is rapidly escaping. N. S. G." This date is that of the night on which Donaldson started on his trip.

Cheap Way to Kill Potato Bugs.

A lady residing near Pughtown, Chester county, who attends the Pottstown markets, states that her potato crops are entirely free from the ravages of the potato bugs, although they were vigorously attacked by them early in the spring. The plan she adopted to get rid of them was to turn her turkeys and chickens into the patch, occasionally throwing a few grains of corn between the rows, to induce them to visit the place often. The consequence is that there is not a bug to be seen on the entire patch. If this will do the work, every farmer has the remedy at hand to destroy these pests and drive them out of existence.

How an Ohio Constable Prepared for Duty.

From the Dayton Democrat. When Eph W. was elected constable up in Wayne township it was sensation to him, and he could hardly realize it. It awakened visions of war and bloodshed, and he determined to put himself on a war footing. Wouldn't he have to command the police? And wouldn't he have to bring the whole power of the army to effect this purpose if it were necessary? Then he procured a horse pistol, and securing a copy of a "warrant" he repaired to the forest, took a position under his vine and fig tree, as it were, where none dare molest or make him afraid, and selecting a beech tree a foot in diameter, he read the document to it in a loud voice which fairly made the forest tremble. "Hold! you soundred!" he cried, "one foot more, and I'll blow your brains out!" Then bang went the horse pistol, but he missed the tree every time.

THE HONORED DEAD.

Official Announcement by the President of the United States.

WASHINGTON, August 1.—It becomes the painful duty of the President to announce to the people of the United States the death of Andrew Johnson, the last survivor of his honored predecessors, which occurred in Carter county, East Tennessee, at an early hour on Saturday morning. The solemnity of the occasion which called him to the Presidency, with the varied nature and length of his public services, will cause him to be long remembered, and occasion mourning for the death of a distinguished public servant. As a mark of respect for the memory of the deceased, it is ordered that the executive mansion and the several departments of the government at Washington be draped in mourning, until the close of the day designated for his funeral, and that all public business be suspended on that day. It is further ordered that the War and Navy Departments cause suitable honors to be paid on the occasion to the memory of the illustrious dead. By the President: U. S. GRANT. JOHN L. CADWALLADER, Acting Secretary of State.