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Shamokin Town Lots. THE subscriber is now prepared to exhibit and dispose of lots in the new Town-Plot of Shamokin.

LEATHER. FRITZ & HENDRY, Store, 29 N. 3d Street, PHILADELPHIA. Morocco Manufacturers, Carriers, Importers, Commission and General Leather Business.

LAWRENCE HOUSE, SUNBURY, PA. THE subscriber respectfully informs the public that she still continues to keep the above used public house...

MARIA THOMPSON. Sunbury March 4, 1854.—If. HARDWARE, Nails, &c. Boots, Shoes, Hats, Caps, Cord wares, Bronzes, Brushes, &c.

BARABOLA. In plain and fancy figured Silk and Gingham—Cotton and Gingham Umbrellas—Trunks and Carpet Bags, just received for sale by W. M. TENER & CO.

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SELECT POETRY.

I CANNOT CALL HER MOTHER.

BY SARAH T. BOLTON.

The marriage rite is over, And though I turned aside To keep the guests from seeing The tears I could not hide;

My father, in the sunshine Of happy days to come, May hail forth the shadow That darkened our old home;

A Thrilling Sketch.

THE MOTHER'S DEFENCE.

A TALE OF THE FRONTIER WAR.

"My husband's rifle!" she shouted springing to her feet, and rushing across the cabin...

GERMANS VS. IRISH.

The Journal of Commerce publishes an elaborate editorial on the subject of our German population...

It is true that a large class of our German citizens have not reverence for the Sabbath which distinguishes our native and portions of our adopted population...

The Sabbath on the Continent, is the great holiday, and the Germans are a people slow to rid themselves of a national habit.

Beyond question the German is a more powerful element than the Irish, in this country. Not perhaps because of numbers, though for the last few years the German emigration has been greater than the Irish;

In Pennsylvania, their language has been kept from fusion with ours for over a century by a German press and German schools.

Before the deafening sounds had ceased the feather crested head of the Wyandott warrior parted the smoke cloud that had obscured the interior;

Of the thirteen bronzed warriors who had left their war tribe for the war path a few days before, only two were un wounded and capable of service...

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THE FRANKLIN MONUMENT.—The Boston Transcript states that the Committee to which has been intrusted the subject of the erection of a statue of Franklin in that city, have so far progressed with the work...

A PUZZLE FOR ENTOMOLOGISTS.—A gentleman of Manchester, England, possesses a beetle of such extraordinary character, that entomologists know not what to think of it.

THE WILMINGTON POWDER EXPLOSION. It is supposed was caused by the drivers smoking cigars. A gentleman who passed the wagon, informs the Wilmington Gazette...

THE FUTURE OF NEBRASKA.

The Nebraska bill, having been enrolled, has gone to day to the President for his signature.

It requires that the Territories will be Free-Soil and non-slaveholding. Colonies of Northern Freemen will probably be assisted to take immediate possession of the Territories...

The Northern members, therefore, will not promote the Anti-Slavery cause by a repeal of the repealing Act.

If the Anti-Slavery party really obtain a majority in the next Congress, they will make an effort to repeal the Nebraska Act, but the Fugitive Slave Act, and throw the fulfillment of the Constitutional obligation for the rendition of fugitive slaves upon the naked Constitutional clause...

But it is not probable that, upon such a question as the Nebraska bill, the North could elect a body of Anti-Slavery members large enough to form a majority of the House.

THE GERMANS HAVE, indeed, very freely discussed what they conceive to be faults of our institutions and government, and have, now and then, put forward radical declarations...

According to the last census there would (and we hope those concerned, will ponder the fact) in

Table with 3 columns: State, Irish, Germans. Ohio: 51,562 Irish, 115,661 Germans. Indiana: 12,787 Irish, 30,091 Germans. Illinois: 27,786 Irish, 40,301 Germans. Missouri: 14,734 Irish, 46,222 Germans. Wisconsin: 21,043 Irish, 40,526 Germans. Iowa: 4,885 Irish, 8,536 Germans. Total: 132,797 Irish, 281,337 Germans.

IN these six States, there are upwards of twice as many Germans as Irish, and the proportion is growing, every year, more favorable to the former, not only in the west, but also in the East.

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ANONYMOUS COMMUNICATION.—Lately, Omer Pacha found, amongst the letters he received from Transylvania, the following note, in Russian.

INFLUENCE OF A NEWSPAPER.

A school teacher, who has been engaged a long time in his profession, and witnessed the influence of a good newspaper upon the minds of a family of children...

I have found it to be a universal fact, without exception, that those scholars, of both sexes, and of all ages, who have had access to newspapers at home, when compared to those who have not, are:

1. Better readers, excelling in pronunciation and emphasis, and consequently read more understandingly.

2. They are better spellers, and define words with ease and accuracy.

3. They obtain a practical knowledge of geography, and in almost half the time it requires others, as the newspaper has made them familiar with the location of the important places, nations, their governments and doings on the globe.

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POETRY.

GOING HOME.

The warrior's heart wild and high, He cheers his gallant band, And joy beams forth from every eye To hear the glad command:

Where shall the faithful Christian turn, When low and weak in frame, When soon for aye shall cease to burn Life's dim, uncertain flame?

Home to thy rest above, Home to thy rest above, Home to thy rest above, Home to thy rest above.

FREAKS OF LIGHTNING.

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NAPOLÉON AND HIS EMPRE.

The Paris correspondent of the on Times contradicts the rumored tale of the Emperor Napoleon to obtain leave of the Empress. We are glad in that in this respect the "nephew of his" is not disposed to follow the bad example of his relations:

I have already contradicted, and from good authority, the rumor which was that the Emperor contemplated a dissolution of his marriage with the Empress.

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FRONTIERS OF LORD BACON.

Nothing else than inward beauty, and beauty nothing else than an inward virtue. Beauty makes virtues, vices blushes. Riches are a good hand maid; but the worst mistress.

It is a great blessing to enjoy happiness; but to have the power to confer it on others is far greater.

The stairs to honor are steep, the standing slippery, the regress a downfall.

The praise is an honor which comes from voices freely conferred.

What is a good man to do with the dull approbation of the vulgar?

I should sooner believe the fabulous wonders of any religion than that this universal frame was built without a Deity.

He that delights in blood is either a wild beast or a Fury. Though Justice cannot extirpate vice, yet it represseth it from doing hurt.

He that is prodigal of his own life will not spare the life of another.

SPAIN—AS IT WAS, AND AS IT IS.—How sad has been the decay of this once powerful nation whose very name was formerly emblematic of splendor and power, now, alas! a melancholy memorial of departed greatness.

Under the Moors, the population of Spain was thirty millions; it is now less than thirteen millions. The Clamor Publico, a Madrid newspaper, says:

600,000 inhabitants, of whom 60,000 bore arms. It now contains but 60,000 souls all counted. Malaga, in the 17th century, contained 80,000 inhabitants; it now possesses only 50,000. Medina del Campo, in the 17th century, contained 60,000 inhabitants; it now contains 6,000.

GEN SAM HOUSTON first entered Congress as a Representative (from Tennessee) thirty years ago. He has since been Governor of Tennessee; then a fugitive from her borders; then an Indian chief; then a pioneer of Texas; then leader of her revolution; then President; then out of power and esteemed a dissipated, broken-down demagogue; then President again; a reformed man and Temperance advocate; then finally Senator of the United States, which position he has held for the last eight years. He may yet go higher.

WORD PAINTING.

The New York Times gives the following portrait of fashionable life and society in New York:—Our fashionable society in this city is a sham from beginning to end.

It is utterly unsound, depraved, and unnatural—a deceptive piece of rotten wood, made to look shiny with French polish, and glittering with the phosphoric light of corruption—a copper cent, trying its very best to look like a five franc piece; and, what is worse, in nine cases out of ten succeeding.

LETTER FROM J. J. CRITCHFIELD.—A private letter from Mr. Critchfield, in relation to his connection with the Ward case, published in the N. Orleans papers, says:—“I neither did nor said anything that was not within the strict limits of the honest and honorable discharge of my professional duty, and my judgment and feelings approved my course.”

CAMPBELL LAMP.—The inventors, never fill a fluid lamp when lighted; for when there is a light in the room, should be dimmed into the case of all persons who use camphene or burning fluid, until the habit becomes a second nature.

IF this rule was followed, nine out of ten of the camphene accidents would be avoided.