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SPECIAL COURT PROCEEDINGS.

List of causes tried at the special Court held at this place, last week, by Judge Wood.

WARD, of Wilkes-Barre.—Knows vs. Robins, and others.—This was an action of trespass, for cutting and taking away timber, claimed by the plaintiff to belong to him.

E. H. Auchmuty, and others, vs. Jesse Auchmuty.—This was an action of ejectment brought by the plaintiffs, who are the heirs of Robert Auchmuty, dec'd., to recover a tract of land in Lower Augusta township.

IRA T. CLEMENT vs. The Steam Ferry and Tow Boat Company.—This was an action brought by the plaintiff to recover some \$1700, alleged to be the balance due on the construction, sale and delivery of the Steam Boat Susquehanna.

DOMEL and COMLY vs. Plaintiff.—This was an action of ejectment brought by the plaintiff to recover some \$549. Packer and Rockefeller for defendant.

MENGIS vs. Dentler.—This was an action for a tract of land in Delaware township, verdict for defendant. Domel and Johnston for plaintiff; Miller for defendant.

PLAINTIFF vs. FOGLE.—Ejectment for a tract of land in Mt. Carmel township. Plaintiff took a non suit. Conly and J. Pleasant for plaintiff; Packer and Rockefeller for defendant.

THE TEXAS AT NEW ORLEANS.—Reported Success of Walker—Costa Ricans defeated by Col. Titus and Gen. Hennings.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 17.—The steamer Texas, from San Juan, has arrived at the Balize with dates to the 10th inst.

THE NORTHERN CENTRAL RAILROAD.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of this company was held at the Calvert Station in Baltimore, on the 4th inst.

IN REFERENCE to the future business of the road, the report says that the Lyken's Valley Company notified the Board of Directors that it is their intention to send some seven or eight hundred tons of coal per day over the road.

THE BURDELL MURDER.—This case, exciting so much interest in the country, was brought to a close, before the Corner of New York, on Saturday last.

POPULATION OF SCHUYLKILL COUNTY.—In our recent statement of the remarkable growth of this county in population, we neglected to give a comparison of the population at stated periods from 1820 up to the present time.

ARREST OF HIGHWAY ROBBERS.—Two young men, named John Killen and James McCreary, belonging to the notorious gang of Schuylkill Robbers, were captured on Wednesday morning last, arrested at Mt. Carbon.

THE VALUE OF FIVE MINUTES.—The importance of this brief space of time was strikingly illustrated by a circumstance which occurred at this town on Wednesday last.

THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION.—The will of the late John M. Clayton, of Delaware, has been published. The first clause of it is as follows: "First—I leave to my friends and relatives, as well as to all others who may think my opinion of any value, this testimonial, that the religion taught in the New Testament is the best that has been offered for our adoption."

ONE CAPTIVE.—For some time past horse-stealing has been carried on pretty boldly in this vicinity and along the West branch. A young man named Whipple is now in jail at this place under a charge of this offence.

SENATOR BRODIECK.—The Baltimore (Md.) Sun, of the 17th inst., says: "This gentleman, who has just been elected to the United States Senate for six years from California, was formerly foreman of Engine Company No. 34 in New York."

GREAT RAILWAY.—The western papers inform us, in a despatch, that we shall have a through line railroad in operation from Mobile, on the Gulf of Mexico, to Lake Superior.

LETTER FROM WASHINGTON.

Counting the Presidential Vote—A Difficulty about the Vote of Wisconsin—A Change in the Law Necessary.

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Flood, or snow, or some other difficulty prevented the meeting of the electors on the third of the month, and therefore, they had to go into the election as soon as possible afterwards, which was on Monday, December fourth.

Some of the members of the House, in the presence of the Senate, committed the great mistake—because they saw a possible difficulty as to future election—committed the great mistake of conceiving that the occasion for electing a President of the United States is a time to make a difficulty about the vote of Wisconsin.

It should be definitely understood that every vote of an Electoral College, not certified as given in every particular in accordance with the Constitution, will not be included in any general result of any future election.

AN IRISH RIOT IN HUDSON CITY, N. J.—A Free Fight 'twixt Corkians and Fardons.—One dead, several fatally wounded, and about fifty taken prisoners.—The New Jersey Militia called out.

ABOUT four hundred of the laborers employed by the Long Dock Company in connection with the new wharf at the New York and Erie Railroad, through Bergen Hill, in the City of Hudson, New Jersey, were engaged in a terrible riot on Saturday afternoon and Sunday.

IMPROVEMENT OF THE OHIO RIVER.—The Hon. Wm. Bigler, from the Committee, has made an important report in the Senate of the United States, on the general subject of improving the Ohio river, for navigable purposes, accompanied by a bill to provide for the same.

A "SOCIALIST" FAILURE.—The Icarian Community, at Nauvoo, Ill., having proved a disastrous experiment, causing dissatisfaction to all concerned, the members, now reduced from the original aggregate of 1200 persons to some four or five hundred, have petitioned the Illinois Legislature to repeal the act of incorporation, in order that the stock, now amounting to about \$45,000, may be divided.

UNCERTAINTY OF LIFE.—Mr. Wm. H. Lovern, an old and esteemed resident of Carey, Matagorda county, Texas, died of pneumonia on the 27th ult., and while the Rev. Stephen B. Wright was about to perform the funeral rites the following day he fell down in a fit of apoplexy, and died instantly.

EXTRACT from the report of J. J. Reimensnyder, County Superintendent of Common Schools, made July 23, 1856, and found on page 165 of the annual report of the State Superintendent.

As many of our teachers are quite young, I looked with considerable anxiety to their second winter in the school room. With many of them it was glad to find an improvement, not only in their examination in scientific attainments, but in governing their scholars.

Having recently completed a visit through Jackson, Jordan, Washington, Upper and Little Mahanoy, and Cameron districts, and learned the sentiments of the people there, I feel satisfied that it would be wrong to attempt forcing them to open public schools. Any effort of this kind, in my humble opinion, would cause only strife and alienation, and do more harm than good.

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THIRD ANNUAL CELEBRATION!

WASHINGTON CAMP NO. 19, J. S. O'FA.

WILL celebrate the 15th Anniversary of Washington's Birth-day, by holding a Public Meeting in the American Hall, Sunbury, on Monday, Feb. 23d, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

M. L. Shindel, A. J. Rockefeller, Kimber Cleaver, F. B. Potts and others, have been invited and are expected to deliver addresses appropriate to the occasion.

THE PUBLIC are respectfully invited to attend. By order of the Committee. February 21, 1857.

ESTATE OF WILLIAM CARR, dec'd. NOTICE is hereby given that letters of Administration upon the estate of William Carr, late of the Borough of Sunbury, Northumberland county, dec'd., have been granted to the undersigned residing in the township of Rush, county aforesaid.

DISOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP. THE partnership heretofore existing between D. M. Boyd, John Rosser, Thomas Rosser, and James Boyd, under the firm name Rosser & Co., was dissolved by mutual consent on the first day of January, 1857.

THE undersigned will continue the business of sending and shipping Coal at Sunbury, where those in want of this celebrated Coal will please address him. February 21, 1857.—JAMES BOYD.

SUMMONS OF PARTITION. No. 41, April T. 1857. Alexander Jordan, Plaintiff, vs. William Davis and George F. Lee, Executors of the last will and testament of Thomas Davis of Philadelphia, deceased, and also Trustees for the widow and heirs of said deceased Joseph Warner of Philadelphia, and William McCarty of Sunbury.

THE Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to the Sheriff of Northumberland County, GREETING: I, Alexander Jordan, make you secure of prosecuting his claim, then we command you that you summons by good summons William Davis and George F. Lee, Executors of the last will and testament of Thomas Davis of Philadelphia, deceased, and also trustees for the widow and heirs of said deceased Joseph Warner of Philadelphia, and William McCarty of Sunbury.

Witness the Honorable Alexander Jordan President of our said Court at Sunbury Feb. 17, 1857. JAMES BEARD, Prothy. Prothonotary of the said Court at Sunbury, Jan. 31, 1857.

MURPHY & KOONS, COMMISSION MERCHANTS, and wholesale dealers in Fish, Cheese & Provisions (No. 47 North Wharves, below Race Street) PHILADELPHIA.

JAMES BROWN'S GRAMMATICAL WORKS. THE first book of the Rational System of English Grammar, designed to teach the process of Analyzing the English Language with sound judgment, and the art of using it with grammatical propriety. 31 cts.

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THE third book of the Rational System of English Grammar, designed to enable the learner to become most thoroughly acquainted with its nature and use of the Prepositions, and may be read by him either in or out of school. 50 cts.

WANTED. A GOOD WORKING MAN with a small family to work on a farm, where constant employ and good wages can be had from the subscriber. An answer given in form for rent the ensuing year, in Shamokin town hip. Apply to S. JOHN, Mt. Comfort, Northumberland Co., Feb. 14, 1857.—3t

NOTICE. ALL persons indebted to the estate of James Taggart, dec'd., or to James Taggart & Son or to Grantham I. Taggart, are respectfully requested to make payment on or before the 20th of March, next, or the accounts will be placed in the hands of an officer for collection. GRANHAM I. TAGGART, Northumberland, Feb. 14, 1857.—3t

PUBLIC SALE. THE subscriber will sell at public Sale, at 1 residence in the Borough of Northampton land, on MONDAY, the 24 day of MARCH, next, a general assortment of HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, Consisting in part of Beds and Bedding, Sofas, Bureaus, Tables, Chairs, Stoves, Carpets, &c. Also, a full assortment of Kitchen utensils, Cooking Stove, &c.

BLANKS. BLANKS of every description can be had by applying at the office of the American.

PHILADELPHIA MARKET. February 18, 1857. GRAIN.—Wheat—Sales of prime new Pennsylvania red at \$1.49, and \$1.50 62 for good white. Rye—Pennsylvania at 82 cents. Corn—Sales of old yellow at 68 cents and new yellow at 65c. Oats—Sales of 47 cts per bushel. Cloverseed—Sales of prime at \$7 7/2 62j per 64 lbs.

SUNBURY PRICE CURRENT. February 18, 1857. Wheat, - - - \$1.50 Butter, - - - \$5 25 Rye, - - - 75 Eggs, - - - 16 Corn, - - - 56 Tallow, - - - 12 Buckwheat, - - - 60 Potatoes, - - - 12 Potatoes, - - - 50 Beeswax, - - - 25 Flaxseed, - - - 1 25 Dried Apples, - - - 1 25