

Local Department.

Death of Gen. Howell.

On Friday last, says the Genius of Liberty, the sad announcement was made to the people of this place, that Gen. Joshua B. Howell had been accidentally killed by his horse on the 14th inst., in front of Petersburg, Va. Gen. Howell has been long and favorably known to the people of this county. In his profession he stood deservedly high. As a citizen he was very highly esteemed, and his charities and gentlemanly deportment will long be cherished in the minds of the people.

The Anniversary Exercises at Waynesburg College.

All the exercises at the College at the close of the present session have been characterized by a uniform success. Their number and variety forbid our giving them more than a passing notice, although their merits would demand much more. The public exercises properly began on Sabbath evening, the 18th inst., with the Baccalaureate Sermon of President Miller, though several days of the preceding week had been occupied in the private examination of classes, principally in the law department, all of which creditably acquitted themselves.

The sermon, like all of the President's oratorical efforts, was replete with sound logic and wholesome advice. He placed the standard of moral conduct on an elevated plane, quite elevated indeed, for these corrupt and selfish times. "Do right always, and leave the consequences with God." His standard of patriotism was no less high; a patriotism above party, which knows "no North, no South, no East, no West, but the whole country."

Hon. W. T. Wiley, of West Virginia, delivered the annual address to the literary societies on Monday evening. The audience was quite large, and listened with profound attention throughout the whole address. His subject, in brief, was CHRISTIANITY, and its effects on nations. Never, indeed, was the truth that "righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people," more clearly demonstrated than in his address. It was thought so able that a committee was appointed from the Societies to procure it for publication.

On Tuesday the public examination in the Female Department came off, the classes acquitting themselves with honor: the commencement exercises in the Ladies' Department in the evening were, perhaps, as fine as any ever known at this institution. The first essay, read by Miss Han. C. Day, subject, "Columbia," touched chords in the heart of every listener, who had the least sensibility in his nature. Her eloquence was almost faultless, which united with her ease and dignity of manner, made her reading very impressive. Miss Jennie Webb followed, subject, "Night Thoughts," which was very prettily written, and pretty well read, though not so well as if she had been self-possessed all the time. Next Miss Emma Downey entertained the audience with a very clear and analytical essay on the "Clouds." After this followed the Valedictory by Miss Jennie Woods, which was truly a fine affair and well delivered. The exercises of the evening were enlivened by vocal and instrumental music from Miss Butler's pupils and others.

The Cost of Boring an Oil Well in Venango.

In those days of oil excitement, and when stock companies are organizing by the score, it may be interesting to know the cost of putting down a well. The figures as given in the Oil City Register, are as follows: Cost of Putting Down an Oil Well 600 Feet. One engine, ten horse power, delivered on premises, \$2,100 00 Derrick complete 150 00 Walking Beam, Sanson Post, and appurtenances 50 00 Mill Well, Band wheel and Belting 150 00 One sett Tools 300 00 1 1/2 inch Hawser, and 1 1/2 inch hand Pump ropes 150 00 600 feet tubing at ninety-two cents 570 00 50 feet diving pipe at \$7 350 00 500 barrels of coal at 60 cents 300 00 Two engineers, say 60 days each at \$9 400 00 Contract to drillers, 600 feet at \$2.25 1,350 00 One pumping barrel and Valves 37 50 Two Wrenches at \$10 each 20 00 One Clamp 5 00 Two 2 inch Gas Tongs 15 00 Total, \$6,067 50 To this add \$500 for contingencies expenses, such as accidents in breaking machinery, getting tools fast in wells, and the charges by professional tool extractors.

Democratic Meetings.

The Democratic voters of the several Townships, and all others who are in favor of the enforcement of the Constitution and the Laws in every State of the Union, and of obedience to the same by the rulers and the people; as well as all who are in favor of an honest, impartial and economical administration of the Government, are invited to attend the following meetings, viz: Greene tp., Garrard's Fort, Thursday, Sept. 29th, 1 p. m. Perry tp., Mt. Morris, Friday, Sept. 30th, 1 p. m. Dunkard tp., Davistown, Saturday, Oct. 1st, 1 p. m. Morris tp., Ninevah, Monday Oct. 3d, 1 p. m. Alleppo tp., Augustus Miller's, Tuesday, Oct. 4th, 1 p. m. Gilmore tp., Jollytown, Wednesday, Oct. 5th, 1 p. m. Springhill tp., New Freeport, Thursday, Oct. 6th, 1 p. m. Jackson tp., White Cottage, Friday Oct. 7th, 1 p. m. Centre tp., Rogersville, Saturday, Oct. 8th, 1 p. m. Wayne tp., J. Stroemer's Store, Monday, Oct. 10th, 1 p. m.

Remembering the Printer.

The Senior Editor was the happy recipient, the other day, of a basket of delicious grapes from the garden of Mrs. Nancy McFANS, of this place, for which he tenders his hearty thanks. Mrs. McFANS is not only an excellent horticulturist, but one of the firmest, truest and most zealous Democrats in the county, always able and ready to give "a reason for the faith that is in her." "Squire KENT, of Centre tp., has also placed the readers of the "Brownsville Clipper" under obligations to him by sending us a Mammoth Cabbage for Father Hall's ample shoulders. It shall be neatly fitted to meet the first time we catch him attending an Abolition gathering in this county.

Jefferson.

The Rush house, at Jefferson, passed into the hands of our friend, Wm. KELLY, Esq., some months ago, and is now one of the best hotels in the county. Strangers and sojourners could not find a more pleasant stopping-place. The fare and accommodations are excellent, and charges moderate. Give him a call when you visit the East end.

We direct the attention of land buyers to the advertisement of a valuable farm for sale, belonging to Wm. Braden, Esq., of Indianapolis, Ind. He only sells it for want of time to give it the proper attention.

The too-frequent use of authority impairs it. If thunder were continued it would excite no more sensation than the noise of a mill.

News.

SHERIDAN'S VICTORY NEAR WINCHESTER.

Rebel Army Completely Routed.

Full Particulars of the Battle.

BALTIMORE, September 20—10 P. M. The following is the American's special of the great battle at the Shenandoah Valley. HEADQUARTERS MIDDLE DIVISION, Winchester, September 19, 9 P. M.—General Sheridan's army has this day fought one of the most successful and decisive battles of the war. Victory has again crowned our banner, and the rebel army has been defeated and utterly routed, with the loss of at least 3,000 killed and wounded, including 7 Generals—namely, Rhodes, Wheaton, Bradley T. Johnson, Gordon, York and Godman, the two first of whom were killed, and the others badly wounded, and we have captured 2,500 prisoners, nine battle flags, representing nine different regiments and organizations, five pieces of artillery, with caissons.

On Sunday morning, Early sent Gordon's division of rebel infantry from Bunker Hill where it had been stationed for the past few days, to drive Averill from Martinsburg, and destroy a bridge on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad across the Opequan, which they erroneously thought had been repaired. They occupied Martinsburg for a short time, without doing any damage to the railroad, and were eventually driven by Averill as far as Darksville.

General Sheridan learning their movements ordered the whole command to be insensible, and did not rally to the aid. He died in the evening, and his embalmed body is now on its way to his home in Uniontown. Gen. Howell entered the service as Colonel of the 85th Pennsylvania Regiment, and participated in nearly all the great battles of the campaign. His regiment formed part of Gen. Casey's division previous to the battle of Fair Oaks, and so well did he stand, even then, in the opinion of his superior officers, that though but recently taken from civil life, he was entrusted with the provisional command of a brigade. He was about sixty years of age, and previous to his entering the army followed the law as a profession. He was a splendid looking man, while a gentleman of more courteous or winning manners we have rarely met with. In his death the army loses a valuable officer, and one whose place cannot be easily filled.

These field-works were constructed by the rebels to guard the ford at the Opequan and prevent a passage at that point. Our cavalry having secured a safe passage for the infantry, the 16th Corps was moved across the Opequan and along the pike toward Winchester, leaving its train on the opposite side of the stream, at a point about 1 1/2 miles distant from the ford where it formed a line of battle and threw out a strong skirmish line. At the same time the artillery opened on the woods into which the enemy's infantry had retreated, and kept up an incessant cannonade. The enemy replied briskly with parts of two batteries.

There was a delay of at least two hours, caused by the non-arrival of the 18th Corps, who, through misconception of orders, had failed to come up at the proper time. Gen. Sheridan having learned on Friday that the main portion of Early's forces were encamped in the vicinity of Bunker Hill and Stephenson depot, resolved to mass his forces on the Winchester and Berryville pike, and by a rapid movement hurl them on Early's rear. There is no doubt but the enemy were completely surprised and outmaneuvered by Sheridan's march to the appointed place of rendezvous.

A portion of our cavalry under Gens. Torbett and Averill, kept up a strong picket line along the Opequan, and by a demonstration in force at Burns Ford, kept a large portion of the enemy at that part of the field, which was nearly twelve miles distant from the point where it was intended our infantry should operate and strike a blow which should result in the signal defeat of Early's army.

The delay in the arrival of the 19th Corps enabled Early to move Gordon's division at double quick from Bunker Hill some ten miles, and bring it up in time to form in line of battle with Breckinridge's raiders and Hood's command, who had already arrived, and were formed in a belt of wooded thickets skirting Berryville and Winchester.

As soon as the 19th corps arrived it was formed in four lines of battle, about three hundred yards apart, on the right of the 6th, and everything being in readiness, the advance was sounded at about twelve o'clock, and the different lines moved forward. The 2d corps advanced in splendid style—as though marching at a review or on parade. The first line had not advanced more than two hundred yards before it became engaged with the enemy, who were posted in line about six hundred yards distant. At the same time our artillery opened a furious cannonade, throwing shells and solid shot into the opposite woods, where the enemy could be distinctly seen moving up reinforcements.

Our different lines of battle continued to advance steadily, until within nearly two hundred yards of the enemy's line, when the rebels opened a furious cannonade, with grape and canister, from two batteries which they had previously kept secreted, and which ploughed through our advancing lines, mowing down large numbers of our men.

The first line was obliged to give way under so murderous a fire, and in retreating behind the second line threw it into momentary confusion, and it also was obliged to fall back behind the third line which had in the meantime been ordered to lie down, in order to avoid as much as possible the effects of the withering fire which the enemy's batteries were directing against our advancing line.

The artillery was now brought up and posted in commanding positions to silence these batteries of the enemy which had caused so much annoyance, and our line was reformed and again ordered forward, regaining the advanced position they had held when they were obliged to fall back. But success was not gained without an obstinate resistance on the part of the enemy.

General Sheridan had previously ridden about the lines and was received everywhere by the men with the greatest enthusiasm—they advanced.

It was the terrible determination to do so or die in the attempt. Having regained the advanced position, which we had previously occupied, the different lines of battle were ordered to lie down and wait the arrival of General Crook's corps, which was held in reserve on the eastern side of the Opequan. They were ordered up to take position on the extreme right of our line, and in order to counteract a movement on the part of the enemy, who were massing troops on their left flank with a view of turning our right.

About 3 o'clock General Crook formed on the right of the 19th corps—his first division on the extreme right of our line, and his second division in the rear and supporting a division of the 19th corps. General Crook having formed his men, rode along the line, and was received with the most vociferous cheering, the men promising to "go in" and wipe out Winchester.

Gen. Torbett with Merritt's and Averill's division of cavalry having crossed the Opequan about 9 o'clock at Barnes' and Knox's farms had been hard at work all day fighting considerable bodies of the enemy's infantry and cavalry, and having been successful, instead of driving before them now arrived on our extreme right and was prepared to take part in the final struggle which secured us the victory.

General Sheridan rode out to where General Torbett was stationed, and after a consultation with him as to the part the cavalry were to take, ordered a final charge, which was made with an impetuosity which nothing could resist. Our line, extending nearly three miles in length, advanced with cheers and yells, which could be distinctly heard far above the noise of artillery and musketry, which, for its impetuosity, has seldom been exceeded in any battle of this war. Our men had determined to win the day and never themselves accordingly to the coming struggle, and as our lines advanced closer and closer to those of the enemy the battle became more and more fierce, and the slaughter now was awful; at every discharge men could be distinctly seen dropping all around, and the two contending lines at some places could not have been over two hundred yards apart.

Just at this critical period, above the roar of artillery, musketry and fierce yells of contending armies, could be distinctly heard, several miles off the cavalry bugle, sounding the charge which was the death-knell to their army.—There could be seen the gallant Custer and Merritt, each with a headquarter's flag in hand, advancing gallantly, leading the charge, which, in connection with the desperate courage of our infantry, secured us the victory.

The columns of Early's command were forced to give way before our cavalry, who with sabre in hand, rode them down, cutting them right and left, capturing seven hundred and twenty-one privates and non-commissioned officers, with nine battle flags and two guns.

The broken and demoralized divisions composing Early's command now fled in confusion, throwing away everything which could in any way impede their flight, and with their arms some made for the heights beyond Winchester, but they were soon dislodged by Averill, and forced to beat a hasty and ignominious retreat up the Valley, where such of Early's command as are left him are now scattered. Our victory is a glorious one, and well calculated to fill the heart of every loyal man with joy.

Among the killed and wounded are Col. E. Bright, 12th Ohio, killed; Capt. Wright, killed; Lieut. McEustace, 2d United States cavalry, Lieut. Jackson, 1st Michigan cavalry, arm shot off; Lieutenants Matthias and John Allen, 1st Michigan cavalry, killed. The Michigan brigade of Costar's command claims the honor of killing General Rhodes when they charged his division.

MARRIED.

On Saturday, Sept. 17th, at the residence of the bride's father, by James Call, Esq., Mr. HENRY COE and Miss MARIA FRY, all of Centre tp., Greene co., Pa.

On Saturday, Aug. 20th, at the residence of Jno. Knight, by the same, Mr. THOS. B. KENT and Miss ELIZA INGERSOLL, all of Centre tp., Greene co., Pa.

DIED.

On the 6th of Sept., of Dysentery, Mr. EDWARD PARKINSON, in the 46th year of his age.

In Hampton Hospital, Va., Aug. 28th, from a wound by a musket ball, JOHN B. CLAYTON, of Co. B, 85th Pa. Vols., aged 19 years, 4 months, and three days.

The deceased was a faithful and gallant soldier, greatly beloved by his companions in arms and by all that knew him. "He has died young, but there are silvered heads whose race of duty is less nobly run."

SPECIAL NOTICE.

I would respectfully inform my friends throughout the County, that I am now at home in Waynesburg, and have arranged my visits so as to spend from the first to the twentieth of every month at Waynesburg, this my customers may depend upon.

Very respectfully, S. S. PATTON. March 2, 64.

Auditor's Notice.

THE Princes of Greene Academy will take notice that the accounts of Greene Academy, will meet on the 4th day of October, at 1 o'clock, for the purpose of Auditing the accounts of said Academy.

THOMAS SCOTT, JOHN L. BRIGGS, JOHN CLAYTON, Auditors. Sept. 25th, 1864.

WHEREAS, In and by an act of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, entitled, An act relating to the election of judges, passed 23d day of July, 1859, it is made the duty of the Sheriff of every county within this Commonwealth to give public notice of the General Elections, and in such notice to enumerate:

1. The officers to be elected, and the places to be held. 2. Designate the place at which the election is to be held. 3. Thomas Lucas, High Sheriff of the county of Greene, do hereby make known and give public notice to the Electors of the county of Greene, to be held on the SECOND TUESDAY OF OCTOBER NEXT, being the 11th day of the month of October, will be held at the said county, at which time they will vote by ballot for the several officers hereinafter named, viz:

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