

THE AGITATOR.

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WELLSBOROUGH, PA. Thursday Morning, Feb. 8, 1855.

LECTURES.—The Wellborough Literary Institute has engaged the services of the following Lecturers: Rev. John P. Frazar, February 8th and 9th. Cassius M. Clay, 16th and 17th. Rt. Rev. Alonzo Fortna.

The Universalist Conference meets at Mansfield on Wednesday and Thursday, 14th and 15th inst. Several distinguished speakers are expected to be present and address the assemblage.

In our New-Year statistics we put down the Welsh hos of worship as Unitarian. We are informed that it is Congregationalist and cheerfully make the correction.

In the list of Attorneys, K. Parkhurst, Esq., was put down as a resident of Knoxville. His address is Lawrenceville.

The severity of the weather for these days past, puts the "oldest inhabitant" to his traps. On Tuesday night the mercury stood nearly 30 deg. below zero. It is rumored that a man was found frozen to death at Tioga Monday morning, though we do not vouch for it.

U. S. SENATOR.—Hon. DAVID WILMOT is much talked of as the probable successor of Mr. Cooper. He was recently addressed by Mr. Laporte in regard to his views of protection to the interests of Pennsylvania.

THAT WASHING MACHINE.—Well, we have tried it—we, jointly, severally, individually one and indivisible, have tried the new machine, and have found it good, first-rate, excellent and not to be beat.

Free-Trade in Rum.—Road and Ponder. We have been gathering statistics and "taking notes" of the effects of free-trade in Rum, and seize this opportunity to lay the result of our labor before the public.

Let us begin with the statistics of the Rum manufacture, gleaned from the last census. The quantity of grain distilled and malted per annum in the United States, is as follows: Bushels of Corn 11,067,661. Bushels of Rye 2,143,927.

Oatmeal has 91 per cent of nutriment, Rye about the same, and barley 84.5. For want of space, we leave our friends to "cipher out" the gross amount of nutriment utterly wasted in the manufacture of alcohol from those articles in one year, here in the United States.

There is distilled, of corn, 1 bushel in every 54 raised; Rye, 1 bushel in 51 of Barley, three bushels in every 51. Upward of 83,000,000 is invested in the manufacture, producing about 80,000,000 gallons of alcohol, valued at \$19,546,897; giving a profit on the capital invested of \$11,665,746.

There were committed in New-York City during six months of the past year, thirty-five murders. Of these TWENTY-THREE were perpetrated under the influence of RUM!! Only 23, gentlemen, out of thirty-five—or about 65 per cent of the blackest of human crimes, flowing directly out of the traffic in Rum!

The single State of Louisiana last year, there were expended nearly \$30,000,000 for intoxicating drinks—\$20,000,000 of this was expended in New-

Orleans. 16,000 arrests for drunkenness were made in the city and State, about 400 deaths by ebriety, 75 murders and other crimes innumerable, while upwards of 1000 were sentenced to penitentiary and reformatory. And all this horrible misery does not cover a tenth part of the real injury done society by the traffic for the hideous and vice which did not crop out in overt crime, is not included.

Phrenological Journal. Fowler & Wells, 308 Broadway, New York. The February number contains—Phrenology, an able article—Physiology—Biography of G. W. Curtis and C. De L'Epée, with portraits—Criminal Legislation and Prison Discipline—Psychology, &c.

The Water-Cure Journal—by the same publishers. The February No. has an article on Respiration, and the effects of Overheated and Impure Air, illustrated with Cuts: It is from the pen of Dr. Shaw, and is worth double the subscription price.

A letter in the Pays, dated Constantinople, Jan. 5th, says: "A column of riflemen had taken possession of the important position of Camara, near Balaklava, after driving out the Russians, who occupied it.

The London Times contains a letter from Scutari, dated January 8th, which says that the mortality at the Hospital was on the increase; the deaths, from January 4th to 7th, inclusive, amounted to 179.

THE SHIP WHITE FALCON, of New York, sailed from London on the 16th of January, for Marseilles—having been chartered by the French Government to convey provisions to the Crimea.

THE LATEST NEWS. The Times, in a leading editorial, draws a most deplorable picture of the state of the army in the Crimea. At the beginning of January it could muster only 14,000 bayonets; the artillery and engineers had been reduced in the same proportion, and cavalry no longer existed as a force.

It is computed that out of 14,000 men nominally fit for service, only 2,000 are in good health. The army was an army of invalids at the beginning of the month, although the Crimean winter had not yet set in.

THE DOULGNE GAZETTE published advices from Berlin, stating that, in diplomatic circles, no doubt is entertained that Russia and Austria will come to an agreement on the freedom of the Danube, and the cessation of the Russian protectorate in the Principalities.

There are accounts from Weimar, according to which the Austrian Government has signified to the Princes of the Sardinian States that, after the pacific declaration of Russia, it appears advisable not to proceed with the mobilization of the Military Contingent of the Germanic States; and that Austria will not, therefore, bring the question before the Diet.

RUNAWAY SLAVES.—THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD.—The travel over the underground railroad for the past few days has been, we are informed, unusually active, and no fewer than seven lots of runaway slaves have arrived at this terminus within a week.

The first of these lots was composed of three men; the next of three men; the third, of two men; the fifth, of one man. All these were from Kentucky. The sixth lot was composed of two middle-aged, stout men, who had come on foot from Louisiana to this place, sleeping by day, and walking toward the North star at night.

The last lot was composed of a mother and three children, who came up on the mail boat from Louisville, and were to be taken to Paris, Kentucky. She managed to get to some Abolitionists, and was immediately sent north.

A colored woman named Johanna Piles is now in Cincinnati, soliciting funds to purchase her husband, who is a slave in Washington County, Kentucky. [The wife and two children, with sixteen others, were manumitted about a year since by their mistress who then resided in Washington County, Kentucky, but located those she set free in Iowa.]

SAM you're a drunkard; you're allers drunk, and your habits is loose, nigga, your habits is loose. "Well, ax me dis den, how de mischief am my habits loose when I is 'tight' all do time?"

Boings in Congress.

The U. S. Senate, on Tuesday, spent the entire day in the discussion of the Army Appropriation bill. In the House, the bill authorizing the construction of a subterranean line of telegraph to the Pacific was under consideration.

Mr. FARLEY rose to a point of order. Mr. LANE—I did not yield the floor for your point of order.

Mr. FARLEY—I have as much right to call you to order as you had to call me to order. Mr. LANE called him a "liar," or "damned liar," which was reborted by Mr. FARLEY, with emphasis.

The Chairman (Mr. FAYLES) called the Sergeant-at-Arms, when that officer appeared, bearing his mace of office; and the crowd in the galleries stretched over to see the proceedings on the floor.

Mr. BENTON declared that while he was unwilling to delay the Territorial business, he was resolved to fight the bill now before the committee. He gave way to Mr. LANE, of Oregon, who said that, when that fellow (pointing to Mr. FARLEY) called me to order, I was—[The rest of the sentence was lost in deafening cries of "order," "order!"]

Public Lectures. Our exchanges teem with notices of public lectures on various scientific subjects, as well as on the different moral questions which engage the minds of the people especially at the present time.

How Col. Steptoe is Esteemed in Utah. When the last mail from Utah left, of course they had not heard of the appointment of Col. Steptoe to be Governor over the territory, and rule over the Mormons.

A Double Execution in Kentucky. The Cincinnati Commercial has a long account of the execution of Stephen Short and William Hanning, for murder, at Greensburg, Ky., last Friday.

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