

LOCAL NEWS.

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PATRIOT AND UNION.—The DAILY PATRIOT AND UNION can be had by Dauphin subscribers, every morning, at the periodical store of J. S. FAIRY.

The Union Prayer Meeting will be held in the Presbyterian Church, on Market Square, this afternoon, at 4 o'clock, as usual.

One of the latest novelties of the day is perfumed ink. In addition to its beautiful color, it has a delightful fragrance.

NEW CROSSING.—The Street Commissioners put down a flag stone crossing across North street, below Third, yesterday—an improvement much needed in a neighborhood rapidly filling up with houses and people.

APPOINTMENT.—Richard M'Allister, Esq., has been appointed Postmaster of Keokuk, Iowa, vice William Patterson, removed. Mr. M'Allister is a native of this city, studied law here, and removed to Iowa some three years ago.

ALL DOWN.—All the shade trees in the rear of the Court House have been removed. Some of them were patriarchs that have stood the winter blasts from "time whereof the memory of man runneth not to the contrary."

Piano Shipped.—Yesterday Wm. Knoche shipped to the Franklin Normal School, in Martinsburg, Blair county, a fine piano. This institution is a new one, under the charge of Prof. Osborne, and reflects great credit upon the enterprising citizens of that village.

New Iron Front.—Our friend H. Gilbert, the hardware merchant, in Market street, is engaged in beautifying his premises. He has taken the brick-work out of the front of his store, and is now engaged in substituting one of iron, which, when finished, will be a very neat affair.

NAVAL CADETS.—Among the names of the graduating class of Naval Cadets for 1860 at the Annaopolis school, we find the names of the following Pennsylvanians:

Charles J. Barclay, Louis E. Fagan, Alfred Soul Newlin, John M. Reher, James B. Biddle, J. M. Calif, Roland C. Irvin, W. C. Osterloh, Wm. L. Hall.

MILLERITES.—The Millerites have been holding their religious services in North Wilbraham, Massachusetts. This sect now numbers 50,000 in the United States and the Canadas, and they gather in camp meeting from nearly every State in the Union. A portion of the brethren look for the millennium before the last of March, 1861; others are confident that the world will last ten years and two months longer; while others still predict a universal overthrow in about sixteen weeks.

Just Opened.—John Black's great tobacco and sugar Emporium, adjoining the U. S. Hotel, is now open, and in the full tide of successful operation. All the late Havana brands of sugars, made from the most choice and fragrant tobacco, are on hand for the inspection of the public, and all the different brands of tobacco can be had at his establishment. All that is necessary is to give him a trial to be convinced that he keeps the best, from a Kentucky six to the highest flavored Espanola, that ever was imported from the Queen of the Antilles.

Apples.—Strolling along the canal a few evenings ago, we stopped at the boat loaded with 3,000 bushels of apples, lying at Kunkel's wharf. They are from Bradford county, and consist of Baldwins, Rhode Island Greenings, Pippins, Gilliflowers, Ramboos and other choice varieties. They are all hand-picked, and decidedly the best apples both for cooking and eating, brought to this city this season. The proprietor we found a ready and obliging man, and one whom it will be found no difficult matter to deal with. He sold 100 bushels on Saturday, and probably twice as many more yesterday.

An Exposition.—In a late discourse a celebrated divine said:

"The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament sheweth his handwork." "How our translation doth mar and despise the beauty of the following sentence. Our translation says: 'Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.' But the thought of the Hebrew is that the day standing like a sentinel upon the mountain top, when its watch is done and it comes to lay down its burden, looking over all that has been done through all its hours, declares it to the night that is coming on; and the night in its turn tells its story to the day; and so the white-plumed sentinel of the day and the raven-plumed sentinel of the night are ever uttering unto each other the knowledge of what God has done on earth."

The Water Works.—The new machinery of the Water Works is now in complete working order, the new tank has been completed, and the Superintendent has been elected, so that the arrangements are ample for an unlimited supply of *cau de Sanguanna*, and that by the employment of one man alone, instead of three, as heretofore. Of course, this will be a gratifying saving to the city.

Considerable money has been spent in putting the works in thorough condition, and it looks very much as if the city authorities contemplated that both works and basin should occupy their present position for years to come. This cannot be, or we greatly over-estimate the growth of the city within the next ten years. Just so soon as the city spreads toward the west, and becomes thickly populated, whether there are sewers or not to empty below the Water House, an immense amount of filth must wash into the river from the surface, and it will be of that kind of filth that will make the water too impure for use in the household. These facts are apparent to every one, and yet no one moves in the matter.

A Veteran Stenographer Dead.—We notice with regret the demise of a venerable reporter, Marcus T. C. Gould, at his residence in Rochester, Beaver county, on Friday of last week. Mr. Gould had lived to a green old age, retaining his faculties perfectly. He was at one time the only short-hand reporter in the country, and invented a system of stenography which was generally used before the general dissemination of phonography.

Democrat Meeting in the Fourth Ward.—A large and enthusiastic meeting of the Democrats of the Fourth ward of the city of Harrisburg, was held at the public house of L. Bernhard, on Saturday evening last. John Weis was called to the chair, and L. Bernhard appointed Secretary. An address was delivered by Dr. DeWitt. The following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Democrats of the Fourth ward will, on the 6th of November, give their united support to the electoral ticket formed at Reading.

Resolved, That the Democrats of the Fourth ward will meet at the public house of William Umberger, in Walnut street, on Wednesday evening next.

Resolved, That the Democrats of the ward are hereby invited to attend the meeting of the German Democrats at Bernhard's, on Tuesday eve-

ning. L. BERNHARD, Sec'y.

How to Tell Fresh Eggs.—Make a solution of chloride of sodium (common salt) of a specific gravity represented by 1.040 (water being 1.000). If an egg, thrown into this solution, sinks to the bottom, it is fresh enough to be boiled in the shell; if it does not sink quite to the bottom, it is still fit to be eaten, but not under that form; and if it swims on the surface, it is decidedly spoiled.

THE EXPRESS ROBBERY.—We find that we inadvertently made a slight mistake in our notice of the express robbery—that the credit of forfeiting it out belongs to Capt. Williams, the Superintendent of the company. Col. Bingham, Mr. Sandford, and a Philadelphia detective police officer came here first, and after making their investigations, concluded that the robbery had been committed either at Baltimore, or between Chambersburg and Hagerstown. After they left, Capt. Williams came here and made his investigation, which resulted in charging young Simmons, who owned up to the robbery, and the destruction of the money, after hearing it mentioned in the office that it was marked. It is right that Capt. Williams, who is a faithful and indefatigable officer, should have all the credit due him in this matter.

On the 20th instant Secretary Thompson directed the Commissioner of the General Land Office to forward to the registers and receivers in Kansas copies of his letter of the 4th inst., relative to pre-emption settlements, warrant locations, &c., on lands about to be offered at public sale in Minnesota.

In view of the public interest manifested in this subject at present, we append an extract from that letter, embracing all the material points of public interest, as follows:

Referring to certain petitions and letters, the Secretary says:

"It seems from these letters that a great part of the danger and difficulty settlers who cannot pay for their lands in proper time apprehend and fear, arises from the anticipated location of warrants upon their claims after the public sales have closed. In relation to this subject I would remark that, in the case of Kidd and Smith, I decided on the 15th of December, 1858, that the inhibition of the location of warrants upon lands upon which there shall be an actual settlement and cultivation, specially prescribed as to previous acts of Congress is, by the 4th section of the act of 1855, carried to warrants issued under that act. The same doctrine was affirmed on the 14th of July last, in the case of King and Perkins. It follows that, so long as there is an adverse possession and cultivation of a tract, the holder of the warrant cannot make a valid location of the land. This is the result of the inherent want of power in the warrant, and does not depend upon the validity or invalidity of the adverse settlement and cultivation. (See the case of Osborn and Schenck, *Lester's Land Laws*, p. 620.) It is evident, therefore, that the fear of adverse warrant locations, as entertained by settlers, is ill-founded.

"I do not see that this department can say or do anything to encourage settlers to defer making payment for their lands beyond the day of sale. Should the law in such cases be sold, and paid for regularly at the sale by other parties, the price would be lost to those claimants. This result would be inevitable. But should their lands be publicly offered and not sold, I think it will be proper to receive the declaratory notices of settlers, after the public offering of the lands, and before the inception of any valid adverse claim or the regular entry of the land by other parties; and under those declaratory notices the settlers would have the benefit of the twelve months' credit allowed by law for paying for lands that have thus become subject to private entry.

"The first settlements, made before the public offering of the lands, could not, after the sale, be made the ground of any claim of pre-emption, for they would have fallen by reason of the failure to pay in proper time; but I am not prepared to say that a valid settlement cannot be made upon the same tract by the same settler after the public offering. I think this view is not inconsistent with the 13th section of the act of 1841, as above quoted, and it clearly is not inhibited by the 4th section of the act of March 2d, 1843, which prohibits only the filing of a second declaration for another tract, and not the filing of a second declaration for the same tract.

"These views you will please communicate immediately to the land officers in Minnesota."

The Ubiquity of Patents.—The Scientific American, in noticing a new patent bier for lowering coffins into graves, indulges in the following strain in reference to patents: "The life of this age most assuredly moves on patent inventions. The infant is wrapped in linen which has been woven on a patent loom, from yarn spun on a patent frame, and he draws his first drop of nourishment from his mother's breast through a patent nipple shield. The girl fondles a patent doll, the boy whirls a patent top, or plays with a ball which is made under one of the most valuable patents of the age. In later life we put on a French yoke shirt, which, with the rest of our clothes, is sewed on a patent machine, with a patent thread, with a patent needle, which comes enveloped in a patent wrapper; and our very boots are made of patent leather. We rise in the morning from a patent elliptic spring bed, undo the patent fastenings of our windows, roll up our patent curtains, open the patent locks of our doors, which were constructed by patent machinery, and go down to our coffee, which is made in a patent 'Old Dominion' coffee pot. We write with one of Morton's pens, which we dip into our patent ink in a patent inkstand. Thus, surrounded by patents, we pass our life, which is filled with gorgeous dreams of making a splendid fortune by some patent invention of our own, till at last we are placed in a patent bier case, and lowered from a patent bier into our final place of rest."

New Goods!—New Goods!—Having returned from New York, I have received now a large lot of goods, all of which I bought at auction. One hundred pieces of beautiful Set Flower De Laines, the best quality, which generally sells for 25 cents, at 20 cents; 50 pieces Unbleached Muslin, the best in town, at 15 cents; 150 pieces of Cassinette, Satinets and Cassimores, from 25 cents up to \$1.25 a yard; 25 pieces of White Flannel, cotton mixed, at 15 cents; 25 dozen of White Merino Stockings at 15 cents; 50 dozen of Gent's Wool Socks, 20 cents a pair; 10 dozen Gent's All-Linen Pocket Handkerchiefs with Colored Borders, very fine, 31 cents; good Mariano Undershirts and Drawers, at 65 and 75 cents a piece. A lot of beautiful Traveling Baskets. Best Calicoes, 10 cents, warranted fast colors.

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