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The Lehigh County Teachers' Association will meet in the Court House, at Allentown, on Saturday, September 14th, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

Through the politeness of Mr. Peter Huber, we are enabled to give the census return of North Whitehall township, as follows:

Population, 2,935, of which number 2,833 are natives, 92 were born in Ireland, 1 in England, 370 in Scotland, 47 in Germany, 1 on the 6th of 1850. Families, 669 dwelling houses, 754 children attending schools, 215 farms of which the total value is \$1,043,400, horses 650, milk cows 901, other cattle, 338, Butter 60,980 pounds, Value of animals slaughtered \$16,745.

Population in 1840, 2,324; increase in 10 years 611, or 27 per cent.  
Shiloh township.—Population 1,890, male 951, female 939, farms 106, wheat 25,601 bushels, rye 19,597, corn 23,016, butter 58,289, potatoes 9,105, horses 400, cows 552, other cattle 326, sheep 380, swine 775, value of live stock \$44,723.

Population in 1840, 1,445; increase in 10 years 445, or 31 per cent.  
Village of Catawissa.—Population 865, houses 174, families 174, children of 10 and under, 465, foreigners 358, of whom 245 are from Ireland, 68 from Wales, 32 from Germany, 9 from England, and 4 from Scotland.

The cost of the ore, limestone, and coal consumed during the last year at the Crane furnace, was \$200,000. Pig iron manufactured, 85,000 tons, valued at \$261,000, hands employed 350, wages monthly cost, 9,800.

Excessive Importations.  
A correspondent of the Philadelphia "North American" states, that the imports into Philadelphia for the year ending the 30th June, 1850, amount to about \$10,500,000.

The exports for the same time to about \$6,500,000.  
Difference against us, \$4,000,000.  
Thus it seems that the city of Philadelphia has, for the past year, done a very splendid business, but it may result in a smashing business one of these days, unless stopped.

The balance is on the wrong side of the account, and the question occurs how long will Philadelphia Merchants be able to pay their debts, if they annually import \$6,500,000 more than they export? In ten years, at this rate of doing business, the balance of trade against Philadelphia would be \$60,500,000! Where is the money to pay this difference to come from?—especially if in every other commercial city in the Union, the balance of trade should be proportionably against us.

Important Law.  
The following act, relative to widows and children of insolvents, to retain property to the amount of three hundred dollars, was passed at the last session of our Legislature:

Sec. XXV. Hereafter, the widow or children of any decedent, dying within this commonwealth, if the said decedent shall have left a widow or children who were residing with him at the time of his death and the estate be insufficient to pay his debts, exclusive of the amount of property which is now by law exempted from levy and execution against a debtor, may retain either real or personal property belonging to said estate to the value of three hundred dollars; and the same shall not be sold, but suffered to remain for the said widow and family; and it shall be the duty of the executor or administrator of such decedent, to have the said property appraised in the same manner as provided in the act passed the ninth day of April, A. D. 1849, entitled an act to exempt property to the value of three hundred dollars from levy and sale on execution and distress for rent; provided, That this section shall not affect or impede any lien for the purchase money of such real estate, and the said appraisement, upon being signed and certified by the appraisers, and approved by the orphan's court, shall be filed among the records thereof.

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### Tremendous Freshet Great Destruction of Property

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The water rose within a foot of the second story in the Storehouses on the wharf of the Allentown basin, and sweeping away immense quantities of lumber of every description, fences, stables, &c.

We learn from persons who have been observing near the Allentown dam, that the body, as was supposed, of a drowned person, and a horse were seen floating over the dam.

From Reading we learn that the freshet at that place and surrounding neighborhood was the most destructive ever experienced there. Several lives were lost, and a number of houses swept away.

The damage to the bridges is immense; a number of them on the Reading and Harrisburg bridges, crossing the Schuylkill at that place, the Hamburg bridge, above Reading, and the Birdsboro, Douglassville and Pottstown county bridges, shared the same fate.

A Word in your Ear, Mr. Borrower!  
The following excellent article on newspaper borrowing we clip from the "Reading Gazette."

National Reflections.  
The discovery of the Western Continent is the history of our own country, in which is displayed the dealings of God with mankind; the genuine basis of freedom—the lofty power of civil government, religious freedom and social happiness, such as are not enjoyed in the history of other nations.

The Fugitive Slave Bill.  
The following brief synopsis embodies the substance of the Fugitive Slave Bill. It will be observed that the bill differs from the act of 1793 in the important particular, that instead of leaving the enforcement of the constitutional provision concerning the reclamation of fugitives from labor to the State authorities, it commits the execution of the law to the hands of commissioners appointed under the authority of the United States.

Business Men's Almanac.  
We have received a number of Palmer's Business Men's Almanac, and is now ready to be supplied to Bookellers, &c. It contains a vast amount of information respecting Banks, Canals, Railroads, Routes of Travel, Imports, Exports, Revenue, Trade, Industry, Manufactures, Agriculture, &c., and is sold at the low rate of 125 cents per copy, or \$7 per hundred.

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### Rail Road Meeting

For the purpose of public notice, a very large and respectable meeting of the citizens of Lehigh county, favorable to the construction of a Rail Road from the Lehigh and Schuylkill Coal regions to intersect the Somerville and New York Rail Road at or near Easton, was held at the Court House in Allentown, on Thursday the 3d of September.

On motion of Samuel A. Bridges, Esq., Hon. Jacob Erdman, was appointed President. Jacob Bast and Jonathan Cook, were appointed Vice Presidents, and

Mr. Porter in the course of his remarks briefly stated, that the books soliciting subscriptions of stock to the above road, were opened at Allentown and Easton, but met with exceedingly poor encouragement, although much was said and done in support of the measure.

After the Judge concluded his remarks, the following gentlemen were appointed Delegates to attend the Rail Road Convention on the 2d day of October next, in the Borough of Allentown, to wit: Solomon Fogel, Esq., Hon. Samuel A. Bridges, Hon. Jacob Dillinger, Christian Preitz, Esq., and Hon. Henry King.

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### Congressional Proceedings

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.  
Mr. Hampton, of Pennsylvania, offered the following amendment to the appropriation bill: "Be it further enacted, That from and after thirty days from the passage of this act, the duties imposed by the act entitled 'An act reducing the duty on imports and for other purposes,' approved July 30, 1846, shall be levied on goods, wares, and merchandise, imported into the United States agreeably to the average value which the same articles bore in the principle markets of the United States during the year ending June 30, 1840, to be ascertained and fixed under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury."

Mr. Toombs, as soon as the amendment was read, rose to a question of order; and said that it proposed to raise revenue, and this was a bill making appropriations.

Mr. Hampton said that he had a precedent for the amendment in the Civil and Diplomatic appropriation bill of 1846.

Mr. Stevens, of Pa., appealed from the decision of the Chair.

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A Fact Worth Knowing.  
Under this head the "True Union," publishes the following from an "authentic source."

Wrought Iron.—A new and successful process for making refined wrought iron directly from the ore, with Anthracite Coal, has just been perfected by Mr. James Renton, of Newark, N. Jersey, whose efforts, the "Advertiser" is assured, have resulted in the discovery of a more simple and practical method of oxidizing and refining the metal than has hitherto been accomplished.

Fish Caught.—A large salmon weighing about nine pounds, says the Harrisburg Telegraph, was caught in a singular manner, a few days since just above town.

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### CLEANINGS

A wealthy citizen of Downing has been convicted of letting a house, knowing that it would be kept as a house of ill-fame, and sentenced to two months imprisonment.

The census of Patterson, N. J., shows a population of 11,320; an increase of 3,733 since 1840.

The population of Black Rock, Michigan, as shown by the census, is 7,490; ten years ago, 4,300.

The population of Montreal, it is said, has within a few years, decreased six thousand and two hundred.

Chillicothe, Ohio, has a population of 7,100 inhabitants; in 1830 it was 2,946; in 1840, 3,977; showing an increase of 3,213 persons in the last ten years.

Elmira, Chenango county, New York, has 6,019 inhabitants; an increase of 2,268 in five years.

Utica, New York, has a population of about 17,000 inhabitants; an increase of 2,263 in five years.

Six thousand, six hundred and eighty-five emigrants arrived at New York from foreign ports last week.

Within the last ten years, says the London Chronicle, about 140,000 Mormons have emigrated from Great Britain to the United States.

In Cincinnati, peaches are selling at 30 cents per bushel.

The total population of Washington, D. C., is 25,800.

The Carbon County Gazette, of the 15th inst., says that 20 or 30 bricklayers can get employment for a few months, at good wages, at Mauch Chunk.

Stroudsburg, Monroe county, Pa., according to the present census, has a population of 811.

The tobacco crop of Virginia, will be curtailed about one-half, and that will be of a poor quality.

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Mr. William Casey, corner of Union and State streets, in the city of Natchez, can boast of a grape vine which is, undoubtedly, the monarch grape-vine of the United States.

The ground in a single trunk of some three inches, in diameter, nearly straight, and well proportioned, to the height of about nine feet, when it spreads into branches, and covers and embowers the trellis work of quite a large garden, besides climbing a tall tree.

The weight of the immense clusters of grapes hanging upon it, now about half grown, is estimated at a ton.

To stretch out any one of the branches in a direct line, they would measure from three to four hundred feet.

The description of the grape is not natural to the country, but was brought to Natchez, in the old Spanish times. It is called the "Jack Grape," from "Spanish Jack," the nickname of the Spaniard who planted it.

Some years ago, Madame Biogammar, now dead, offered Mr. Casey five hundred dollars if he would remove the vine safely to her garden, in the environs of the city; but no sum of money, whatever would induce the owner, to part with it.

A correspondent of the Tribune, announces a new pathy. It is pronounced Mechanical or Motor Medicine, and called, Vinesopathy, or the Cure of Diseases by Specific Active Movements.

It has been practiced for forty years in Stockholm, and is this year, for the first time, becoming prominent in England.

The method consists in applying external motions, passive and active exercise, &c., to the parts of these, specifically. Friction, posture, percussion, motion, are all made use of; and the science has so far advanced that already, as many as a thousand different movements have been devised for the purpose of moving and jogging the falling parts and powers within.

There are thus languages of judges to remind brain, liver, spleen, and all neglected duties. The effects produce approval the plan, and stamp it into an art and science. It is exercise contact, adaptation pursued into details; whereby disease is literally for the first time handled.

One important general truth which accrues from it, is that operations from without are propagated inward, and that, by scientific knowledge, you can send in messages to particular parts, which are received and heard just where they are wanted, and nowhere else.

The American Live Stock Insurance Company. A company with this title has been chartered in Indiana, with a capital of \$50,000. It is organized for the insurance of horses, mules, and all descriptions of live stock, against all the combi-

nations of fire, fire accidents, and diseases, and property of this kind is as liable to injury as all other property. It is a proper object to secure by insurance from risks any other species of property.