

The Lehigh Register.

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Professor Heinicke's Concert.

Our advertising columns to-day contain the Programme of the Concert to be given by Professor Heinicke, on Saturday evening next, at the Odd Fellows Hall.

Gas Introduced in our Borough.

Some weeks since our readers will remember, we mentioned that our enterprising fellow townsman, Dr. W. F. Danowsky was erecting works upon his premises, for the manufacture of gas, and that ere long we hoped to be able to announce their completion.

Insurance against Fire.

Proper attention is not given to insuring against fire. At this moment, for example, what a large amount of property is still uninsured in this vicinity.

The Brass Bands.

It is with lively emotions of joy that we refer to the fact of having music in our Borough. Long, too long have we been utterly destitute of this great luxury.

Northampton County.

The Democrats of Northampton county held their regular county meeting in the Court House at Easton, on the 21st of April, for the purpose of choosing delegates to the Democratic State Conventions at Harrisburg and Reading.

The Importations of Dry Goods.

The importations of dry goods at the port of New York are increasing in a remarkable degree, as compared with the importations of the corresponding period of last year.

Here is an aggregate increase for the first quarter of the present year over the first quarter of last year, in the importations of dry goods at the port of New York, of about \$4,392,191.

The greatest increase has been in silks. For the first quarter of 1850 the silks imported at New York amounted in value to \$9,419,430—a large increase itself over the importations of 1849.

We may well call this an extraordinary exhibit. How does it happen that we are importing so largely of fabrics which minister to luxury? Have we such a surplus of domestic products that after having supplied ourselves with all necessary and useful articles, a large superfluous remains which we can afford to exchange for things which please the taste and gratify the fancy?

But if we are receiving the fine fabrics of France while we do not return an equivalent in the products of our own industry, there will be a balance to be made up on this side of the water; and it appears that such a balance has grown up against us, and that we are paying it off in specie—after having exported stocks and bonds to the full satisfaction of the foreign market where they are held ready to be thrown back upon us for redemption at the first panic.

Learn to Think.

The object of education, says the Philadelphia Ledger, is to teach men to think for themselves, and exercise their own understandings freely on all questions.

Now Jersey Banking.

One of the first acts passed at the late session of the Democratic Legislature of New Jersey, repeals so much of the free banking law of the previous session, as requires persons associating together for the purpose of banking to be residents of the State, and provides that any association of persons formed may deposit, in addition to the stock mentioned in the original act, the stocks of the States of New York, Ohio, Kentucky and Pennsylvania, as security for their circulation.

Kutztown Bellows.—The annual Parade of the Kutztown Volunteer Battalion will take place on Saturday, the 17th of May. A number of Companies from different parts of the county, will be present, together with one or more from Reading.

Church Struck by Lightning.

The new Methodist Church in Danville, was struck by lightning on Sunday afternoon, about three o'clock, while the congregation was at prayer, and immediately preceding the administration of the communion.

The occurrence caused the greatest excitement and alarm, and interrupted the services for the day. The shock was very severe, and many of the females were carried out of the Church fainting. The steeple was completely shattered, and will have to be removed.

Free Banks.

The names of the Independent Banks, chartered by the Legislature of Virginia, are as follows:—Merchants Bank of Lynchburg; Central Bank of Virginia, at Staunton; Bank of the Old Dominion, at Alexandria; Mechanics' and Traders' Bank of Norfolk; Bank of Commerce, at Fredericksburg; Fairmount Bank; Manufacturers' and Farmers' Bank, at Wheeling; Manufacturers' Bank, at Wheeling; Manufacturers' Bank of Kanawha, at Charleston; the Salines; Farmers' Bank of Hototout, at Fincastle; Independent Bank of Portsmouth.

Weights Measures and Coins.

We have received from Peter A. Brown, Esq. a pamphlet containing a proposal to establish one uniform system of weights, measures and coins, among all civilized and commercial nations.

It is curious to trace the slow progress towards perfection in a matter which so much affects intercourse between nations. For a period of 1900 years in the earliest records of history the value of the metallic medium of exchange was ascertained by the slow process of weighing every transaction.

Another Cuban Invasion.

Rumors, says the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin, have been in circulation, for some time respecting another projected Cuban Invasion, and yesterday all New York was thrown into a tremor by intelligence that an expedition was actually sailing from that port.

We did not like the organization of the last Cuban expedition, and we approve of this as little. Passing by the important fact that the United States is at Peace with Spain, and that therefore any such expedition on the part of our citizens is illegal, we come to the vital question, which lies at the bottom of the whole matter, are the Cubans desirous of a change of government? If they are not, the injustice of the expedition is apparent.

Great Conflagration.

HORTONDALE, April 26. We were visited last night by a most destructive and calamitous conflagration, by which at least \$150,000 worth of property, in the most active business quarter of the town has been destroyed.

The following are the buildings destroyed and the names of the principal sufferers:—Edward Murray, two stores; Dr. Strong, two stores; the Delaware and Hudson Canal Warehouse, a very large and valuable building; Wilbur & Palmer's store house and also two stores under the same roof; Mrs. Murray's large boarding house, S. G. Throop's dwelling house, and law office, a blacksmith's shop, an eating saloon and grocery store, Richard Henwood's large meat market, Mr. DeLege's two stores, Snyder & Dower's two stores, dry goods and tin shop, the finest establishment in the town, Hexton & Horbeck's two stores, P. Miller's two stores, J. J. McLaughlin's dwelling house, Isaac Snyder's flour and feed store house, Mr. Heap's two dwellings, Mrs. Harrison's millinery establishment, T. W. Stockholder's eating saloon, Mrs. Powell's dwelling, and some twelve or fifteen other buildings.

The Beaver Hall, comprising the clothing store of F. Franklin & Co., and M. Cumming's watchmaker's shop, and also Mrs. Skinner's dwelling and millinery shop were completely destroyed. The fire has probably consumed more than one half of the real value of the mercantile buildings and property in the town.

Table with 4 columns: Year, Banking Capital, Tax on dividends, Tax on corporation stocks. Data for years 1811 to 1850.

It appears by this that the banking capital of Pennsylvania has been considerably reduced since 1841.

Free Banking in Ohio.

The act to authorize free banking in Ohio, which passed the Legislature at its late session, authorizes the formation of companies of not less than three persons to transact the business of banking; provides for the issue of notes of denominations from one to one hundred dollars, and for their being secured by deposits of Ohio State and United States stocks, at more than their par market value.

The Susquehanna Rail Road Bill.

Passed the Legislature the day before its adjournment. The American, at Sunbury, understands that a sum nearly sufficient to build the road, from that place to Harrisburg, is ready for the work.

Death of an Indian Chief.

Da-one-ho-ga-weh, a chief of the Senecas, died at Tonawanda, New York, on Friday last. This chief was generally known among the whites by the name of John Blacksmith. He was a most demined and fearless defender of the rights of his brethren against the encroachments of the "pale faces," and his name may be found in several important treaties at Washington.

Census Statistics.

The Philadelphia Bulletin learns from the Census returns that there are 114 miles of Railroad, and 155 miles of Telegraph wire in the city and county of Philadelphia. There are also twenty Fire and Marine Insurance Companies, and ten Life and Health Insurance, Annuity and Trust Companies, whose aggregate capital, cash and assets, amounts to \$7,652,553.

York County Defalcation.

The York Republican publishes a statement relative to the recent defalcation of Peter Ahl, jr., late treasurer of the county, and states that on an examination of the accounts, his total defalcation to the county turns out to be \$4000, besides \$2000 to the State, making \$6000 in all, in little more than one year's service. His surties were to pay up the whole amount last week.

GLEANINGS.

Lewisburg University, at Lewisburg, Pa., has two hundred and forty-seven students, including female and primary departments. If the ladies had votes how long would it be before a bill would be enacted compelling men to go home to their wives every night before 10 o'clock? The Odd Fellows of New York are about establishing a Savings Bank. The total number of emigrants that arrived at New York, during the last week, was 17,294. John Forsyth, Esq., editor of the Columbus (Georgia) Times, is now suggested as the Southern Rights candidate for Governor of Georgia. From all parts of Pennsylvania, there are flattering accounts of the wheat crop. The Erie Railroad has cast over \$2,000,000.

A Bold Offer.

Darius Davison offers, through the New York Tribune, to enter into contract with responsible parties in the United States or England, to build a vessel, at the expense of himself and associates, within the period of eighteen months, which for strength, available capacity of burden and passengers, safety, durability, economy of construction, propulsion, &c., shall be unequalled by any vessel now afloat, or that is now being built in this country or Europe to be run on the ocean; and, in point of speed, shall be run at least one hundred miles further in 24 hours than any other vessel now afloat, or now being built in this country or Europe.

Great Fire.

We regret to learn that on Friday, the 4th inst., the village of Dunmore, in this county, was visited with a destructive fire, which destroyed a large amount of property before it could be stopped. The fire was first discovered in a Cabinet shop, while some of the workmen were melting glue, first catching in the shavings from the stove. The following is the loss so far as ascertained: Thomas Collins, house and store—\$2,500 partly insured. Joseph Snyder, house and grocery—\$1,500, no insurance. C. H. Derby, tin shop—\$1,000, Wm. Coolbaugh, cabinet shop—\$1,500, no insurance. Henry Somers, house and grocery, nearly all insured. Atwater & Swartz, store goods, much injured. Swartz, Blum & Co., store goods, much injured. Moses E. Coolbaugh, furniture, &c., in cabinet shop, \$800. Much other damage was done to the buildings, goods, &c.—Carbonade Co. Massachussets.—The Legislature of Massachusetts have elected Charles Sumner, the Free Soil candidate. The Boston Transcript, though opposed to Mr. Sumner's slavery views, says:—He is a forcible and eloquent speaker, an apt scholar, a man of superior abilities, of polished address, and extensive acquaintance with the men and events of his times, and he may become a statesman of mark in the political arena.

Putting Shad.

As the season is now at its height for this delicious fish, Delaware shad, the Philadelphia Inquirer offers the following recipe for putting shad.—First, after scaling, cut his head, draw the entrails, and cut the shad in four pieces, crosswise. Second, place it in a stone jar, in the bottom of which place an onion, finely cut, with all-spice and cloves; then a layer of fish, then cloves and spices, with plenty of ground Cayenne and black pepper, and in the centre another onion, finely sliced; put spices to top layer; then pour in plenty of strong vinegar, to the top of the jar with four or five thicknesses of newspaper, and send to the bake house to be baked ten or twelve hours over a slow fire, which consumes all the bones. This makes one of the most delicious relishes for the tea-table one would wish for. The roe place on the top, and also plenty of salt.

Montour.

The citizens of Montour county are procuring subscriptions to purchase a handsome watch and chain, as an appropriate present to the Hon. Charles Frailey, for his able defence of their rights in the Re-annexation Bill, lately defeated in our State Senate. No person is allowed to contribute more than 50 cents. Shooting Tragedy.—Mrs. Progress, a woman of 45 years, who made her living by washing at Dayton, Ohio, was found in her own house on Saturday night, 12th inst., almost entirely covered by fire—nothing remained of the body but a portion of the skull, and a few charred bones. The circumstances attending her death are veiled in mystery, but as her skull was badly fractured in several places, there can be no doubt of her having been murdered and then burnt. Mysterious Disappearance.—The Hamburg Schellpost states that on the night of the 5th inst., Daniel Wentzel, of Upper Bern township, disappeared from his home, and since that time, nothing has been heard of him. He was last seen in Hamburg between 10 and 11 o'clock the same night. He is about 60 years old, of middle size, and when last seen, had on a white jacket, gray cassimere pantaloons, and cassinet vest. Any information in regard to him, will be joyfully received by his afflicted family.