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Our Court

Has commenced its session on Monday last, Judge Jones, as President, and Judges Haas and Ashe as Associates in their chairs.

Shocking Suicide.

On Sunday last, the 4th instant, at about 10 o'clock in the forenoon, the family of Thomas Schurr, in South Whitehall township, Lehigh county, was thrown in the utmost excitement, by his committing suicide in the most dreadful manner.

Menagerie and Circus.

A. Turner & Company's combined Menagerie and Circus, which contains some of the largest, most beautiful and magnificent specimens of the Animal Creation, which has ever been taken from their homes in the forest and wilderness, together with a full and unrivalled Equitrian Troop, composed of a company of performers who stand pre-eminent in the profession for their unequalled talent, will give an exhibition in Allentown on Monday the 12th of May next, and on Tuesday the 13th inst, at Kutztown.

Northampton County.

Wm. Parsons, a shoemaker, surveyed and laid out the town of Easton, and was the first Prothonotary of old Northampton. This office was created by the crown, in the year 1732.

Whitewashing.

As the time is now at hand for whitewashing on a large scale, we will give a receipt which is the best known, for out houses.

Support your County Papers.

We clip from an exchange the following judicious remarks in relation to the new Postage Law, in connection with newspaper patronage, and recommend them to the careful attention of our readers.

We have already alluded to the fact that the new Post Office Law which is to go into effect shortly, authorizes the free transmission of newspapers by mail, within the limits of the county in which they are published, and the hope was expressed, that many persons would avail themselves of this privilege, and add their names to our subscription list.

Local newspapers are too often neglected by the people of the neighborhood and county in which they are printed, and that, too, because their importance is not properly appreciated. It seems strange that persons should overlook the incidents and facts by which they are immediately surrounded, and fail to render encouraging assistance to journals devoted to the dissemination of facts and maintenance of interests peculiarly their own, while they subscribe liberally for papers which are issued from some more remote place, and are made up of details of a general character only.

The excuse is not unfrequently given that local newspapers are inferior in merit, and the ability with which they are conducted, to others published elsewhere. Admit this to be the fact, and what is proven by it in nine cases out of ten? Nothing but that the deficiency in ability which is complained of, is the natural consequence of the feeble and languishing support which is given to the so styled inferior papers.

Support your county papers liberally, and you will find their merits increase in a corresponding ratio. Let a subscription list and advertising and job patronage justify a publisher in employing editorial assistance, and his columns will teem with good things; whilst he himself will be enabled to devote more time and attention to other duties of equal magnitude.

How to make a Fortune.

Take earnestly hold of life, as expatiated for, and destined for high and noble purpose. Study closely the mind's bent for a labor or profession. Adopt it early, and pursue it steadily, never looking back to the turned furrow, but forward to the new ground, that ever remains to be broken.

Marriage.

Marriage is honorable among men. It is a duty we owe to society. Our father beget us and we ought to beget fathers. We are in favor of early marriages. Some bachelors plead want of means; but it requires very little more to support a prudent, economical wife, than it does to support a single man.

Body Found.

On Thursday, the 24th ult., the body of Daniel Weizel, was found in the canal near Mr. Peter Miller's residence, above Hamberg, Berks county. He had been missing some days.

Coinage of the U. S. Mint in April.

The Ledger of May 2nd publishes the Treasurer's statement of the business of the Philadelphia Mint for the month of April. From it we learn that there has been a considerable falling off in the amount of coinage, though we are glad to notice a small increase in the number of gold coins for circulation—the gold dollars and quarter eagles.

Table showing gold and silver coinage statistics for April, including values for double eagles, eagles, quarter eagles, and dimes.

The coinage of three cent pieces has reached to about \$16,000, and is progressing rapidly. By instructions from the Department, one-half of this coinage is to be reserved for the Assistant Treasurers and Government Depositories in distant cities, who will, by exchanges and otherwise, introduce them into circulation.

Trouble in Virginia.

The controlling and absorbing question now before the Virginia Reform Convention; is that which relates to suffrage; and the excitement is very great. Under the present Constitution of that State, the basis of suffrage is population and property, including in the latter the slaves of the State; and upon this basis the East, in which the white population is 403,000, and the slave population 459,000, is largely in the ascendancy in all legislative bodies.

The separation of the old Commonwealth into two States, is openly avowed by part of the Western portion. Others depreciate such a result as but a beginning of dissolution of States that will ultimately extend to the dissolution of the Union.

New Engine.

The New Orleans Courier has the following account of a new invention. "A steamboat to travel on land or water," would indeed be a novelty.

Paine's Oxygen Light!

Mr. Paine has promised the editor of the Worcester (Mass.) Spy, that in the course of a week he will illuminate his office by his new mode of producing light. The Oxygen light is a new discovery of Mr. Paine, which the Spy says is a process of catalyzing the oxygen of the atmosphere, and rendering it highly luminiferous, at a mere nominal expense, without the cost of machinery, or any other apparatus than an air receiver, capable of holding common air.

Pickling Eggs.

If the following were generally known, it would be more generally used. It is an excellent pickle to be eaten with cold meat, &c. The eggs should be boiled hard—say ten minutes—and then divested of their shells.

The locusts are appearing in immense numbers on the upper Potomac.

Horrible Murder.

The startling intelligence reached our city about noon on Saturday, of the dreadful murder of a husband, wife and child, in the township of Roxborough, near the nine mile stone. The unfortunate victims were Valentine Bartel, a German aged about thirty years, his wife Catherine, and his infant child, twelve months old.

Early on Saturday morning, upon some persons going to the house, they were horrified to find the body of the husband lying in the yard some distance from the door, with his skull cleft in twain with an axe. On proceeding into the house, the wife was found in the same condition and the infant at the breast with its brains knocked out. The axe with which the deed was committed was found near the body of the man, and was covered with blood and brains.

The unfortunate deceased is known to the neighbors to have been poor, so that the friends who took his life and the lives of his wife and child, were deceived if they supposed that he had treasure about his premises. Shortly after the discovery of the murders, a messenger was dispatched to this city to obtain the aid of the Marshal in ferreting out the offenders.

Since the above was written, we have learned that suspicion has fallen upon a young German or Italian, called "Robert," aged about nineteen years, who is described as being five feet seven or eight inches high, dark complexion, coarse features and dark hair. He dresses usually in dark clothes. The elder of the surviving children, a girl, says that Robert was at the house at seven o'clock on Friday night.

South Carolina.

The South Carolinian chivalry, it is known, have recently appropriated \$300,000 for bloody weapons, and some Massachusetts Yankees have got the job to make them—or part of them, at least.

A friend informs the editor of the Woonsocket Patriot that "Messrs. Waters, of Milbury, Mass., have obtained the contract for the small arms, viz: 6000 muskets, 3000 rifles, and 2000 pistols. The field artillery were to be made in South Carolina, and the authorities were very anxious that Messrs. Waters should manufacture the small arms there also; but this could not be, and get the arms completed within the time allotted by the contract.

The Honor of the Man.

In view of the exemption law in Michigan, the merchants of Kalamazoo publish the following card: Whereas, all laws for the collection of debts in this State, are virtually abolished, and the honor of the man is hereafter to be the foundation of all ordinary transactions.

Caved In.

We learn that a portion of one of the mines at Nesquehoning, caved in on Saturday last, about 3 o'clock, P. M., shutting in five men. Great excitement prevailed on the circulation of the information that several persons were thus buried alive, and the most strenuous exertions were used to rescue them by digging away the fallen mass.

Sea giving up its Treasures.

The Plymouth Memorial says: "During the gale of last week, a quantity of lineal oil came ashore in the breakers, at Manomet Ponds. The oil was in forty gallon casks, fourteen of which were rolled upon the shore in safety, but several casks were burst by being dashed against the rocks. The casks that were saved contained about thirty gallons of oil each, which proved to be in good condition.

Appointment.

Thomas E. Franklin, Esq., of Lancaster city, to be Attorney General of the Commonwealth, in the place of Hon. C. Darrah, resigned.

Sugar.

The sugar crop of Louisiana, for 1850, was 211,203 hogheads, equal to 231,191,000 pounds. There are 1495 sugar mills, 906 worked by steam, 587 by horse power. The product of molasses is 10,500,000 gallons.

Alleged Robbery.

Charles M. Otinger, a Clerk in the Philadelphia Post Office, was brought before U. S. Commissioner Ingraham on Monday, charged with abstracting the Vicksburg mail from the office, and robbing the letters of their contents. After a hearing of the testimony against him, he was bound over in the sum of \$4,000 to take his trial at the next term of the United States District Court.

GLEANINGS.

The New York House of Assembly has passed the bill abolishing the general training in that State.

Three hundred bars of railroad iron were landed at Beaver, Pa., last week, for the Pennsylvania and Ohio railroad company.

A married lady cowhided a fellow in Boston, on Friday, who had boasted that he had seduced her.

The Herald announces that the New York ladies are beginning to wear the breeches. No other paper has the news.

There are a large number of hogs dying in Western Maryland, in consequence of eating locusts, which are now beginning to appear in that part of the State.

Ex-Chancellor Walworth, was married on the 17th instant, at Jacksonville, Illinois, to the widow of Col. Hardin, who was killed at the battle of Buena Vista.

Mr. Nathaniel Hayford, aged 96 years, died at Tamworth, New Hampshire, on the 25th of April. He was in service at the battle of Bunker Hill.

The few remaining Revolutionary soldiers in this country are falling like autumn leaves.

An estate of 53 acres, two miles from Louisville, Kentucky, lately sold for \$230 per acre.

On Wednesday last, says the Doylestown Intelligencer, Albert Phillips, of Doylestown township, sold seven fat cattle to a butcher from Philadelphia, for \$300. Two of them were much inferior to the other five; but the whole lot weighed 11,078 standing—making the price near right and a quarter cent per pound for the estimated weight of dressed beef. They were as fine a lot of cattle as we often see; and do credit to their feeder, who is one of the best farmers in his neighborhood.

In passing by the fertile and well cultivated farm of Levi Buckman, between Newtown and Attleborough, in company with a couple of friends, we were tempted to turn in and see some cattle we had heard he was feeding; and we were well repaid for the visit. They were about as handsome a lot of beeves, we should think, as any Bucks county farm can show. Ten of them—rare beauties—that would yield about eight thousand pounds of dressed beef, he had just sold to a Trenton butcher, for eight cents per pound. Two others that would weigh, if dressed, twenty-five or twenty-six hundred pounds, are equal if not superior in quality to any cattle we have ever seen. He has refused nine cents per pound for them. Three others, a trio inferior to these in size and quality, were also in his stable—making the whole number fifteen. Altogether they are a lot of cattle of which any farmer might well be proud; and shows plainly that their owner understands his business.—Doylestown Intell.

Tom Hyer's Challenge Accepted.

The New York Herald of Monday last, contains the following: To Mr. Thomas Hyer:—Having recently arrived in this country since your challenge appeared in the Spirit of the Times. You state that you will fight any man in the world for \$10,000 a side; and as no one has as yet accepted your challenge, I will accept it and fight you for \$6,000 a side, the fight to come off in three months after the match is made. I would like it \$10,000 but I cannot raise the money. Man and money will be ready on Tuesday evening at nine o'clock so you will confer a favor on me by calling at the Rainbow, Bekman street, on that evening. W. PUDDUCK.

New York, April 5, 1851.

P. S. As you prefer an Englishman, I shall suit you in that respect.

In Columbus, Ohio, on the 20th, a person got possession of one of the late Governor Bebb's blank requisitions for fugitives and filled it up, for a piece of sport, and directed it to Thomas Spencer, a well known cattle dealer. This enraged Spencer, and some one, to carry on the joke, told him that it was done by George Parcells, the barkeeper of the Franklin. He immediately went to where Parcells was, and demanded of him if he had filled up that paper? Mr. Parcells, in a jocular way, answered yes, and was about passing out of a door, when Spencer drew a revolver and shot him dead.

An old Bible.

Among the effects of David Groff, of Earl township, Lancaster county, lately deceased, was a German Bible, in good condition, printed in 1531 by C. Froschauer, in Zurich, Switzerland.

Appointments.

Thomas E. Franklin, Esq., of Lancaster city, to be Attorney General of the Commonwealth, in the place of Hon. C. Darrah, resigned.

William J. Colgrove, to be Sheriff of McKean county, in the place of E. Bard, deceased.

Jacob Meyers, of Lancaster city, to be a Notary Public for said city.

The Electro-Magnetic Locomotive.

The experiments of Prof. Page, at Washington, with his electro-magnetic locomotive, have been completely successful and fully demonstrate the practicability of the application of electro-magnetism to the propulsion of railway trains. The locomotive proceeded out from Washington as far as Bladensburg, making the distance 5 miles in 35 minutes. When the power of the battery was fully up, on nearly a level plane, the rate of 19 miles an hour was attained, being 7 miles faster than the greatest speed yet attained.

The Contested Election Case.

The important Contested Election case, to test the validity of the election of Hon. R. Kneass, Esq., to the office of District Attorney of Philadelphia county, was decided on Saturday morning, in the Court of Common Pleas, Judge King delivering the opinion of the Court, Judge Kelly concurring and declaring that William B. Reed, Esq., had been elected.