

The Weather—Fruit Prospects.

We think we are safe in asserting that the prospects of an abundant fruit season were never greater in this section than at present.

The Crops.

The Wheat and Rye fields throughout Lehigh and the adjoining counties, we regret to hear, look very unpromising.

Water Company.

An election for managers of the Northampton Water Company, for the ensuing year, held on Monday last the following persons were chosen: Lewis Schmidt, Joseph Weaver, John Diefenderfer, M. D. Eberhard and John Eckert.

Convictions.

The May session closed on Saturday last. Aaron Druckenmiller, was tried, found guilty of arson, and convicted to ten years imprisonment in the eastern penitentiary.

Opposition up Stream.

The success attending the experiment of Captain Young, in navigating the Delaware from Lambertville to Easton, with his steamboat, has induced some live Yankee to set up an opposition.

The Press.

The Richmond Enquirer, speaking of the common notion that everybody has a right to publish what he pleases, at the publisher's expense and not his own, says, very forcibly: The press is not free to its editors, and to those whom its editors believe to have good ground for addressing the public, and something to say which the public has an interest in hearing.

New Counterfeits.

Bioknell's Reporter of May 8th, describes the following new counterfeits: Trenton Banking Company, Trenton, New Jersey. 5s. spurious; vignette, a man on horseback and droves of cattle.

Court Proceedings.

Commonwealth vs. Wm. Getter.—Charge of fornication and bastardy, on oath of Henrietta Reichard, May 4, defendant being arraigned plead guilty to the charge. Sentence of the Court to pay a fine of one dollar, \$30 for lying in expenses, and to pay the further sum of fifty cents per week for the maintenance of the child for seven years.

Commonwealth vs. Aaron Druckenmiller.—This was a charge of arson, on oath of Martin Semmel. It appeared in the testimony that about three weeks ago, as Mr. Semmel was looking out of the window of his dwelling house, he perceived a man leaving his barn, and going in the direction of a certain woods not far off.

Commonwealth vs. Elisha Forrest.—The charge of assault and battery on oath of Samuel A. Bridges, Esq. The circumstances of this case are of a somewhat serious nature. It appeared in evidence that the parties to this case were employed as counsel in a certain law suit.

Commonwealth vs. Strohl.—This was an indictment for larceny. Defendant on the night when the act was committed, lodged in the house of the prosecutor, when taking advantage of his hospitality, he entered his room and stole therefrom the sum of twenty five dollars.

Mahlon Luther vs. Dr. H. Helfrich.—This was an action of malpractice brought against defendant to recover damages for an injury done the plaintiff whereby he totally lost the use of his right arm. It was alleged by plaintiff that he fell from his horse, and dislocated his elbow, that the defendant who is a practical physician was called in to attend him, and that he improperly treated his arm, by which improper treatment he lost the use thereof.

Allentown Battalion.

The Artillery Battalion, consisting of the Taylor Artillerists, commanded by Capt. Giering, Putnam Artillerists, Capt. Guth, and Lehigh Fencibles, Capt. Samson, will assemble for inspection and Battalion parade, on Saturday the 22d of May, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, in the Borough of Allentown.

Catawissa and Erie Railroad.

By the following letter, to the Editor of the Columbia Democrat, at Bloomsburg, it will be seen that the Engineers are now engaged in locating the Road between Catawissa and Williamsport. The letter sufficiently explains itself, and will, we have no doubt, be read with a considerable degree of interest, by our readers in this section.

ENGINEER'S OFFICE.

Bloomsburg, April 29, 1882. To the Editor of the Columbia Democrat. Dear Sir:—I have the honor to send you a Map of the Philadelphia and Erie Railroad. Upon inspection of the Map, you will perceive the superiority of the route the Catawissa Railroad, in point of directness over every other line of communication between the cities of Philadelphia and of New York and the Lake region.

In view of all these circumstances, would it not be advisable for the citizens of Columbia and Lycoming counties, to be up and doing, and to render "material aid," to those now engaged in carrying on this important enterprise, to push the work to an early completion.

Assignment of Land Warrants.

The omission to give any form for a power of attorney in the published regulations for the assignment of land warrants, says the N. Y. Journal of Commerce, under the recent act of Congress, led to inquiry being made to the General Land Office, at Washington, when the following form of a power of attorney, and also proper directions for its execution, were communicated to the writer.

Form of a Power of Attorney. Know all men by these presents, that I, (here insert the name of warrantee,) of the county of _____, and State of _____, do hereby constitute and appoint _____ of my true and lawful attorney, for me, and in my name, to sell and convey the within land warrant, No. _____, for _____ acres of land, which is issued under the act of September, 1850.

Land Warrants. How Assigned in case of the Death of the Warrantee.—If the Warrantee died after the Warrant was issued, the heirs, if adults, jointly must assign, if minors, their guardian, having previously obtained an order from the Court having proper jurisdiction, can alone assign their interest therein, if there are both adult and minor heirs, the former and the Guardian of the latter must unite in making the assignment.

A Point of Politeness. Dr. Johnson once said that a gentleman could not be guilty of a greater piece of impertinence than to be continually asking questions. The learned lexicographer, albeit not particularly courteous himself, knew what good-breeding was: like our old schoolmaster who used to say, rapping the offenders on the knuckles, "boys, though I can't write remarkably well myself, I know what good writing is."

Georgia Union Convention. Schism seems to be the order of the day in all parties and divisions of parties. We have received full accounts of the proceedings of the Georgia Constitutional Union men, and it seems that they, too, could only "agree to disagree."

Kutztown Battalion. This great annual event comes off on Saturday, the 22d of May. Who has not heard of the Kutztown Battalions—aye, who that lives within 50 miles, has not some time or other witnessed one of these gatherings?

Judicial Decisions.

District Court, Philadelphia, March sessions, 1882, Oleggs vs. Houston. Members of a copartnership are not entitled out of partnership property to specific articles to the value of amount allowed by statute as exempted from execution.

The Homocide at Columbia. Considerable excitement was created in Columbia on the 20th of April, by the appearance in our borough of Deputy Marshal Snider, of Harrisburg, accompanied by police officer Ridgely, of Baltimore, and Mr. Stansburg, for the purpose of capturing a colored man, alleged to be the slave of the latter gentleman.

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GLEANINGS.

M. Lucien Murat, formerly of Bordentown, is reported in the last European papers to have received from the French government a pension of 2,000,000 francs—about \$500,000.

The Illinois Whig State Convention meets at Springfield, on the 7th of July. The Columbus Statesman says that Catharine Scholey, aged 30, born in Pickaway county, Ohio, is the largest woman living—she weighs 611 lbs., and is now exhibited to the curious of that city.

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The School Law.

Synopsis of Decisions of the Superintendent. While the law does not in terms authorize it, the superintendent does not see that here can be a reasonable objection to directors making such arrangements as is provided for in section XI of the School law with adjoining districts in adjoining States, but in such it is necessary that the consent of all persons directly interested be given.

Constitutes must collect the five per cent. allowed by law for the collection of school taxes from the delinquent tax payers, and if they neglect to do this they necessarily lose their percentage for it cannot be deducted from the tax. School directors have a general control over school houses used for common schools.

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