

Independence of the Farmer.

Everybody in America wants to be independent. We have lawyers, physicians, mechanics, ministers and farmers; all striving to obtain or secure independence...

Look at the ministers! Does he dare give utterance to sentiments that he knows will be generally distasteful to his society?

The farmer also, relies on his skill; but the opinion of his neighbor is not worth a groat to him, so far as his ability to live is concerned. He plants his fields, and the good Lord, who sends his rain on the just and the unjust, makes no distinction.

If a young man wants to engage in business that will insure him in middle age the greatest amount of leisure time, there is nothing more sure than farming.

Marriage in Australia.

It appears that the male and female convicts obtain certain privileges which wonderfully promote matrimony. A correspondent writes to the Alta California from Van Dieman's Land.

The consequence of this clever stroke of policy is that marriages of this description are continually coming off with wonderful rapidity. Any old man can get in this accommodating country, as young a lady for his wife as he pleases.

The President elect, paid a visit on Thursday, to the President of the United States remaining with him a quarter of an hour.

Railroad Connection.

The Jersey Central Railroad which extends from Elizabethtown-point to Easton, a distance of 68 miles, 40 miles further up the Lehigh river, it forms an important connection.

Auburn is to be the point where the Reading Railroad will be joined by the Dauphin and Susquehanna Company's Railroad, which is a short road of only 30 miles, to be finished by contract, for running on the 4th of July next.

When the Central Jersey Railroad is thus extended to Auburn, and the Dauphin Company's road is finished to the same point, a line of railroad travel, the shortest and the most direct will be opened up between New York and Harrisburgh.

Witchcraft in Pennsylvania.

The Chambersburg Whig of the 17th instant says a correspondent, writing from Fulton county, informs us of a singular case of supposed witchcraft that occurred near Sideling Hill.

From California in 18 Days.

Additional telegraphic news from California, by the way of New Orleans, is published this morning in another column. The sensation created in this city on Tuesday, in commercial circles, by the extraordinary arrival of the Steamer Albatross.

Marrying in Fun.

The oft-repeated drama of marrying in sport to repeat in earnest, was re-enacted to an interested audience in Hawkinsville, N. Y., a few evenings since.

Mrs. FRANKLIN PIERCE, arrived in New York city on Saturday last, en route for Washington. She is accompanied by the Hon. Charles G. Atherton.

Triennial Valuation of Lehigh County, for the Year 1853.

For State and County Purposes.

Table with columns: Districts, Real Estate, Horses, Cows, Money at Interest, Stock, Loans &c., Furniture, Carriages, Professions and Occupations below \$200, Professions and Occupations above \$200, Special S. Tax, Tracable Citizens, 1850, Valuation for State and County Purposes, Total.

LEHIGH COUNTY, SS.

In pursuance of the provisions of the 8th section of an Act of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania, passed the 18th day of May, 1841, and the supplements concurrent therewith, we, the undersigned, Commissioners of the county of Lehigh, publish the foregoing Statement or Valuation of all property assessed for State and County purposes, and for Special State Tax.

PETER ENGELMAN, DANIEL HAUSMAN, JOSEPH MILLER, Commissioners of Lehigh County.

Attest—JESSE M. LINE, Clerk. Commissioner's Office, Allentown, March 2, 1853.

Making Ice by Machinery.

The Burlington (N. Y.) papers are congratulating themselves on their delivery from a reliance on the lakes and ponds of the North for their supply of ice.

He has prepared a building in which to develop his plans more fully. He ascertained some time since, that by leading a small stream of water down a piece of twine in ordinary cold weather, ice would make more rapidly, and he has arranged part of his large ice-house in such a manner as to make a large quantity of ice.

A Prosperous Household.

The London Atlas hints that another interesting event will in all human probability take place in April next, in the royal household. The Eighth. There are now seven, three princes and four princesses.

Her Majesty is in her thirty-third year; has been married between twelve and thirteen years, and seems patriotically resolved to do what is in her power to save her country, when she shall cease to reign over it.

RE-OPENING OF THE SILVER MINES IN SOUTH AMERICA.—We see it stated that in consequence of the great scarcity of silver coin in the United States and England, arrangements on an extensive scale have been made to re-commence work on the silver-mines of South America.

Production of Fish.

The French Government is continuing to act on the admirable discovery of Gehin and Renny, fishermen of the Vosges, for artificially fecundating the eggs of fish.

MARRIED.

On the 24th of February, by the Rev. Edwin W. Hutter, Mr. Samuel A. Wertz, formerly of Allentown, to Miss Henrietta S. Orr, both of Philadelphia. On the 8th of February, by the Rev. Jacob Vogelbach, Mr. Joel Keck, to Miss Susanna Hottel, both of Salisbury.

On the 24th of Feb. by the Rev. Joshua Yeager, Mr. Stephen Keichel, to Miss Anna Juliana Leibensperger, both of Salisbury. On the 27th of February, by the same, Mr. Thomas Dohm, of Hanover, to Miss Maria Sterner, of Allentown.

DIED.

In Allentown, on Sunday afternoon, February 13, of malignant scarlet fever, after an illness of 48 hours, Anna Leving, only daughter of J. S. P. and E. H. Foust, aged 2 years and 6 months.

On the 5th of February, in Upper Milford, Peter Schell, aged 74 years. On the 9th of February, in Williams township, Northampton county, Susanna Scheimer, in the 32d year of her age.

On the 25th of February, in Philadelphia, Hannah, daughter of David and Mary Stem, aged 4 years. The funeral will take place from the residence of Mr. Joseph Hanse, in Allentown, to-day at 10 o'clock.

On the 21st of February in Upper Saucon, of intermittent fever, John Blank, aged 50 years. On the 22nd of February, in Lower Macungy, Israel Schroyer, son of Henry Schroyer, aged 20 years.

Builders, Carpenters, Cabinet Makers and Others.

The subscribers take this method to inform the public, that their Planing Mill, Slicing Mill, Sash Machine, Saws, Turned Laths, Circular and Whip Saws, and other machinery are now complete, and in successful operation, and are prepared to furnish the lumber, and make all kinds and sizes of Window Sash, Shutters, Blinds, doors and mouldings; they also have constantly on hand and for sale, all kinds of Bed Posts, Table-legs, Wagon Hubs, Bent Fillets, Shafts and Spanish Cedar Segar Boxes, and are also prepared to do all kinds of turning, and to saw pine, cherry, walnut, or any other kind of wood to any shape required, and also to cut staves and heading for flour barrels, or any other light casks.

The Lehigh Valley Railroad COMPANY.

The stockholders are requested to meet at the president's office in Easton, on the 19th day of March next, at 1 o'clock, P. M., to decide upon the propriety of increasing the amount of the proposed mortgage loan and such other matters as may be laid before them.

300 Dozen Corn Brooms.

The undersigned have just received Three Hundred Dozen Corn Brooms, bound with Tin and Wire, which they will sell Wholesale and Retail, at very low prices.

Co-Partnership Notice.

The subscribers have entered into Co-partnership on the 3d instant, in the Livery Business, under the firm of HOFFMAN and SIOGRIED. Their establishment is found in William street, a few doors below Pretz, Guth & Co's. store.

Ready-made Clothing.

The undersigned keep all kinds of Ready-made Clothing, on hand, and will make to order, at the lowest possible prices.

Prices Current.

Table with columns: ARTICLES, Per, Allentown, Easton, Philadelphia. Rows include Flour, Wheat, Rye, Corn, Oats, Buckwheat, Flaxseed, Cloverseed, Timothy seed, Potatoes, Salt, Butter, Lard, Tallow, Beeswax, Ham, Flitch, Tow-yarn, Eggs, Rye Whiskey, Apple Whiskey, Linseed Oil, Hickory Wood, Hay, Egg Coal, Nut Coal, Lump Coal, Plaster.

Great Hat, Cap and Fur Store. IN ALLENTOWN. Wm. Keck.

Truly thankful for the liberal patronage heretofore extended to him, by his friends, and a generous public, requests a continuance of that patronage from them and that they should now call, and examine the most extensive stock of

HATS, CAPS AND FURS, that has ever been brought to the public, at his established and lately refitted Hat Emporium, No. 14, Wilson's Row, East Hamilton street.

He has just returned from the City of Philadelphia with the new spring style of Hats and Caps of all kinds and varieties.

The people of this neighborhood, have found it expensive to go to the great neighboring cities. Hereafter, to think themselves in either of them, will be very cheap. They will merely have to call into the above mentioned Hat store, observe the late improvements, and hear of the uncommonly low price, when at once, their imagination will impress them with the belief that they stand in one of the best and cheapest Hat stores of New York or Philadelphia.

Call, see, examine, judge, inspect, choose, price, and buy for yourselves. TO HUNTERS.—Highest cash prices paid for all kind of furs.

Dec. 1, 1852.

Exchange Office.

The undersigned respectfully inform the public, that they have on the 1st day of January, 1853, entered into partnership, under the firm of William H. Blumer & Co., and opened an Office at the Odd Fellows' Hall, in the Borough of Allentown, where they are prepared to attend to all manner of Bank business between Allentown and Easton, and will transmit money, in the shape of Drafts, to all parts of the United States securely, with the utmost speed and promptness.

For monies deposited with them for a special time, they will pay interest. WM. H. BLUMER, JESSE M. LINE, WILLIAM KERN. Allentown, February 9, 1853.

Orphans Court Sale.

By virtue and in pursuance of an order issued out of the Orphans Court of the county of Lehigh, there will be exposed to public sale, on Saturday the 12th day of March next, at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, upon the premises,

Certain Messuage or Lot of Land, with the appertinences, situated in Hanover township, in the county of Lehigh, bounded by lands of Leonard Laubach, John Stuber, Paul Gangevver, and the Lehigh Canal, containing about one acre, more or less; Thereon is erected a one and a half

Story Frame House,

and other outbuildings, a splendid garden, with an excellent pale fence around it, and the residue is in a high state of cultivation. Being the real estate of William Nagel, deceased, late of the township and county aforesaid.

Terms will be made known on the day of sale, and due attendance given by JOSEPH WENDEL, Administrator. By the Court, NATHAN METZGER, Clerk.

PROPOSALS.

Proposals will be received at the House of Daniel Cooper, in Coopersburg, on Tuesday the 8th day of March next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, for the Materials of a New Stone Bridge, at said place, to wit:

For the delivery of Stone by the perch; for Lime by the bushel, and for Sand by the Load. PETER ENGELMAN, DANIEL HAUSMAN, JOSEPH MILLER, Attest—JESSE M. LINE, Clerk. Allentown, February 1, 1853.

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September 16, 1852.