

## Thomas Paine.

In the Autobiography of John Adams, we learn some facts in relation to Thomas Paine—or Tom Paine, as usually written—not generally known.

Mr. Adams says, in relation to the pamphlet "Common Sense," which is now so much praised by Mr. Paine's admirers, who celebrate his birth-day, that it did but little good to the cause which it espoused. He remarks: "He probably converted some to the doctrine of independence, and gave others an excuse for declaring in favor of it. But these would all have followed Congress with zeal; and, on the other hand, it excited many writers against it, particularly 'Plain Truth,' who contributed very largely to fortify and influence the party against independence, and finally lost us the Allens, Penns., and many others of weight in the community."

Mr. Adams gives him no credit for originality in its production, and says, "He came from England, and got into such company as would converse with him, and ran about picking up what information he could concerning our affairs, and finding the great question was concerning independence, he gleaned from those he saw, the common-place arguments—such as, the necessity of independence at some time or other; the peculiar fitness at this time; the justice of it; our ability to maintain it, &c., &c. Dr. Rush put him upon writing on the subject, furnished him with the arguments which had been urged in Congress a hundred times and gave him his title of 'Common Sense.'"

Mr. Adams, though he doubted whether Mr. Paine's pamphlet had accomplished any good, still felt obliged to him for what he then supposed to be his good intentions. For that reason, and because, to use his own language, "I saw he had capacity and a ready pen; and, understanding that he was poor and destitute, I thought we might put him into some employment where he might be useful, and earn a living. Congress appointed a Committee on Foreign Affairs, not long after, and wanted a clerk. I nominated Thomas Paine, supposing him a ready writer, and an industrious man. Dr. Witherspoon, the President of New Jersey College, and then a delegate from that State rose and objected to it, with an earnestness that surprised me. The Doctor said he would give his reasons: he knew the man and his communications; when he first came over, he was on the other side, and had written pieces against the American cause; that he had afterwards been employed by his friend Robert Aikin, and finding the tide of popularity run rapidly, he had turned about, that he was very intemperate, and could not write until he had quickened his thought with large draughts of rum and water; that he was, in short, a bad character and not fit to be placed in such a situation."

All these charges were afterwards proven to be true.—*Ind. Morning Journal.*

## MARRIED.

On the 15th of September, by the Rev. Mr. Vogt, Mr. Adam Brinker, to Miss Henrietta Bittling, both of Upper Saucon.

On the same day, by the same, Mr. Edward Bittling, to Miss Elmira Schaffer, both of Upper Saucon.

## Prices Current.

| ARTICLES.       | Per    | Allen. | Easton | Phil  |
|-----------------|--------|--------|--------|-------|
| Flour . . . .   | Barrel | 6 00   | 5 00   | 5 00  |
| Wheat . . . .   | Bush.  | 1 20   | 1 00   | 1 10  |
| Rye . . . . .   | "      | 80     | 81     | 83    |
| Corn . . . . .  | "      | 70     | 60     | 60    |
| Oats . . . . .  | "      | 35     | 38     | 37    |
| Buckwheat . .   | "      | 50     | 50     | 50    |
| Flaxseed . . .  | "      | 1 37   | 1 50   | 1 50  |
| Cloverseed . .  | "      | 4 00   | 5 50   | 5 50  |
| Timothyseed .   | "      | 2 50   | 2 75   | 2 70  |
| Potatoes . . .  | new    | 35     | 75     | 50    |
| Salt . . . . .  | "      | 60     | 45     | 30    |
| Butter . . . .  | Pound  | 16     | 15     | 30    |
| Lard . . . . .  | "      | 14     | 12     | 9     |
| Tallow . . . .  | "      | 10     | 9      | 8     |
| Beeswax . . .   | "      | 22     | 25     | 28    |
| Hann . . . . .  | "      | 12     | 12     | 15    |
| Fitch . . . . . | "      | 9      | 12     | 8     |
| Tow-yarn . . .  | "      | 8      | 8      | 7     |
| Eggs . . . . .  | Doz.   | 14     | 11     | 20    |
| Rye Whiskey .   | Gall.  | 22     | 22     | 21    |
| Apple Whiskey   | "      | 25     | 23     | 24    |
| Linseed Oil . . | "      | 60     | 85     | 58    |
| Hickory Wood    | Cord   | 4 50   | 4 50   | 6 00  |
| Hay . . . . .   | Ton    | 12 00  | 20 00  | 25 00 |
| Egg Coal . . .  | Ton    | 3 50   | 4 00   | 4 50  |
| Nut Coal . . .  | "      | 2 50   | 3 00   | 3 50  |
| Lump Coal . .   | "      | 3 50   | 3 50   | 3 50  |
| Plaster . . . . | "      | 4 50   | 4 50   | 2 60  |

## Exhibition.

The Exhibition of the Allentown Seminary, will take place at the Odd Fellows' Hall, on the 29th instant, in the evening at 6 1/2 o'clock. Parents and relatives of the pupils, and the friends of the Institution are invited to attend.

No children will be admitted, and such young men and women as do not wish, or are not able to conduct themselves orderly and quietly during the performances, are also requested to stay away.

C. R. KESSLER, Principal.  
Sept. 21, 1853. ¶—2w

## FOR RENT.

Proposals will be received up to Saturday, October 15th, for the renting of the

## Spring Property.

Thereon is erected a two Story Stone Dwelling House, in good repair, a large Barn, with about 20 acres of land, mostly Meadow, of the best quality, also a Spring House.

The Property is extensively known as "Woman's Spring." It will be rented for one year, and possession given on the first of April next.

Application to be made to either of the undersigned.  
Wm. H. BLUMER,  
A. L. RINE.  
Allentown Sep., 21, 1853. ¶—4w

## HOUSE & LOT FOR SALE.

WILL be sold at Public Vendue, on Thursday the 29th day of September, at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, on the premises, in the Borough of Allentown, the following property to wit:

### A Two Story Brick House.

Situate on the North East corner of Eighth and Gordon streets, in the Borough of Allentown, being in front 18 feet 4 inches, and in depth 25 feet 4 inches. The lot has a front of 120 feet on Eighth, and 40 feet on Gordon street.

Attached to the house is a very handsome Piazza and Porch, a good Cistern with a chain Pump, lightning Rod, &c. The Lot is handsomely enclosed with a pale fence, and planted with good fruit trees.

The conditions will be made known on the day of sale and due attendance given by  
WM. H. BLUMER.  
Agent of Philip Klug.

September 14. ¶—3w

## Election Proclamation.

Pursuant to the act of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, passed the 2d day of July, 1838, I, JOSEPH F. NEWHARD, Sheriff of the county of Lehigh, do hereby give public notice to the electors of the aforesaid county, that a General Election will be held in the said county, on the second Tuesday in October next (which will be the 11th of said month,) for the purpose of choosing by ballot.

ONE PERSON for Canal Commissioner of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania;

ONE PERSON for Judge of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania;

ONE PERSON for Auditor General of this State;

ONE PERSON for Surveyor General of this State;

TWO PERSONS to represent the district composed of the counties of Lehigh and Carbon in the Legislature of Pennsylvania;

ONE PERSON for Sheriff of this county.

ONE PERSON for Treasurer of this county.

ONE PERSON for Prosecuting Attorney of this county.

ONE PERSON for Commissioner of the county of Lehigh;

ONE PERSON for Deputy Surveyor of the county of Lehigh;

ONE PERSON for Director of the Poor of the county of Lehigh;

ONE PERSON for Auditor of the county of Lehigh;

TWO PERSONS for Trustees of the Academy in Allentown;

The electors of the county of Lehigh aforesaid, on the said second Tuesday of October next, will meet at the several districts composed of the borough and the several townships following, to wit:

The electors of the North ward, in the borough of Allentown, will hold their election at the house of Samuel Moyer.

The electors of South Ward, in the borough of Allentown, at the house of Henry Andrus.

The electors of Lehigh ward, at the house of J. T. Kleppinger.

The electors of Salisbury township, at the house of John Yost, in said township.

The electors of South Whitehall township, at the house of Alexander W. Loder, in said township.

The electors of Hanover township, at the house of Charles Ruter, in Rutersville.

The electors of Upper Saucon township, at the house of Daniel Cooper in Coopersburg.

The electors of Catasauqua, at the house of Nathan Fegely, in said borough.

The electors of Weisenburg township, at the house of John Leiser, in said township.

The electors of Heidelberg township, at the house of Henry German, in said township.

The electors of Washington township, at the house of D. & C. Peter, in said township.

The electors of North Whitehall township, at the house of Jacob Roth, in said township.

The electors of Lowhill township, at the house of Jacob E. Zimmerman, in said township.

The electors of Upper Macungie township, at the house of Addison Erdman, in Fogelsville.

The electors of Lower Macungie township, at the house of Henry Mohr, in Millerstown.

The electors of Upper Milford township, at the house of Philip Hittle, in said township.

The electors of Lower Milford township, at the house of Henry Dillinger, in said township.

The electors of Lynn township, at the house of David Bleiler, in said township.

The General Election in the said several districts to be opened, between the hours of eight and ten in the forenoon, and shall continue without interruption or adjournment until seven in the evening—when the polls shall be closed.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,

That every person except Justices of the Peace, Militia and Borough officers, who shall hold any office or appointment of profit or trust under the United States or any city or corporate district, whether a commissioner, officer or agent, who is or shall be employed under the legislative, executive or judiciary department of this State, of the United States, or any incorporated district, and also that every member of the State Legislature, and of the select or common council of any city, or commissioner, or any incorporated district, is by law incapable of holding or exercising at the same time the office or appointment of judge, inspector or clerk, of any election of this Commonwealth, and that no other officer of such election shall be eligible to be voted for.

The return Judges to meet at the Court House in the borough of Allentown, on Friday, the 14th day of October, 1853.

JOSEPH F. NEWHARD, Sheriff.

GOD SAVE THE COMMONWEALTH.

Sheriff's Office, Allentown, Sep. 14 1853 3c

## An Ordinance

Relative to the erection of Houses in the Borough of Catasauqua.

SECT. 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the Corporation of the Borough of Catasauqua, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same. That no person within the said Borough shall erect any building or buildings, adjoining to or upon any street, lane or alley except in conformity with the Borough map, and whenever any dispute shall arise concerning the lines and boundaries, of any lot or lots of ground about to be built upon the same, shall be referred to the Borough Engineer who shall have power to regulate and mark the said lines and boundaries, and any person or persons erecting said buildings who shall deviate beyond any or either of the lines or boundaries marked thereon, shall forfeit and pay the sum of fifty dollars, to be recovered for the use of the corporation, provided that the suit shall be instituted within one month after the offence shall be committed.

SECT. 2. Any citizen of this Borough or any other person building, erecting or repairing any house, stable, outhouse or shop on any of the public streets, lanes or alleys, within the limits of this Borough shall have the privilege of using one half (or in case where a building is carried on opposite, one-third) of the whole width of said street, lane or alley, adjoining his building ground, and no more, to put his stone, brick, lime, sand, mortar, timber, or any such materials as he may want in the progress of building, until completed, said privilege however not to extend longer than a reasonable time for the completion of said building.

SECT. 3. It shall be the duty of the Street Commissioners to notify all such persons as may have availed themselves of the privileges aforesaid, in the presence of witnesses, to remove ten days after the completion of said buildings or a reasonable time for its completion, all such obstructions from such streets, lanes or alleys, as may remain on any of them, in consequence of their respective operations, and if such person or persons shall refuse or neglect to clear said streets, lanes or alleys within ten days after notice, then the Street Commissioners shall remove the same, and shall make out a correct bill of the expenses and costs, arising from the removing of said obstructions, and shall lodge information with the Burgess, and the said Street Commissioners shall recover the amount of the bill in the name of the Corporation, and likewise five dollars for the use of the Borough for said offence to be recovered in the same suit.

SECT. 4. In the building of porticos, steps, &c., on the sides of the streets, the person or persons so building them, shall not occupy more than five feet of the pavement, where said pavement is ten feet in width and upwards, and where said pavement is less than ten feet none shall be built so as to leave a clear passage way of less than five feet in width, and all porches porticos, steps, &c., already built, shall be so altered as to conform to the above regulation. And it shall be the duty of the Street Commissioners to notify all persons violating the above regulation, so to alter or remove such porches, porticos, steps, &c., and if such persons shall not so alter or remove said porches, porticos, steps, &c., within twenty days after said notice, it shall be the duty of the Street Commissioners to alter or remove said porches, porticos, steps, &c., as to conform to this regulation, and shall make out a bill of the expenses and costs of said removal or alteration. And the said Street Commissioners shall recover the amount of the bill in the name of the Corporation, and likewise five dollars for the use of the Borough for said offence, to be recovered in the same suit.

Enacted into an Ordinance at Catasauqua, July 25, 1853.

DAVID THOMAS, Burgess.

ATTEST—Owen Rice, Sec.

## An Ordinance

Regulating Dogs &c., in the Borough of Catasauqua.

Be it enacted and ordained, by the Corporation of the Borough of Catasauqua, in Town Council assembled, and it is hereby enacted by authority of the same.

SECT. 1. It shall not be lawful for any person owning a dog or dogs, slut or sluts, to permit such animal or animals, to run at large unmuzzled for the term of ninety days, after public notice shall have been given by the Town Council, to confine, or effectually muzzle them for that time.

SECT. 2. If any such owner or owners, after notice as aforesaid from Town Council, shall refuse or neglect, to comply with the above section, by confining or effectually muzzling, his, her or their dog or dogs, slut or sluts, as aforesaid, every person so offending, shall forfeit and pay for every such offence the sum of one dollar, to be recovered by action of debt with costs of suit for the use of the Borough.

SECT. 3. It shall be the special duty of the High Constable of the Borough, to kill and remove all dogs found running at large, as aforesaid, and for every dog so killed and removed he shall receive from the Treasury of said Borough, the sum of not less than fifty cents, nor more than one dollar.

SECT. 4. It shall be the duty of the High Constable annually, on or before the 15th day of April, to furnish to the Secretary of the Council, a correct list under oath, of the number of dogs or sluts, owned or kept within the limits of the Borough, together with the name of the owner or keeper thereof, for which service he shall receive the sum of five cents each, to be paid out of the Borough Treasury.

SECT. 5. It shall be the duty of the officer or other person on whom the duty of preparing the annual tax duplicate shall devolve hereafter, to add to the amount of tax annually charged against the several tax payers within the Borough, the sum of one dollar for the first dog, and two dollars for each additional dog, and the sum of two dollars for each slut or bitch, so owned or kept by him, her or them, which said sums of money shall be collected and paid over by the tax collector of the Borough, in the same manner, and under the same penalties, as other taxes for Borough purposes are by law now collected and paid over, and the fact of any dog or slut fed and kept about the house, shall be sufficient evidence to charge the occupier thereof with said tax.

Enacted into an Ordinance at Catasauqua, July 25, 1853.

DAVID THOMAS, Burgess.

ATTEST—Owen Rice, Sec.

## An Ordinance

To levy and collect a tax for defraying the expenses of the Borough of Catasauqua, for the current year.

Be it ordained and enacted by the Citizens of the Borough of Catasauqua, in Town Council assembled; that a tax of five mills on every dollar shall be laid on the estates, real and personal, in the Borough of Catasauqua, and the respective offices and posts of profit, trades and professions and occupations, of the citizens of the said Borough, agreeably to the last county assessment and the valuation thereof, and the town clerk is hereby required, to make out duplicates and apportion the tax accordingly, and said tax is hereby appropriated for defraying the contingent and other expenses of the corporation for the current year.

Enacted into an Ordinance, at Catasauqua, July 25, A. D. 1853.

DAVID THOMAS, President.

ATTEST—Owen Rice, Sec.

## An Ordinance

For the Regulation of Partition-fences within the Borough of Catasauqua.

Whereas inconveniences and controversies may arise, in relation to partition fences, and it is expedient that the same should be prevented and remedied within the Borough of Catasauqua, by some wholesome regulation.

SECT. 1. Be it therefore ordained and enacted, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the Corporation of the Borough of Catasauqua, in Town Council assembled, that there shall be appointed by the Town Council of the said Borough, as often as they see occasion, three discreet persons, inhabitants and housekeepers within the said Borough, to be regulators of partition fences within the same.

SECT. 2. The said regulators, or any two of them, shall have full power and authority to regulate partition fences within the said Borough, and where adjoining parties improve or enclose their lots, such fences shall be made, (in the manner generally used) and kept in repair at the equal costs of the parties, so that the price for making exceed not ten dollars for every hundred feet, unless the owners or possessors between whom such fences are, or shall be erected, agree otherwise; and if either party between whom such partition fence is or shall be made, shall neglect or refuse to pay his part or moiety for the repairing or setting up such partition fence as aforesaid, according to the award of the said regulators, or any two of them (one copy whereof shall be furnished to each of the said parties under the hands of the regulators who shall make the same) the party by whom such fence is or shall be repaired or set up, may have his action at law or before a Justice of the Peace of the Borough, for the recovery of the moiety of the said cost, and of the cost of the regulation.

Enacted into an Ordinance at Catasauqua, August 8, 1853.

DAVID THOMAS, Burgess.

ATTEST—Owen Rice, Sec.

## An Ordinance

Concerning the duties of High Constable.

Be it enacted and ordained by the Corporation of the Borough of Catasauqua, in Town Council assembled, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same.

SECT. 1. In addition to the duties particularly imposed on the High Constable of this Borough, by the several Ordinances in force, it shall be his duty to execute all process and warrants to him directed and delivered; and all monies received by the said High Constable to and for the use of the Borough, shall be paid within ten days thereafter to the Treasurer of the Borough; and the said High Constable shall at least once a week in warm weather, walk through the different parts of the Borough, in order that the Ordinances for preventing swine and other beasts from running at large, may be carried into effect, by giving the notice required in the different Ordinances, to the Street Commissioners and others; and also to give notice of all nuisances, obstructions or impediments in the streets, lanes, alleys and gutters, that they may be removed, and the person or persons, the authors thereof, may be prosecuted; he shall give information to the Burgess of all offences committed against the ordinances of the Borough, the names of the offenders, and the witnesses, in order that the offenders may be prosecuted, and enforce obedience to the regulations for the good order and government of the Borough, and generally to do and perform all such things as the Council, by ordinances may order or direct.

SECT. 2. The High Constable shall be entitled to have and receive on all such warrants and process served by him the same fees as any other constable is allowed for such service, and for the performance of the particular duties herein required of him, he shall have and receive such sum as the Council shall direct to be paid to him, half yearly, by an order drawn on the Treasurer, by the Chairman of the Council and countersigned by the Clerk, which sum shall be fixed soon after his election to office.

SECT. 3. If the High Constable shall neglect any of the duties required of him in this or any other ordinance, he shall forfeit and pay for each offence the sum of three dollars, to be recovered by action of debt, before the Burgess for the use of the Borough with costs.

SECT. 4. It shall be the duty of the High Constable to preserve order on Sunday in the Borough, and prevent strangers and all others from breaking the Sabbath, and if he find any person so doing, he shall lodge a complaint with one of the magistrates of the Borough, so that such person or persons may be proceeded against, according to the Act of Assembly, against vice and immorality.

Enacted into an Ordinance at Catasauqua, August 8, 1853.

DAVID THOMAS, Burgess.

ATTEST—Owen Rice, Sec.

## An Ordinance

Concerning the office of Street Commissioners of the Borough of Catasauqua.

Be it ordained and enacted by the Corporation of the Borough of Catasauqua in Town Council assembled, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same.

SECT. 1. It shall be the duty of the Street Commissioners to report to the Council in writing or otherwise once a month during their election, all such improvements and repairs as they shall think necessary to be done, on any of the lanes, alleys, streets or highways of the Borough, and likewise the progress made in such works or repairs as may have been directed to be done.

SECT. 2. The Street Commissioners shall have power to do such work on the Highways, streets, lanes or alleys, of this Borough as they see proper, and think to be necessary to be done, without the direction of the Council, provided the expense of such works or repairs to not exceed the sum of five dollars per month.

SECT. 3. When any improvements or repairs shall be directed by the Council, the Street Commissioners shall employ such able, diligent and faithful laborers, artificers or workmen, as shall and will perform their reasonable duty at the business for which they are engaged, for which they shall pay to each of them the usual prices for such services, taking a receipt therefor, which shall be a proper voucher in the settlement of their accounts, no item whereof shall be allowed without being substantiated, by legal and sufficient evidence, except the compensation for their own care and attendance, in overseeing the workmen, and for each day faithfully employed, they shall receive each the sum of one dollar.

SECT. 4. Orders shall be drawn on the Treasurer of the Borough, in favor of the Street Commissioners, from time to time for such sums of money as in the opinion of the council, may be necessary for the improvements and repairs, ordered by them, to be done on any of the public roads, streets, alleys or lanes in the Borough.

SECT. 5. At the end of the year for which the Street Commissioners shall have been elected, they shall present to the Council, an account made out, embracing all their Borough accounts, receipts as aforesaid, with the whole amount of their receipts, during the last year, and on neglect or refusal so to do without rendering

to the Council a satisfactory excuse therefor, they shall forfeit and pay the sum of thirty dollars, to be sued for and recovered with costs of suit for the use of the Borough.

SECT. 6. The Street Commissioners shall have authority to cause all streets, lanes or alleys of the Borough, to be opened to their proper width, when directed by the Town Council, and to cause those already open, to be maintained in their proper width; and if any person or persons, owning land adjoining, shall erect or encroach on the said streets, lanes or alleys, or either of them, and shall neglect or refuse to open the same in four weeks, after the notice given him by the said Street Commissioners, it shall and may be lawful for the said Street Commissioners, to open them to the full width, and cause such person to pay the expense of removing the erections with costs.

SECT. 7. It shall hereafter be the duty of the Street Commissioners, if they shall think that any tree or trees, within the bounds of the Borough, is a nuisance or obstruction in the footway or gutters, to give notice between the first day of November and the first day of March, to the owner or possessor, or owners and possessors, in front of whose premises such tree or trees may be, to remove the same; and in case of refusal or neglect, in five days thereafter, to comply with such notice, then it shall be the duty of the Street Commissioners, to remove the same, and charge the person or persons with the costs of removal, which shall be recovered with costs.

SECT. 8. If any person or persons shall feel aggrieved by any thing done in pursuance of this ordinance, he may appeal to the Council, by giving notice of such appeal to the Chairman of said Council, within three days after notice to remove; and the Council shall give him redress (if he has been aggrieved,) by the Chairman of the said Council, calling the Council together to hear and determine the same.

Enacted into an Ordinance, at Catasauqua, August 8, A. D. 1853.

DAVID THOMAS, Burgess.

ATTEST—Owen Rice, Sec.

## Northampton County Fair.

The Northampton County, Agricultural Society will hold their first annual fair on the 5th, 6th and 7th days of October next.

Extensive preparations are made to make this exhibition one of the most important character, and it is hoped that the contributors from the citizens of Northampton, and adjoining counties, will make the Fair so attractive and interesting that it will amply repay those who may avail themselves of the privilege to be present on the occasion.

A cordial invitation is extended to the citizens of Lehigh and adjoining counties, to attend the Fair, with the assurance that every effort will be made to make their visit pleasant and agreeable.

All exhibitors will please give notice to the Secretary, at least three days before the Exhibition, in order that proper accommodation may be secured for them.

Appropriate addresses, in the German and English languages, will be delivered, by eminent speakers on the occasion.

Pomp's Cornet Band is engaged, to animate and enliven those who may be present to witness the grand display.

By order of the Executive Committee,

JOHN H. KELLER, Pres't.

GEO. W. STEIN, Sec'y.

September 21, 1853. ¶—2w

## PUBLIC SALE