

The Dead Sea and the Cities of the Plain.

In the Old Testament scriptures, there is an account of the utter overthrow and destruction of certain cities, the inhabitants of which aroused the Divine vengeance. It has always been a favorite theory with many moderns, that the Dead Sea covered the site of the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, and, unless we err in our recollections, Lieut. Lynch gave that opinion an emphatic endorsement. Indeed, our gallant officer had no doubt that he found Mrs. Lot, who we are told, was transformed into a pillar of salt, for looking back as she ran.

A book has just been published in England, and we presume will soon appear in this country which will give the quietus to the popular ideas on this subject. It seems that Monsieur de Sauley, a member of the French Institute, could not coincide in opinion with the popular notions of the overthrow of the cities of the plain; regarding them as unauthorized by the scriptural history of that event. His desire to vindicate the correctness of his views induced him to visit the Holy Land. Accordingly, he left for the scene of his labors in 1850, being accompanied by his son, by the Abbe de St. Michien, and several intelligent friends. In that and the following year, he pursued his archaeological explorations with the happiest results.

He was abundantly supplied with means, and having secured a strong body guard of infantry and cavalry, he was enabled to proceed with his mission without danger, from the nomadic tribes of Arabs. He directed his attention, first, to a careful examination of the Dead Sea. Beneath the stinking waters of this remarkable sea, popular tradition had located Sodom and Gomorrah; but he was soon convinced, that, like the apples which were once believed to grow upon its borders, the popular idea had no foundation in fact.

But he found the cities of the plain, and rode among their ruins. His eyes looked upon their widely extended remains, bearing even now, the marks of that terrible visitation—"fire from Heaven"—which consumed and destroyed them. Upon the shores and in the valleys where they originally stood, this French savant discovered their blackened ruins.

It is surprising that they have not been sooner discovered. The Holy Land has been a point of interest with all travelers and explorers in all times. From the crusades until the present hour, men have flocked thither and trodden the land more full of sublime memories than any other portion of this babbling earth.

But we easily account for the failure to discover these relics of the olden times.—Men have always visited the Dead Sea, and as they looked upon its sluggish, salt waters, have regarded them as shutting up in darkness the cities accursed of Heaven.—Hence no traveler has sought after the cities of the plain, and it has been reserved for the French savant of the present day to bring to light this strong confirmation of the Old Testament records.

We trust that our American booksellers will soon give to the American public, the results of Monsieur de Sauley's researches.—Democratic Union.

Horrible Case of Parental Cruelty.

The following horrible case of parental cruelty is detailed in the St. Louis Intelligencer of the 5th inst. It says:—A shocking case of this character came under the observation of Mr. Brown, County Coroner, day before yesterday. The parties are a German and his wife, and a little girl between two and three years of age, who is his child by a former wife. They live near the Carondelet road, a few miles below the city. Mr. Brown had heard on several occasions of the manner in which he and his wife were accustomed to indulge towards her; and on Thursday he went to their house to ascertain the facts for himself. He found the child very weak and ill, lying on a bed upon the floor. Her whole body was almost black with bruises and marks of pinches she had received, and seemed to be both ill-fed and ill-clothed. She betrayed extreme fear of sight of her father and step-mother, and screamed with terror when either of them approached. Mr. B. was informed that the father had further practised a means of torture which none but the most unnatural malice could have devised, and that when drunk he had been known to take the child's tongue with his fingers, pull it with force, and cut it repeatedly with a pair of scissors. His neighbors had resolved to take the child from him, and did so perhaps on yesterday. They had also determined to procure the arrest and prosecution of the unnatural parents.

THE CLAWSON HEIRSHIP.—We mentioned some time since a rumor that the wife of the Rev. Sam'l Clawson, of Virginia, had fallen heir to an immense fortune in England. The Weston (Va.) Herald says the facts of the case are as follows:—There was originally the sum of thirty-six millions of dollars, the estate of the Earl of Lancaster, in England, and upon the death of the Earl and his brother, a dispute arose between the House of York and the House of Lancaster, (instituted by the former, because of an intermarriage between the two houses,) the House of York suing for the heirship. The suit was protracted, from the lower to the higher courts, from fifty to a hundred years, and was finally decided at the Exchequer, (the Queen's Bench,) in favor of the House of Lancaster. After this decision, advertisements were scattered abroad over the world for the heirs of the Lancaster estate; and the mother of Mrs. Clawson, wife of Rev. Samuel Clawson, is one of the heirs.—Attorneys are employed by the heirs to secure their interests, and it is supposed that the whole affair will be settled up during this winter, when the heirs will receive their portions. The above sum of thirty-six millions has been at interest for more than sixty-six years, which interest will pay the costs of law, and leave the original clear full.

A Yankee Colonist.

In one of the last letters from Bayard Taylor, dated at Macao, China, he describes a visit of Commodore Perry to the Bonin Isles, lying about 500 miles in a southerly direction from the Bay of Yedo, discovered by the Japanese 2½ centuries ago. He says:—"The oldest inhabitant, who probably exercises a sort of authority in cases of dispute, is a native of Massachusetts, named Savory, who has been on the island since 1831, and is considered the richest of the settlers.—His money has been principally made by selling sweet potatoes to whaling ships, at the rate of two dollars a barrel; in addition to which he has a still, and manufactures rum from sugar-cane. At the time of our visit he had two hogheads of it, which was said to be of excellent quality. The population is continually floating, with the exception of four or five persons who were among the original settlers of the island. Sailors from whaling vessels frequently desert and remain a year or two, after which they embark again. The whalers are mostly American, and, according to the settlers, generally conduct themselves peaceably."

It was on this island that Commodore Perry purchased from Mr. Savory a tract of land, at Port Lloyd, intended as a coal station for our Pacific Steamers. This tract, Taylor says, has a front of 1,000 yards on the water, and extends across the island to a small light on the northern side, which was named Pleasant Bay. The location is admirably adapted to a coal station for steamers, since a pier fifty feet long would strike water deep enough to float the largest vessel. If the United States Government will establish such a line, as it is in duty bound to do, the intermediate stations are thus already secured, whatever may be the issue of the expedition to Japan. The soil of Peel Island is of the richest vegetable mould, and might be made to produce abundant supplies, while its mountain streams furnish a never-failing source of excellent water.

DIED.

In Lehigh township, Northampton county, on the 8th of October, Mr. Conrad Keck, aged 65 years, 10 months and 22 days.

On the 23d of October, in North Whitehall, Michael Biege, aged 58 years.

On the 11th of November, in this Borough, from sudden fright, Mrs. Susanna, wife of Jacob Treichler, aged 76 years.

In Lower Saucon township, on Wednesday last, November 9th, Mr. Rudolph Latsch, aged 81 years.

On the 12th of November, in this borough, of consumption, Theresa, wife of Mr. Henry Kline, aged 25 years.

On the 7th of November, in Upper Milford, of apoplexy, Mr. Philip Wikel, aged 64 years, 9 months and 16 days.

On the 8th of November, in North Whitehall, Salome, wife of Mr. Andrew Eisenhart, aged about 65 years.

On the 31st of October, in North Whitehall, David Frantz, aged 31 years.

On the 9th of November, in North Whitehall, George P., son of Adam and Lydia Kuntz, aged 3 years.

On the 15th of November, in South Whitehall, of old age, Maria Schneider, aged 81 years.

In Towamensing township, Carbon county, on the 13th inst., Mr. John D. Bowman, aged 81 years.

Capitalists Look Here!!

Private Sale
Of a Tract of Land, containing an inexhaustible bed of

Fire Clay,
situate in Upper Milford township, Lehigh county, about half a mile of Emaus, on the road leading from Emaus to Trumbauersville, and near the proposed Railroad from Norristown to Allentown, containing 27 acres, more or less.

The bed of clay is inexhaustible, and is at present mined and used at the Allentown and Catauqua and other Furnaces; at the Zink Furnaces at Bethlehem, and is pronounced to be equal if not better in quality to the best obtained in this or any other country. It is therefore deemed worthy the attention of capitalists. Thereon is also

A Good Iron Ore Bed,
of the richest and best quality, and the bed is from 20 to 30 feet in thickness. This together with the Fire Clay, makes the property one of the most desirable and money making in the vicinity.

Thereon is erected a

DWELLING HOUSE,
part stone and part log, barn, and other necessary out buildings, an Apple Orchard, well with good water, and a never failing stream runs through the land.

Competent judges assert that intermixed with this clay is found the best material to manufacture the white Porcelain ware, which makes it worthy of particular notice.

Persons wishing to examine the above property, can do so by calling on the owner who resides thereon, or on the undersigned where further information may be obtained.

HENRY WIEDER,
EPHRAIM WIEDER,
Agents of Valentine Wieders.

November 23.

Dissolution of Partnership.

The partnership heretofore existing between Keiper & Good in the keeping of the "Allentown Hotel" has been dissolved on the 10th of November, 1853. All those who have any claims against the firm will present their accounts well authenticated for payment to Mr. Tighman H. Good, who continues in the business. Mr. Good will be happy to entertain his old customers.

DAVID KEIPER,
TIGHMAN H. GOOD.

November 23.

Allentown, Nov. 23.

MARRIED

On Thursday evening, in the Lutheran Church, by the Rev. Joshua Yaeger, Rev. S. K. Brobst, editor of the "Jugendfreund," to Miss Mary E. Ritter, daughter of Jacob Ritter, both of this Borough.

On the previous Sabbath evening, it was announced from the pulpit, that a marriage ceremony would take place in the church on the above mentioned evening. This notice brought together a dense crowd of spectators, including not a few matrimonial candidates. The Rev. Mr. Vogelbach, in a very beautiful manner addressed the crowded audience in regard to this holy alliance, its institution, &c. It is probable, judging from the effects of the example, that many more such alliances will be formed.

On the above notice we received a very excellent "sponge cake" which is a liberal share of the delicacies attendant upon tying the "silken knot." We should be wanting in gratitude did we not at this time tender the happy pair our sincere good wishes for their health, happiness and prosperity through life, in at least the warmest wish of the "Register."

On the 20th of November, by the Rev. Mr. Vogelbach, Mr. Charles K. Long, to Miss Sarah George, both of South Whitehall.

On the same day, by the same, Mr. John Romig, to Miss Matilda Lovell, both of Allentown.

The happy pair are now united by the mystic marriage ring; Be their faces full required, Be their lives perpetual spring, Blooming still with thornless roses, Time be one sweet month of May, Till the soul of each reposes, In the bliss of endless day.

On the same day, by the same, Mr. Samuel Holtz, to Miss Mary D. Krauss, both of Allentown.

On the 1st of November, by the Rev. Wm. Roth, Mr. George Snyder, to Miss Martha M., daughter of Rev. J. Shindel, both of South Whitehall.

On the 26th of October, by the Rev. J. S. Dubs, Mr. William Zoelner, to Miss Mary Ann Menninger, both of South Whitehall.

On the 6th of November, by the same Mr. Tighman Levan, of North Whitehall, to Mrs. Mary Galt, of South Whitehall.

On the same day, by the same, Mr. Charles Riniker, to Miss Christiana Roth, both of South Whitehall.

On the same day, by the same, Mr. Jacob Knuppenberger, to Miss Louisa Ritter, both of South Whitehall.

On the 13th of November, by the same, Mr. Robert Kern, to Miss Angelina Peter, both of Washington.

On the same day, by the same, Mr. Tighman Bachman, to Miss Judith Wied, both of Allentown.

At Petersville, on Tuesday evening the 5th of November, by the Rev. William Rath of Cherryville, Mr. Joseph Kleckner, of Mooresburg, Pa., to Miss Sarah Louise, daughter of Jonas Snyder, Esq., of the former place.

On the 13th of November, by the Rev. W. H. Helfrich, Mr. Carl H. Hammon, of Emaus, to Miss Sarah Tompson, of Longswamp.

On the same day, by the same, Mr. Benjamin Helfrich, of Longswamp, to Miss Amelia Mohr, of Millerstown.

On the same day, by the same, Mr. Jonas Oswald, to Miss Lydia Oswald, both of Lynn.

On the 5th of November, by the Rev. W. H. Helfrich, Mr. Tighman Kuder, to Miss Maria Gackenbach, both of Trexlerstown.

On the 15th of November, by the Rev. Joseph Dubs, Mr. Edward Neff, to Miss Mesina Ringer, both of North Whitehall.

On the same day, by the same, Mr. William Ellis, to Miss Paulina E. Haddenbach, both of Allentown.

On the 20th of November, by the same, Mr. Aaron Schneider, to Miss Mary Ann Fisher, both of Washington.

On the evening of the 10th inst., by John F. Ruhe, Esq., Mr. Henry Bibighaus, to Miss Sarah Hartacher, both of Salisbury.

Lehigh Co. Agricul. Society.

Pursuant to a resolution adopted at a meeting of the society, held on the 29th of October 1853, a meeting will be held at the Public House of James W. Eshbach, in the Borough of Allentown, on Tuesday the 6th of December next, at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, to receive the report proposing certain amendments to the constitution of the society, and to bring the same in shape for incorporation at the next Legislature.

Ed. KOHLER, President.

Allentown, Nov. 23.

Two Journeymen Tailors Wanted.

The undersigned residing in the Borough of Catauqua, Lehigh county, are in want of two Journeymen Tailors, to whom constant employment and good wages will be given, if immediate application be made.

GETZ & GILBERT,
Catauqua, Nov. 23.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given, that the Undersigned, have taken out letters of Administration in the estate of David Frantz, late of North Whitehall township, Lehigh county. Therefore all persons who know themselves indebted to said estate, be it in Notes, Bonds, Book Accounts or otherwise, will make payment of the same to the subscribers, within six weeks from the date hereof. And such who have any legal claims against said estate will present them for payment well authenticated within the above mentioned time.

LYDIA FRANTZ,
WILLIAM LEIBENBERGER, Adm'ors.

November 23.

ATTENTION!

Soldiers of the War of 1812.

Notice is hereby given to all persons residing in Lehigh County, who served the United States, in any military situation, at any time during the war of 1812, or any of the Wars since 1796, that a National Convention of such soldiers, or their delegates, will be held in the city of Philadelphia, on the 3d of January next, for the purpose among other things, of devising means and manner in petitioning Congress to grant to all such soldiers, or to their legal heirs, 100 acres of land. You are therefore earnestly requested to assemble at the Public House of James W. Eshbach, in Allentown, on Saturday the 10th day of December next, then and there to appoint delegates to attend said National Convention.

Capt. J. F. Ruhe, Michael Shault,
Capt. Jac. Newhard, Adam Haerzel,
George Keiper, Capt. Sol. Steckel,
Martin Schwenk, Daniel Schneider,
Andrew Klotz, George Lucas,
Jacob Mohr, Henry Reichard,
George Habracker, Capt. A. Gungewer,
Leonard Nagle, Jacob Keiper,
Burt Baldiet, Peter Troxel,
Samuel Horn, Adam Hecker.

Allentown, Nov. 23.

FOR RENT.

The undersigned offers to Rent his Store Stand in the Borough of Catauqua for one year from the first of April next. It is located in the business part of the Borough, has connected with it a first rate cellar and room on the second story.

JESSE KNAUSS.

Catauqua, Nov. 2.

WANTED!

A Journeyman Carpenter.

A Journeyman Carpenter is immediately wanted by the subscriber, residing near Siegersville, in South Whitehall township, Lehigh county. A good workman can calculate on constant employment and good wages.

JOHN CULBERTSON,
Allentown, Nov. 23.

Thomas Brown,

DENTAL SURGEON.

Attends to all operations on the Teeth in the most careful and scientific manner, and inserts Teeth on an entirely new and improved plan with contiguous Gums. These Teeth are far better and superior to the best block or single Gum Teeth now in use. Please call and examine specimens. Office No. 15, West Hamilton Street, (up stairs), opposite the Odd Fellows' Hall. Allentown, Nov. 9.

Lager Beer and Yeast!

The undersigned takes this method to inform the citizens of Allentown and vicinity, that he has brewed

BREWERY,
on the North West Corner of Sixth and Union Streets, in Allentown.

LAGER BEER
he brews, he can recommend as of the best quality and even temperance men can drink it with impunity. He is now in full operation, so that he can at the shortest notice fill orders in town or county.

Parties who wish to pass a jovial hour, can do so by calling at his residence, where "Fresh Lager" and "Schweitzer Kasse" will always be kept on hand.

N. B. The good ladies of Allentown and neighborhood can always find the best of Yeast, by calling at "Oberly's Brewery."

WILLIAM OBERLY,
Allentown, Nov. 9.

Insolvent Notice.

The subscriber has applied to the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the county of Lehigh, for the benefit of the several laws made for the relief of Insolvent Debtors, and the said Judges have appointed Monday the 5th day of December next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, for the hearing of me and my creditors in the Courthouse in the Borough of Allentown, when and where they may attend if they deem expedient to do so.

JOSEPH WHEELER,
Hanover, Nov. 10.

Wanted.

Four Journeymen Tailors.

The subscriber residing in the Borough of Catauqua, Lehigh county, wishes to engage four Journeymen Tailors, to put on customer work. Good workman can find constant employment and better wages than are paid in Allentown, or elsewhere, if immediate application be made with.

JOHN T. MATCHET,
Catauqua, Nov. 2.

The Postrider.

The undersigned who carries the papers through Upper Saucon takes this method to inform those whose papers he delivers that a year's postage was due on the 11th of November, and requests all to pay up their dues.

J. S. KLEMMER,
November 16.

Milch Cow Lost.

Strayed away on the 3d of October last, from the subscriber, residing in the Borough of Catauqua, Lehigh county a black Milch Cow, interspersed with gray hair; on one of her horns she has a brass knob. Should any person know of her whereabouts and inform the owner of it, he shall be fully satisfied for his trouble.

WILLIAM CRAMPSEY,
Catauqua, October 12.

Prices Current.

ARTICLES.	Per	Allentown	Easton	Phild
Flour	Barrel	6 00	5 00	5 00
Wheat	Bush.	1 40	1 00	1 13
Rye	—	85	81	87
Corn	—	65	50	67
Oats	—	35	38	30
Buckwheat	—	50	50	60
Flaxseed	—	1 37	1 50	1 50
Cloverseed	—	5 00	5 50	5 50
Limehyseed	—	2 50	2 75	2 70
Potatoes	new	50	75	50
Salt	—	55	45	30
Butter	Pound	16	15	30
Lard	—	12	12	9
Tallow	—	10	9	8
Beeswax	—	22	25	28
Ham	—	12	12	15
Fitch	—	9	12	8
Tow-yafn	—	8	8	7
Eggs	Doz.	18	11	20
Rye Whiskey	Gall.	22	22	24
Apple Whiskey	—	30	23	24
Limeoil	—	60	85	85
Hickory Wood	Cord	4 50	4 50	6 00
Hay	Ton	14 00	20 00	25 50
Egg Coal	—	3 50	4 00	4 50
Nut Coal	—	2 50	3 00	3 00
Lump Coal	—	3 50	3 50	3 00
Plaster	—	4 50	4 50	2 60

Allentown Rail Road Co.

At a meeting of the board of Directors held on the 8th instant, the following additional officers of this Company were duly elected.

JOHN D. STILES, of Allentown, Secretary.
JOHN F. JOHNSTON, of New York, Treasurer.

JOHN D. STILES, Secretary.

November 16.

Two Valuable Houses

FOR SALE.

The undersigned wish to dispose of a Valuable Town Property at Private Sale, consisting of two, two Story

Brick Dwelling Houses

each 15 feet front by 30 feet deep, with Porches in front and rear, Hydrant water in the yard, situate in Linden street, in the Borough of Allentown.

The houses are quite new, having been built but a year ago, and are in perfect repair.

They will be sold single or together to suit purchasers, and upon very accommodating terms.

They are the joint property of Moore & Laudenschlager, and will be sold at private sale in order to close the business of the firm

THOMAS MOORE,
NATHAN LAUDENSCHLAGER,
Allentown, Oct. 5, 1853.

Valuable Town Property

FOR SALE.

The subscriber offers to sell at Private Sale, a new and well finished

Two Story Frame House, and Lot, with Frame stable, situate in south Seventh Street, in the Borough of Allentown. The House is but recently built, two story, 16 feet front by 36 feet deep, the lot is 20 feet front by 230 feet deep, with Hydrant water in the yard. The House is very conveniently arranged, and every thing about the property is in first rate repair.

Persons wishing to examine the same can do so by calling on the owner who resides thereon, who will give further information if desired.

EDWARD HELLMAN,
October 5.

BALL ON CHRISTMAS.

The undersigned will make preparations to give a Grand Ball on Monday Evening the 26th of December next, (second Christmas evening) at the Union House, corner of Market Square and Seventh Street, Allentown. He has engaged good musicians, and his large saloon will be handsomely decorated for the occasion.

HENRY C. ROTH,
Allentown, Nov. 16.

The Home Journal.

In consequence of the great and continually increasing demand for this elegantly printed, widely-circulated, and universally popular Family Newspaper, we have heretofore been unable to furnish the back numbers to only a very limited extent. To avoid this disappointment in future, we shall on the first of January next, print such an increased edition as will enable us to supply new subscribers from that date. Besides the original productions of the Editors,—the Foreign and Domestic Correspondence of a large list of contributors,—the selections of the most interesting publications of the day—the brief novels—the piquant anecdotes—the sparkling wit and amusing papers—the personal sketches of public characters—the stirring scenes of the world we live in—the chronicle of the news for ladies—the fashions and fashionable gossip—the facts and outlines of news—the pick of English information—the wit, humour and pathos of the times—the essays of life, literature, society and morals, and the usual variety of careful choosings from the wilderness of English periodical literature, criticism, poetry, etc.—several new and attractive features of remarkable interest will enrich and give value to the new series of the work.

TERMS.—For one copy, \$2; for three copies, \$5, or one copy for three years, \$5—always in advance.

Subscribes without delay. Address,
MORRIS & WILLIS,
107 Fulton Street, N. Y.

November, 23 1853.

NEW GOODS.

The subscribers have just received from New York and Philadelphia, and are now unpacking the largest and best selected stock of staple and fancy Dry Goods, that has been offered in this place for some time, and which they are determined to sell at the very lowest prices.

PRETZ, GUTH & Co.,
Allentown, Nov. 16.

CLOTHS.

American, German and French Broad Cloths and Cassimere, 50 pieces consisting of Black, Blue, Brown, Olive Drab, mixed &c., just received and will be sold whole sale and retail at the lowest prices.

PRETZ, GUTH & Co.,
Allentown, Nov. 16.

Ladies Dress Goods.

Among the great variety of Silk and other dress goods, that the subscribers have recently bought in New York, and to which the especial attention of the Ladies from both town and country is called, may be found the following, viz. Camelion, Gro de Rhine, rich colored, and black figured Silks, black and rich colored changeable pure satin, black Gro de Rhine, satin stripes, black and colored super fine French merino, lyonesse, Coburg and thibet cloths, mohair and silk warp, Alpaca, Paramettes, Cassimers, Mouslin-de-Lains, Mosaics, Mexican stripes &c., also silk, thibet wool, Bay State, and other square and long Shawls, Cloakings, Gloves, Hosiery, Ribbons, &c.</