

Foreign Seeds and Grains.

The Agricultural Bureau is continually beset for seeds, grains and plants, and it is found almost impossible for the clerks and others to perform their duties with desirable promptness and composure.

An extensive amount of grains, pulps and garden seed, recently selected with great care by the excellent chief of the bureau, D. J. Browne, Esq. have been received from France, and are now in course of distribution.

COSTLY WATCH CASE.—A jeweller of Newark, according to the Sentinel, has recently manufactured a splendid watch case for a gentleman in California, which is valued at \$18,000.

Common School State Convention.

The Superintendent of Common Schools of this State has issued a call for a State convention of County Superintendents at Harrisburg, on Wednesday the 11th day of April next.

Exhibition.

An Exhibition of the Public Schools of Allentown will be held on Friday evening next, at 6 1/2 o'clock, in the Odd Fellows' Hall.

Spouging on the Printer.

The public have a funny notion about printers. They think it costs nothing to puff, advertise, &c. And thus one and another will sponge an extra paper, a puff, or some benevolent advertisement.

Proceedings of the Town Council.

The new Council was organized March 20th. Present, Messrs. Schimpf, Eckert, Newhard, Powell and Kleppinger, of the old Board, and Dr. J. Romig, Joseph Dietrich, Stephen Keck, Solomon Butz, William Madder and Ephraim Diefenderfer, members newly elected.

President—Joseph F. Newhard; Secretary—E. J. Moore; Treasurer—Jonathan Reichard; Borough Engineer—Aulolph Ashbach; Street Commissioner—North Ward, Solomon Gross; South Ward, David Daubert; Lehigh Ward, Amades Trexler; Clerk of Market—Thomas Yeager; Wood Corder—Jacob Gross.

The following Committees were appointed by the Chairman:

- Committee on Fire Apparatus.—Welcome B. Powell, John Romig, J. T. Kleppinger.
Committee on Account of Finances.—Amos Ettinger, Even W. Eckert, Stephen Keck.
Committee on Streets.—Welcome B. Powell, John G. Schimpf, Joseph Dietrich.
Committee on Side Walks and Crossings.—Solomon Butz, William Madder, Ephraim Diefenderfer.

A CARD.

Some time since Captain ERTINGER tendered his resignation to the Lehigh Fencibles. At a late meeting of the Company a Committee was appointed who drew up the following Card expressive of the regret of the Company in having to part with their late commander:

Sir:—In accepting the resignation of your office as Captain of the Lehigh Fencibles, we are actuated solely by a desire to comply with your wishes, and we do so with a feeling of profound regret that your engagements should have rendered this step at all necessary.

Very respectfully, T. H. GOOD, G. FRY, W. R. HANGEN, Committee of Fencibles.

LAW PROHIBITING THE USE OF CAMPFIRE.

An ordinance has been presented to the Common Council of Albany, by the Mayor of that city, imposing a fine of \$25 upon every person using campfire in any house, store or shop.

From California.

The steamship Northern Light arrived at New York early last Monday morning, from Aspinwall, bringing ten days later news from California. The news of Pago, Bacon & Co's difficulties in New York, reached San Francisco on the 17th of February, and produced a great sensation.

The Legislature of Washington Territory has fixed on Olympia as the capital. The serious conflict in Australia, is confirmed. Twelve of the miners and twenty-two of the troops were killed. From China we have some important news.

WHAT WON'T THE LOVE OF WHISKY DO?

Last week one of our physicians was called to see a sick child that seemed to be wasting away for want of proper nourishment, and suspecting that a want of money made a want of food, he gave a little brother of the sick child a shilling, and told him to take it to some person who would give him the worth of it in good rich milk for his sick little sister.

FRIGHTFUL COLLIERIES EXPLOSION.

A terrific explosion occurred at the Midlothian Coal Pits, in Chesterfield county, about thirteen miles south of Richmond, Va., on Monday evening last, at 5 o'clock, by which thirty-four persons were instantly killed, and a number of others so badly burned that little or no hopes are entertained of their recovery.

PANNONS.—The Secretary of the Commonwealth announces that Governor Pollock has adopted certain rules in relation to the applications for pardon, to protect him from imposition.

The origin of newspapers is traced to Italy. The first in England appeared during the reign of "goos Queen Bess," at the time of the Spanish Armada. It was named "Ye English Mercury," imprinted at London, by her Highness's printer, 1588.

How FOLKS DIFFER.—We chew tobacco, the Hindoo takes to lime, while the Patagonian finds contentment in a bite of guano.

The children of this country delight in candy, those of Africa in rock salt. A Frenchman goes his length for fried frogs, while an Esquimaux Indian thinks a stewed candle the climax of dainties.

NEW HAMPSHIRE ELECTION.—The returns from this State confirm the entire success of the Know Nothings in New Hampshire, they having elected their Governor, Congressmen and secured a large majority in the State Legislature.

CONFERENCE.—The Philadelphia Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church will be held in the First Methodist Church in Lancaster, Pa., commencing on Wednesday, the 28th inst.

GRAPH VINES.—A gentleman who has made himself conversant with the culture of the grape, informs us that the severity of the past winter has destroyed nearly all the young wood of the past season, as well as that of the year previous.

Dare to be good, though the world laugh at you.

Legislative Proceedings.

SENATE.

On the 14th, Mr. FRY presented two petitions from citizens of Northampton county, for the repeal of the office of county superintendents of common schools; also, three from citizens of Lehigh county, for the incorporation of a company to erect a bridge over the Lehigh river at the Allentown iron works.

On the 16th, Mr. FRY called up the bill to legitimate the children of Aaron Balliet, of Lehigh county. Passed finally.

On the 19th, Mr. FRY presented a petition from Lower Nazareth township, Northampton county, to repeal the office of superintendent of common schools; also, one to repeal the act relative to sealers of weights and measures, from citizens of Lehigh county.

On the 20th, Mr. FRY read in place a bill, relative to the heirs of Luke Killpatrick, of Lehigh county.

Mr. Erick read in place a bill, to authorize the boroughs of Norristown and Allentown, to subscribe to the capital stock of the Norristown and Allentown railroad.

Mr. Buckalew called up his bill, No. 162, resolutions relative to the final adjournment of the Legislature; pending his amendment to fix Tuesday the 17th of April as the day, which after some discussion passed finally.

On the 23d, Mr. Fry on leave read in place a bill supplement to the act incorporating the Thomas iron company.

On the 23d, Mr. Fry called up Senate bill No. 585, to incorporate a company to erect a bridge over the Lehigh river at Hakendaqua, in Lehigh county.

In the course of the reading of the bill, Mr. Crabb inquired of the Senator from Lehigh, (Mr. Fry,) what was meant by the words "pro tem?"

Mr. Fry replied—"Das kann ich gewiss nicht sagen!"

The reply convulsed the Senate with laughter. Mr. Crabb asked—What's that?

Mr. Fry—Why that's Dutch. The Senator can't understand it. Neither can I understand or explain Latin.

The bill passed finally.

HOUSE.

On the 17th, Mr. Fry read in place a bill authorizing certain boroughs and townships, in Montgomery and Lehigh counties, to decide by ballot whether they will subscribe to the capital stock of the Norristown and Allentown railroad company.

On the 20th, the following bills passed first reading, and were ordered to be prepared for a second reading.

"An Act relative to the payment of certain collateral inheritance tax upon the estate of Paul Balliet, the elder deceased."

"An Act to incorporate the Lehigh and Delaware plank road or turnpike company."

On 21st the following bills which passed first reading yesterday, passed second and final reading:

"An Act to incorporate the Lehigh and Delaware plank road or turnpike company."

"An Act regulating the pay of the county commissioners, jurymen, poor directors and auditors of Northampton county."

LIQUID GLUE.—A strong liquid glue, that will keep for years without changing, may be made by placing in a glazed vessel a quart of water and about 3 lbs of hard glue.

This is to be melted over a gentle fire in a glue-pot and stirred up occasionally. When all the glue is melted, drop in gradually a small quantity of nitric acid, when effervescence will take place.

The vessel is then to be taken off the fire and allowed to cool. Liquid glue made in this manner has been kept for more than two years in an uncorrupted bottle without any change.

It will be useful for many traders, where a strong glue is required, without the trouble of melting.

DANGER IN ADMINISTERING CHLOROFORM.—A lady in Boston presented herself before a dentist of that city, on Thursday before last, for the purpose of having a tooth extracted; and dreading the pain accompanying extraction, desired the administration of chloroform.

Questions respecting her health, the condition of her lungs, &c., were propounded, and being answered favorably, the dentist applied the ether to her nostrils and death ensued in a few moments.

FALL OF BLACK SNOW.—Prof. Fairchild, of Oberlin, Ohio, states that on February 7th, they had in that region a fall of dark-colored snow.

The crystals were in the form of dense icy pellets, about twentieth of an inch in diameter. It fell to the depth of nearly an inch, and when melted it yielded about half an inch of water. The snow had a distinct smoky taste, and on filtering it through paper a dark, sooty substance was obtained.

PORK SPECULATION.—We know of one man who has, in the last two weeks, shipped six thousand dressed hogs from this market to New York, clearing some \$18,000 by the operation in that time.

It is supposed about one hundred and fifty thousand hogs have been in this market this season, about one-half of which were packed here and the other half shipped East. There is not much barreled pork in market, with a good demand for it.—Chicago Tribune.

OSIAN'S BARDS.—This excellent company are singing to crowded houses through Vermont and New Hampshire. Our exchanges are filled with praises of the ballad singing of Charles Atherton, who has joined the Bards. Many pronounce him even superior to Russel.

A GOOD PRICE FOR A HORSE.—The colt Morgan, from the original Black Hawk, owned by David Hill, Bridgeport, Vermont, five years old, was sold last week, in New York, by James M. Hill to Mr. B. F. Fields, of California, for \$4000. Height 15 1/2 hands; weight 1125 pounds.

Odds and Ends.

The excess of females over males, in the United States, is 600,000.

An object of 'interest'—A girl whose income is three thousand a year.

Imaginative—to eat a mackerel and suppose you are a mermaid.

The reason why some people put on airs is because they have nothing else to put on.

Evidence of friendship—Missing a married lady out of pure love for her husband.

Those who aim only at accomplishments, will accomplish but little.

God hears the heart without words—but he never hears words without the heart.

Every sorrow we meet is a billow on this world's troublesome sea, which we must cross to bear us nearer home.

What mechanic may be expected to outlive all others? Ana—The boot and shoemaker; for he is ever-lasting.

Why is the kingdom of Heaven and our State Prisons alike? Because the rich keep out of both.

It is said that North Carolina produces within its boundaries the staple of every State in the Union, and is the only one that does it.

There is but one paper—a monthly—published in Egypt; three in Iceland, and one in Sicily.

Jim Smicks puts everything to use. His wife has a bald head, and he straps his razor on it.

The New York ice companies have "harvested" 294,000 tons, about the same quantity as in 1854.

Fish are caught in Puget sound, Oregon, which when dried and lit by the tail, burn like a candle!

There are about seven million pores in the body of a man of ordinary size. If these were joined lengthwise, a tube would be formed twenty-eight miles long!

There are 10,000 street gas lamps in New-York, which burn 30,000 feet of gas per hour, or 430,000 feet per night. The cost of one night's burning is about \$1,400.

The Elmira Gazette says that Wm. Derr, the celebrated English trainer of horses, is at Wellsburg, training a large troupe of horses for Washburn's famous Indian Amphitheatre.

Church-going has become a very expensive matter in San Francisco. At a sale of pews several sold as high as twelve thousand dollars, equivalent to about \$23 per Sunday.

APPLICATIONS FOR BOUNTY LANDS.—About 1800 claims for Bounty Land, under the act of the last session, the Star says, were received at the Pension Office, at Washington on Monday.

Nobody likes to be nobody; but everybody is pleased to think himself somebody.—And everybody is somebody; but, when anybody thinks himself to be somebody, he generally thinks everybody else to be nobody.

If a streak of lard is worth a shilling, what would a dap of butter come to. Multiply the milk by the age of the cow, and divide by the square root of the chalk contained therein. The quotient will be the answer.

That man who is afraid to make an enemy, or is afraid of his enemies when they come ready made, as come they will, is not made of quite the metal to cut his way through this world.

Our Devil woke up the other morning, and was astonished to see a bedbug sitting on the back of a chair near his bed pulling pins from his jacket, and innocently picking his teeth.

The Seneca Lake, it is stated, is now frozen over at the northern end for miles. The ice is a foot thick, and horses and sleighs go over on the lake to Geneva. The lake has not before been crossed on the ice, in sleighs, since 1831.

A successful inventor has offered the English war office an electric rifle, which greatly surpasses any weapon in use, flinging a ball from 1000 to 2000 feet, at the rate of some sixty shots per minute.

It is stated that the number of missionaries laboring throughout the world is about 3,012. These, if equally distributed, would allow but one missionary for about 167,000 souls.

A city editor says a man in N. York himself into trouble by marrying two wives. A western editor replies, by assuring him that a good many men in Michigan have done the same thing by only marrying one.

It is not high crimes, such as robberies and murder, which destroy the peace of society, so much as the village gossip, family quarrels, jealousies and bickerings between neighbors—meddlesomeness and tattling, which are the worms that eat into all social happiness.

A MAN BURNED ALIVE.—A stage driver on one of the line of stages between Tidouote and Franklin, as we are informed, was taken with the small pox, a few days since, and was conveyed to a shanty, about half a mile this side of Tidouote, where he was left to the tender mercies of a man who was hired to take charge of him for the consideration of a pint of whiskey! This man, for some reason or other, absented himself from the shanty for about half an hour, and when he returned, found it almost wholly consumed by fire, and all that was left of the poor stage driver was his bleached and crumbling bones. How the fire originated it is not known; but disease had stolen so much of the poor man's strength that he was unable to drag himself from the building, and consequently fell a victim to the raging element.—Warren (Pa.) Ledger.

TO PREVENT CAUST FORMING INSIDE OF THE KETTLES.—Put into the teakettle a flat oyster-shell. It will attract the stony particles that are in the water to itself, and prevent their forming upon the kettle.