

Our advertising friends have demanded a large share of our paper lately. We shall endeavor to make up for it in a few weeks.

Appointments.

The following appointments were made by Major General DAVID LAURY:— Henry C. Longnecker, of Allentown, and Asher D. Scheimer, of Northampton, Aids with the rank of Major. Joseph Laubach, of Northampton, Division Inspector. Willoughby Fogel, of Upper Macungy, Quarter Master.

OUR STATE LEGISLATURE.

THE LEGISLATURE has not yet fixed a day for final adjournment. The Senate passed a resolution to adjourn on the 17th inst., which the House amended by substituting the 24th; but no further action was had upon it, and consequently it amounts to nothing. It is not likely from present appearances that an adjournment will take place for some weeks to come.

American Meeting.

An open American meeting, favorable to an open American organization, was held in the Odd Fellows' Hall on Saturday evening last. The meeting was well attended, and enthusiasm and good feeling pervaded the assemblage. On motion of E. J. Moore, Esq., GEORGE REEBA, was called to the chair, and Simon Hawk and Benjamin Hagenbuch appointed Vice Presidents. The meeting was ably addressed by J. H. Jones, Esq., Editor of the American Banner, and E. H. Raucor, Esq., Editor of the Bethlehem Valley Times.

A Beautiful Astronomical Sight.

The beautiful astronomical phenomenon of the occultation, or eclipse of the planet Venus, by the Moon, took place on Wednesday evening last. The sky was clear and without the least obstruction to interfere with a full view of the wonderful occurrence, which goes to show the great workings of creation. The occurrence was witnessed by crowds of admiring spectators. Immediately after dark, the bodies were observed to be slowly approaching each other, and at eight o'clock they seemed as if they were going into one another. At about twenty minutes past eight Venus was hid from view—the moon having passed between it and our earth, and when she emerged she escaped further observation by a speedy glancing beneath the horizon. The sight was attractive and instructive, giving us a faint view of the wonders of the solar system. Altogether the sight was a most beautiful one—seen but once in a life-time, and ever after remembered with delight.

A Word to Farmers.

Although the price of all kinds of grain wheat bringing \$2.50—rye \$1.30, and corn \$1, there are a large number of farmers in our neighborhood who have great quantities on hand, and who have determined not to part with it at the present exorbitant prices. We were told last week, that a certain farmer in Salisbury had expressed himself that he would not part with his wheat under \$3 per bushel. It is true grain advanced at New York within a week or two, but the indications are that the present high prices for breadstuffs will soon decline. It is expected that they will materially decline on the opening of the Erie Canal, which is to take place on the 10th of May. If any of our farmer readers have any portion of their last year's crop still on hand, which they intend to sell, we advise them let it go at the present prices. There are an hundred chances to one against any further increase. Those who continue to hold back for further advances, will be very apt to find, a month hence, that they must sell at a lower figure. The present prices are high enough to meet the grasping hanker of a miser; and any one who is not satisfied with them will not merit much sympathy if they hold on and take lower ones.

The New Postage Law.

Some papers have given currency to the idea that under the new postage law, it is necessary to prepay letters addressed to heads of Departments, other officials at Washington, and to members of Congress. This is not the fact, for the new law makes no change as to the franking privilege, and letters can therefore still be forwarded free of postage, as heretofore.

CHILD BURNED.

On Monday afternoon last a child of Mrs. McHollen, in South Whitehall township, was so severely burned that it expired about an hour after the occurrence. During a short absence of the mother from the house the child's clothing took fire from a stove. It was about 4 years old.

Robbery.

On the 17th instant, sixty dollars in gold were stolen from MAILON GROVES, who is employed as a servant on the farm of Mr. Franklin Butz, in North Whitehall township. The money had been kept in a bureau drawer. A German lad, whose name is not known, and who had been staying with Mr. Butz for some days previous to the robbery, is suspected of the crime. He has not been seen in the neighborhood since.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE AT EASTON.

On Saturday evening last another destructive fire occurred at Easton. It was discovered at about half past 12 o'clock in a stable on Rine alley, and spread so rapidly that in a short time it had wholly consumed the Methodist Church, and several dwellings and stables—ten buildings in all. Howard & Co.'s Express stable was destroyed, together with five horses, several wagons, and all the gearing. The lumber yard of Kepple & Lines was also on fire. The loss is estimated at about \$20,000.

Educated Farmers.

One reason why Agriculture is not more esteemed, is the fact that a man having sons, always puts the smartest into a college, or a store, or a mechanic's shop. The cultivation of the soil, the business above all others in the world that requires education, talent and science, is left to the dull and ignorant of our own country, and uneducated and poor of others, who flock here in thousands. The advantages an educated farmer has over the ignorant and stupid, are far greater than the intelligent and shrewd shipping merchant or banker has over the dull, plodding trader, whose vision extends no further than the rim of his hat. All the necessities of life are raised generally by uneducated, hard-working men, who spend more time, labor and expense in raising a dollar's worth of eatables, than a scientific or intelligent practical farmer would spend in raising five dollars' worth; and then when they have raised or made them, they sell them to speculators, who in turn sell them to butchers and market men, and they to the consumers.—Scarcely an article comes to market that is not sold four or five times, and at a profit each time, before it gets into the hands of the consumers. The remedy for this state of things is simple. Let every farmer pick out his "brightest boy," and give him a suitable education to make a scientific agriculturist. Then, and not till then, we shall see a different state of things.

Meeting of the Lehigh Fencibles.

A meeting of the Lehigh Fencibles was held at their Armory on the evening of the 10th instant. Captain Good was called to the chair, and John P. Dillinger appointed Secretary pro tem. After the meeting was organized, a resolution was adopted to form a Rifle Company in place of Infantry. The propriety of adopting a name for the company was next discussed, and that of "Allen Rifles" was selected and adopted. An election for officers being necessary, the following named persons were duly elected: Captain—T. H. Good; First Lieut.—Thomas Steckel; Second Lieut.—George Fry; Quarter Master—John P. Dillinger; Orderly Sergeant—W. W. R. Hangan; Second Ord. Ser.—George W. Wetherhold; Third Ord. Ser.—Walter C. Miller; Fourth Ord. Ser.—George F. Young; Treasurer—Thomas Steckel; Secretary—W. W. R. Hangan.

Barn Destroyed.

During the thunder storm last Friday afternoon, a barn belonging to Mrs. HAUPT, near Nazareth, Northampton county, was struck by lightning, and entirely destroyed, with eight head of cattle, all the farming implements, and a large quantity of hay, straw and grain.

Drowned.

On Saturday morning last two boatmen were drowned in Schwartz's Dam, above Catasauqua. One of them was a man named JONAS RORR, and the other a lad aged about 15 years, whose name we were unable to learn. Both Easton.

Cultivate Flowers.

Now is the time to attend to your flower gardens. It is a pleasing task, which lovers of floral beauties are not inclined to neglect. It is true that the work is fatiguing, but it is healthful, and the reward abundant. The love of flowers is universal—adults and infants alike sharing in the admiration of garden products. Flowers! Are they not welcome visitors, at this season, so beautiful from a contrast with the rigors of Winter, through which we have just passed? Assuredly. Then cultivate them, that they may in the coming month, gladden your eyes, and rejoice your heart.

Business Notices.

The Age of Improvement is now, and you may savor it your "fast young men" as much as you please, but one has to be fast, now-a-days, to keep up with the times. "Things ain't now as they used to be," but everything is made to keep pace with railroad cars going at the rate of 60 miles a minute, and telegraphic communications that reach their destination before they are sent. The person that don't visit STORR'S Store, to see his new arrivals, may be set down as a decidedly "old fogey." We stepped in at his Store on Monday evening last, and must say that his stock in point of variety, and beauty and richness of styles and patterns, is not surpassed by any in town.

BAKER, the fugitive murderer of Bill Poole, has not yet been heard of, but tidings of the chase after him are expected soon, and then there will be a fresh excitement. In the meantime everything is quiet. People are cleaning house and getting ready for spring, and crowds of gentlemen are rushing to the New Clothing Store of Lichtenwalner & Stettler. See advertisement.

RUNS & WITTS, Wholesale and Retail Boot and Shoe Manufacturers, have awakened up this Spring, and drive business with more life and energy even than has been their wont heretofore. They have one of the most elegant establishments to be found anywhere out of the cities—arranged tastefully and methodically.—They keep everything prime—the best or none, is their motto, and it is a correct one. See their advertisement.

S. H. LACIER, at Catasauqua, through our columns, invites the attention of the community in that section of the country, to his very fine stock of Goods just received, which he selected with great care from the New York and Philadelphia Markets.

The different Millinery establishments make pretty bold declarations of their intentions to serve the ladies faithfully and satisfactorily this Summer. See the different advertisements.

New Potatoes.—The Augusta (Geo.) Chronicle announces the receipt of a fine basket of new and delicious potatoes.

PRICE OF PRODUCE IN NEW YORK.

Flour has advanced 12 to 18 cents per barrel. The prices are \$9.44 to \$9.62 per barrel for common to good State, up to \$11.50 to \$12.87 for extra Genesee. Canadian flour sold at \$10 to \$10.50 for common to best extra. Rye flour, \$6.31 to \$7.75 per barrel, being an advance of 25 cents. Corn meal has also improved.—Jersey has sold at \$4.87 to \$4.93, and Brandywine at \$5 to \$5.12 per barrel. Buckwheat at the old prices. Wheat has been limited in supply, and sold at higher rates. Michigan has sold at \$2.70; Southern white at \$2.70.—Rye has been in demand and has improved.—Jersey sold at \$4.45 per bushel, and Northern at \$1.50. Oats were in good demand. State and Western sold at 73 to 78 cents per bushel. Corn is higher. Western mixed sold at \$1.08 per bushel; Southern white and yellow, \$1.08 to \$1.10. First quality beef cattle sold at 11 1/2 to 12 cents per pound; some very extra, 12 1/2 to 13 cents. Veal 4 to 7 cents per pound; grass calves, \$3 to \$7 each. Common sheep sold at \$5.50 to \$8; extra \$10 to \$12; lambs \$5 to \$7. Ohio corn-fed hogs, 5 1/2 to 6 cents per pound; hogs for packing, 6 1/2 to 6 cents per pound; best 7 1/2 to 7 1/2 cents. In the retail provision market prices were never higher than at present. Butter is outrageously dear, averaging from 20 cents for cheap Western; to 42 cents for first class Orange county. Eggs are remarkably dear, being two cents apiece by the dozen. North river and southern shad are selling at three and five shillings each. Vegetables are scarce. Potatoes were sold at 30 cents a half peck, which is a rise of sixpence on the price of last week. Salad, radishes and water-cresses are now in market. Tomatoes are selling at 37 cents per quart; radishes at 12 cents per bunch. Green peas have arrived but are held high, and can be bought only by the rich. The high prices of all kinds of meats and vegetables bear heavily on poor people, they having to pay six cents per pound, or forty cents for seven pounds, by retail, for that article, and this, too, for the poorest stuff in the market.—New York Paper.

A WHOLE FAMILY MURDERED.—The Washoe (Va.) Gazette contains the particulars of the murder of a whole family of seven persons, named French—father, mother, three girls and two boys. Their bodies were all found buried under the floor of a cabin they occupied. They were murdered by another family named Hubbard, for the purpose of getting possession of property not worth more than fifty dollars.—The monsters Hubbard—husband and wife—are under arrest for murdering still another family named Boyle.

A CHECK TO IMMIGRATION.—It appears, from official reports, that at the chief places for the embarkation of immigrants, the number that arrived in this country during the first quarter of 1855 is less than half the average of several preceding years. The war in Europe is taking off the surplus population, and employment and high wages for those who remain at home those who usually immigrate because of want of work. Whether this stoppage to immigration, with the lands of the great West open and ready for agricultural cultivation, will be a public advantage or not, remains for time to determine.

TRAINING A BALKY HORSE.—The Michigan Farmer says, a horse became balky in Detroit a short time since, and neither whipping nor coaxing could make him stir. A rope was fastened round his neck, and he was dragged a short distance by another team, but this did not effect a cure. The rope was then taken from his neck, passed between his legs, and fastened firmly to his tail. In this manner he was drawn a short distance, and when the rope was taken off, the hitherto unruly animal was perfectly obedient to the will of his master. We have seen this method tried with similar results.

A COLD PLACE.—Mr. Nicholas Swartz, of Point Pleasant, informs us that about five or six weeks since, while filling his ice house, he cut a snake upwards of four feet long out of a solid cake of ice. The snake was as solid as the ice itself, but afterwards showed some signs of vitality. He was sorry afterwards that he did not make an attempt to thaw the snake, and bring his snakeship to life again—just as a matter of experiment.—Bucks Co. Intel.

MONUMENT DEDICATION.—A fine military display took place in Philadelphia on Wednesday, on the occasion of the dedication of the monument of the Scott Legion, in Glenwood Cemetery. A part of the Legion appeared in uniform similar to that worn by them in Mexico. The military parade consisted of one company of cavalry, ten of infantry, two of artillery, and four of rifles. On reaching the Cemetery, an oration was delivered by Joel B. Sutherland.

JOHNSTON vs. DARSIE.—The Chambersburg Whig has information that Gov. Johnston has signified his willingness to accept the K. N. nomination for State Senator in the Allegheny district at the next election, and that the nomination will be conceded to him. On the other side, it is understood that George Darsie, present member, will be supported by a fusion of the old line Whigs and Democrats. This will make an interesting and exciting contest.

A MISSISSIPPI MIRACLE.—The Quitman, (Mississippi) Intelligencer, of the 16th of March says, that a week or two previous, a woman in Kemper county, in that State, "gave birth to a child covered all over with hair. It lived three hours and spoke three distinct words—'seven years famine.' The strangest thing about it is, half the population of Kemper believe it, and are struck with terror at the portentous warning." Cannot some of our churches send a few missionaries to that benighted region?

Execution for Murder.

ELKTON, Md., April 20th, 1855. Robert Swift was executed at Elkton, Md., to-day. He was convicted at the last fall term of the Cecil County Court, of the murder of a man, named Killour, residing in Harford county. Swift was a man over six feet in height, and weighed, at the time of his conviction, near two hundred pounds, but the effects of his imprisonment, and the awful situation in which he was, placed him to at least one hundred and fifty pounds.

The prisoner, since his conviction, has been attended by the Rev. E. J. Way, of Philadelphia, and last night, in his presence, and that of Rev. Mr. Hurn, Wm. Torbert and others, the prisoner professed entire faith in the redeeming power of the Saviour. These gentlemen left him at eleven o'clock, when the prisoner retired and slept soundly, until he was aroused this morning, and after partaking of a slight breakfast, joined with apparent sincerity in religious exercises, which were closed by the administration of the Lord's Supper.

The prisoner was conducted from the jail to the top of a high hill, surrounded by stunted cedars, oaks, &c., a mile and a half from the town, guarded by several military companies, under the command of Col. Howard, the sheriff deeming this course necessary, as it was feared that a large concourse of persons would be present from Philadelphia and Baltimore. The unhappy prisoner, on reaching the scaffold, ascended to the platform with a firm step, and during the religious services thereon, frequently exclaimed in a loud voice, "Lord help us; Lord be merciful; bless the Lord!" &c. After all had shaken hands with the condemned, the sheriff removed the key holding the drop, and the unfortunate man was left suspended in mid-air. Owing to the shortness of the drop, or an improper adjustment of the rope, the condemned struggled hard for seven minutes, during which time he made a number of efforts to clutch the uprights or supports of the scaffold. The crowd on the ground numbered about two thousand, among whom we noticed a dozen women.

After the body had been suspended about thirty minutes, it was examined by Dr. Emory, then cut down and given in charge of a relative, who removed it to Harford county, his native place.

The utmost decorum was preserved, and we noticed a pitying tear from many eyes, as they viewed the sad spectacle. The appearance of the condemned was rather prepossessing, tall and muscular, his head being nearly bald, giving him quite an intellectual appearance.

The prisoner, during his confinement, confessed to the Rev. Mr. Way that he shot Killour with a double-barreled gun, firing both barrels at the same time; that the murder was not premeditated, but, having heard that Killour had charged him (Swift) with stealing water-melons, and also that Killour had threatened to shoot him, he (Swift), on passing Killour's establishment, and being set upon by Killour's dog, and being under the impression that he had been induced by his master to run at him, fired his gun, inflicting the wounds which resulted in Killour's death.

A few nights previous to the day appointed for the execution, Swift made an attempt to escape from prison, by picking a hole through the wall. He was only prevented from succeeding by the cries of a negro in the prison, who attracted the attention of the Sheriff. On entering the prisoner's room, he pretended to be in a deep sleep; but, on an examination, it was found that he was shamming.

PRODUCTION OF LOCOMOTIVES.—There are 40 locomotive shops in the United States, 10 of which are west of the Alleghenies. These works are capable of producing 1200 locomotives per annum. About 400 engines are required yearly to replace the depreciation of existing engines. The other 800 are required for new roads, and the increase of business on existing roads. 2,000 miles of new road, opened yearly require about 500 engines for first equipment.

FAST NAGS.—A GREAT RACE came off on the Metairie course, New Orleans, on the 10th inst., between Brown Dick, a colt, belonging to Col. Goldsby, Arrow, Mary Taylor, and Hornpipe. The race was three mile heats, and was won by Brown Dick, and the first heat was run in 5.30 1/2, and the second in 5.28, a performance which astonished the sporting world, and surpassed, it is said, by far the performances on any other turf in America or Europe.

A MAMMOTH TIME-PIECE.—The largest clock ever constructed has just been furnished by Mr. Dent for the new houses of Parliament, London. The dials are twenty-two feet in diameter; the point of the minute-hand will therefore move nearly fourteen inches every minute. The pendulum is fifteen feet long. The hour bell is eight feet high, and weighs fifteen tons. The hammer weighs four cwt. The clock, as a whole, is eight times as large as a full-sized cathedral clock.

RELATIVE SPEED.—The velocity of a ship is from 8 to 12 miles an hour; of a race-horse, from 29 to 30 miles; of a bird, from 50 to 60 miles; of the clouds in a violent hurricane, 80 to 100 miles; of sound, 823 miles; of a cannon ball, as found by experiment, from 600 to 1000 miles; of the earth round the sun, 68,000 miles; of light, about 800,000 miles, passing from the sun to the earth, 95,000,000, in about eight minutes, or about a million times swifter than a cannon ball.

A NOVEL THEORY.—A new idea with regard to the cholera was started a short time since, by an American physician. He maintains that sores of any kind will act as a preventive to the cholera. He accordingly recommends that on the appearance of the cholera all people shall be inoculated by caustic issue. The idea has been lately tested in St. Petersburg with very satisfactory results.

Legislative Proceedings.

SENATE.

On the 14th, Mr. Fry read in place a bill, to change the name of the Northampton Water Company.

On the 16th of April, Mr. Fry presented a petition from the citizens of Northampton county, to change a ferry over the Delaware river at Mount Bethel, in said county.

On the 17th of April, Mr. Fry read in place a bill to authorize the Allentown academy to borrow money; which, on his motion, was forthwith taken up.

Mr. Price showed from the general law that the courts had power in the case; when Mr. Fry, on leave, withdrew the bill.

RARE INSTANCE OF LONGEVITY.—Died, at the house of her son, George K. Smith, in Selinsgrove, Pa., the 15th of March, 1855, Widow Rebecca Smith, lacking but two months of being one hundred and twenty-five years of age. Her birth is identified by a Record in a Testament, copied by the family physician, Dr. Sample, (since deceased,) from the Records of the Thomas family, of Havre de Grace, Maryland, where her birth is recorded in May, 1730. She was a slave in that family, but with her husband obtained her freedom, and about the year 1800 removed, with Dr. Sample and other families, to Strasburg, Lancaster Co. Pa.—She had four children, born at intervals of ten or twelve years, the last of which she bore when over ninety years old. She retained her senses almost perfectly until the end of life, and sustained herself by ordinary household labor, until last December, when her strength began to fail, and she gradually died with no particular disease manifesting itself. She had the usual characteristics of longevity, having descended from long lived parents, was "early to bed and early to rise," a moderate eater, strictly temperate in all things, and never sleeping in a room with fire. She united with the Methodists, upon the first organization of the denomination in America. The record having been confirmed by her memory of events of over a century's occurrence, her age is doubtless correct; and the other particulars we derive from her son, an intelligent and respectable barber, who has recently established himself in Lewisburg.

The birth of Mrs. S. was, by the account, two years before that of Washington, and she was full a quarter of a century old at the death of Braddock. She was much older than the United States—older than the Methodist denomination; and a thousand events, to which we look as "far up the stream of time," were to her but as parts and parcels of her own history—only "things of yesterday!"

TRAGICAL AFFAIR.—A FATHER KILLED BY HIS SON.—A tragical occurrence took place about three miles from Rushville, Ill., last week. A respectable citizen was chastising one of his sons, for some misdemeanor, when an elder son, who from some early symptoms of insanity of mind, has been permitted to grow up to some eighteen years, unknown to restraint, thinking his brother's fault too trivial to merit such punishment, flew at his father and struck him so violently on the head with a spade, repeating the blow, that after lingering a few hours he died next morning. Nothing has been done with the murderer, who it is said waited on his father in his dying hours with scrupulous attention to his wants, but with apparently quite apathetic feelings in reference to the circumstance.

NEWLY DISCOVERED FISH-BAIT.—The Free Press published at Burlington, Vermont, states that a short time ago, a wood-chopper at Hyde Park, in that State, being thirsty with labor, chopped a hole in the ice of a mountain stream, and laid himself down to drink. While in the act, his nose was suddenly seized by a hungry leviathan of the brook, which buried its teeth deeply in his nasal organ. The astonished wood-chopper threw up his head with a jerk, and pulled out upon the ice a splendid trout, weighing two and a half pounds! The editor of the Free Press has talked with a man who saw the lacerated and swollen nose, and vouches for the authenticity of the story. The expense of this new kind of bait will probably prevent its general use.

CURIOS FACTS.—If a tallow candle be placed in a gun and shot at a door, it will go through without sustaining any injury; and if a musket ball be fired into water, it will not only rebound, but be flattened, as if fired against a solid substance. A musket ball may be fired through a pane of glass, making a hole the size of the ball, without cracking the glass; if the glass be suspended by a thread, it will make no difference, and the thread will not even vibrate. Cork, if sunk two hundred feet in the ocean, will not rise on account of the pressure of the water. In the arctic regions, when the thermometer is below zero, persons can converse more than a mile distant. Dr. Jamieson asserts that he heard every word of a sermon at the distance of two miles.

HOW MILWAUKIE GROWS.—Milwaukee, the big town of Wisconsin, is only twenty years old, and it has a population this day of 40,000.—It was laid out in 1835; in 1838 the population was 700; in 1847, 14,000; in 1850, 20,000; in 1855, 40,000. Banking capital amounts to \$750,000, but they say the business requires \$3,000,000. The Manufacturers during the year amounted in value to \$4,000,000, against \$2,100,000 in 1853; showing that the amount has doubled in two years. The imports were \$11,000,000; the exports \$7,700,000. Divide up these amounts among 40,000 men, women and young ones, and you have a sum total to each that is a comfortable amount to think of—be it as imports, exports or manufactures only. The Pork packed last year amounted in value to \$313,000.

Odds and Ends.

- California has no bank.
Long ears generally indicate a short head.
Self-exaltation is the fool's paradise.
Strawberries are abundant in the New Orleans market. O, cream-iny!
California emigration has again become large.
A Prohibitory Liquor Law is in operation in Kansas.
It is said that New York has a non-resident floating population of 100,000.
There are fourteen papers published in foreign languages in New York city.
The floating debt of Baltimore is estimated at \$682,000.
He who pretends to be everybody's friend is nobody's.
Error hurts an empty head most as much as poison does an empty stomach.
The New York Canals will not be opened until the 1st of May.
In the Eastern State Penitentiary there are 270 convicts.
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SALLY JONES says, when she was in love, she felt as if she was in a tunnel, with a train of cars coming both ways.
Barnum has an elephant on his farm, near Bridgeport, which he employs in helping to plough the ground.
The Mayor of Rochester has notified all the barbers that they must not open their shops on the Sabbath hereafter.
Nearly all the wine on the Moselle has been purchased by the French Government, to be sent to the army in the Crimea.
A woman, aged 98, lately died in Cuba, leaving 15 sons, 150 grandsons, 153 great-grandsons, and 6 great-great-grandsons.
Louis Kossuth has become connected with the London Atlas, a weekly paper of high standing.
Sales of oats have been made in New York, it is stated, at 82 cents per bushel, for the Crimea.
Some malicious persons assert that the letters M. D. which are placed after physicians names signify Money Down. Our imp, (Bully,) says they mean Man Destroyer.
There is an abundance of stone-coal in all parts of the Territory of Nebraska. Fine specimens have been found at the mouth of the Platte river.
The soup-houses in Boston have closed for the season, after having distributed 17,477 gallons of soup which cost nearly 8 cents per gallon.
The House of Representatives of Wisconsin, by a vote of 41 to 27, have restored the death penalty in that State. The Senate have yet to act upon the matter.
One young man in the vicinity of Boston shot himself last week, because he could not get a wife, and another because he could not get a divorce.
Ten dollar notes of the Exchange Bank of Pittsburg, altered to \$50's, are in circulation.
England imported 30,543,533 pounds of tobacco in 1854, from which she received a revenue of 24,648,478.
A hen's egg was found on the 11th inst., at Chillicothe, Ohio, in a huckster's lot, with protuberated letters in the shell containing these words:—"Consuming fire in 1856."
John Adams, warring on the moustacho, says its influence on the lower part of the intestinal tube, tends to constipation. Young men—this requires looking to.
There is a lady somewhere near Cincinnati that talks so fast and so much that her neighbors were compelled to indict her as a nuisance.
There are 123 banks in the State of Indiana. Of these 15 are at par in Cincinnati, the balance varying between 5 and 75 per cent. discount.
A wife cannot make home comfortable who "dears" and "my loves" and "pets" her husband, and don't sew the buttons on his shirts, or the tapes on his drawers.
It shows good sense when a girl who has been jilted is cautious how she forms a fresh engagement. Continue to be attentive, but not too importunate. Honest love half returned soon warms into a mutual flame.
A PARENTAL VILLAIN.—John B. Ascoug, aged 41, has been found guilty at Manby, England, for a rape upon his own daughter, aged 10 years. The fellow overcame the girl's resistance by threats. He was sentenced to transportation for life.
GOOD.—A lawyer being sick, made his last will, and gave all his estate to fools and mad men. Being asked the reason for so doing he said,—"From such I had it, and to such I give it again."
Lovers' quarrels are like April showers—soon over; and to some dispositions they seem to be quite as necessary as those spring visitations are to the earth. Smile kindly on the returned truant. In those matters there are faults on both sides.
The census of the Philadelphia Almshouse shows it to contain 2133 persons, being an increase of 321 over the number at the same time last year. Number of persons receiving out-door relief, 2173, of whom 802 are Americans, 871 Irish, 203 Germans.
DIFFICULTIES WITH SPAIN.—All accounts concur in the belief that a large and efficient fleet is to be despatched by our government to cruise in the gulf of Mexico, with an eye on Cuba and Spanish men-of-war. But all this is not "war on Spain;" it is simply protection of our commerce. We apprehend that Spanish outrages in the gulf will soon cease—or if they are repeated, it will be manifested that Spain is backed by England and France. If so, we ought to know it. The sooner the better. "The President is for war," say the letter writers. We guess not—but for peace, to be procured by resenting insults.