

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1855.

C. F. HAINES, EDITOR.

F. H. Weidner, Variety of Flowers, Diploma...

NO. 17. HOME DEPARTMENT.

The undersigned Committee respectfully report the following premiums and diplomas, namely...

NO. 18. PLOUGHING.

Tilghman Beary, best ploughman, \$5...

NO. 19. NON ENUMERATED ARTICLES.

The undersigned Committee herewith report that they have examined the articles submitted to them...

FROM CALIFORNIA.—The steamship Northern Light arrived at New York, on Saturday...

At a meeting of the Directors of the Allentown Bank, Dr. CHARLES H. MARTIN was unanimously elected to fill the vacancy in the Board occasioned by the death of Solomon L. Keck.

We to-day give on our first page the list of premiums awarded at the late Fair. It will no doubt be read with interest...

Allentown and Port Clinton Railroad. The corps of engineers engaged in making a survey of the Allentown and Port Clinton Railroad have progressed as far up the Little Lehigh creek as the Salisburg Church...

In another column of to-day's paper will be found the official vote for Canal Commissioner. It will be seen that Plumer has a majority over Nicholson of 11,536, making a change in the Democratic vote as compared with last year of near 50,000.

We would respectfully call the attention of our Board of School Directors, to the importance of commencing a free night school for the benefit of those boys and young men who have not the chance of attending the day schools...

Fine Grapes. To Mr. THEOPHILUS HARTMAN, of Upper Merion township, we are indebted for a quantity of remarkably fine Isabella Grapes.

Townsend's Theatrical Company, from the New York Theatres, has been performing at the Odd Fellows Hall, since Thursday evening.

In the early part of last week, a man named FRY, aged about 70 years, living near Springtown, had his arm caught in a threshing machine while engaged in feeding.

CAUTION. We would have the public on the lookout for a certain red-haired gentleman (!) who would like to be considered a white man, and who is in the habit of unkindly "taking in" poor widows who have kindly taken him in...

Notwithstanding the admitted abundant crops throughout the United States, the prices continue "up"—wheat varying not much from two dollars a bushel—a very remunerative price for the farmer.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Lehigh County Agricultural Society was held at the house of John Y. Bechtel, on Saturday, October 13th, 1855.

Resolved, That Dr. D. O. Moser act as President, pro tem, and C. Pretz, Secretary, pro tem.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Society be tendered to all those persons who took an active part in conducting the late Exhibition, and particularly to the Rev. Jacob Vogelbach and Robt. E. Wright, Esq., for their excellent addresses...

Resolved, That the three acres of land adjoining the fair ground on the north be purchased, and that H. J. Schantz, Isaac Hartman and A. G. Reninger be a committee to purchase the same.

After an interview with Owen Saeger, (the owner of three acres of land) the said committee reported that said land can be purchased for twelve hundred dollars—whereupon it was resolved unanimously that said Committee be and hereby is instructed to purchase at that price. Adjourned.

Allentown Teachers and Directors Association. This Association met in the Eastern School House on Monday evening, Oct. 15th, at 7 o'clock.

It was then resolved that the association meet once in two weeks, on Monday evening at the same hour and place.

It was further resolved that the proceedings of the meeting be published in the papers of the Borough, and that a general invitation be given to the friends of education throughout the county to attend and participate in the meetings of the association.

The subject for discussion at the next meeting (Monday evening October 29th), is that of "Reading." Some remarks, accompanied with illustrations, upon the subject of Physiology, may also be expected.

THE SALE OF THE MAIN LINE.—Sealed proposals for the purchase of the Main Line of the State Works, will be received at the office of the Commonwealth, until Monday the 24th of December next.

It is stated that the war has already imposed upon Turkey, expenses to the amount of 300,000,000 of francs.

Mary Ann Conway, affirmed.—At a quarter before twelve this day I met this woman (Mary Snyder) between Fetter's tavern and Doster's Factory (about 5 or 600 yards from her house) and she told me her child was dead.

The editor of the Valley Times was present at the examination and reported the proceedings as follows: The Jurors being duly sworn, proceeded to the room and examined the body.

Doctors stated in the first place, that the child had been vomiting, which evidence he found in the bed. Pronounced the child healthy—breast bone removed, and bowels, lungs &c., became exposed—bowels looked healthy, but very much enlarged or bloated—net healthy—vessels of stomach much injected with blood—exterior of stomach inflamed—liver perfectly natural—Lungs looked blue and were overfilled with blood—heart sound and perfectly healthy liver perfect—bowels a light bluish color—pancreas perfectly sound.

Mary Snyder, sworn.—I am the dead child's mother. Last evening the child stripped and went to bed,—don't know the hour, but think it was between 7 and 9. I was away four days—last evening the child ate an apple, nothing else,—my husband is alive for all I know,—don't live with him,—his name is Frank Snyder,—Cornelia is the child's name; she was well yesterday and went to bed between 7 and 9,—stripped herself,—after being in bed she complained of pain in her breast,—I greased it with lard,—child went to sleep and slept till 12 (midnight) when she passed stool and I attended her—put her back to bed and covered her up warm and she was quiet.

Question by Dr. Wilhelm.—"Did you notice whether the child had any cough during the last week or ten days?" Answer.—"I can hardly say. I am uncertain whether she had cough or not, couldn't say she was short of breath. Last night she had short breath but not before."

Additional answers to questions by Drs. and Jurors.—"I do not know the cause of child's sudden death,—what she had been eating I cannot say,—know nothing but her complaint of pain in breast—was rattling pain—greased it as said before. I went to bed,—child slept behind and I in front—don't know whether child vomited during the night—don't know why I did not go or send for the doctor when I found the child indisposed—didn't think it worth while."

Question—Did you not tell Dr. Hillman and Mr. Borhek that you was sitting up sewing till near 12 o'clock last night?" Answer.—"I don't remember having said so."

Question—Why did you not tell Dr. Hillman that the child died at 9 o'clock this morning?" Answer.—"I don't distinctly remember what I told him."

Question—Did you not see, or order the child to be still during the night?" Answer.—"I don't remember whether I did."

Question—Did you not see, or order the child to be still during the night?" Answer.—"I cannot. It may have died of the croup. I have seen children die of croup, and their deaths appeared similar."

Question—Did you not walk out this (Canal) street, this morning, between 9 and 10 o'clock?" Answer.—"I don't know, for my clock is not going right, and I could not see the town clock, so I don't know."

Answers to additional Questions.—I did not walk out this street between 9 and 10 o'clock this day. Child was four years old on the 13th of September last. Did not think it worth while to send for the doctor.

A number of other questions were asked in relation to her apparently strange conduct, but no satisfactory answers were given. Lewis Rostetter, sworn.—I live in this house, only a partition and door between our room and this. Last night, I woke up, and heard the child crying and heard the mother say "sey still, sey still," (be still). I could hear distinctly, do not know what hour, think it was after twelve and towards daylight,—child fretted, but not very loud when I heard it—only heard it a very short time, perhaps a minute—saw child at six o'clock last evening, it appeared in good health as usual. I went out at 7 this morning through the back door and gate—went up to town, and returned at quarter before eight, at which time door of this (Mary Snyder's) room was yet locked. Last night about 6 o'clock, as I generally do, I locked the front door.

North Pennsylvania Railroad. This road, as our readers are aware, was formally opened by Gwynedd, in Montgomery county, on the second day of July, and since that time has been in successful operation to that point, a distance of nineteen miles, through a beautiful and populous country.

It is said to be the purpose of the Company, as the graduation of connecting sections is completed, to lay down the rails northward from Gwynedd, and southward from the Lehigh river, and thereby complete the road from both ends towards the big tunnel, near Sellersville, so that, when the latter is opened, the cars can at once pass through to the Lehigh region. The work on the tunnel is being driven with extreme vigor. The men employed in this subterranean task are engaged three times a day, each set working eight hours without respite. The estimated cash cost, under existing contracts, of the graduation and masonry remaining to be done from October first, instant, on both the main road to the Lehigh river and the branch road to Doylestown, is less than three hundred and fifty thousand dollars. To raise means to complete the graduation and masonry, lay down the track, and equip the road, the Company rely on the sale of bonds, secured by a first mortgage on their whole work—a security resting on a stock basis of more than two millions seven hundred thousand dollars. The Company, we understand, are receiving bids for one million of their bonds. In the lists shown to us, we found the names of many capitalists and business men of well known enterprise and sagacity, including Chas. Henry Fisher, Isaac R. Davis, Charles Macalister, John Welsh, John A. Brown, A. S. & E. Roberts & Co., Henry Farum & Co., Isaac S. Waterman, S. A. Mercer, John Brook, Inacker Lea & Co., A. Pardee & Co., S. Morris Walsh, John Jordan, Jr., Browns & Bowen, James Kent, Santec & Co., and others, of the city of Philadelphia and adjacent counties. The price at which the bonds of other Companies have recently been negotiated, was, of course, considered when the North Pennsylvania Railroad Company fixed a price at which they are willing to sell one million of dollars of their bonds, at seventy-five per cent. The portion of the road now in use is earning interest on a larger principal than will be represented by the bonds, whose proceeds will be required for graduation purposes. The European market, in the present conjuncture of affairs, cannot be relied on to absorb new American securities. New companies, therefore, for their immediate wants, must rely on the community most interested in their work. And as the North Pennsylvania Railroad, now so near its completion, is a work of imperative commercial necessity, by which alone Philadelphia can hope to compete successfully with New York for the vast and profitable mineral and miscellaneous trade of the Lehigh Valley region, it must be completed. In an incomplete state, a railroad is of little value to its owners, or to the community, while a complete railroad is of great value both to its owners and the community. Hence it is, doubtless, with the view of obtaining promptly the means to complete and open their road to Doylestown in the spring and prepare without any loss of time, the bed of the main road for the iron to the Lehigh river, that the North Pennsylvania Railroad Company have offered a certain amount of their bonds at seventy-five per cent.—Phila. North American.

THE WAR NEWS.—In the accounts brought by the last mail from Europe, the details of the operations in the Crimea since the occupation of Sebastopol by the allies are somewhat confused, but there were active and vigorous preparations making for another conflict, which will doubtless lead to an immediate and a decisive engagement. If the story be true that the allies have determined to raze Sebastopol, it is quite certain that they do not intend to remain long in that stronghold, and the future engagements will take place on a new field.—The Baltic fleet is not to return home, and there are no indications of a movement toward peace. The war is to be prolonged—new armies are to be levied—new taxes to be laid—and new loans to be raised. Hereafter, since the war commenced, the allies have been indulging in military shows and visions of glory; hereafter, they have got to endure the hardships and privations which great wars must of necessity entail upon those who indulge in them. With short crops in England and France, and exhausted treasuries, the prospect is not a flattering one for either country.

NEVER DESPAIR.—Seven years ago, Myron H. Clark kept a one-horse hardware store. In 1849 Myron H. Clark was a deputy sheriff.—In 1850 Myron H. Clark was one of the marshals for taking the census of a one-horse village. In 1853 Myron H. Clark was elected Senator. Myron H. Clark is now Governor of New York. Think of Myron H. Clark, and never say die. The man who will be President in 1870, is now, probably, peddling India rubber traps. Again, we repeat, never despair.—Albany Tribune.

AN IMMENSE YIELD.—Mr. Alexander Johnson, of Mispillion Hundred, Del., has a field of corn that will yield over one hundred bushels to the acre. He has had one acre stacked off, and the corn gathered and measured, which made one hundred and eight bushels.

GREAT PIGEON MATCH.—The great shooting match for ten thousand dollars a side, between Mr. King, of Georgia, and Mr. Duncan, of Louisville, was decided in Cincinnati on Monday afternoon, Mr. Duncan winning the match by one bird. This has been, probably, the closest contest in the world, in the way of pigeon shooting, where so great a number of birds have been shot at. King hit 129, missed 21; Duncan hit 130, missed 20. Each had 75 shots with a double-barrelled gun. Mr. King's second finger of the right hand was pretty badly injured by the recoil of his gun, near the beginning of the first day's shooting.

THE WESTERN STATES.—The increase of the Free States of the west continues to be very large. There is not one of them which does not bid fair to become exceedingly populous.—Illinois and Indiana have each over a million of inhabitants, while Michigan, Wisconsin and Iowa have each over half a million. The soil in these States is excellent, and the influx of settlers rapid. In the last five years Wisconsin has added 270,000 to her population and now has 575,000. Iowa has increased still more largely. Judging from appearances, each of the States we have named seems likely to possess, not long hence, a population equal to that of Ohio.

GRAFTING FRUIT TREES.—An interesting discovery has been made in France with regard to engraving fruit trees. Instead of making use of a graft, a slip is taken from an apple tree, for example, and planted in a potatoe, so that a couple of inches of the slip remain visible. It soon takes root, develops itself, and finally becomes a handsome tree bearing fine fruit. This method is due to a Bohemian gardener.