

On our first page our readers will find the able address delivered before the Lehigh County Agricultural Society, at the last Fair, by ROBERT E. WAIGUT, Esq.

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On behalf of the members of this Association, I thank you for your liberal and enlightened appreciation of their efforts to please you and advance the interests which it was designed to foster and encourage.

That they have been active and energetic—that they have been successful, the result of their labors, these annual exhibitions, and this pleased assembly prove beyond a doubt.

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Our attention has on several occasions been directed to the shameful condition of the pavements on the north side of Hamilton street, between Eighth and Ninth.

On Thursday night last, the dwelling of Mr. George Curtis, in North Whitchall, was entered through the back door by some unknown person, and robbed of many valuable articles.

At a meeting of the Board of Managers of the Lehigh Navigation Company, on the 7th inst., it was resolved that the navigation of the Lehigh Canal be closed, for the season, on the 1st of December.

This talented company are now performing at the Odd Fellows' Hall, and attract large audiences nightly. The plays produced by them are of a higher order than we generally have the pleasure of witnessing in country towns.

Mr. F. M. Bates, who is now playing a star engagement, appeared on Monday evening as Count Escara, in the tragedy of the Apostate, and last evening was to appear as Ingomar, the barbarian, but was prevented by sickness.

The company leave in a few days, and we advise all who have not seen them to do so this week.

In one of the Mauch Chunk papers we see a call for a meeting for the purpose of forming an association to supply themselves with Flour, &c., at wholesale prices, and thus protect themselves from the rapacity of monopolizing speculators.

Look out for counterfeit half dollars. They are in circulation in New York, and may get into our vicinity very soon.

Cruelty to Animals.

The many more teams that daily pass through our streets very frequently give us occasion to witness acts of inhumanity, from things in human shape, toward their animals.

We read that men, in former times, did gloat over the sufferings of each other: did torment, with the cord, the fagot and the knife, their captive foes—but neither in savage nor civilized life do we find mention of mankind making merry over the bleeding body and broken limbs of dumb domestic animals.

This company will make their first appearance in winter uniform on Saturday afternoon next. We have no doubt the company will make a very imposing appearance, and draw crowds of admiring spectators into the streets.

Breakfasts and Prices.

A well informed correspondent of the National Intelligencer, speaking upon these subjects, says: "Large purchases will continue to be made in this market of breadstuffs for European account; but I am not among those who believe that prices are going up to exorbitant rates; but, on the contrary, I think the United States can readily supply what deficiency may exist in Europe (after including the supplies that can be obtained from other quarters) without materially affecting the present prices.

This, we think, a very just view of the subject. Our farmers have heretofore been so busy in getting in their fall crops, housing, ploughing, and sowing, that they have not generally thrashed out their wheat, and have not, consequently, carried it to market, which is the principal reason why there is so little flour in market, and one of the reasons why prices have been so high.

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Proceedings of Court.

Court convened Monday, November 5th.—Present all the Judges. The first week being for criminal business, the following cases were disposed of:

Commonwealth vs. Thomas Steffen.—Indictment for the larceny of a one dollar note, the property of Edward Yost. It was alleged the defendant entered the store of Yost last summer and stole the money. The defence denied the larceny, and the defendant being but 11 years of age, was not criminally guilty. Verdict of acquittal. Stiles for commonwealth; Moore and Bridges for defendant.

Commonwealth vs. William Ache.—Fornication and bastardy, on oath of Sarah Rothrock. Defence alleged that Sarah was mistaken as to time and as to the defendant being the right party. Verdict guilty—usual sentence. Stiles for commonwealth; Marx for defendant.

Commonwealth vs. Henry Shaffer.—Fornication and bastardy, on oath of Mary Ann Frederick. Defence alleged that Mary Ann had made am mistake in the time. Verdict guilty—sentenced to \$40 fine and costs. Stiles for commonwealth; Bridges for defendant.

Commonwealth vs. Samuel Dankel.—Indictment for malicious mischief, on oath of James S. Shoemaker. This case excited considerable interest, and a large number of witnesses were examined. Mr. Shoemaker is the principal of the High School at Emaus, and in May last, while he was returning from his school room about 9 o'clock in the evening, Dankel, as he (Shoemaker) alleged, discharged upon his person, by means of a syringe, a large quantity of turpentine, oil, lampblack, &c.

Commonwealth vs. Thomas McGuen.—Indictment for larceny of one axe and two iron wedges, property of Michael Wootring. Verdict not guilty. Stiles for commonwealth; Marx for defendant.

Commonwealth vs. Philip Triberger.—Indictment for larceny of a gun, the property of J. A. Kramer. Defendant plead guilty—sentenced to one day in county jail.

Commonwealth vs. Moses Lantz and Daniel Peter. Supervisors of Washington township.—Indictment for not repairing roads. It appeared that the road complained of was bad, dangerous, and some places impassable. Defence alleged the road was as good as they could make it, and was not in bad repair. Verdict guilty—sentenced \$10 fine and costs, and repair the road. Stiles for commonwealth, Marx for defendants.

Commonwealth vs. Jacob Dely.—Indictment for obstructing a public road in Hanover township. It appeared that the defendant had made a new post and rail fence along the public road leading from Bethlehem and Catasauqua, on his land, and it was alleged had placed the fence in the road. Defendant contended he had not removed the fence in the road. Verdict guilty, and sentenced to six cents fine and costs, and remove the nuisance. Stiles for commonwealth; Bridges for defendant.

Commonwealth vs. Henry Raub.—Larceny, on oath of Henry Buss. Bill ignored by grand jury.

Commonwealth vs. Mary Snyder.—Indictment for the murder of her child, Cornelia Snyder, in South Bethlehem. Ignored by the grand jury. The facts of this case, as elicited by the coroner's jury, we gave a couple of weeks since.

Commonwealth vs. William Coffin.—Indictment for riot at the Washington election. True bill returned by the grand jury, and a bench warrant awarded against the defendant.

The jury trials having been disposed of, the court was engaged up to Thursday evening with the argument list. The court then adjourned to Monday the 12th of November, for the trial of civil cases.

NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL FAIR.—The great National Agricultural Fair which was held at Boston, last week, seems to have given great satisfaction to those engaged in getting it up, to the exhibitors, the visitors and all concerned. The throng at the fair ground was immense. From a table published in the Boston Traveller, it appears that the total number of persons who came into the city on Thursday last, was eighty-seven thousand and sixteen, and the total number of persons who went out of the city on the same day was eighty-two thousand one hundred and six.

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Arrival of Ex-Governor Reeder.

Ex-Governor Reeder arrived at Easton on Tuesday the 6th instant, and was received at the cars by a very great assemblage of the people of Easton and the neighborhood, who were there to greet him with a hearty welcome home, and an earnest and warm approval of his course in the difficult and momentous affairs with which he has been so creditably and distinguishedly associated in Kansas.

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Our Chip Basket.

To repeat what you have heard in company is treachery. Chestnuts are unusually abundant this year in Western New York. A wise man knows his own ignorance; a fool thinks he knows everything.

In Putnam county, Va., last week, two hundred thousand dollars worth of mules were sold. Why are the United States colors like the stars in heaven? Because they are beyond the power of any nation to pull them down.

Lager beer has become so scarce at Newark that the dealers refuse to sell to any but their regular customers. All Too True.—It is about as hopeless to get a rich woman to live a life of common sense, as it is to get a rich man into the kingdom of Heaven.

The editor of the Eddyville, Iowa, Free Press boasts of a lady of that place, under twenty years of age, who has been the mother of seven children. From the first of January to the first of August, 1855, there were 320 murders and lynchings in California. Two persons were lawfully hanged.

The total number of applications for military bounty land, under the law of the last session of Congress, up to Wednesday night, is said to amount to 220,400. We know of no parallel to the sea for power, in proportion to bulk. It will draw on an ordinary surface seventy or eighty times its own bulk, and leap two hundred times its own height.

A young man visiting his mistress, met his rival, who was somewhat advanced in years, and wishing to rally him, inquired how old he was. "I can't exactly tell," replied the other, "but this I can tell you, that an ass is older at twenty than a man is at sixty."

The number of languages spoken throughout the world is 8064; of which 587 are in Europe, 896 in Asia, 270 in Africa, and 1254 in America. The inhabitants of the globe profess more than 1000 different religions. There are nearly as many males as females. The mean duration of human life is 23 years. One-fourth part of all children die before the age of seven years. The population of the globe is estimated at nearly 1,000,000,000 of whom about one-third die every ten years, or more than forty each second.

THREE THOUSAND BATS IN ONE HOUSE.—A gentleman of the county of Prince Edward, Virginia, as we learn from the Farmville Journal, having been compelled to abandon the use of the rooms of his dwelling, in consequence of the offensive smell produced by a large number of bats having taken up their residence under the weather boarding and the wall—determined a short time since to get rid of his troublesome visitors by pulling the apartment to pieces. He did so, and found them concealed under every plank and in every crevice, in multitudes almost too astonishing for belief. He estimates the number dead—and alive—to have been between two and three thousand!

MILK AND BUTTER.—In answer to the question, "how much milk does it take to make one pound of butter," a correspondent of the Agricultural Gazette states, as the result of 20 years' experience on dairy farms, he finds that it takes 2 gallons 5 1/2 pints of new milk to make one pound of butter for the summer half year; and 2 gallons 13 pints for the winter half year; or for the 12 months, 2 gallons 5 pints of new milk to make one pound of butter, and 24 pints of cream to make one pound of butter. The stocks from which the experiments were taken were chiefly what are known as the well-bred Irish cow.

WOOL AND ITS MANUFACTURE.—The consumption of wool in this country for the years 1853 and 1854, was about three hundred millions of pounds. Of this amount sixty millions pounds were raised here, twenty-one million were imported in the raw state, and one hundred and nineteen million in manufactured goods. Is it not apparent that by this system we are driving the products of our own country from the market, and inviting those of other countries?

CONVENTION OF HUSBANDS.—The papers state that a convention of husbands is to be called shortly at Syracuse, N. Y., to adopt some measures in regard to fashion. They say that since they have to support expenses of fashion they have the right to regulate its caprices. It is also said that a proposition to raise boys only, in future, is to come before the convention. The members are to resolve themselves into a husband's rights party.

CALIFORNIA PRODUCTIONS.—Among the wonders at the State Agricultural Exhibition in California were a calf, seven months and a half old, which weighed eight hundred pounds; two hogs which weighed 900 pounds, a sunflower, three feet in circumference; pea-nuts two inches long; a cluster of twelve large peaches on a single twig; and a stem of a peach tree, five feet long, containing thirty magnificent peaches, some of which measured seven inches in circumference.

ONE OF THE APPLES.—The Palmyra (Mo.) Whig, notices a mammoth pippin left at that office, weighing 254 ounces, and measuring 26 inches in circumference.

THE LAZY MAN'S BEDSTRAD.—Is the title given to an article of furniture which attracts much attention at the Fair of the American Institute in New York. It is described as a newly-invented bedstead, attached to the head of which is a small alarm clock, so connected with the bed that at a given moment the alarm bell will ring, and, in five minutes thereafter, if the sleeper does not arise, the mattress upsets, and he is straightway, and without any ceremony, tumbled out of bed. The difficulty will be in getting the article into practical use. Will a lazy man buy it?