

The Lehigh Register. ALLENTOWN, PA. WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1855. C. F. HAINES, EDITOR.

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To give our readers an idea of how things stand, we append the last ballot. Richardson, Dem., of Illinois, 75; Banks, Republican, 100; Pennington, 8; Fuller, American, of Pennsylvania, 30; with a number of scattering votes.

The Senate has organized under its old officers, elected its Chaplain, and is ready for business as soon as the House succeeds in effecting an organization.

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WINTER. December—cheerless, bleak December—is upon us, shaking his snowy locks in our faces, breathing his wintry blasts upon us, and walking up and down the earth with an icy tread.

Winter in our northern latitudes, though bleak and dreary, is not void of charms and pleasures. It brings with its biting air, its shroud of snow, a thousand little blessings which make the heart of man better and warmer than it was before.

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North Whitehall Teachers' Association. December 5th, 1855. Pursuant to public notice, this association met last Saturday, December 1st, at the usual time and place.

The president having called the house to order, the minutes of last meeting were read and, on motion, received and adopted. A neat and copious essay upon corporal punishment was then read by the author, Charles F. Pfeiffer.

Two appropriate and well written addresses were then delivered. The one in the German language, by F. G. Berndt, subject—"The school and its influence," the other in the English language, by W. F. A. Kohler, subject—"The Common School System."

The association then held an election for officers which resulted in the choice of H. H. Schwartz, A. B., for President; C. F. Pfeiffer, Recording, and H. H. Rhoads, Corresponding Secretary.

On motion the meeting adjourned to meet again on Saturday the 28th of December. The public is respectfully invited to attend.

H. H. RHOADS, Secretary.

Public Education. The correct moral and intellectual training of the rising generation not only tends to prevent but actually to lessen, every kind of wickedness.

Population of the Crimea. In the present state of things some exact information as to the population of the Crimea, may not be without interest to your readers.

Darkness. In consequence of some slight defect in the Gas Works, the gas lights for the last week or so were in rather a flickering condition, and on one or two occasions it was no go at all.

Brother Jonathan. CHRISTMAS IS BEING DUNGED PICTURES for Christmas is particularly funny this year. We don't know when we have had so good a laugh as while looking it over.

A New Medicine. When was there a time when there was not? asks the reader. There never was any very long time elapsed, we think, but some new nostrum made its appearance.

FROM CALIFORNIA.—The steamship Star of the West, arrived at New York on Thursday last, with dates to Nov. 5th. The steamship Sonora shipped \$2,000,000 in gold.

AMBROTTYPES. We invite the attention of our readers to the advertisement of Mr. S. W. Bunce. He has at great expense secured the right for taking Ambrotype pictures in this county, which are far superior in every respect to Daguerrotypes.

War in Kansas! At last, war appears to have commenced in the Territory of Kansas, between the "Free State" settlers and "Border Ruffians" and Missourians.

Up to the time of writing, only one side of the story has been received, which is, that near Hickory Point, three Free State men, armed with rifles, ordered a Mr. Coleman, a pro-slavery man of his claim, threatening to shoot him if he refused to leave.

By telegraph from St. Louis of the 3d inst., we learn that advices received from Kansas state that Governor Shannon had telegraphed to the President in relation to the threatening aspect of affairs, stating that one thousand men had arrived in the town of Lawrence, and rescued the ringleaders in the attack upon Mr. Coleman, of Hickory Point, who had been taken prisoner by Sheriff Douglass.

Despatches from Weston announce the starting news from Atchison, that the Free State officers had taken possession of important papers. An attack upon Atchison was anticipated, and a request had been sent to Weston for fifty armed men to aid in repelling the assault.

The National Intelligencer of the 3d confirms the reports received from Kansas. The despatch from Gov. Shannon, making a demand for troops, was received by President Pierce yesterday. It stated that civil war was threatened and requested prompt assistance.

Let us have it, brought him forward. He then said, "I'll give you Mickey Free's sea-fight song," and commenced, but after singing three lines stopped, saying, "Gentlemen, I can't go through with it; you must excuse me."

By the arrival at Halifax of the steamship Atlantic, we have news from Europe one week later. There is a report that General Canrobert has concluded a treaty of alliance between Sweden and the Western Powers, to take effect both by land and sea early in the spring.

Three magazines belonging to the French Artillery, had blown up near Inkermann, killing seventy soldiers and two officers, and wounding one hundred soldiers and ten officers. The magazines contained 30,000 kilogrammes of powder, 600,000 cartridges, and 300 shells, all of which were destroyed.

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Lynch Law in California. The California papers abound with accounts of crime. Murders appear to be of almost daily occurrence. Lynch Law, too, is carried out freely and frequently.

The Placerville American has the following account of a legal execution of two men, named Free and Crane, (the latter a firm believer in spiritualism), which took place at Coloma, on the 26th of October, in the presence of 6000 persons.

At 1 o'clock P. M., accompanied by Sheriff Carson and his assistants, the prisoners came forth and took their seats quite gayly in a wagon. Crane was elegantly dressed in a full summer suit of white—panties trimmed with blue, a blue sash, with rosette or star upon his breast, and looked and acted a perfect Kentucky gentleman.

Arriving at the foot of the gallows, both ascended with a firm step to the platform. Free, quite gaily (not being entirely unconfined) skipped upon the platform, smiling upon the arrangement. They were now permitted to address the assemblage.

Free said he had concluded not to make any remarks, as it would only excite the people present, and stepped back from the edge of the scaffold. Calls from the crowd of "Go on! let us have it," brought him forward.

They were clothed in the habiliments of the grave, and stepped upon the drop without the slightest apparent reluctance. The ropes were adjusted about their necks, a prayer offered up to the God of Heaven and of Earth for mercy on their souls, and with the "Amen" fell the drop and the two murderers.

The last words of Free were, "Now, boys, see that this is done up right." Crane's last words were "Susan, receive me; I'll soon be with you."

Free had, according to his confession and the evidence adduced on his trial, led a long career of crime. He married a good, true and virtuous woman, whose precepts and example had followed would have deferred him from vice. He, however, robbed her of all her money, and left for California some years ago.

THE SHORTEST DAY in the year is nine hours and four minutes in length. This will occur on the 18th of December, and the length of the day will only vary a fraction of a minute for nine days from that time, increasing a single minute on the 27th of December, when the day is nine hours and five minutes long.

WHAT GIVES THE SOUTH POWER.—The N. Y. Express gives an article, with a table, showing that the secret of the power of the South in Congress, is in keeping its members in those bodies continually. The north changes its representatives often, and in this way loses that power which old and experienced members command.

CAPTIVITY IN CHINA.—The special correspondent of the New York Times, writing from Canton, relates the following:

A woman was crucified for the crime of having given birth to one of the rebel chiefs. If a father is a rebel his family is considered the same, and the whole family, from the old man of four score, to the child of four years, share the same fate.

OLD BELL O'CONNOR.—Mr. Benjamin Adams, a genuine son of Connecticut, thus writes to the editor of the New York Tribune:

I wish to prove we have a Yankee born citizen who is superior on the violin to any that have come on the stage. I can do it. I can play four parts at one time on the violin. I can play whole pieces on one string with one finger only, and with rapidness, and many curious executions I can perform; also, my music will be wholly original, and behold to no foreign composer.

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET.—Chicago, as a great grain mart, is attracting much attention. Within the last eighteen days, says the Chicago Press, the Marine Bank has paid checks of Mr. E. H. Haddock, of Chicago, to the amount of \$1,200,000, all of which have been given for the purchase of wheat.

POWDER MILL EXPLOSION.—We learn that an explosion took place about 8 o'clock on Tuesday morning, at the powder mill of Mr. Johnson, situated a short distance below Norristown, in consequence of the derangement of the machinery, whereby 500 pounds of the dangerous compound was ignited.

DURATION OF POSTS.—The result of forty years, experience and observation with me is, that common fence posts set in the ground green, and butt end downwards, will last, in a sandy loam about ten years.

THE GRAPE CROP OF CALIFORNIA.—The grape crop of California is said to be very large this year. Last year there were shipped to San Francisco from Southern California not over 500 tons of grapes; whereas this year it is confidently believed the shipments will reach 1,500 tons, exclusive of 200,000 gallons of wine which will be manufactured at Los Angeles.

NOVEL LEGISLATION.—In the House of Representatives of Pennsylvania, in 1833, while a bill granting pensions to certain revolutionary veterans was pending in that body, Mr. Matthias moved to add a gratuity of forty dollars to one Sarah Cross "the sweetheart of an old soldier," which motion prevailed, 45 to 26!

A gentleman residing in Mount Vernon, Me., has raised in the open air, for the last three years, the coffee plant, the seed of which was brought five years ago from Cuba. It grows about two feet high, and produces its berries in pods resembling like peas. The plants, he says, have matured, even this season, and berries ripened without injury.

CIGARS.—Our young friend C. H. Rura last week favored us with a bunch of Opera cigars of exceeding fine flavor. Those who use the weed will always find a good article at his store.