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Early History of Allentown.

To turn back to the past and recall to memory scenes of the "good old times" when our forefathers "pitched their tents upon the hill," is always a pleasing task.

The site of our town and the surrounding country, before the Penn treaty, belonged to the Leckhaw or Lehi tribe of Indians, a branch of the Delawares.

The first mention of the site, whereon the present town is now situated, is found in a draft made by J. Schultz, in 1753, who had surveyed a road from Easton to Reading.

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It was not until 1762, however, that Allentown was surveyed and laid out as a town. In this year a petition was sent to the court, signed by Peter Kohler, Paul Balliet, Lorenzo Gath, and others, praying "for a public road from Kohler's mill to the place where at present a town is being surveyed and laid out."

In 1766 the number of houses had increased to 33, and in 1774 to 49. Among those who arrived from Europe in 1779 were Doctor Gottlieb Bolzius and Martin Marthogi.

In 1776 there were 54 houses, of which number 7 were taverns, (they must have imbed some at that time.) The taverns were kept by Hanneckel Fuchs, Balte Huber, Henry Hagenbuch, Michael Kitchner, Michael Shroeder, Geo. Weiss and Philip Klotz; two shop-keepers, George Graff and Philip Boehm; one potter, Abraham Albert; one mason, James Preston; one doctor, Gottlieb Bolzius; one hatter, Peter Berger, one wheelwright, Joseph Derr; two blacksmiths, Martin Frayley and Mathias Ringle; one watchmaker, Henry Gottshalk; three shoemakers, Henry Gross, Philip Klotz and George Schreiber; three tailors, Andrew Gangwere, Peter Miller and Abraham Savitz; one tobacconist, Peter Keiper; one saddler, Peter Lynn; one gunsmith, John Moll; four carpenters, Jacob Newhard, Jacob Nunnemacher, John Miller and Dewalt Miller; and one butcher, Michael Narel.

This Convention, which has yet effected nothing. The sittings have been but a renewal of the scenes of disorder and confusion which marked the proceedings of the National Council. There is nothing as yet to indicate that the Convention entertains any broad national views upon which to base a sentiment of the country.

Since the above was put in type we received a telegraphic dispatch stating that on Monday Fillmore, of New York, was nominated for President, and Donaldson, of Tennessee, for Vice President.

The weather. Since our last issue the weather has modified in severity, and the snow has so much given away under the warm rays of the sun, that sleighing is altogether 'no go,' and a return to wheeled vehicles is rendered necessary.

Allentown Teachers' Association. Allentown, Feb. 18th, 1856. Upon the meeting being called to order, the minutes of the last meeting were read; upon motion the following clause thereof: "English Grammar, the subject appointed for the evening's debate, was discussed not so pointedly as some heretofore selected subjects" was altered by striking out all that part after the word "discussed," with some other corrections, the minutes were adopted upon motion.

EDUCATION IN THE UNITED STATES. For the free instruction of the people, it seems, there are now in the whole United States, in round numbers, 60,000 schools, which are supported at an annual expense of something more than half a million of dollars.

Landlords and Tenants. A bill is pending in the Legislature, which contains provisions of importance to Landlords and Tenants. It contemplates the repeal of that portion of the old law which requires a jury of twelve freeholders in proceedings by landlords to recover possession of real estate.

American National Council. The American National Council convened at Philadelphia last week. Those which stood up for the 12th section of the platform adopted last June, received the go-by—the delegates from that branch being refused admittance.

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LATE NEWS FROM EUROPE. The Steamship Canada reached Halifax last Sunday morning, and Boston on Tuesday, with news from Europe one week later—having left Liverpool Feb. 2d. At the date of her sailing the Pacific had not returned to Liverpool, nor had any news been heard of her on either side of the Atlantic.

ARMY FOR THE CONFLICT. The rapidity with which the people of this country develop plans, execute gigantic objects, and surmount difficulties is witnessed daily.

TOBACCO.—A petition from the citizens of Indiana and Westmoreland counties has been presented to the Legislature of Pennsylvania, in which they pray for the passage of a law prohibiting, under sufficient penalties, the selling or giving away of tobacco, in any of its forms, to minors or persons under 21 years of age.

AN ELEPHANT SWIMMING THIRTY MILES. The Charleston "Evening News" understands that the elephant which was lost overboard from a vessel bound to that port made its way safely into Mount Pleasant harbor!

LAKE MICHIGAN FROZEN OVER.—It is asserted that Lake Michigan is frozen completely over from one side to the other. This is a fact that has never occurred before in the memory of the oldest inhabitant.

HENS IN WINTER.—S. W. Cole, says that hens will never lay well in winter, unless they are made to "scratch for a living."

HOOP ACCIDENT.—Hoops are dangerous—in some places. Read and tremble. In New York, a day or two since, a full-rigged lady was walking up Broadway, when one of the hoops with which her circumambients was inflated, the ends of which had been strongly secured together, suddenly broke loose.

GREAT HAUL OF FISH.—We learn, that Mr. Leonard Culey, of Upper Leacock township, some short time ago, put two set nets into the dam of Mr. Hunsacker's Mill, in Big Conestoga creek, and, when he lifted them, there were no less than 1815 suckers in them.

BOMBARDMENT OF CRONSTADT.—A present for Cronstadt is being constructed at the Lowmoor Iron Works, England. It is a shell nine feet five inches in circumference, and thirty-six inches in diameter.

ODDS AND ENDS. In company, set a guard upon your tongue; in solitude upon your heart. Beautiful extract—helping a pretty young lady out of a mud-puddle. Speak well of your friend; of your enemy say nothing.

What is the difference between a butcher and a gay young lady. The former kills to dress while the latter dresses to kill. Mr. Dallas will take his whole family with him to London. His son will fill the position of his private secretary.

A lever watch contains two hundred and two pieces; a locomotive, five thousand five hundred and sixteen. Gas at Pottstown.—The citizens of Pottstown are petitioning the Legislature for a charter to organize a Gas Company in that place.

It is a solemn thing to be married, said Aunt Bethany. "Yes, but it's a deal more solemn not to be," said the little girl, her niece. U. S. Senator from Maryland.—Anthony Kennedy, the American candidate for U. S. Senator, was elected on Thursday last, for six years from the 4th of March, 1857.

Twelve tavern keepers of Wayne county, Pa., convicted of selling liquor without a license under the new law, have been sentenced to fine and imprisonment. They catch trout and pickerel now in Canada, freeze them into blocks of ice, and restore them to life by warm at any future placc or time.

John H. Manny, widely and favorably known as the inventor and manufacturer of Manny's Reaper and Mower, died at his residence, in Rockford, Ill., the 1st inst. In the United States there are six thousand brokers and six thousand barbers, but the census does not tell which does the most slaving.

Manufacture of Brooms.—There are eight manufacturing of brooms in the town of Portland, Ohio, which turn out about three hundred dozen per week, or 150,000 dozen through the year. An exchange paper tells the story of a man who was found on a Sunday morning without a hat, sitting on a block of granite with his bare feet in a brook, trying to catch a bad cold, so as to sing bass at church.

It is this leap year, and the women have a right to pop the question. If we were one of them, we would not offer to any man who drinks, plays, swears, smokes, chews, and doesn't pay the printer. SAVINGS BANKS.—There are eighty savings banks in the State of Massachusetts, in which are deposited twenty-seven millions two hundred and ninety-six thousand two hundred and sixteen dollars and twenty-five cents.

Counterfeit two dollar bills of the Farmers' Bank of Delaware are in plentiful circulation. They may be easily distinguished from the genuine notes by the paleness of the impression and the indifferance of the paper. A fool, says an Arab proverb, may be known by six things—anger without cause, speech without profit, change without motive, inquiry without object, putting trust in a stranger, and not knowing his friends from his foes.

THE NEBRASKA LEGISLATURE has adopted a resolution requesting Governor Izard to proceed to Washington, and use his influence in obtaining the passage of a bill granting 160 acres of land to actual settlers in that Territory.

FROZEN TO DEATH.—Joshua Smith a resident of Limerick township, Montgomery county, was found frozen to death on Monday of last week. It appeared that Mr. Smith had been on a visit to Pottstown, and at which place he was seen about 4 o'clock in the afternoon, of that day, very much under the influence of liquor. His body when found was in a sitting posture, with his watch lying on the snow by his side.

TO KEEP A STOVE BRIGHT.—Make a weak alum water, and mix your "British Lustre" with it; put two spoonfuls to a gill of alum water; let the stove be cold, brush it with the mixture, then take a dry brush and lustre and rub the stove till it is dry. Should any parts, before polishing, become dry as to look gray, moisten it with a wet brush, and proceed as before. By two applications a year, it can be kept as bright as a coach body.

BOMBARDMENT OF CRONSTADT.—A present for Cronstadt is being constructed at the Lowmoor Iron Works, England. It is a shell nine feet five inches in circumference, and thirty-six inches in diameter. Its weight is over a ton. It costs £25 unflled, and the mortar which is to discharge such a shell weighs thirty-five tons. This shell is intended to bombard Cronstadt, and it is expected that a bombardment will sustained with such a weight of metal will crumble the walls of that defiance like powder.

DISCOURAGING FACT.—It has been ascertained that the North Pennsylvania Railroad, when completed to the Lehigh River with a single track, laid with rail, and furnished with moderate equipments, will have a debt upon it exceeding \$50,000 per mile, which is more than the original cost of the whole work.

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