

The Lehigh Register.

ALLENTOWN, PA.

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The "Circassian War Song," by "Florence Cathay," was unavoidably crowded out this week.

Allestown—Its Improvements.

We like to see people contented and happy, and we like to hear them speak hopefully and admiringly of their own homes.

Allestown is situated picturesquely,—the scenery around being beautiful and lovely in the extreme, and to strangers hardly ever fails to render feelings of satisfaction.

The other day we availed ourselves of a spare hour and took a stroll through some of our principal streets. As we sauntered along, we were convinced that the spirit of enterprise had taken a strong hold among our citizens.

Our town shows evidence that railroads are advantageous. Look, if you will, at the improvements that have been made, and can be seen in every direction, since first the railroad was completed to this place.

Property has greatly enhanced in value, and business generally has greatly increased.—Town lots now sell at triple their value a year ago.

On Tuesday evening last a stable belonging to Mr. GEORGE McBRIDE, in South Whitehall township, this county, was destroyed by fire.

This great affair, which becomes more popular each succeeding year, is announced to come off on Friday the 10th of May.

New Counterfeits on the Eastern Bank. Thompson's Counterfeit detector—last issue—advertises a new counterfeit on the 10's of the Eastern Bank.

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Presidential Candidates.

As the time approaches for nominating Presidential candidates by the Democratic and Republican parties, the individuals spoken of for that position are being brought forward into broad day-light, their merits discussed and their availability, which is an important point not to be overlooked, considered.

The Democratic party is divided in its choice for a candidate. Those holding offices under Government very naturally favor the hand that feeds them. They, with few exceptions, desire the re-election of Franklin Pierce.

The Republicans are equally busy and still more embarrassed. Mr. SEWARD would undoubtedly be their first choice—and his nomination would be a matter of course, but for the fact, that in all the Western and the New-England States the Republican party owes its strength in a very great degree to its alliance with Americanism.

On Tuesday forenoon of last week, as several Irishmen were engaged in sinking an ore hole, in Lower Milford township, this county, an accident occurred which came near resulting fatally.

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On Saturday morning last, an Irishman, name unknown, accidentally fell in the canal at Laubach's Mill, and was drowned before assistance could be rendered.

The Law of Libel. J. LAWRENCE GETZ, Esq., the able editor of the Reading Gazette, and representative in the Legislature from Berks county, delivered a capital address in the House on the 17th inst., on the "Bill to amend the Law of Libel."

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The Legislature.

On Tuesday at 12 o'clock both Houses adjourned sine die. Before adjourning the Senate refused to pass the bill repealing the 27th Section of the new License Law.

Previous to adjourning, Mr. PIATT, the Speaker of the Senate, resigned his chair to give an opportunity to elect a speaker for the recess. The Senate proceeded to elect without either party making a caucus nomination.

On Sunday the 11th of May, the new First Presbyterian Church, in Cataquaqua, will be consecrated to the worship of God.

On Thursday evening next an exhibition will be given in the Odd Fellows' Hall, by the pupils of the various public schools—admission free.

The advertisement of the Illinois Central Railroad in our paper last week, (and continued,) has no doubt been read with interest by many of our subscribers.

The country along the line of the Road is rapidly filling up, and already fifteen or twenty flourishing villages and towns have sprung into existence at points where no population existed when this road was projected.

The distinguished Pennsylvanian, who has, during the last three years, represented the Government of the United States at the Court of Great Britain, with eminent honor and ability, returned to his native land on Wednesday, in the steamship Arago.

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On Tuesday morning, Mr. Lewis PAULI, who is in the employ of Mr. James HESS, of this borough, started from Mauch Chunk, with his two-horse team, intending to reach Easton early the same day.

From a recent communication of the Secretary of State to the House of Representatives, we learn that the total number of passengers arrived in the United States for the year 1855, was upwards of 230,000.

Figs and peaches are spoken of by the New Orleans papers as "in market."

North Pennsylvania Railroad.

This great work, in which the interests of Philadelphia are so largely involved, says the Philadelphia North American, is, we are glad to say, placed in a position which insures its early completion beyond peradventure.

By the arrival of the steamships Arago, at New York, and Arabia, at Halifax, on Wednesday, we have dates from Liverpool to the 12th instant.

A Charter, says the Reading Journal, has just been granted by the Legislature of this State for a Railroad from Allentown to Reading, which is designed to form the last link needed to connect the west and south with New York.

Since the above was written we understand that a corps of Engineers, under the direction of M. E. LYONS, Esq., are about making a preliminary survey.

THE INKSTAND used by the plenipotentiaries for signing the Peace Treaty in Europe, was specially manufactured for the purpose.

Herr Driesbach, the "Lion King," got married two or three years ago, and became a farmer in Ohio. The other day he visited at Zanesville, where they have been wintered—his pet animals, which had not seen him for more than two years, and (with one exception,) they appeared to recognize him—and those which had been his especial favorites became jealous of the caresses he bestowed upon the others.

Mike Walsh once said, in the empire state House of Assembly that it required more brains for a man to keep from being run over in the streets of New York, than it did to discharge the duties of a justice of peace in the country!

DISTRIBUTION OF SEED.—The Agricultural Bureau of the Patent Office is actively engaged in distributing rare and valuable seed, procured in this and other cities.

STARTLING STATISTICS.—An interesting report of pauperism in the State of New York has just been presented to the Legislature.

FARMERS, RAISE YOUR OWN HORSES.—A farmer furnishes the following statement to the Village Record, to show what may be made by farmers raising their own horses.

SCRIPTURAL EXPLANATION.—In Psalm cxxi, 6, is the expression: "The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night."

FREE COLORED PERSONS IN VIRGINIA.—The House of delegates of Virginia, has passed a bill which provides that free negroes migrated to or voluntarily, of law are to forfeit their freedom.

CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE.—A German was arrested in Cleveland last week, on a charge of murdering his wife.

WHOSE BABY IS IT?—The Boston Post has a Paris correspondent who writes that there were those so given to unbelief in the implicit honesty of Louis Napoleon as to credit the rumor that the "sound, lively boy" who has been palmed off upon the empire, is nothing but an usurper.

DEATH FROM JUMPING ROPE.—We understand that a little girl named Trask, connected with one of the Primary Schools in East Boston, died a day or two since from excess of exertion in jumping rope.

A physician in Allegheny city recently extracted a piece of a gunlock, weighing nearly two ounces, from the head of John Gallagher, residing near Silsburg, Indiana county.

The Comet of 1856, known as "Charles the Fifth," is expected this year.

Leather and the Shoe Business. The Newburyport Herald has the following remarks on the high price of leather and its connection with the shoe business:—"Thinking of leather suggests to us that the time must shortly come for the use of other materials in this manufacture."

A SHANGHAI TWENTY-NINE DAYS IN A WELL.—A correspondent of the Virgin Sentinel, writing from Fauquier county tells a story of a shanghai pullet that fell through the covering into a unfinished well, 70 feet deep.

THE SOLID METALS.—The ancients knew but seven metals—gold, silver, iron, copper, mercury, lead, and tin. Antimony was first discovered by Basil Valentin, in 1490, and that by accident, while following his alchemical pursuits.

A PORK ITEM.—Seven hogs were sold in Cincinnati last week whose weight is put down as follows: 775, 749, 742, 500, 592, 805, 760. Total 4,923 lbs. Average weight, 703 lbs. The price paid was \$6 per cwt. gross.

LAND AT \$3,484,800 PER ACRE.—The rate at which the lot on the corner of State and Exchange streets, Boston, was recently sold was \$80 per square foot, and at the same rate, the cost of an acre of land would amount to \$3,484,800 per acre.

WEIGHT OF ICE.—A gentleman of Hartford weighed a branch of a tree that had been broken by the weight of ice upon it, and found that it weighed eleven pounds; when the ice was melted, the branch weighed only half a pound.

NOW AND THEN.—It is said that in 1875, in the time of Henry III. of France, there were but three carriages in Paris, two of which were the king's; now there are six hundred omnibuses.

MANUFACTURES OF THE UNITED STATES.—The value of the manufactures in the United States in 1820 was \$62,766,530; in 1830, \$112,045,440; in 1840, \$483,278,215; in 1850, \$1,055,505,079.

GREENWOOD CEMETERY, on Long Island, was opened for use, September, 1840, the burials amount to 47,223.

The pen with which the Treaty of Peace was signed in Europe, is to be presented to the Empress of France.

The Liberty Guards, Capt. Thompson, and the National Guards, Capt. Lytle, of Philadelphia, will visit Easton next month.

The next Annual State Agricultural Fair will be held at Pittsburgh, if the people of that city pay \$2,000 towards its expenses, which we suppose they will do.

Among the curiosities lately added to the Boston Museum is a musquito's bladder, containing the souls of twenty-four misers, and the fortunes of fifty-one printers—nearly half full.

The Temperance men in Philadelphia, have held a meeting and passed resolutions to sustain the new license law, with the hope that the people will soon be constrained to apply for one which will not sanction the sale of intoxicating drinks as a beverage.

We learn from the Chicago Press, that during the 48 hours ending Saturday morning, the eight trains on the Michigan Southern Road brought 81 coaches, containing 4,000 passengers; and in the same time, the six trains over the Michigan Central R. R. took into that city 63 coaches, containing 4,662 passengers, nearly nine thousand passengers arriving in two days.