

THE LEHIGH REGISTER. ALLENTOWN, PA. WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 1856. G. F. HAINES, EDITOR.

Rev. J. H. Boyd will preach in the M. E. Church next Sabbath. Subject in the evening, "The Deluge."

Table with 2 columns: Location and Taxable Value. Includes Allentown (South, North, Lehigh wards), Salsburg, Hanover, Upper Macungy, Lower Macungy, Upper Milford, Lower Milford, Catawanqua Borough, Lehigh, Washington, North Whitehall, South Whitehall, Heidelberg, Lynn, Saucun, Weisenburg.

The grounds of the Lehigh County Agricultural Society are at present undergoing great alterations and improvements. Three additional acres of land, purchased from Mr. Owen Saeger, have been enclosed, which enables them to enlarge the trotting course to a third of a mile.

Active preparations are being made by the Society for the first Spring Floral Fair, to be held in June next. This is something new to many of our citizens, and by some its success is doubted.

Reading and Allentown Railroad. The corps of engineers engaged to make a survey of the Reading and Allentown Railroad, a charter for which was granted by the late Legislature, arrived at this place last week.

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On Saturday morning last, the dead body of JOHN LAUCACI was found in a field about two hundred rods from his residence, a short distance from the Lehigh, above Geisinger's, in Hanover township.

On Sunday night last, Howard & Co's Express Office, at this place, was entered and robbed of \$527. The entrance was effected by false keys and the fire proof safe, out of which the money was taken, was opened by the same means.

The other day we were shown a curious freak of nature, by our townsman Mr. SPRENGER BONGER. It was a full grown young chicken, taken dead from the coop, with two perfectly formed heads and three eyes, one of which is directly on the centre where the two heads join.

On Saturday morning last a man named EVAN W. EVANS, got on a coal train at the Lehigh Gap, to go to Slabtown, supposing that they would stop at that place, but on arriving there he found he was mistaken, and jumped off while they were in full motion, injuring himself so severely that he died the next morning. He leaves a wife and three children.

GUTTA PERCHA. For what purpose will not Gutta Percha be used shortly. Gum seems to be the most widely spread article for general use that has ever been manufactured. We might give a long list of names of the different articles that have been brought into existence therefrom, but we deem it unnecessary, as many are undoubtedly already acquainted with a great part of them through practical use.

A Centenarian. We have been told that there is at present residing in Upper Macungy township, this County, a widow lady named BERRY KNIPP, who last week witnessed the one hundredth anniversary of her birth-day.

School Exhibition. On Thursday evening last the annual exhibition of the pupils of the various public schools came off at the Odd Fellows' Hall, which was crowded to the utmost.

The borough of Allentown may well be proud of her public schools, and it cannot but be a source of congratulation to every friend of education, to witness the influence our common school system is working out, not only among us, but throughout the entire State.

Fall of Breadstuffs. During the last winter, when the prices of breadstuffs ruled high, we urged upon the farmers to sell their supplies without delay. But it seems that they could not be induced to do it, as we were confident that the high prices then ruling could not continue after the opening of the spring.

Private advices from Liverpool, state that the speculators are anticipating a heavier decline in breadstuffs, in consequence both of heavy arrivals at that port and expectations of further arrivals. On the continent an equal serious decline is anticipated in consequence of numerous arrivals from the Mediterranean.

With such facts as these the holders of breadstuffs cannot expect any improvement, but a further depression. But the prices are still high, as compared with the low prices of former years, and profitable to producers, who should no longer delay to sell, they experience a still greater decline, and a glut, perhaps a panic, in the market.

Allentown Teachers' Association. Monday evening, April 24th, 1856. The President being in the chair, the meeting was called to order. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

The subject for the evening, "The State Superintendent's Report" was taken up, and finally disposed of. On motion, adjourned to meet at this place, the second Monday evening in September, at half past 7 o'clock. E. J. GIBSON, Secretary.

CIRCUS. On next Saturday a week, the 17th inst., Rivers & Derious' Circus will visit Allentown. Some of the most celebrated artists in the country are attached to the company. They are spoken of by the press in places where they exhibited, in the warmest terms of commendation, and our circus loving folks may expect an exhibition seldom presented.

Important Foreign News. The English Mail Steamer, Persia, arrived at New York on Tuesday morning, in nine days ten hours and fifteen minutes, from Liverpool—the shortest passage on record. She brings one week's later intelligence from Europe. The principal item of news is the closing of the Peace Congress, and the separation of the Plenipotentiaries.

The Iron Trade. Great Britain last year manufactured 3,535,000 tons of iron, valued at \$125,000,000. This production was achieved by 238,000 men and 2120 steam engines, of 242,000 horse power. The annual production of the world is not greater than 7,000,000 tons, the United States being next to England, the greatest producer, giving about a million tons.

Nicaragua News. The Steamer Empire City, from Central America, and the Orizaba, from San Juan, reached New York last week. The news is highly important. A terrible riot occurred at Panama, on the 15th inst., between the American Transit passengers from San Francisco and the natives.

The defeat of Col. Schlessinger's party is confirmed. During the Court Martial, Schlessinger, being on parole, deserted to the Costa Ricans. The details of the attack on Rivas by Walker have been received. With 600 men Walker attacked 2,000 Costa Ricans, and after a battle of seventeen and a half hours, was compelled to withdraw from want of ammunition.

A gentleman given to statistics, estimates that \$10,000 worth of cigars are smoked in Boston every day.

Great Conflagration in Philadelphia. One of the most destructive fires that ever occurred in Philadelphia, broke out in the large rag and paper warehouse of Messrs. Jassur & Moore Nos. 24 and 26, North st., between Arch and Market, and Fifth and Sixth streets, on Thursday morning between 12 and 1 o'clock.

To add to the disastrous effects of the fire the burning rags and paper were vomited forth from the windows and carried on the wind in a Southwesterly direction, where they fell in a fiery shower. The firemen were soon in service, but it was speedily manifest that all the buildings West of the paper store to Sixth street, and South to Market street, must be involved in destruction.

The scene was most frightful—the flames shot up high into the air, illuminating the entire city, and threatening to destroy entire blocks to the windward. Commerce and North street were in flames and fires were raging on both sides of Market and Sixth street. The wind, which was increasing in strength, was carrying a fiery shower to a great distance; all around the scene of devastation persons were hurrying away their families and their goods to places of safety.

The fire continued to spread until after daylight, and when the sun rose a sickening scene of destruction was exhibited. Every building on the north side of Market street from the unfinished iron structure at No. 219, to Sixth street, was in ruins and most of the houses on the east side of Sixth street to North street, were down.

During the fire, James Bartley, a member of the Franklin Hose Company, was stabbed in the affray with the Moyaenishing Hose. The latter company had been out of service several years, but was called out by the Chief Engineer. Bartley is not expected to survive. Since died. The Ledger gives a list of the persons whose properties were destroyed, comprising the names of over fifty merchants and residents in the burnt district. The entire loss is stated at \$607,200, upon which there was an insurance of \$388,200.

DANVILLE GAS WORKS.—Under the directions of Dr. W. E. Danowsky, the fixtures for the Gas Works are coming into place. On Wednesday afternoon a boat load of the pipes were placed upon the wharf of the Canal, and the son of Dr. D. has commenced fixing conductors into the houses of some of our citizens. All the arrangements for the Gas Works are now progressing.—Danville Intelligence.

TO PREVENT CABAGES FROM GROWING TO 'LONG SHANKS.'—To secure true, solid heads on those stalks that manifest a disposition to grow to what are commonly known as 'long shanks,' take a penknife and stab it through the stalk about the middle; insert a small piece of wood to keep the incision open, which will check the growth. By doing this good heads of cabbages may be secured on every stalk.—Genesee Farmer.

SINGULAR IF TRUE.—A French paper says it has been accidentally discovered that in cases of epileptic fits a black silk handkerchief thrown over the afflicted persons will restore them immediately. We should like to know the result of a trial.

Stephen Sample and John Montgomery, residing near Turtle Creek, in Pa., were out on hunting on Tuesday night, and during the hunt separated. Sample hid himself behind a stump, his head and breast visible, which Montgomery mistook for a polecat, and he therefore fired, the ball took effect in Sample's forehead and killed him instantly.

Dean Swift once remarked—"We have just religion enough to make us hate, but not enough to make us love each other."

A Woman Married to a Woman. A person was brought up before the Police Court at Syracuse the other day on charge of wearing male apparel while being a female—of making love to the Syracuse belles, "on false pretences," and marrying a woman, &c. There is no doubt of her femininity, though her counterfeits of a man is said to have been perfect. She is English, is supposed to be about 40 years of age, went under the name of Alfred Guelph, and received remittances from England, part of which goes to the support of a sister in Syracuse. In reply to the question, "Are you a male?" she answered "your officers can tell you," or "have told you."

A few weeks since she assumed the garb of a man and made the acquaintance of a young lady named Miss Lewis. After a brief courtship they were married by Rev. Mr. Gregor of the Episcopal Church, and the parties have since resided together as husband and wife.

The marriage ceremony was performed about four weeks since, and the bride's father suspecting there was something wrong about his new son-in-law, obtained a private interview, and informed her of his suspicions that she was not what she pretended to be. At first she claimed that she was a man, but on closer questioning finally admitted that she was a female. A medical examination was made at this time by the father-in-law, and he immediately arrested her, and placed her in the watch-house, where she has remained since Saturday evening last. We have not learned the proper name of this singular woman. She is about 40 years of age, with marked features, prominent nose, high cheek-bones, black hair, worn long, (for a man), and curling at the end, and apparently brushed and oiled with care. She wears a glazed cap, blue coat, blue shirt, dark vest, snuff-colored pants and gaiter-boots, and a shawl over her shoulders; speaks with considerable confidence, but is not very communicative.

It is understood that when this eccentric woman first came to the house of the bride's father, she was dressed in female apparel, and her clothing was changed to man's attire with the knowledge of the family. The probability is that the family supposed her woman's dress was a disguise, and that she was assuming the proper habiliments of her sex.

The lady's father was averse to the match, but the bride still clings to her woman husband and claims that the arrest is a conspiracy against them. They were allowed to meet in one of the ante-rooms of the Police Office, and embraced each other with the greatest marks of affection. The Justice, as we have already remarked, remanded her for further examination, as it is understood that other charges will probably be brought against her.

ELEPHANTS WORTH SEEING.—Messrs. Sands, Nathan & Co., have recently imported two Elephants, which are said to be wonderfully trained. They have been performing in Philadelphia to crowded houses. The Inquirer says of them: They perform an infinite variety of feats, such as waltzing, dancing, walking upon their front and hind legs, &c., &c., but the greatest exploit of all is when Victoria makes a terrific explosion over a narrow plank only eight inches wide to the summit of a lofty pedestal, and there balances herself alternately upon her head and her hind legs. This wonderful feat she has accomplished in the presence of crowded and admiring audiences every night this week.

REMARKABLE ESCAPES.—The Dayton (O.) Journal says:—Seven "chattels" passed "over Jordan" last evening. Six of them were from Henry county, Ky.—a father and his two brothers his wife and two sons. The father and brother were half-brothers to their mistress-owner; the mother was daughter of her own master. She had three brothers and one sister, all children of the master. The seventh "chattel" was a full-blooded large negro from Vicksburg, from whence he escaped, through the kind offices of a German woman who brought him up the river as her own servant. The negro was a very shrewd, intelligent man, and will make his way anywhere. The whole of the above named company are persons of decided intelligence, and will make respectable members of any community where they may reside. Several of them are white enough to pass for white persons.

HEREDITARY DRUNKENNESS.—Dr. Freeman, of New York, says that almost one quarter of the children under ten years of age, in that city, die of hereditary inebriety. He advocates the creation of an asylum for inebriates, and says that eighty-eight per cent. of cases can be cured by such an institution. This is asserted on the strength of experiments made by the Doctor himself, and the testimony of other distinguished physicians.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS are an excellent Family Medicine, and recommended to all sufferers with Diseases of the Liver and Stomach. The surprising effect of these wonderful Pills have naturally made them an universal favorite with the citizens of the Union, as well as to the inhabitants of all other parts of the world, as they are the best and safest remedy for all disorders of the liver and stomach; and to the bilious sufferer they are invaluable. It is indisputably admitted that these Pills have never been known to fail to cure these disorders when used in accordance with the directions which accompany each box.

I SHALL NEVER get out of this scrape alive, as the hog said when they were rubbing the bristles off his back with clam-shells and scalding water. Have you said your prayers, John? No, ma'am it ain't my work. Bill says the prayers and I the amens.

A man in Kentucky was so enormous big, that when he died it took two clergymen and a boy to preach his funeral sermon.

CUR THIS CUR.—A correspondent of the London Literary Gazette, alluding to the numerous cases of deaths from accidental poisoning, adds: "I venture to affirm there is scarce even a cottage in this country that does not contain an invaluable, certain immediate remedy for such events, nothing more than a desert spoonful of made mustard, mixed in a tumbler of warm water, and drank immediately. It acts as an emetic, is always ready, and may be used with safety in any case, where one is required. By making this simple antidote known you may be the means of saving many a fellow creature from an untimely end."

BRILLIANT WHITENESS.—Take half a bushel of nice unslacked lime, slack it with boiling water, and cover it during the process to keep in the steam. Strain the liquid through a fine sieve and add to it a peck of fine salt, previously dissolved in warm water; three pounds of ground rice boiled to a paste and stirred in hot; half a pound of Spanish whiting, and a pound of clean glue thoroughly dissolved. Add five gallons of hot water to the whole mixture, stir it well and let it stand a few days covered from the dirt. It should be put on hot, and for this purpose it can be heated in a small kettle or portable furnace. A pint should cover a square yard. This whiteness will keep bright for years.

LAUNCHING an imperial baby into the world appears to be rather an expensive operation. Dr. Dubois, accoucher to the Empress Eugenie, received \$100,000 as his fee. In addition to this, it is calculated that the number of children born in France on the 16th March, to all of whom the Emperor and Empress are godfather and godmother, must be about 2500. Each child is to receive a gift of 3000 francs, making the total amount to be given to children born on that day 7,500,000 francs, or about a million and a half of dollars!

FATAL ACCIDENT TO A SOMNAMBULIST.—A policeman in New York early on Saturday morning was startled by seeing a man fall from the window of the third story of the house, corner of Tenth Avenue and Thirteenth street, and on reaching the spot found the unfortunate man senseless and with his skull and lower limbs fractured. The officer caused him to be conveyed to the New York Hospital, and there he died on Sunday morning. The deceased was Francis Nesley; he was an occupant of the house, and a somnambulist, and while asleep jumped out of the window.

FALLING OF A BELL.—The Rock Island Advertiser states that a new bell for the Second Presbyterian Church was elevated to its place in the steeple, on Monday last. At the first attempt made to raise it, a rope of the tackling broke, and the bell fell to the ground, after being elevated nearly two hundred feet. As it came down everything before it yielded, floor joists and heavy timbers alike splintering and breaking with the utmost ease imaginable. They broke the fall of the bell sufficiently, however, to keep itself from breaking when it reached the ground. It weighs over two thousand pounds.

PARROTS IN IOWA.—It is said that numbers of parrots resort annually to Decatur county, Iowa, and are sometimes seen in flocks of twenty, and even more. Three of these birds were shot one week during the late cold spell. They are about the size of the common tame pigeon, though not quite so large round; their tails are shorter, their plumage is green, tinged on the back with blue; their wing-feathers are red and yellow, and the bill and tongue are the same as in all parrots. It is rather surprising to find these birds so far north, and feeling so much at home.

MACHINE FOR PRINGING BOOTS AND SHOES.—A new machine for the purpose has been brought forward. The boot is placed on one part of the machine and a stick of wood on another; motion being given, one portion of the mechanism operates to prick the holes with an awl, another to make the pegs, another to feed the pegs to the mouth of the holes, and still another to drive the pegs home.—These various operations are performed with great rapidity, about two minutes only being required to double peg each boot.

FOR THE CURE OF CHOLERA.—A piece of fresh lard, as large as a butter-nut, rubbed up with sugar, in the same way that butter and sugar are prepared for the dressing of puddings, divided into three parts and given at intervals of twenty minutes, will relieve any case of cholera not already allowed to progress to the fatal point.—[N. Y. Evening Post.

Gen. Tom Thumb, by showing whom Barnum made so much money in this country and Europe, is now exhibiting himself in New York. Tom is nineteen years old, and weighs but twenty-five pounds.

Ripe strawberries are in the market at Savannah, Georgia, and Charleston, South Carolina, and figs and peaches in New-Orleans, Louisiana. So the papers say.

Mechanics are exceedingly scarce just now in Nashville, Tenn. Builders are paying \$2 per day.

How can five persons divide five eggs, so that each man shall receive one, and still one remain in the dish? The last takes the dish with the egg, and can let it be there as long as he pleases.

The Gloucester News tells of a man who lost a favorite cow, and who wound up his eulogy on her by saying, "she was as handsome as a school-marm."