

THE LEHIGH REGISTER. ALLENTOWN, PA. WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 1856. G. F. HAINES, EDITOR.

A New Enterprise. We have constantly renewed indications of a state of prosperity for our town, which is very gratifying indeed.

This is another step in the right direction. Manufactories will give life to our mercantile trade, furnish markets for our agricultural products, and make our country prosperous and happy.

Why is it that rolling mills, forges, nail works, &c., are not established among us? This is what we yet want. The most eligible sites might here be obtained, and all would undoubtedly prove profitable investments if properly managed.

If manufactories of this kind would spring up around us, our growing town would feel a still greater and more accelerated impulse. For every hand employed, no matter in what mechanical or laboring business, there will be an additional mouth to feed, and sometimes half a dozen; for every family brought here a house will be wanted—and of course all the ramifications of society, from the woodsawyer to the merchant, will receive the benefits of the addition.

It is affluent in mineral wealth—boundless in resources—and that all these have not long since been fully developed, is not so much from an ignorance of their existence, as from a lack of enterprise and a paucity of capital—essential elements in all important undertakings.

We know of nothing at present capable of furnishing a stronger local item, than the greasy substance sold for, and by an outrage of all common sense in language called, fresh butter.

But we have asked the question, why good butter is so scarce, and we will give such an answer as occurs to us. If we had a Market-house and regular market days, where and when the producer and consumer might meet, and the one get his fair cash price, while the other would be aware whose butter he was buying, the matter would be remedied.

Mr. JOHN HEINY, of Lower Macungy township, has the smartest cow we ever heard of, and we doubt whether there is another in the County that can beat her.

The editors of the Farmer commenced the publication of a Daily in Easton, next week. Easton will then sport two dailies.

Fatal Accident. On Monday noon last a sad accident occurred in this borough, which resulted fatally to a ten year old daughter of Mrs. PERNA LEISENBERG, and injuring several other children, among them a sister of the deceased.

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Parade. The "Allen Rifles," Capt. Good, paraded on Monday afternoon, accompanied by the "Allen Brass Band," who played a very soul-stirring air as they passed up the street.

New Arrangements. New arrangements have lately been made on the Lehigh Valley Railroad. But one train runs to and from Mauch Chunk daily, which leaves that place at 9 A. M. and returns at 3 P. M.

A Terrible Death. We recently gave a brief account of an accident on the Little Schuylkill Railroad near Port Clinton, by which a train of cars was thrown off the track, and the engineer Redding Ritter, killed.

Loss of Time by Late Rising. Let us suppose two persons, one of whom rises at nine o'clock and the other at six. Supposing each of these persons to live fifty years, the one who got up at six will have enjoyed 63,875 hours, or 2,661 days more of active existence than the one who rose at nine.

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Kansas. The outrages in this distracted Territory have commenced again. The shooting of Sheriff Jones is confirmed. While sitting in the tent of Lieut. Armstrong he was shot at by a party outside and dangerously wounded.

A Gipsy Victim. A short time ago, a party of travelling Gipsies squatted in the neighborhood of Pennersville, Monroe County, where they spent several weeks, telling the fortunes of those who were foolish enough to part with their money for so trifling a consideration in return.

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Improvement in Soap. The wife of an American agriculturist has been experimenting in soaps, and finds that an addition of three-quarters of a pound of borax to a pound of soap, melted without boiling, makes a saving of one-half in the cost of soap, and of three-fourths the labor of washing, improves the whiteness of the fabric, besides the usual caustic effect is thus removed, and the hands are left with a peculiar soft and silky feeling, leaving nothing more to be desired by the most ambitious washer-woman.

Weight of Lime. A bushel of limestone weighs 142 pounds; after it is burned, if weighed directly from the kiln, 75 pounds—showing that 65 pounds of carbonic acid and water have been driven off by fire. This bushel of lime will absorb 20 pounds of water, generally applied during several days, and will then be in a state of dry powder, weighing 93 pounds—showing that 28 pounds of water have been converted into a solid, dry substance.

Improved Shoes. The Philadelphia Ledger describes a newly invented shoe, which is, we should think, a very decided improvement in the heavy, inconvenient, and unhealthy India rubber over-shoe. The shoe is made entirely of gutta percha, the shoe otherwise being like the ordinary shoe. The sole is applied to the upper part by pressure. The inner sole and upper portion, when stretched over the last, is first punctured by a punch. The gutta percha, in a soft state, is then pressed, by mechanical means, upon this inner sole, the material is forced together as if it had been pegged, though much more securely, for the gutta percha fills entire the puff-hole, and even forms a sort of rivet head on the inside of the shoe. These shoes, the Ledger is informed, are made thirty per cent. cheaper than the leather soled shoes, the price of leather having recently gone up very high. They are as serviceable to wear, and are, of course, entirely impervious to water. They may be worn like leather soled shoes, any season of the year, without inconvenience.

MURDER OF A FATHER BY A SON!—THOMAS B. BORDEN, Esq., one of the most respectable and esteemed citizens in Green County, Ala., was shot and killed by his own son, while lying in his bed, on the morning of the 28th ult. His mother had gotten up and come out of her room, leaving his father lying in bed. The young wretch walked deliberately into the room and blew out his father's brains as he lay asleep. He then escaped, and got to a place called Lauderdale Springs, in Mississippi, where he was arrested and carried back to Alabama.

A REVOLUTIONARY RELIC.—A week or two since an unexploded bomb-shell was plowed up in the field of Mr. Caleb Brinton, Jr., in Birmingham township, Chester county, about a quarter of a mile north of the village of Chadd's Ford, and on the bloody battle ground of September 11, 1777. The quantity of powder and is yet a perfect missile of death, with the exception of having lost its match and being considerably rusted. The field in which it was found is within a stone's throw of the Brandywine, and lies in the vale directly between the hills on which the American army under Wayne, and the British under Knyphausen were stationed; but whether it was sent on its death errand from the patriot or from the royal military, is a question which may not be solved. This shell has been buried in the earth for almost four score years, and has at last been turned up by the plowshare to make forgetful man think of the times when the foes of liberty were abroad in this fair land.—West Chester Record.

POLITENESS.—An exchange says, according to the latest rules of politeness, visitors should never be shown into a room where there are other persons unless invited by the person who meets them at the door. A gentleman should always precede a lady in going up or down stairs—especially in going up. A lady should always keep on the right of a gentleman when walking in the street; shifting sides at every turn of the street so as to bring the lady upon the inside of the walk is very awkward and ungraceful; walking between two ladies is ridiculous in the extreme, and none but a clown will practice it. At the table, if accompanied by two ladies the gentleman should seat himself between them, being particular to observe that the one with whom he is least acquainted, or who is seldom in his company, should be helped first. We would also add that it is just as impolite to take off your glove before shaking hands with a man as it would be to remove your boot before kicking him.

A Game for the Nomination.—A Washington despatch to the New York Herald says: There is already existing the very next thing to a regular understanding between the Pierce and Douglas men, that the first thing required to kill off Buchanan; and as this work is to be done by the aid of the masses of the people, but among the delegates to Cincinnati is among those gentlemen that the work of nominating and counterming is going on. The result at Cincinnati will most probably be the same as the Conventions of 1844 and 1852. First, the most conspicuous candidate will be thrown overboard by a combination against him; and that being done, the remaining prominent candidates will destroy each other, and be driven to the aid of the alternative of some obscure and glorious discovery, that the happy man is another Col. Polk, Gen. Pierce, or Captain John Smith.

A SINGULAR CASE.—Not long ago, a dead body was taken from the water at Alexandria, Virginia. Having been recognized and claimed by the wife of a citizen as the corpse of her husband, it was borne to the grave with due solemnity, followed by the widow and children in all the habiliments of woe. Several days passed, when the husband and father whose funeral had lately been celebrated, suddenly returned in the full enjoyment of perfect health. The surprise with which he was greeted, and his own at learning what had occurred, may be imagined. The sequel of this strange story did not terminate so happily. The next day, it seems, had run up a large bill for funeral expenses, which the city authorities refused to allow, and the consequence was that the man actually had to pay for his own burial.

FATAL AFFRAY AT WASHINGTON.—A despatch from Washington states that Mr. Philip T. Herbert, member of Congress from California, had a difficulty on Thursday morning with the head waiter at Willard's Hotel, during which he shot the head waiter, causing death instantly, and severely wounded another—both white men. It appears that while eating a late breakfast the waiter gave Mr. H. some insolence, which was returned. A light ensued, and in the course of the scuffle the M. C. finding he was getting the worst of the battle, drew a pistol, which he carried about his person and shot his assailant dead. Herbert has been arrested.

FRENCH PEARLS.—The New York Journal of Commerce says that a recent attempt to import some pearls from France was quite successful. The pearls came by one of the Havre packets, and arrived in good condition. The largest weighed about one pound, and sold readily for one dollar each. Smaller ones sold for seventy-five cents, and those of ordinary size for fifty cents. The pearls were imported in cases, each of which contained from 125 to 1200 pearls, and they cost in France about \$10 a case. The fruit was all grown in the open air.

WILL NOT MARRY.—The report that Rachel, the great French tragedienne, was soon to be married, is denied by the lady herself in a gracefully written and witty epistle which she caused to be published in a Persian journal. She assigns a number of reasons why she should not be deemed "capable of committing such a useless piece of folly!" one of them is that she has two sons whom she adores, and another, that she is too old, being thirty two. Neither of these objections to a change of condition is apt to be urged by ladies on this side of the big water.

WATER PIPES.—Gutta percha pipes are, to a great extent, superseding the use of lead pipes for conveying water in London. Being free from poisonous deposits and the attacks of frost, they are much preferred. Vulcanized India rubber pipes are used to some extent.

THE MATCH CHUNK BANK has declared a semi-annual dividend of 4 per cent.