

THE LEHIGH REGISTER. ALLENTOWN, PA. WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1859. PETER C. WILSON & JOHN H. OLIVER, EDITORS AND PROPRIETORS.

TO ADVERTISERS. THE "LEHIGH REGISTER" HAS A LARGER CIRCULATION, BY SEVERAL HUNDRED, THAN ANY OTHER ENGLISH PAPER IN THE COUNTY.

JOHN BROWN. An article which will be found a detailed account of the execution of John Brown...

The charge made in the Allentown Democrat and Unadmitted Republican was copied verbatim, if we mistake not, in the Carbon Democrat...

A DIVIDED PARTY.—There is an "irrepressible conflict" in the ranks of the Democracy of Illinois. The Douglas State Committee has issued a call for a Convention to meet at Springfield on the 4th of January...

A STRANGER MEETING AND A STRANGER FAREWELL.—Not long since, a steamboat coming up the river, ran aground at Burlington...

Contested Seats. The next House of Representatives will have contested elections to decide upon. Among the New York delegation, the seat of Daniel E. Stokes, Democrat, from the Third district, will be contested by Amor J. Williamson, American; that of William B. Mackay, Democrat, from the Fifth district, will be contested by Philip Hamilton, Republican...

County Meeting. By a call of the County Executive Committee to be found in another column of the Register, it will be seen, that a County Meeting will be held on Saturday the 24th inst., at the public house of Capt. Henry B. Hart, in the borough of Catasauqua. The main purpose of the meeting will be the selection of a delegate to the State Convention to meet at Harrisburg on the 22d of February next.

Protection. The Washington States, a leading Democratic journal of Washington City, and the organ of Senator Douglas, uses the following language on the subject of protection. "The Democracy can cordially agree that protection to home industry is not authorized by the Constitution of the United States."

Vermont paid from her State Treasury last year \$500 for killing bears.

The Corruption Fund. Immediately preceding the last election an attempt was made on the part of the Democratic party to convince an honest public, that the Pennsylvania Railroad Company had sent thousands of dollars into our Assembly District for the purpose of electing the People's Candidates for Assembly, under the pledge, that if elected, they would vote for the repeal of the tonnage tax.

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THE NEW COURT HOUSE.—The citizens of Northampton county, particularly of Easton, are earnestly debating the subject of the site for the new Court house.

RELIGIOUS NOTICE.—The Rev. M. D. Kuntz of Easton will preach in the Methodist Episcopal Church, next Sabbath morning and evening. The public are affectionately invited.

ACCIDENT.—On Monday last, a German employe of the Allentown Iron Company, whose name we have not ascertained, fell into a car of elder, badly burning both his legs and a portion of his body.

DROWNED.—On Thursday last a German basket-maker named Stump, fell of a boat into the canal at Seligrid's Bridge, and was drowned. His body was shortly after recovered. He was about 70 years of age.

LEHIGH NAVIGATION COMPANY.—The Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company have declared a semi-annual Dividend of three per cent, or an amount equal to one dollar and fifty per share on their stock.

DELaware DIVISION.—The water will not be taken from the Delaware Canal until about the 20th of December, and the locks and offices will be kept open the whole time between this and closing of navigation, both day and night.

SENTENCED.—Jacob Long and Charles Knerr, convicted at the last term of the Northampton County of forgery, were sentenced to an imprisonment of fifteen months in the Penitentiary for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

ALMOST A FIRE.—On Friday afternoon last, a curtain in Stecker's Ambrotype gallery in the third story of Breinig's new building immediately over the Bankers Office, was accidentally set on fire. Happily, it was extinguished before it communicated with other combustible matter near by.

NEARLY FINISHED.—The new Steamboat, building at the boat-yard of Mr. Thomas Bleibach, near Easton, will be completed shortly, and will soon make a trial trip to Lambertville. If the experience of the first trial shall justify the undertaking she will start on her first trip to port Jarvis.

SHOP-LIFTERS SENTENCED.—The shop-lifters whose conviction we noticed in last week's issue, have been sentenced to two years and ten months solitary confinement in the Eastern Penitentiary. Their names are John Fox, alias Ignatius Fox, alias Gus-vaus Franklin, Mary Baker, and Mary Alton.

OUR NEW RECORDER.—Joseph Seeger, Esq., elected Recorder of Deeds at last fall's election, was sworn into office on Thursday last, December 1st. The newly elected Recorder will prove an efficient officer, and enters upon the discharge of the duties of the office with the well-wishes of the members of all parties.

A NEW ENTERPRISE.—A meeting of the citizens of Pottstown, Pa., was held on Saturday evening last to consider the feasibility of erecting a building for the manufacture of cotton goods. A committee was appointed for the purpose of devising plans to give life to the project, and to secure the cooperation of the citizens generally.

PROFESSOR HARRIS, as will be seen by an advertisement in another column, now carries on Shaving, Hair-Cutting, Shampooing &c., at three different saloons in the borough. The Professor seems determined to carry on the business of his profession according to art, and increasing patronage evidences growing popular favor.

PETERSON'S LADIES' NATIONAL MAGAZINE for January is already out, and is one of the most splendid magazines we have ever seen. It is beautifully embellished with fine steel engravings of "Little Red Riding Hood" and "Billie's Mad's But", which are at least worth the price of the number. This Magazine is published for \$2 per annum—all others of any pretensions are \$3 a year.

THE WEATHER.—During the last week the weather in Lehigh almost rivalled the Indian Summer. On Friday night the weather suddenly became very cold and on Saturday night, we were visited with a snow-storm, slightly mixed with hail. Whilst going to press, the fallen snow is fast changing into sleet, giving ample promise of any quantity of mud.

ACCIDENT.—Nathan Frederick of Allentown, in assisting to lower a log from a wagon at the grounds of the Rolling Mill, near the Allentown Iron Works, a few days since, was struck on the breast by a lever in his hand, throwing him a distance of some ten feet into a heap of stone. Force was given to the lever by the falling of the log. Mr. Frederick was considerably bruised, and the wonder is, that he escaped with his life.

CHESS PLAYING.—The chess players of Mauch Chunk and Allentown have lately been playing several friendly games of chess per telegraph. On Monday evening a weak since the Mauch Chunk players were victorious. On Thursday of last week and Monday evening of this week the Allentown players won. Messrs Hasard, Wilbour and Taylor represented Mauch Chunk and Messrs Rittinger and Barber represented Allentown.

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THEFT.—Henry Savits, commonly known as Pony Savits, and who has already served an apprenticeship in the Penitentiary for larceny, was committed to the County Jail on Saturday night last on the charge of theft. It seems that about eight o'clock in the evening he took an over-coat which was hanging out in front of the clothing establishment of Messrs. Schurman & Newhard. He was found the same evening safely lodged in bed at home with his better half, Katie Fritz, who he lately married and the over-coat found in his possession. Savits two weeks since attempted to carry off a coat from the clothing establishment of Messrs. Neigh & Breinig, but several persons at the time seeing close on his heels, the coat was dropped on the pavement. Savits's propensity to steal would seem to be uncontrollable.

BURGLARIES IN HAMBURG.—The Schenck post informs us that on Thursday night, the 24th ult., the store of Messrs. D. S. Korn & Co., in Hamburg, was broken into and robbed of goods to the value of about \$300. Among the articles stolen were 35 yards of black dress-silk, six colors silk dress-patterns, silk handkerchiefs, a box of buckskin gloves, diamond glass-cutting, several pairs of boots, lion-leaf cloth, and all the small change in the money drawer. The burglars gained an entrance into the store by breaking open the cellar door. During the same night, the Clothing Store of Mr. Isaac Mandelbaum, was robbed of a lot of clothing to the value of \$100, doubtless by the same parties. They also got into the cellar of the Store of Messrs. H. R. Schollensberger, but were scared away by the barking of a dog in the Store-room. The supposed burglars, three suspicious looking men, who had been seen wandering about Hamburg on the day previous to these burglaries, were arrested Saturday in Pottsville, with the stolen goods in their possession. They were committed to the Schuylkill County Prison, to answer for the offences.

A PARALLEL.—It is a singular fact, that in the life of great men, there are striking coincidences. In great events there is likewise a striking similarity as to some details, however dissimilar the whole. The recent charge of a snuff at Charleston, Virginia, upon an innocent cow, mistaken for a lurking fox, reminds us of a similar incident in the well known Fox's rebellion, which transpired in our own midst. It would seem that in the rebellion, several Cavalry Companies were quartered on the Market Square of our borough, and that to provide for the wants, a load of hay had been brought to the square, and stored over night on the wagon in the square. The sentinel on guard for the night, seeing some supposed person to approach in the darkness of the night, demanded the pass-word. No reply was given. The supposed enemy was fired on and instantly killed, and on investigation was found to be an individual of the bovine species belonging to Mr. Newhard of the vicinity, quietly in search of the hay provided for the Cavalry. We understand that this was the only blood spilled in the famous rebellion. The cow at Charleston was fired on, but we have not learned that the innocent creature was the sufferer.

INTERESTING NARRATIVE.—We were permitted to look at a letter received by James Derr, of our borough, written by his brother, R. Franklin Derr, of Carey, Ohio, giving the following interesting narrative:—Thirty-four years ago a family, by the name of Rayson, living in Ohio, missed a young son. An older brother had gone out in the woods in search of the cows with a younger brother, who, growing old, sat down on a log. On the return of the older brother, the younger was missing. It appears that he had been taken off to Canada by a party of Indians, who sold him subsequently to a tribe of Indians in Illinois, whence he was taken to the Indian Possessions. The Indians were in the habit of going annually to the west of his tribe, in order to trade with the whites. On one of their annual visits some person remarked to the captured white man that he did not look like the rest of his tribe. An inquiry he ascertained from the Indians the circumstances of his capture, of which he had been ignorant before, having no recollection of his early friends. He proceeded to Cleveland, advertised the facts and soon found his relatives and friends. The missing man had married a squaw, by whom he had two children, and acquired the habits of the Indians, eating raw beef, and sleeping on the floor, standing that a bed made him too tired. Our narrator states in the letter that the return of the white man after so long an absence made quite a commotion in the community.

THE BURNING MINE OF SCHUYLKILL COUNTY. In company with a friend, we recently paid a visit to that great curiosity of the anthracite coal region, the burning mine. It is located in what is known as the "Luzerne vein" of the Broad Mountain, near the village of Coakley. The scenery around this burning village is strikingly grand and beautiful. Wherever the eye may turn, the smoke of steam engines can be seen ascending, while their deep pulsation breaks the stillness of the gray mountains. A hundred little brooks and rivulets make music in the deep gorges and over the shining pebbles. Immense structures, built of timber and blackened by the coal dust, all of the enterprise of the operations, while the dusky countenances of the toll-workmen bear witness of their industry. Leaving the high road, which passes through the village, we wended our way up along the burning mine to the burning fire. The smoke which continually rises from the earth had carved in upon the cavity formed by the fire. These extend in a line from the entrance to the mine, a distance of several hundred yards, and present a most singular appearance. Around them the trees are killed by the vapors which continually arise in the form of steam, from this hidden laboratory. The rocks and pebbles are colored with a sulphurous coating of a yellowish red hue. The earth over the mine is loose and porous, being apparently disintegrated by the constant action of the hot air and steam which arises from the fire below, and by thrusting a stick into it the vapor will at once burst out. We cannot describe the sickening odor of this vapor. It is sulphurous, and there is a damp, stifling effluvia about it which is very nauseating. The steam which rises through the earth is only moderately warm, owing to the great depth of the fire. We lingered around the external evidences of this wonderful subterranean combustion, and we were sickened by its breath, and the odor of it hung about us for hours after we had reached a purer atmosphere.

At the outlet of the burning mine there is a spring which flows from the face of the neighborhood of these hidden fires. It is impregnated with sulphur and alum, and was for a time thought to possess medicinal qualities. The temperature of the water a few months ago was quite warm, and appliances were used for bathing. Invalids in search of health resorted to it, and drank it, but its virtues would not appear, and now the bath tubs are broken and no health-seekers pay pilgrimages to it. A laborer at the mine was kind enough to clamber down in the black hole where the waters were secreted, and procure us a cup full of it. We tasted it and were satisfied. It is certainly not very agreeable to the palate, and we imagine that much of its reputation, like that of some other medicines, arose from its disagreeableness. Crossing the ravine which here opens deep into the Broad Mountain, we were piloted to an old abandoned coal drift, from which now flows a small stream of dark looking water. The stones, sticks, leaves and mud in the bottom of this little rivulet are all coated with a brilliant yellowish deposit, and small particles can be seen in this sparkling like gold. We reached the all the way, and carried the sulphur and iron held in solution by the water. Our guide presented us with a cup of this water, with the request that we would taste it. We did, and we can safely say that anything more disagreeable never yet came within our experience. It is very strongly impregnated with alum, and possesses all the astringent qualities of that substance. How it becomes so impregnated is a mystery to us, but it is evident that it flows from a large deposit of this mineral salt. It is very probable that future explorations will develop a source of wealth in this region as yet undreamed of. This burning mine was ignited in the Winter of 1833. One of the watchmen placed a lighted candle in a hole which he bored in all the woodwork was in flames. From the wood the fire was communicated to the coal, and since then has been burning incessantly. How much coal has been consumed in this score of years, can only be conjectured, but certainly many thousand tons have been necessary to feed the devouring element. A vein underneath that which is burning, is now worked. Several times the fire has been extinguished, but it has been again kindled by filling the mine with water. At present there are no signs of fire in the lower vein, and the miners work without any difficulty or apparent fear. We could not but think, however, that the labor of digging coal near burning fires below the surface, with a fire of twenty years' standing, covering acres of ground, above their heads, was not the most agreeable occupation in the world.—Potterville Mining Record.

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