

There were 60,820 passengers carried over the Catawissa Railroad last year.

SWORN IN.—James S. McNinch, Esq., was sworn in and took his post as County Treasurer on last Friday.

THE RIVER.—The water in the river is up to a pretty high stage, caused by floods in its upper tributary branches.

POCKET DIARIES.—If you want one of these useful articles for 1858, call at the Democrat Office. We have a large assortment of various sizes, cheap.

The members of the 'Bloomington Dramatic Institute,' gave a public exhibition at the Court House, on Wednesday evening last, for the benefit of the Poor.

The new year was ushered in with charming weather. On Saturday it was spring like; numbers of people were in the town, and our streets presented an animated appearance.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.—Our Carrier requests us to return his acknowledgments to 'his patrons' for the very liberal—considering the tightness of the times—reception with which they greeted him on New Year's day.

Sale of the Star.—Mr. Wm. H. Jacoby, late foreman in the office of the Star of the North, purchased that concern on last Thursday, at public sale, for \$7,000. Mr. Jacoby is a good practical printer, and a sound democrat. We wish him success.

THE JURIES FOR 1858.—On Friday last the Jury wheel for 1858, was filled by the Sheriff and County Commissioners.—When the requisite number of names was placed therein, the Jury for February Term was drawn and are published this week.—It looks like a pretty good one.

THE NEW YEAR.—The new year received a hearty welcome in this vicinity.—The streets were unusually crowded on New Year's eve. The bells, fire in number were rung as soon as the clock struck 12. This was continued for some time—Shooting, marsh music, and serenading was kept up during the night.

The verdict thing that dropt a letter into the Bloomington Post Office, on Tuesday last, to our address, (not at our expense), asking the publication of a marriage notice, without accompanying it with a responsible name, may yet live to learn that we never pay attention to anonymous communications.

The last performance preparatory to exhibit in of Smith American Modern Drama, entitled the 'Frankford or the Fallen Sinner' will be given by the Bloomington Dramatic Institute, in the Court House, this evening (Saturday.) Upon this occasion, there will be played for the last time, 'The Swiss Cottage,' 'The Omnibus,' and 'Box and Cox.' All who have not witnessed these plays, will do well to attend.

NEWS.—We wish our friends in the different township of the county, would make a note of any incidents, accidents, &c., which may occur in their neighborhoods, and send them to us. We do not care in what shape they come, we will fix them up, just send them along. There are a great many occurrences in different parts of the county which would be interesting to our readers, but we have not the means to find them out, unless our friends will help us in the manner above mentioned.

THE HOLIDAYS.—The Holidays here and hereabouts passed pretty much as Holidays always do, even in the face of hard times. It is true, not quite so much money as heretofore may have flown into the tills of shopkeepers, yet every one seemed to have plenty and to spare. The economy exercised was of a nature to command itself, and consisted in avoiding useless display.

Well, old '57 has disappeared since our last, and '58, young and vigorous, has stepped into his shoes! A happy New Year to all! As the link in time's chain is made complete, may grim poverty be kept from our midst, and war and pestilence, want and famine from our peaceful shores. May we all grow better as we grow older!

THE WEATHER.—The weather yesterday was an astonishingly close imitation of one of the finest May days, in the clearness of the atmosphere and warmth of the sun. It is in all respects a remarkable winter. By comparison with the last several winters this is by far the mildest. There is no snow on ice, no piercing cold biting and piping wind nor have we had dark dreary inclemency and inhospitable nights to chill and freeze, in spite of stoves. Even Old Boreas has lost his powers and flaps his wings upon our cheeks gently and lovingly. We have no snowing and no sleighing, and we begin to think that the bells and bells will be slightly neglected in consequence.

COLUMBIA DEMOCRAT.

The following are the receipts to the office of the Columbia Democrat, during the month of December, 1857:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes George Smith, J. H. Smith, J. H. Smith, etc.

We are proud of our last monthly return. Our friends have done well, and we take pleasure in giving them due credit, for the faithful discharge of a known duty, trusting they may continue to be 'mindful of the Printer,' and enjoy the additional satisfaction of reading their names prominently recorded on the 'ROLL OF HONOR.'

Few newspaper establishments in the country enjoy a better patronage, than the Columbia Democrat, a continuance of which we shall strive to merit, and hope our business-intercourse, during the current year, may prove mutual and increasingly encouraging.

LIFE INSURANCE. THE GREAT LIFE INSURANCE, ANNUITY AND TRUST COMPANY OF PHILADELPHIA. CAPITAL, \$1,000,000.

CONTINUE TO INSURE ON LIVES on the most reasonable terms. The capital is \$1,000,000, and the company is authorized to receive and invest in any kind of property, real or personal, and to pay the proceeds of any policy in full, and to pay the interest on any loan made by the company.

THE PHRENOLOGICAL CABINET. This Cabinet is a complete and perfect system of phrenology, and is the only one of the kind in this country. It contains all the latest and most improved phrenological apparatus, and is the only one of the kind in this country.

COLUMBIAN MALE AND FEMALE ACADEMY. THE WINTER TERM of this Institution will commence on MONDAY, the 14th day of January, 1858. The course of instruction is the same as in the last year, and the Institution is authorized to receive and invest in any kind of property, real or personal, and to pay the proceeds of any policy in full, and to pay the interest on any loan made by the company.

VALUABLE MILL PROPERTY FOR SALE. The subscriber offers for sale that desirable Mill property, situated in a healthy and fertile section of the county, and is the only one of the kind in this county. The property is situated in a healthy and fertile section of the county, and is the only one of the kind in this county.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE. Estate of John Weaver, late of Mahoning township, Columbia County, dec'd. I, the undersigned, Auditor of the Estate of John Weaver, late of Mahoning township, Columbia County, dec'd, do hereby give notice that the said Estate is now open for settlement, and that all persons indebted to the said Estate, or who have claims against the said Estate, are required to present their claims to me, on or before the 1st day of February, 1858.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE. Estate of John Snyder, late of the Borough of Berwick, dec'd. I, the undersigned, Auditor of the Estate of John Snyder, late of the Borough of Berwick, dec'd, do hereby give notice that the said Estate is now open for settlement, and that all persons indebted to the said Estate, or who have claims against the said Estate, are required to present their claims to me, on or before the 1st day of February, 1858.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE. Estate of Samuel A. Bowen, late of Millington township, dec'd. I, the undersigned, Auditor of the Estate of Samuel A. Bowen, late of Millington township, dec'd, do hereby give notice that the said Estate is now open for settlement, and that all persons indebted to the said Estate, or who have claims against the said Estate, are required to present their claims to me, on or before the 1st day of February, 1858.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE. Estate of Philip Dodder, late of Fishing-creek township, dec'd. I, the undersigned, Auditor of the Estate of Philip Dodder, late of Fishing-creek township, dec'd, do hereby give notice that the said Estate is now open for settlement, and that all persons indebted to the said Estate, or who have claims against the said Estate, are required to present their claims to me, on or before the 1st day of February, 1858.

NEWSPAPER AGENCY. The citizens of Bloomington can now have their newspapers furnished them at the publisher's prices, thus saving their postage. Daily Price \$6.00 per annum. Weekly Price \$2.00 per annum. Monthly Price \$0.75 per month. Single Copies \$0.25 each.

CHEAP FOR SALE

As this service is the COLUMBIA DEMOCRAT.

POCKET DIARIES, for 1858, of various sizes, neatly got up and bound in leather, in black, blue and red, in bottles of various shapes and sizes. Hones Light Blue Paper which will color like and stand perfectly black. 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