

# COLUMBIA DEMOCRAT.

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The Bloomsburg Dramatic Institute, as will be seen by their advertisement in another column, design giving a series of entertainments, commencing on the 10th of March.

We notice that our enterprising townsmen, Mr. JACOB DEIFFENBACH, has made arrangements for supplying our citizens with that necessary article, Milk. We hope he may meet with proper encouragement.

Hon. Warren J. Woodward, our excellent President Judge, has been holding Court the past week at Laporte, in Sullivan. The trial of Mrs. Fitergruber for the murder of her husband over a year ago, was before the Court. We will give the result as soon as it is known.

**Snow Storm.**—On Friday and Saturday last we had a heavy fall of snow at Bloomsburg. The average depth was probably six inches, at least. Fortunately the drifting was not so great as usual. On Saturday the sleighs made their appearance in our streets in greater numbers than at any previous time for the winter. The cars were detained a number of hours.

A series of religious services have been held during the past week, in the First Presbyterian Church of Bloomsburg. The Pastor, Rev. Mr. WALLER, has been assisted in these exercises by Rev. Mr. NEWELL, of Orangeville, and Rev. Mr. KENNEDY, of Berwick. We trust their united labors of love may be promotive of great good, in the awakening of sinners and their sound conversion to the hope of the Gospel, and the enlargement of the borders of over common Zion.

**Lent.**—The season of fasting, humiliation and prayer, so strictly observed by a portion of our Christian community, commenced on Wednesday, the 17th instant, on Easter Sunday. The name of Lent is applied to the forty days preceding Easter, which is always the first Sunday after the full moon, which happens upon or next after the 21st day of March; and if a full moon happens upon a Sunday, Easter is the Sunday after, Easter this year is on April 4th; Ash Wednesday on the 17th of February.

Thus six weeks and four days intervene between the first day of Lent and Easter. This would give forty-six days. But Sundays are not reckoned—so that just forty days intervene. The term "Lent," signifies Spring—or Spring-ast. It is from a Saxon word—"Lenten"—and is used thus because the days begin to lengthen.

**The Revival.**—The protracted meeting, which has been held in the Methodist Church of this place, for the last three weeks, still continues in doing a good work in the cause of Christ. Many souls have been brought to see the error of their way, and have forsaken their sins, and took up the cross of Christ. Many are being awakened from their trance-like sleep, and are either seeking or have sought and found the pearl of great price.

There are from eleven to twelve millions of oysters arriving at Philadelphia per week—of this number several hundreds of thousands are opened daily, placed in cans, and sent to the West—more particularly to the Territories. The floating capital invested in the trade is estimated at over six million dollars per annum.

At Wethersfield, (Conn.) a lad of twelve years climbed the lightning rod of the Congregational Church spire, one hundred and fifty feet high. His first ascent was witnessed only by a younger brother. To satisfy the credulous, the younger repeated his exploit several times, and finally attached a streamer to the letter W, on the compass points.

We have later news from the Salt Lake expedition. In the mountains the weather was intensely cold, snow from one to six feet deep, troops in good spirits, Gov. Cumming performing the duties of his office, and the Indians all friendly. From Mormon prisoners General Johnston learned that the Mormons are making active preparations to resist the troops in the spring.

The Cincinnati Gazette is pained to learn that the venerated widow of Ex-President Harrison, has been for a considerable time confined to her bed, at the residence of her son, J. Scott Harrison, near North Bend. Old age, rather than any particular disease, has asserted its influence upon a naturally robust organization. The venerable lady is now over eighty years of age.

Mrs. Robinson, the "veiled murderer" is employed in knitting stockings at Sing Sing Prison, New York. On visitors entering the room in which she engaged at work, she invariably endeavors to turn her face in an opposite direction, as if she was the "observed of all observers." Old age and confinement begin to leave their traces of decay on her once beautiful countenance.

WOMAN'S LAUGH.—A woman has no natural grace more bewitching than a sweet laugh. It is like the sound of flutes on the water. It leaps from her heart in a clear, sparkling rill, and the heart that hears it feels as it is bathed in the cool, exhilarating spring. Have you ever pursued an unseen fugitive through trees, led on by her fairy laugh, now here, now lost, now found? We have. And we are pursuing that wandering voice to this day. Sometimes it comes to us in the midst of care, or sorrow, or irksome business; and then we turn away and listen, and hear it ringing through the room like a silver bell, with power to scare away the ill spirits of the mind. How much we owe to that sweet laugh! It turns the prose of our life into poetry, it flings showers of sunshine over the darksome wood in which we are traveling. It touches with light even our sleep, which is no more the image of death, but is enlivened with dreams that are shadows of immortality.

## PEN, PASTE & SCISSORS.

## ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF COLUMBIA COUNTY, FOR THE YEAR 1857.

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