



STAR OF THE NORTH.

R. W. WEAVER, EDITOR.

Bloomsburg, Thursday, Dec. 6, 1855.

LET THE PAST BE A WARNING.

We hope that the legislature which is soon to convene will take warning from the reckless one of last year. The error, and rottenness of that body should be a warning for all time to come.

The new legislature will do well to remember that the mass of the people have seen all this and have loudly declared for a change.

Teachers' Association.

We hope every teacher in the county will endeavor to be at Millville on next Saturday. Much can be gained by a mutual effort to learn and improve.

There should be a feeling of unity and fraternity among teachers. They should make their business a profession by acts; and they need not talk about its dignity, for they will feel that dignity.

The Directors of every district should and doubtless will give to the teachers the time spent in attending these meetings without deduction of pay; for every teacher will be better able after each meeting to interest and instruct the school in his or her charge.

Literary Notices.

FRANK LESLIE'S ILLUSTRATED NEWSPAPER is the title of a new pictorial quarto which started at New York on the 1st of December, and of which we have received a specimen.

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DYE'S BANK NOTE DELINEATOR is a new publication which contains a perfect description of every part of all the genuine Bank Bills circulating in the United States and British America.

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JOHN S. DYER, Esq., is the author of "Dye's Bank Note Delineator," a work of much utility as a protection against frauds in paper currency.

SATURDAY EVENING POST.

we take pleasure in noticing that this excellent journal is about entering another year of its prosperous and useful existence. The Post has always occupied a high position among the family papers. If we may judge from what the Post has done we can predict for it a useful, beneficial and profitable career during the coming year.

Single copy, \$2-4 copies, \$5-3 copies, (and one to the get-together of Club) \$10-13 copies, (and one to the get-together of Club) \$15-20 copies, and one to the get-together of Club \$20.

A Practical System of Book-Keeping by Single or Double Entry. By Ira Mayhew. A. M. New York: Published by Daniel Burgess & Co.

A book with the above title has been placed on our table. It is a very plain work, well adapted to farmers and mechanics, as well as merchants. It is the most comprehensive system that we have yet seen. Price only forty-two cents. We would advise our readers to send for the work.

ROSE CLARK, by Fanny Fern. Messrs. Mason & Brothers have furnished us with a copy of this work which will evidently be one of the most popular publications of the day.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

COURT opened on last Monday in this place. Samuel Meers was appointed Foreman of the Grand Jury, which adjourned early on Tuesday afternoon.

In the case of the Com. vs. Sarah H. Smith a *nolle prosequi* was entered. There was only one indictment before the Grand Jury—Com. vs. William Fairman and William Howell, Supervisors of Mountpleasant Township, for not repairing public road.

The only case of general public interest which was tried was that first on the trial list which was a trial of the validity of the will of Wm. Trimble, late of Scott township. It was contended that the testator was not of sound mind when he made the will, and this was the only point in contest.

The suit, The Lycoming County Insurance Company vs. Simon P. Kase was not an instalment claimed on an insurance note given by the defendant to plaintiff. The plaintiff proved note and assessment thereon, but the defence relied upon the fact that no notice or demand for the payment of the instalment was shown, as required by the charter of the Company.

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THE COAL BUSINESS IN SCHUYLKILL COUNTY.

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A DIVIDEND OF 5 PER CENT. has been declared by the Bank for the last six months.

A NOVEL PRESENTMENT was lately made by the Grand Jury of the Allegheny county Criminal Court, which was so distasteful to sundry officials as to cause an effort to suppress its publication. This, however, only stimulated the curiosity of the public and of the newspapers, and, accordingly, the offensive presentment has been fished up and published.

LAND WARRANTS have depreciated in price about 12 1/2 cents per acre within a week. Some of the city dealers were no doubt hit in their extensive operations in this kind of stock.

THANKS.—We are pleased to have received from Col. Wright, our attentive late Congressman, the Congressional Globe and Appendix for the last session of Congress, and the Agricultural volume of the last Past and Office Report. They are documents of value and interest, and we are glad to see that our friend has not forgotten us.

OUR READERS will be pleased to notice that Mr. B. P. Fortner has commenced registering his sales in our paper. As he is the best and principle Auctioneer of the county, persons who attend vendues will find regular items of interest in that part of our paper.

Thirty-Fourth Congress—First Session.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3. SENATE.—The Senate was called to order at 12 o'clock, and the members elected were duly sworn in.

The daily hour of meeting was, on motion fixed for noon. Adjourned. HOUSE.—At noon the House was called to order by Mr. Forney, the Clerk of the last Session, and the scene of confusion, which had up to this time prevailed, suddenly terminated.

The roll was called, when 225 members answered to their names. On motion of G. W. Jones, of Tennessee, the House proceeded to the election of Speaker, by a *visa voce* vote.

After the nominations of the various candidates, the first ballot was taken, with the following result:

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A MILLINER QUEER.—Although it was no secret that the King of Denmark had contracted a morganatic marriage with a milliner of the name of Lolla Russmuser, whom he has elevated to the rank of Countess Daner, yet that step had never been publicly or officially made known.

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