

A Curious Freak of Nature.

We learn from the Jersey Shore Vulture that a cow belonging to Mr. FRANKLIN DEXTER, who resides in that place, gave birth to a calf a day or two ago, which, as a natural curiosity, takes down anything we ever saw.

The calf is not quite fully grown, but very nearly so. Mr. Dexter thinks that the cow was kicked by a horse, which was the cause of her calving prematurely.

Had she calved and grown up it would have been two cows to mick and only one to feed. A small family could thus have been supplied with cream and also have made butter to sell.

FRANK LESLIE'S MONTHLY.

The January number of this beautiful monthly Magazine is promptly on hand. With it commences the Seventh Volume, and no time is more appropriate than the present to subscribe.

The illustrations in this month are universally beautiful, and the literary matter is of rare interest, consisting of tales, poems, anecdotes, humor, etc.

Resolved that the rights of the South under the Federal Constitution, and appointing the Hon. Millard Fillmore, Greene C. Brown, and Richard Lathers, Commissioners, to go to South Carolina, and make an appeal that no precipitate action be taken on her part until the North shall have had an opportunity of satisfying them that the popular sentiment is against her.

The Union Meeting was held at Harrisburg a few days ago; also one in Philadelphia. Alfred Buchanan has been captured and convicted by a Coroner's jury of the murder of Mrs. Shanks. He now awaits the action of the Grand Jury. The parties live in New York city. This woman kept a fancy store, and was most brutally murdered in broad day light.

PATRIOT AND UNION.—There is a spirited and valuable daily paper, published at the Capitol of this State, bearing this title. It is an able defender of Democratic principles, and did good service in the late campaign, although our party met with a defeat. Any person wishing to become a subscriber to a paper that will contain full and accurate reports of the Legislature during the ensuing session, (which according to current rumor, will be a lively one,) should at once send for the Patriot and Union, which can be had daily during the session, for one dollar.

SETH H. BEARDS, was convicted of murder in the first degree in the Court of Bradford County last week. He was indicted for the murder of a young boy, Daniel Clark, at Troy Village, on the 24th day of July last, by cutting his throat, while in bed, with a razor. The murderer afterwards cut his own throat, but not fatally. He said he killed the child because he did not wish to leave it behind to be abused; and further, the reason he done this act, a certain person had been at his house and the conduct of his wife with that person among other things was the cause of it, and that he intended to kill himself and all parties. It was attempted on the part of his counsel, to make him out insane, but they failed to establish clearly anything of the kind.

SOUTH CAROLINA still seems determined to secede, and we think she certainly will. Several other Cotton States will follow her example in case she goes out of the Union. The Southern States feel that their Constitutional rights will be denied them by this Republican party, and the only remedy for this, in their estimation, is to set up for themselves. This is no right thinking man wishes to see—this Union was not made to be dissolved after the fashion it is now menacing. The Republican party dare not sell the South that they are in favor of enforcing the fugitive slave law. This they would call kneeling to the South. But it is just what they should do. They have brought upon the country all the dangers that surround and all the evils that afflict it. If for them, secession would never have been heard of. It is a dangerous political panic—such an one as this country never before beheld. Results of the most alarming character are staring us full in the face.

Gov. MACCORMACK, of Kentucky, has sent a circular letter to all the slave States proposing a Convention, and submitting certain amendments to be proposed to the Constitution as a basis of compromise of existing difficulties.

An Imposter About.

A few days since several of our citizens were imposed upon by a well-dressed and rather prepossessing individual, who represented himself as being engaged in collecting funds in aid of the poor.

He represented at one place that he had received fifteen dollars from a certain clergyman, and on the strength of this representation received two dollars from the lady called upon.

Get THE BEST DETECTOR.—Peterson's Counterfeit Detector and Bank Note List for December has been received by us, and is corrected by Drexel & Co., the well-known Bankers and Brokers, and it is the best and most reliable Detector of Counterfeits and Altered Notes published in this country.

Let us, then, with deep contrition and penitent sorrow, unite in humbling ourselves before the Most High, in confessing our individual and national sins, and in acknowledging the justice of our punishment. Let us implore Him to remove from our hearts that false pride of opinion which would impel us to preserve in wrong the sake of consistency, rather than yield a just submission to the unforeseen exigencies by which we are now surrounded.

Let us with deep reverence beseech Him to restore the friendship and good-will which prevailed in former days among the people of the several States; and, above all, to save us from the horrors of civil war and "blood-guiltiness." Let our fervent prayers ascend to His Throne that He would not desert us in this hour of extreme peril, but remember us as He did our fathers in the darkest days of the Revolution, and preserve our Constitution and our Union, and the work of their hands, for ages yet to come.

An Omnipotent Providence may overrule existing evils for permanent good. He can make the wrath of man to praise Him, and the remainder of wrath he can restrain. Let me invoke every individual, in whatever sphere of life he may be placed, to feel, and strive with power, to remove our actual and impending calamities.

Washington, Dec. 14, 1860.

Life and Death in Great Cities.

When Alaric the Goth heard that Rome was thronged with the fugitives who had fled before his barbarous borders, the grim chieftain laughed and said—"Aha! I am glad of it. It is easier to cut down thick grass than thin." It has been estimated by a physician of eminent standing that out of 227,000 deaths which annually take place in populous cities, 100,000 might reasonably be struck off the list by proper sanitary measures.

Dr. Holloway's celebrated vegetable Pills neutralize the virus received into the lungs by their action on the blood, which they purify and invigorate, while the active principle of the medicine combines with the vital fluid, and is consequently scattered over the entire system.

The Rural Annual and Horticultural Directory for 1861.—The Sixth Annual volume of the Rural Annual and Horticultural Directory is on our table. To those not acquainted with the previous numbers, we would say, that the Rural Annual is a handsome book of 120 pages, published in Rochester, N. Y., at the office of the Genesee Farmer, and designed to furnish a large amount of valuable and interesting information in a cheap and permanent form.

The Rural Annual and Horticultural Directory for 1861, will be sent, prepaid by mail, on the receipt of 25 cents in postage stamps. Address JOSEPH HARRIS, Publisher of the Genesee Farmer, Rochester, N. Y.

MR. BATES, of Missouri, has been on a visit to the President elect. He was specially invited by Mr. Lincoln. It is reported that Abraham formerly offered him the Secretaryship of the Interior. Bates is said to have taken strong grounds against secession, and thinks it is treason, and must be put down, and the authority of the Government maintained at all hazards.

THE BERWICK GAZETTE, published by A. B. Tate, has been pursuing a course of late, in its respects to the Black Republican party. In the last issue we notice a taunting article in relation to South Carolina's seceding from the Union, in which the writer talks Republican nonsense. Not long since this same Gazette lamented over the defeat of Burlington, of Massachusetts, that radical abolitionist who was justly defeated for Congress.

To the People of the United States.

Numerous appeals have been made to me by pious and patriotic associations and citizens, in view of the present distracted and dangerous condition of our country, to recommend that a day be set apart for Humiliation, Fasting and Prayer, throughout the Union.

In compliance with their request and my own sense of duty, I designate FRIDAY, THE 4TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1861, for this purpose, and recommend that the people assemble on that day, according to their several forms of worship, to keep it as a solemn Fast.

The Union of the States is at the present moment threatened with alarming and immediate danger; panic and distress of a fearful character, prevail throughout the land; our laboring population are without employment, and consequently deprived of the means of earning bread. Indeed, hope seems to have deserted the minds of men.

In this hour of our calamity and peril to whom shall we resort for relief but to the God of our fathers? His omnipotent arm only can save us from the awful effects of our own crimes and follies—our own ingratitude and guilt towards our Heavenly Father.

Let us, then, with deep contrition and penitent sorrow, unite in humbling ourselves before the Most High, in confessing our individual and national sins, and in acknowledging the justice of our punishment. Let us implore Him to remove from our hearts that false pride of opinion which would impel us to preserve in wrong the sake of consistency, rather than yield a just submission to the unforeseen exigencies by which we are now surrounded.

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Common School Affairs.

Educationalists are specially invited to contribute to this column. All articles not written by the editor, will be marked with the proper or assumed signature of their authors.

The Education of Children.

It is acknowledged on all sides, even by parents, that our school law is defective in allowing children to go to school so young. The brain receives its stimulus from the body, hence the latter should be educated first so that when we commence training the former it may have something substantial to rest upon.

This of itself is sufficient to discourage the child, and no wonder that in many instances, going to school and punishment are synonymous. But in addition to this, the teacher is often of that stripe which endeavors to force the child along, and if it is not so apt as some he has seen, is instantly branded as dull and dumb, and from that moment becomes an object of derision among further advanced pupils.

But further; Nature during the winter season forbids the child from venturing on snow and ice; hence, in case it is excluded from the district school by reason of youth or severity of the weather, it is cooped up in the house, and can only occasionally receive the attention of a busy mother.

The effects of educating the mental at the expense of the physical, is made painfully evident in the man. He is either stunted and feeble, or a "miserable specimen" of a human being, and his health is impaired. A schooling that buffets with the storms of life! I answer emphatically no; for the body is incapable of performing what the mind dictates, hence a shifting life is led, or at least a precarious living gained; for in this age, brains without muscle are at a discount.

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society. The evils resulting are too manifold and mighty to be easily described.—Let the parent, then, consulting the talents and tastes of his child, select some employment, whether it be mechanical, mercantile, literary or agricultural, and encourage it in the attainment of such acquirements as will best fit it for proficiency in that particular branch of industry the child is to pursue; and by so doing he will lay the foundation for its future usefulness and honor. It will be qualified for its appropriate position—will have right views of life and labor, and with the blessing of God will become a benefactor to the race.—Exchange.

Resignation of the Hon. Howell Cobb.

The following is the letter of the Hon. HOWELL COBB, addressed to the President, tendering his resignation of the office of Secretary of the Treasury, and the President's reply:

WASHINGTON CITY, Dec. 8, 1860. MY DEAR SIR: A sense of duty to the State of Georgia requires me to take a step which makes it proper that I should no longer continue to be a member of your Cabinet.

In the troubles of the country, consequent upon the late Presidential election, the honor and safety of my State are involved. Her people so regard it, and in their opinion I fully concur. They are engaged in a struggle where the issue is life or death.—My friends ask for my views and counsel. Not to respond would be degrading to myself and unjust to them. I have accordingly prepared, and must now issue to them, an address which contains the calm and solemn convictions of my heart and judgment.

The views which I sincerely entertain, and which therefore I am bound to express differ in some respects from your own.—The existence of this difference would expose me if I should remain in my present place, to unjust suspicions, and put you in a false position. The first of these consequences I could bear well enough, but I will not subject you to the last.

My withdrawal has not been occasioned by anything you have said or done. Whilst differing from your Message upon some of its theoretical doctrines, as well as from the hope so earnestly expressed that the Union can yet be preserved, there was no practical result likely to follow which required me to retire from your Administration.—That necessity is created by what I feel my duty to do, and the responsibility of the act, therefore, rests alone upon myself.

To say that I regret—deeply regret—this necessity, is to say what I have been associated with you as one of your Cabinet officers, and during that period nothing has occurred to mar, even for a moment, our personal and official relations. In the policy and measures of your Administration, I have cordially concurred, and shall ever feel proud of the humble place which my name may occupy in its history. If your wise counsels and patriotic warnings had been heeded by your countrymen, the 4th of March next would have found our country happy, prosperous, and united. That it will not be so, is no fault of yours.

The evil has now passed beyond control and must be met by each and all of us under our responsibility to God and our country. If, as I believe, history will have to record yours as the last administration of our present Union, it will also place it side by side with the purest and ablest of those that preceded it.

With the kindest regard for yourself and the members of your Cabinet, with whom I have been so pleasantly associated, I am most truly and sincerely, your friend, HOWELL COBB

Notice in Partition.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, by and for the County of Columbia. Whereas, Elizabeth Est, late of Scott township, Columbia county, deceased, has been granted by the Register of said county to the undersigned, who resides in Scott township, All persons having claims against the estate of the decedent are requested to present them to the Executor for settlement and those indebted to make payment immediately to DANIEL G. ENT, Executor.

Teachers' Institute.

The next Institute of Columbia county will be held in Orangeville, commencing on MONDAY, DECEMBER 24th 1860, and closing on Friday evening of the same week. Arrangements are in progress which are designed to render the Institute one of the most interesting ever held in the county, but they are not sufficiently completed to give the programme of exercises.

The citizens of the village and vicinity have generously offered, to entertain a large majority of the Teachers of the county free while there. And the expenses of the remainder, if they are present, will be a light burden for the Institute to assume.

Prof. J. P. WICKERSHAM, of the State Normal School, and other prominent instructors and lecturers will be with us, and in view of the great benefits to be derived from an attendance, let there be a general gathering of the friends of education, and especially, let every Teacher of the county deem it a duty as well as a privilege to participate in the various exercises of the occasion.

WM. BURGESS, T. M. POFFS, L. APPLEMAN, Light Street, Dec. 12, 1860.—2.

Blanks of all Kinds.

For sale at the Star of the North Office.

Holloway's Pills.—Never Despair.—Something that never fails.—Fever and Ague.—To the sick it is of little consequence how they are cured, whether from a rational view of the disease or by the rules defined for the guidance of the profession, so long as the cure is certain and expeditious. For a suffering man the question on the relative merits of quinine or calomel is uninteresting. The faculty may wrangle and discuss their various theories, but Dr. Holloway's treatment dispels doubt ere the disciples of Esculapian have finished the first stage.—In the West, Holloway's Pills are the only remedies which effect a speedy and radical cure without danger of relapse. Read the advertisement elsewhere.

GEN. CASS, is a native of the United States, which adopted the Constitution. He lived in the town where the convention was held; remembers distinctly the rejoicings at the birth of the confederacy; has grown with its growth and strengthened with its strength, and he is now unwilling to present at the last expiring gasp. Having witnessed its birth, he says he is unwilling to remain here to witness its dissolution. Hence he retires from the cabinet, but with the kindest feelings for President Buchanan and each member of the cabinet, whom he complimented highly as honorable and patriotic men.

The papers are bragging of an invention by which leather can be tanned in ten minutes. We have seen the human hide, however, tanned in five. Our schoolmaster used to do it occasionally in two.

MARRIED.

On the 9th inst, by Rev. A. B. Still, Mr. WILLIAM J. THOMAS and Miss CHARITY ANN STEVENS, both of Danville Pa. On the 13th inst, by the Rev. William J. Eyer, Mr. PHILIP GOTTFALD, to Miss CATARINE KISTLER, both of Callawassa twp.

At Seneca, on the 6th inst, by James Masters, Esq; THOMAS BRITAIN, of Franklin twp, L-Corning twp, to ELIZABETH MINISTER, of Jordan twp, L-Corning co.

On the 10th inst, by the same, in Greenwood twp, ABRAHAM ROBINS, of Jordan twp, L-Corning co, to NANCY SWANSON, of Greenwood twp, Columbia county.

On the 6th inst, by J. H. Kler, Esq., Mr. SAMUEL JACOBY, of Mt. Pleasant, to Miss LUCINDA M. LEMON of the same place.

On December 1st, in Bloomsburg, by the Rev. D. J. Waller, Mr. LEWIS SCHUELER, to Miss ELIZABETH JANE daughter of the late Aaron Patterson, all of Greenwood township Columbia county.

DIED.

45 years, 8 months and 11 days. At the "Danville Hotel," on the 5th inst, Mr. AUGUSTUS BACHMAN, aged 40 years.

REVIEW OF THE MARKET.

Table with 3 columns: Commodity, Price, and Quantity. Includes WHEAT, BUTTER, EGGS, COHN, FALLOW, OATS, LARD, FLOUR, POTATOES, DR. APPLES, CLOVERSEED, and HAMS.

Executor's Notice.

Estate of Elizabeth Est, late of Scott township, Columbia county, deceased. I, DANIEL G. ENT, Executor, hereby give notice that I have been appointed Executor of the estate of the decedent, and those indebted to make payment immediately to DANIEL G. ENT, Executor.

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Estate of Geo. Fetterman, Sen., Late of Locust Township, dec'd. COLUMBIA COUNTY, SS: The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, by and for the County of Columbia. Whereas, Geo. Fetterman, Sen., deceased, has been granted by the Register of said county to the undersigned, who resides in Locust township, All persons having claims against the estate of the decedent are requested to present them to the Executor for settlement and those indebted to make payment immediately to DANIEL G. ENT, Executor.

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