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We have on hand a lengthy communication on education, which came to hand too late for insertion this week.

GOOD PRINTING INK.—We are at present, and have been for some months using ink manufactured by L. Johnson & Co., 606 Sansom street, Philadelphia, for printing our paper with, regarding it as superior to any other we know of, and we take pleasure in recommending it as such to our brethren of the press, and Johnson & Co. as a prompt, attentive and gentlemanly business firm.

SNOW ON THE 24TH APRIL.—Last Saturday morning we were, on rising, somewhat astonished to find the ground white with snow which had fallen during the night. During the day it snowed occasionally; and the atmosphere was raw and chilly, and doubtless the growth of vegetation will be retarded by it. We had a remarkably mild winter; but this looks as if we were to have an unfavorable spring. Very appropriately might it be remarked that "Winter lingering chills the lap of May."

OUR SCHOOLS.—Mr. Editor.—Allow space in your valuable paper for a few lines concerning our Schools. Certificates of a new style have been issued by the Department at Harrisburg, which I will commence giving to teachers, found worthy upon examination, at the close of the Normal School.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on and after the 28th day of June next, all the old permanent certificates will be annulled; and those teachers who have received them, who wish to receive new ones, must appear at the public examination of the teachers in Clearfield county, on the above named day, and be examined. Also, that on and after the 1st day of October next, all the provisional certificates, running beyond that date, will be annulled, to give place to the new style of provisional certificates.

To procure the professional certificate, a thorough knowledge of all the common branches is required, with skill and success in the art of teaching.

A WORD TO DIRECTORS.—Please send me the report for your Districts, at as early a date as possible. If any districts have failed to receive blanks for '88, notify me without delay. Also, remember the obligation you have imposed upon me, and do not have your schools in session during the Normal School.

L. L. STILL, Co. Superintendent.

Counterfeit tens on the Southwick Bank, Philadelphia, have just made their appearance at various points in New Jersey, and a number of arrests have been made for passing them.

The Chicago Christian Advocate gives reports weekly of the number of conversions in the Methodist Churches of the of the Northwest. Week before last, it reported 2,500 and last week nearly 3,000 accessions reported to the Northern branch of the church have been made since the first of January.

ALLIGATORS' NESTS.—They resemble hay-cocks, four feet high and five in diameter at their bases, being constructed with grass and herbage. First, they deposit one layer of eggs on a floor of mortar, and having covered this with a second stratum of mud and herbage, eight inches thick, lay another set of eggs upon that, and so on to the top, there being commonly from one to two hundred eggs in a nest. With their tails they then beat down round the nest the dense grass and reeds five feet high, to prevent the approach of enemies.

The female watches her eggs until they are all hatched by the heat of the sun, and then takes her brood under her own care; defending them and providing for their subsistence. Dr. Lutzenburg, of New Orleans, told me that he once packed up one of these nests with the eggs, in a box for the museum of St. Petersburg, but was recommended before he closed it to see that there was no danger of the eggs being hatched on the voyage.

On opening one, a young alligator walked out, and was soon followed by the rest, about a hundred, which he fed in his house, where they went up and down stairs, whining and barking like young puppies.

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In regard to the color of the children, nature seems to have been quite as eccentric as in their formation; one of the boys being black, and the other as white as the child of a white woman; and so with the girls. They all seem to be perfectly healthy, and the mother is doing uncommonly well.

TESTING SEED CORN.—A correspondent of the Cincinnati Gazette furnishes the following mode of testing seed corn.—There is so much damaged corn this year, that much care will be requisite in selecting such as is suitable for seed. I have seen in your paper and elsewhere, several modes suggested for testing its germinating qualities, but they are inefficient, impracticable, or attended with too much trouble to be generally useful. The following mode will be found simple, practical and certain, and can be applied to any extent desired.

Put the shelled corn in a vessel of such dimensions as are required for the quantity to be tested. Pour water over it of about the temperature of milk from the cow, until it is fairly covered, adding to the water from time to time, if the absorption and swelling of the corn should raise it above the surface. Set it in a moderate warm place and let it remain twenty-four hours. Then pour the water off, cover the corn with some thick cloth which must be kept wet, and let it stand in a mass, still in a warm place until it sprouts. This will take place in about thirty-six hours, usually, if the corn is good. I prepare all my corn for planting in this manner, though I know the seed to be good. A plant sometimes is that it brings the plant forward a week or more earlier than planting dry. This advantage in the fall is sometimes very important. The damaged corn from my field last year did not exceed five per cent.

CLIPPINGS AND SCRIBBLINGS.

Fell-snow, on last Saturday. Imported—cotton from Africa, recently. About—the borough Constable. Eyes right, pie. Solid—strawberries, in Augusta, Ga., a week since.

In New York—Thirty practicing female physicians. A father called his son into a crowded coach "Ben-jam-in." Appeared—cucumbers, in the Savannah market, last week.

Plattering—the prospect for a good fruit crop, in Tennessee. Adjourned—the New York Legislature, on the 20th inst., sine die.

A beauty—the "Photograph" picture in the Blairsville True American. Killed—a Big (er) Black Back, by Leecompton. Two too strong a dose.

In session—the Editorial convention. May it result in benefit to the craft. Passed—the bill, to sell the State canals to the E. R. Railroad Company.

Hall stones—said to weigh 14 lbs.—fell recently at New Braunfels, Texas. Hung himself—James Burns, a hackman, in Baltimore. Cause, loss of money.

Will exceed 20,000—the majority in favor of a five million loan in Minnesota. Appointed—by the Pope, young Lucien Bonaparte as one of the Pontifical Prelates.

Cherishing—the news concerning the wheat crop, from all sections of the country. Destroyed by fire—a large amount of timber in the mountains near Lakeport, Va.

A funny request—a Hotel-keeper asking a naval officer permission to board his vessel. Tall—the wheat in Talbot county, Md. It has already grown to the height of 20 inches.

Is now trying to spin a mountain top—the man who ate his dinner with the fork of a river. (Not admitted—accidentally, the Leviathan from her moorings, but was secured without being damaged.)

Has become a convert—Hon. Thos. F. Marshall of Kentucky, "to christianity and temperance." Will cost—the transportation of flour to the Utah army, \$10 to \$50 per barrel. It is so officialy stated.

Have been ordered into active service—all the midshipmen who passed examination lately at Annapolis. A queer fellow—the man who carried out his moral resolutions. He forgot to bring them in again, however.

Good at imitating—the man who painted a shingle so much like marble that when it fell in the river it sank. Changed—the name of the Post-Office at Pennfield. It is now called Tyler, and D. Tyler, Esq., appointed postmaster.

Fled guilty—Pullen, the custom house robber at Richmond, Va. He was sentenced to the penitentiary for eight years. Confirmed—by the U. S. Senate, John Cadwallader as Judge of the Eastern District Court for Pennsylvania, vice, Kane, deceased.

In the habit—some landlords, of laying an extra fork across the plates of their delinquent boarders, as a mode to say, "I am not paid." In the funeral procession which attended the remains of Col. Benton to the grave at St. Louis, there were 2,100 persons and 120 vehicles.

Arrested—J. Zimmerman and J. Thuringer, at Buffalo, on a charge of enlisting soldiers for the British service within the U. States. Notified—by the Savannah Republican, the arrival of seven vessels at New York, within two days, all of them loaded with ice from Maine.

Died suddenly—Judge Stevens, one of the oldest residents of Indianapolis, on the 20th inst. He was a brother to Thad. Stevens of this State.

Novel Prayer Meeting.—The passengers on the R. R. Railroad Express train east, on Thursday last, were held in prayer meeting at Newark, G. S.

Are like the Arctic pole—many human hearts. They have an open sea around the centre, but only reachable through an almost impassable desert of ice.

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NOTE: It is hereby given, that in pursuance of an Act of Assembly, passed the 12th day of June, A. D. 1854, entitled "An Act to amend an act directing the mode of selling unseated lands for taxes," &c., the following tracts of unseated lands in Clearfield county, will be exposed to public sale, or outcry, for the taxes due and unpaid thereon, at the Court House in the Borough of Clearfield, on the Second Monday of June, 1888:

BECCARIA TOWNSHIP. No. Ac. Per. Owners & Warrantees. Thomas Weston, 151 50 Thos. Weston, \$23 75

BURNSIDE TOWNSHIP. John Patchin. 5602 160 John Nicholson, 12 30

COVINGTON TOWNSHIP. Peter A. Karthaus. 1898 578 Morris & Stewart, 41 04

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