

Franklin Repository

LOCAL ITEMS.

Gossip with our friends.—How quiet and how beautiful the country looks to one who has been here for a time in a large city.—There is no spring in the city. It is true that a few trees, shrubs, flowers and blades of grass give some little token of it; but the heated pavements, dusty streets, close atmosphere and horrible smells are a surer index. Broadway will do in winter, with the gay dresses of the ladies, the gaudily painted omnibuses and the flaming shop windows; but in the spring give us "rocks, waters, woods," fields of grain and clover, fruit trees in blossom, flower gardens in full bloom, and road side grass.

By the bye, what has become of the fulfillment of the prophecy about the grass growing in Broadway when the South would secede. Our Southern brethren have seceded, and the grass grows not yet in Broadway. Alas for the prophets, in their own country! The ten cent omnibus fare was, as we expected, a failure. The great unwashed as well as the washed refused to pay the villainous price; and the unwashed sight of empty stages was seen on Broadway. A great moral victory was won by the sovereign people, and six cents is once more the charge per half hour for the privilege of being squeezed, trampled on, and smothered in concert with from twelve to eighteen of their misguided fellow beings. One meets with strange adventures sometimes in these vans. Losing one's pocket-book, for instance, is quite exciting; so is the occasional striking of hobs and falling of horses. A small man is excusable for a feeling of desperation when engulfed in the eriolines of a lady on each side. To have a fat lady on the one hand and an angular one on the other is still more distressing, the meeting of the two extremes through his body is, to say the least, unpleasant, worse than to have a barbed arrow piercing the left and a mustard plaster on the right shoulder, the faint, roast beef, greasy, sweaty feel balanced by the vulture-beak sensation. But when a fellow gets sandwiched between two plump, pretty lassies, the one with blue eyes and golden hair, the other with brywn eyes and chestnut locks, then comes the tug of war. Every jolt of the stage sways him to and fro like a spoon between two pyramids of blanc mange.—If you happen to be old or irascible or corned, take care of your toes; if amiable, don't let an old lady of two hundred (pounds of course) sit on your lap. If your clothes are new, don't take on your knee a juvenile with a fresh ginger cake in his hand; if your habiliments are shabby, don't mind an occasional look of scorn from those who are well dressed; if you want fun, watch a lady getting into the door, particularly if she has three or four bundles and an umbrella in her arms; and if you wish your hair to stand on end, see an Englishman try, on pretext of stopping the stage, to pull the driver's leg and body through the little round six inch hole in front. At times the drivers will swear, give the wrong change, or forget it altogether. Should you drop your change, you must never attempt to hunt for it, for it is very trying to stoop down and hunt through some thirty gaiters and boots for a few five and ten cent notes. Bear your loss like a man, and be more careful next time. Never argue with a Jehu, particularly if he's from a well known island west of Great Britain. Pray without ceasing, keep your temper, wear strong, simple, neat, plain attire, pay the exact fare, look at and talk to nobody, keep your left hand on your pocket book, pay no attention to insults or blandishments, be sure you know where you intend to alight, don't go to sleep, be pleased or frightened at nothing, attempt not to stop a passing stage with your elbow or head, never make your exit face foremost or before you have come to a halt, avoid the mud, look well to it that the stages in your rear don't pass over your prostrate body, race for the side walk incognito—treasure up all these precautions in your heart, and in due course of time, after loss of title and treasure, and a leg, perhaps, you will be able to travel on Broadway with ease to yourself and comfort to others. Little thought we to spend so much time on this subject, but the truth is, we have been passing such an amount of time lately in omnibuses, that we have been run away with—the theme opens up such a field for thought, for reflection, for philosophizing. We often think of what a pious old friend of ours once said as he picked himself up out of an overturned stage—"I'd rather take Pharaoh's chariot in the Red Sea, any time, than ride the length of Broadway in an omnibus." Not too strong a remark, but slightly exaggerated.

REBEL SPY SHOT AND CAPTURED.—On Friday last, Mr. Latschaw, the enrolling officer for Franklin township, Adams county, met a suspicious looking character on the road, and questioned him as to his residence. He answered that he resided in that township, but when interrogated as to the names of his neighbors, he found that Mr. Latschaw was likely to detect him and he said he had made a mistake—that he resided beyond Mercersburg. From his confused and unsatisfactory statements, Mr. Latschaw felt it his duty to arrest him, and he did so. The prisoner made no resistance, but proposed to walk back to New Salem; but on the way he took the first favorable opportunity to jump the fence and run away. The officer pursued, and was joined by the people of the neighborhood; and after a chase of about three hours, he was recaptured without being injured. Officer Latschaw then bound his feet together, and started for Chambersburg to deliver the prisoner to Capt. Eyster, the Provost Marshal. Latschaw and the prisoner were in a single seated buggy, and Mr. Slonaker rode behind on horseback. When in the South Mountain, the prisoner managed quietly to get his feet loose, and when opposite a dense thicket of laurel, he sprang from the buggy into the bushes. Mr. Slonaker fired at him and lodged a ball in his shoulder, making a slight wound, but it did not arrest the prisoner. Latschaw immediately jumped from the buggy and rushed into the thicket after him, and called to him twice to halt or he would fire; but the prisoner continued to get away as fast as possible. Latschaw fired and struck him in the hip, shattering the bone badly, and of course arresting his progress. He at once called out that he was mortally wounded. Mr. Slonaker went up to him, while Latschaw pursued his horse, and the prisoner told him that he was fatally injured—that he could not live long, and at once admitted that he was a rebel spy, and had met a just fate. He gave his name as Lloyd, and stated that he had been in this section making observations for the benefit of the rebels.

He is a man of about forty years of age, stoutly built, with dark hair and goatee, is quite intelligent, and has evidently not been a laboring man. It is more than probable that he is a rebel officer. On his person was found a belt with nearly \$100 of gold, and he had Chattanooga and Virginia rebel money, and a little Pennsylvania currency. He represents himself as a native of Lee county, Virginia, but says that he has lived in Missouri for some years, and was about to return to Lee county. He had a letter, with the date and place where it was written torn off, which refers to a journey to be undertaken, and certain information to be conveyed; but it furnishes no clue to parties in complicity with him. He had also a Cincinnati paper of the 28th ult. in his pocket, from which we think it probable that he passed through that place several weeks ago. He was in this town a few days before he was arrested; tried to sell some gold at the Bank, and very carefully scanned a map of the county hanging in the Bank.

His thigh wound is very serious, but not necessarily mortal, and his recovery is altogether probable. Had his wound been less dangerous, it might have been difficult to gather sufficient evidence to warrant holding him as a spy, but when he was shot he supposed he was about to die, and he admitted his purpose and business frankly. He is now in the Hospital in this place, in the custody of Gen. Couch, and will, we learn, be sent to Fort Mifflin as soon as he recovers sufficiently to be removed. Great credit is due Officer Latschaw and Mr. Slonaker for their arrest and delivery to the authorities at this place. We presume that Lloyd came into our lines through the Cumberland mountains, came East by way of Cincinnati, and meant to escape through the Shenandeah Valley.

EDUCATIONAL.—Pursuant to notice the Franklin county Educational Association met in Waynesboro' on the 11th inst. Organized by electing Messrs. Jos. Douglas, President, and D. B. Russell and Joseph Eckhart, Vice Presidents. From thirty to forty teachers were in attendance being not more than one-fifth employed in the county. The English branches commonly taught in the public schools were taken up in their regular order and discussed and in most cases classes were formed and drilled by one or more of the members. The subject of Reading elicited more than ordinary attention. "Object Teaching" which is now being freely discussed particularly in the more Eastern States, gave rise to considerable animated discussion, teachers manifesting a desire to test new theories before adopting them. Notwithstanding the light attendance of Teachers and an extremely sparse audience, the meeting was one of interest. The President at the close of the meeting, spoke warmly for the great cause of popular education, and warned teachers at being discouraged at want of interest manifested by the people, generally in the education of their offspring, that any undertaking having great good for its end, meets with the same apathy.

The Superintendent, in behalf of the Association, thanked the President for his cheering words of encouragement. Among the resolutions adopted were the following: Resolved, That we consider obedience to law and order as a Christian duty, and believe all teachers should endeavor to instill this principle into the minds of the youth under their charge. Resolved, That our thanks are due the Rev. Mr. Krebs for his able address, to the gentlemen who presided over the meeting, and also to the "new" citizens who were in attendance. Resolved, That our proceedings be published in the county papers and Penna. School Journal. J. S. McELWAIN, Sec'y.

BRIG. GEN. CHARLES T. CAMPBELL holds the position of Inspector General of our forces in the North West. Headquarters at Sioux City, Iowa.

rich and poor, white and black, alike. Come, friends, lay aside for a day or two your business, and your selfish concerns, and, for the honor of old Franklin, assist in raising a handsome contribution for the Christian Commission, to be used for the comfort of the defenders of our homes, our laws and our national honor.

A youthful friend of ours having undergone a medical examination by the Draft Surgeon, informed us that the Doctor told him he had "Angelina pectoris." Poor fellow, guess he must be in love!

FROM THE 11TH PENNA. CAVALRY.—Letters have been received in this place from a number of the gallant boys of this famous Regiment, giving vivid and interesting accounts of the great raid under Gen. Kautz on the Peninsula, in which they were prominent participants. In a letter before us, it is stated that the command, numbering about twenty-eight hundred, approached within six miles of Richmond, over roads not heretofore traversed by any of our troops, and greatly to the consternation of the inhabitants of that section. The destruction of property of various kinds by this raid is almost beyond computation, and the raiders captured a greater number perhaps, of Negroes, Horses, Mules, &c., than has been taken by any similar expedition since the commencement of the war. The results will be a severe blow upon the rebels, and will greatly assist Gen. Butler in carrying out the purposes of his important campaign. The command were out fourteen days and are now safely encamped for a short rest at City Point. Among the casualties sustained by the 11th on the raid, we regret to record the death of George Elliott, son of Mr. Marion Elliot, of this place, who was killed by bushwhackers.

DELEGATES ELECTED.—By an arrangement made between the Delegates from this district in the Union State Convention, the counties of Franklin and Adams were conceded one District Delegate to the National Convention, and the counties of Fulton, Bedford and Somerset the other. In pursuance of that arrangement the delegates from this end of the district—Messrs. Benjamin Chambers, J. E. Crawford and H. S. Stoner of Franklin, and D. McConaughey, E. G. Fahnestock and C. H. Buecher of Adams—met in this place on Tuesday of last week, and had sessions on Tuesday evening and Wednesday. Adams county presented Col. E. G. Fahnestock, and Franklin county presented John Stewart, Esq. On the 20th ballot, Mr. Stewart was chosen Delegate, and Col. Fahnestock was made alternate Delegate. The following resolution was unanimously adopted: Resolved, That the Delegates elected by this conference be instructed to support the re-nomination of ABRAHAM LINCOLN for the Presidency, and that they be requested to support the nomination of Gov. Andrew Johnson, of Tennessee, for the Vice Presidency.

THE POSTAL MONEY ORDER SYSTEM.—The bill to establish a Postal Money Order System, has become a law. It is designed to facilitate and secure the transfer of small sums of money through the medium of the Post Office. Under its provisions, any person desiring to transmit money by mail in a sum not less than \$1 or more than \$30, may by depositing the amount in the hands of any Postmaster with whom a "Money Order Office" shall be established, obtain an order therefor drawn upon and payable by the Postmaster of the place to which he intends to forward the money. No order shall be issued for less than \$1 or more than \$30; and persons receiving them will be required to pay the following fees: For an order for \$1 up to \$10, ten cents; more than \$10 and not exceeding \$20, fifteen cents; over \$20, twenty cents. This system of money exchange through the Post Office has been in operation in Europe for many years past, and is found a great public convenience.

A SPLENDID ESTABLISHMENT.—On Saturday evening last Messrs. Burkhardt & Hensley opened their splendid new Confectionery and Fruit Store and Ice Cream Saloon for the patronage of the public. The establishment is located on the West side of North Main St. near the Post Office, and is one of the most extensive of its kind in this part of the State. The sale rooms are very handsomely fitted up, and in the manufacturing departments the best machinery and latest improvements for baking &c. are introduced. Their present stock of Confections, Fruits, Cakes, Fancy Goods, &c., is very large and attractive, and they are prepared to furnish anything in their line in the smallest or largest quantities at very low rates.

The Ice Cream Saloons are elegantly furnished, and it is the design of the firm to supply the very best quality of Ice Cream that can be made, and of the choicest flavors.

DON'T forget to write letters and send newspapers to our gallant soldiers. They are always longing to hear news from home, and a letter, or newspaper, their home newspaper, especially—is ever a most welcome visitor. Just now there are hundreds of our brave boys prostrated on beds of pain in the hospitals at Washington, Alexandria, Belle Plain, Fredericksburg and elsewhere, to whom the time passes wearily, who would find great solace in their home newspapers. We hope that each one of our subscribers will pack up to-day's REPOSITORY, after they have read it, and send it to their absent friends and relatives, or to one of the hospitals in the places named, in care of the Sanitary or Christian Commissions. Those good Samaritans will see that papers so sent are properly distributed. We intend to dispose of as many copies as we can spare in this way for some weeks to come, and hope all our readers will do the same.

CONTRIBUTION.—We have received from Mr. Geo. Sprecher a contribution of \$6 45 for the Christian Commission.

STAMP DUTIES.—There is much difficulty often among the people in ascertaining the proper stamp duties to put upon notes, drafts &c. All checks, drafts or orders at sight require two cents without regard to the amount; and the following table shows the amount of stamps necessary on notes, drafts and every thing not payable on sight:

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