

Franklin Repository

LOCAL ITEMS.

GOSSIP WITH OUR FRIENDS.—There is a tide, as well as an untid in the affairs of men that taken in its flood will lead to all sorts of queer results. This new and original idea has been suggested by some sombre Sunday thoughts on poor old Chambersburg. I had been reading Dr. Schneck's Book on "The Burning of Chambersburg," and like the client, who cried bitterly when his lawyer described his wrongs, remarking: "that he did not know before how badly he had been used"—so I felt my wounds bleed afresh, and seem sorer than ever. It was a devilish deed, and one that will be visited upon the rebels most fearfully. Poor old Chambersburg! A new Chambersburg may arise, Phoenix-like from the ashes of the old, but the hallooed old resting places are gone forever. Thank God the cemeteries remain, where one can go to the grave of his friends. Should it be my lot to die away from home, I trust my dear folks will bring on my body and place me where my friends and kindred lie. Every hour in the day I miss something familiar, something that habit had rendered absolutely necessary to my comfort. O my folks, my folks: dear, faithful friends, what shall I do without you? We bear it very well, all of us, don't we? It is grace, isn't it? We forgive our enemies, don't we? Bah! War is war, and peace is peace. Suppose we have a public meeting, and vote Gen. McCandless a service of plate, inscribed: "To our friend M. McCandless, who called us to put in practice the highest Christian virtues, including the forgiveness of our enemies." Well, well, if we can only bear it with the same fortitude that the New York did! By the way, these same papers cried aloud, and spared not when the Rebels tried to set their town on fire. It is said that Mr. Gravelly's visage was clean for the first time for years, owing to the copious tears he shed, with his face buried in his hands. Bennett's face wouldn't wash clean—indeed one would suppose his tears would wash anything they might touch. I can feel spiteful at G. and B., and I do not love them any better than I do General Lee, and do not respect them half so much—but surely every loyal man must feel horrified at the abortive attempt of the rebels to destroy the great city of New York, with as many of its inhabitants as possible. Well, we take into consideration that scores of families inhabit a single house, and that each one of the many hotels is crowded with hundreds of strangers, to the height of five and six stories, one can imagine what must have been the consequence of the success of the diabolical scheme; but, we do hope that Messrs. G. & B. were thoroughly frightened, even unto a trembling of the lower limbs. I was in a large manufactory the other day, that employed a great number of women; and while looking around, the foreman said, "Look here!" I looked, and there under the work counter lay a sick little girl, some six years old, while the poor mother, and her earned her daily bread. It was a sad sight, and caused sad thoughts. The mother must work, and if her child gets sick she must work all the same, and must either leave it without any care, or bring it along. The little thing looked pale and thin, but was more comfortable, most likely, in the busy workshop, than she would have been at home. I asked what the woman could earn, and was informed that she was one of the best workwomen in the shop, and could earn a dollar a day. O, ye, who waste money by the dollar, and time by the hour, remember that you will one day have to give an account for both. It is hard to be poor, but thank God there will be an end to poverty with life, when many a Lazarus will fall heir to a fortune.

What can be more beautiful than New York Bay with its two silver tributaries on a bright crisp morning! The water sparkles like diamonds, and every here and there reflects the bright clouds and the gay shipping. The numerous ferry boats add life, if not beauty to the scene; and of all beautiful things in the world, not excepting a horse or a woman, a ship is the most graceful. The little steam tug give force to the view, puffing along, sighing, and groaning, and wheezing, and snorting as much as to say, Sam Johnson (not him of Boswell fame, but him who cried sweet chimneys in Chambersburg.) "I see a little nigger, but I stay with a man." The songs and cries of the sailors add to the poetry of the picture—all is so cheery, so buoy, so lively. But no tramp (sound your p in danny) foggy morning how changed the scene. Each one wraps himself in his overcoat, whether of cloth or wadding percha, and consigns himself to cogitations on the vanity of human wishes. Even the handsome policemen look like roosters in a shower. The ladies cover up their heads and expose their feet. The fog bells ring dolorously as though in mourning for a dead sun, notwithstanding which an occasional collision resulting in the tearing away a large piece of each collar, and frightening some fifteen hundred people, almost out of their wits, gives each one a chance to vent his ill humor aloud.

Brooklyn abounds in street cries, all of which would be perfectly incomprehensible were it not for occasional glances one gets into the wagons or trays of the itinerants. There is an old woman whom I pass nearly every morning who sells apples. Her cry resembles the wail of an angry tom-cat, meaning "Apple—apple—apple!" A fish merchant stalks along in front of his wagon with a most solemn and deponding countenance, and all at once, when you least expect it, he utters his astounding cry. First a sign of misery, as though he had seen better days, then a groan, and then a war-wop. Sometimes you think he may have trodden on a copperhead, again that he may have sat on what the boys call a lum-bee's nest, or that an enraged bull may be arguing with him "a posterior." At all events the closing howl is the most fearful sound I ever heard. One could imagine it to be the agonized death cry of a solidarity of government mules! All this time he is only persuasively informing the citizens of Brooklyn that he has "Fire-bell Fish" for sale. I hear with pain that party spirit runs high in C. Friends, this is no time to argue politics. Lincoln has been elected, let us obey him; and we hope our Republican cotillions will allow a Democrat to have opinions of his own, however objectionable, for men can conscientiously differ on any subject. Don't let us call one another hard names—it is not Christian, it is not decent.

THE STATE GUARD.—It is now officially announced that the men who enlisted in the State Guard, now being organized by Gov. Curtin for State defense, will be practically exempt from draft for the United States service. Any members of the guard drafted by the general government will be furnished forth full period of their term of State service and they will at the same time be fully credited on the quotas of their respective districts. The following is Provost Marshal General Frey's letter of the subject, dated Nov. 29th:

The Secretary of War directs me to inform you that the President of the United States has ordered as follows: In case the Governor of Pennsylvania shall organize the Pennsylvania State Guard, and put in service under State act that purpose a number not exceeding five thousand, it is ordered that any member of said organization being drafted into the United States service at one time, shall be so retained in order to enable the organization, not receiving pay of the United States, but the time counting on his term under the draft. You are interested to see the order of the President as strictly conformed to.

SAD OCCURRENCE.—Mr. Gilbert M. Chain, of Dry Run, a member of Company A, 49th Reg. Pa. Vol., when returning home on a furlough after a severe illness, met with a sad and fatal

accident at Bridgeport on the 5th ult. But little time was allowed the passengers for leaving the Northern Central Train. Mr. M. being weak, in the hurry fell, and the wheel of the car passed over one of his legs, horribly mangleing it. He was taken to the General Hospital at Harrisburg where amputation was performed. He lingered to the 18th when he expired. His remains were brought home and interred at Spring Run on the 21st. He leaves a wife and little child.

HORSE THIEVES ARRESTED.—The two horses stolen from Mr. Isaac Solenberg several weeks ago, were recovered last week in Hickory Gap, South Mountain, Cumberland county, and the thieves arrested in possession of them. Jacob Garner and Mr. Dohner are the men arrested. They are now in the Carlisle Jail, and Mr. Solenberg has his horses.

THE FIRST SNOW.—On Friday last, we had our first snow, which covered the earth to the depth of eight inches. The beautiful white garments warm and protect the crops of grain from the bitter cold wind, and more than all, gives a chance for sleighing. Welcome, three welcome, beautiful snow!

DEATH OF AN OLD CITIZEN.—Mr. Nicholas Pearce, an old and much esteemed citizen of this place, died on Sunday morning last, at the advanced age of 83 years. Mr. P. held the position of Post Master of Chambersburg under the Administrations of Presidents Taylor and Fillmore.

MARRIED.—NIGH-TARNER.—On the 1st inst., at Pleasant Retreat, Pa., by the Rev. Jas. M. Bishop, Mr. David W. Nigh to Miss Nancy Ann Tarnar, both of this township.

ARMSTRONG-SCHOPP.—On the 1st inst., at the residence of Mrs. Schopp, in this place, Mr. David Armstrong to Miss Elizabeth Schopp, both of this township.

DEKLAND-EMBUCH.—On the 6th inst., at the residence of the bride's parents, on the Rev. E. Breidenbach, in this place, Mr. DeKland to Miss Sarah E. Embuch, of Lewis township.

SHAW-ELDER.—On the 6th inst., by the Rev. J. D. Shaw, in this place, Mr. Shaw to Miss Elizabeth Elder, of this township.

MORRY.—On the 8th inst., by the same, Mr. Samuel Morry, of Chambersburg, to Miss Mary C. Morry, of this township.

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ties on the "first floor" make their handsome profit, and Stockholders can take care of themselves. Many of them are not intended for development, and the stock nominally set apart as a working capital is never sold. The investment of the Stockholders is therefore literally thrown away without even a show for the prospective profits. The Sterling Oil Company has a certain revenue, and will pay dividends its cash capital from the start, and the Burning Spring and Ruble Farm is being honestly developed with every reasonable prospect of success; of the entire list of eighteen new companies, we do not know whether they could command. There may be others—most likely there are a few—honestly organized and promising well, but we do not know of them. The following is a list of the new companies put, upon the market within the last two weeks:

Table with 3 columns: Company Name, Capital, Shares. Includes Sterling Oil Co., Dankard Creek Oil Co., Henry Creek Oil Co., etc.

THE actual cash capital is usually not more than half the amount of the nominal capital. Of the 215 organized Oil Companies now on the market, but 41 have ever declared a dividend, and probably not more than half the dividends so declared were honestly earned by revenues from oil. The public cannot, therefore, be too cautious about investments in this dazzling, but most doubtful channel of trade. No other stocks will pay so largely and reliably as Oil stocks if investments are judiciously made; but in no other branch of trade will so much money be lost by investing in prospective productions.

The Bank of Chambersburg is now doing business as the "National Bank of Chambersburg," and will soon be supplied with the new National issues. It has three years, however, to retire its old circulation, and the old notes will in the meantime be as acceptable to our people as the new.

The following is the latest quotations of the sales of stocks and bonds in Philadelphia:

Table with 2 columns: Bond Name, Price. Includes U.S. 5-20s, U.S. 10-40s, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Railroad Stock Name, Price. Includes Reading R.R., P. & D. R.R., etc.

Table with 2 columns: Coal and Oil Stock Name, Price. Includes Big Mountain Coal, etc.

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New Advertisements.

FOUND.—On Thursday last, in the Borough of Chambersburg, a SILVER WATCH, which may have been lost by this office and paying for this advertisement. dect-14

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.—Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary to the Estate of JOHN H. BROWN, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned, and that all persons indebted to said estate are requested to pay the same to the undersigned, and that all persons claiming against said estate are requested to present their claims to the undersigned, within the time specified in the said Letters Testamentary. THOMAS PAWLING, Executor. dect-14

STEAM SAW MILL.—The undersigned has erected and in operation a Steam Saw Mill at South Mountain, near Spring, and is prepared to saw to order Bills, of WHITE OAK, PINE, HEMLOCK, or any kind of timber desired, at the shortest notice and at low prices. One of the mills will be at the Hotel of Saml. Greenbaum, in Chambersburg, on Saturday, and on each alternate Saturday thereafter, for the purpose of contracting for the delivery of lumber. LUMBER DELIVERED at any point at the LOWEST PRICES. Addressed to them at dect-14

COACH AND SADDLERY.—HARDWARE. The undersigned has for sale and to let, and is prepared to carry on the above business at his old stand, on Main Street, opposite the German Hotel, in Chambersburg, Pa. Having enlarged his business, Saddlers and Coach-makers will find in his Store Room a general assortment of every article pertaining to such trades, such as Fair and Country Horses, Patent Leathers, etc. dect-14

HOME ON A FURLOUGH.—This beautiful engraving, painted by Schuchardt, and engraved by Sartorius, is a copy of the original, and is one of the most beautiful specimens of engraving ever gotten out in this country. Every Soldier's Family should have a copy. Every Legal Household should have a copy. It is a beautiful memorial of their country, and should be in every Soldier's Family. dect-14

LETTERS REMAINING UNCLAIMED.—In the Post Office at Chambersburg, State of Pennsylvania, Dec. 13, 1864. The following are the names of the persons who have not claimed their letters, and the date of their mailing: dect-14

VALUABLE FARM FOR SALE.—On Tuesday, January 24th, 1865, at the Court House, in Harrisburg, Md., I will sell by Public Auction, my valuable farm, situated on the Chesapeake and Potomac Rivers, containing 112 acres of land, which is one of the richest and most highly improved farms in this section. dect-14

REPORTS OF THE MARKET.—Chambersburg Market. Dec. 13, 1864. Flour—White, \$11.00; Red, \$10.50; etc. Wheat—White, \$2.00; Red, \$1.80; etc. Corn—\$1.00; etc. dect-14

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Legal Notices.

THE ESTATE OF CATHARINE Frey, late of Austria township, Franklin County, Pa., deceased. Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary to the Estate of said Catharine Frey, late of Austria township, Franklin County, Pa., deceased, have been granted to the undersigned, and that all persons indebted to said estate are requested to pay the same to the undersigned, and that all persons claiming against said estate are requested to present their claims to the undersigned, within the time specified in the said Letters Testamentary. J. M. SHARPE, Auditor. dect-14

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMON SCHOOLS. Harrisburg, November 30, 1864. To the School Directors of Franklin Co.—Extra: Application having been made by the Board of Directors of a majority of the school districts in this county, stating their desire to have the policy of the County supported, and an assessment of the same, it is respectfully requested to meet in Convention at the Court House, in Chambersburg, on the 14th day of January, 1865, at 10 o'clock, A. M., for the purpose above stated, according to the terms of the eighth section of the "supplement to the School Law of 1852," Act of June 4, 1852. Sup't Common Schools. dect-14

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.—The Auditor of Lewis township, notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary to the Estate of John H. Brown, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned, and that all persons indebted to said estate are requested to pay the same to the undersigned, and that all persons claiming against said estate are requested to present their claims to the undersigned, within the time specified in the said Letters Testamentary. THOMAS PAWLING, Auditor. dect-14

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