

Charcoal and Plants.

Messrs. Editors.—We observed in Thursday's Ledger, an extract from a Buffalo paper, stating that the wheat crops in France had experienced great improvement, by using charcoal in a manner similar to lime.

HOW TO MAKE AN UNPRODUCTIVE FRUIT TREE BEAR.—A lady of our acquaintance took us into her garden a few days ago, where we were shown an apple tree which, she informed us, had been planted for ten or more years, but had never borne any fruit.

STRANGE ENCOUNTER.—We learn from a gentleman of this city, that a few days ago, a cat which had often caught birds, mice, &c., was seen emerging from under a house, with a snake about a foot in length in her mouth.

THE COMET AT OHAHEITE.—The celestial visitor of last February made a terrible commotion among the simple inhabitants of Ohaheite. It was first observed on the 2d of March, when it appeared a vast mass of fire, rising from the verge of the horizon to the height of thirty degrees.

BETTER LATE THAN NEVER.—The Delaware Republican says:—"A revolutionary soldier, Jacob Carr, aged one hundred and ten years, was baptized in the Wesleshirkon a few weeks ago.

MORE BIBLES BURNED.—The Protestant Vindicator contains a letter from a clergyman in Mexico, N. Y., in which he states that the ladies of his charge furnished all the Catholic families within their bounds with copies of the Bible, which they received with readiness; but as soon as the priest came, the Bibles were all collected together and publicly burned in the streets.

Gen. Cass, in his 4th of July Oration at Fort Wayne, in speaking of the North-Western Territory and its aborigines, says:—"The Miami Indians, our predecessors in the occupation of this district, had a fearful institution, whose origin and objects have been lost in the darkness of aboriginal history, but which was continued to a late period, and whose orgies were held upon the very spot where we now are.

"The miserable victim was bound to a stake, and burned at a slow fire, with all the refinements of cruelty, which savage ingenuity could invent. There was a traditional ritual, which regulated with revolting precision, the whole course of procedure at these ceremonies. Latterly the authority and obligations of the institution had declined, and I presume it has now wholly disappeared.

That the very worst of "bad English" is spoken in every county and town in England, those who have travelled in that country all affirm.

Three times in England by men who were intelligently read in the affairs of their own country, and who seemed to us well informed concerning the affairs of almost every country but the United States.

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THE NEWARK N. J. Advertiser says there are two millions of dollars paid annually for stockings, and notices a stocking manufactory at the Cokoons on the Mahawk, which makes \$800,000 per annum of coarse hose, and by machinery so constructed that one man can perform as much as eight on the European plan.

A FLORAL CEREMONY.—We have often heard of a white blackbird, but never till now of a green rose; yet such a one has been produced in Bladen, North Carolina.

A STARTLING STORY.—Some time since, a slave named Carter, escaped from Mobile to New York, and disclosed the plot among the slaves which resulted in fatal conflagrations at Mobile.

Patriotism and Gallantry.—At the celebration of the 4th inst., at Richmond, Va., the following sentiment was sent by a lady:—"The Union!—The citadel of the universe, to which Freedom has retreated as her last fortress.

NEW COUNTEREITS.—Miners' Bank, Pottsville, Pa.—2's altered from Relief's. Vignette, three men, and, &c. On right end, a female figure, and on left end, a malleion head of Washington.



FOR SALE.—A fresh supply of printing paper, viz: 100 reams similar in size and quality to the sheet on which this is printed.

V. B. PALMER, Esq., at his Real Estate and Coal office, No. 59 Pine Street, Philadelphia, is authorized to act as Agent, and to receive and receipt for all monies due this office, for subscription or advertising.

The oppressive hot weather of last week has given way to cool and delightful breezes, ushered in by a rain that was much wanted, and which will be a great benefit to vegetation.

There appears to be a great dearth of news at present. It is with the utmost difficulty that we can chase up enough to give interest to our paper.

THE INFLUENZA, or Tyler Grippe, has visited a goodly number of our citizens, but not to so great an extent as in some of our neighboring towns.

The fare on the Rail Road between Pottsville and Philadelphia has been reduced to \$2.50. The Miners' Journal states that this reduction has already increased the travelling.

THE COMMONWEALTH.—We have received the first number of a new paper, neatly printed with the above title, just started at Harrisburg, published by W. Lewis.

MONEY MATTERS.—Money is as abundant as ever in the cities. Trade has already commenced from the West, and the season promises to be a brisk one.

The Washington Globe contends that Mr. Van Buren has great strength with the party, from the fact that he meets with such universal opposition, and argues if he is less feared, there would be less opposition.

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DICKENS, in his last number of Martin Chuzzlewit, has so grossly libelled the Americans, that his caricatures, if caricatures they can be called where there is not a shadow of resemblance, have lost their edge.

An attempt was made to assassinate Mr. Wickliffe, the Post Master General, on the 1st inst., on board the steam boat Georgia, while on her trip from Norfolk to Baltimore.

TAR AND FEATHERS.—The Phila. Ledger gives an account of a negro who attempted to commit an outrage on a girl on board of a boat, at Columbia. He was taken out of the hands of the authority at night, taken to the river by the mob, who gave him 39 lashes, then a coat of tar and feathers, then 39 more lashes; after which they removed the tar and feathers, then pinioned his arms and led him to the door of a leading abolitionist of Columbia, and tied him to the knocker.

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NORTHAMPTON BANK.—The directors of this Bank have by a unanimous vote, expelled John Rice, the President, and formerly the Cashier, who has earned the title of being one of the most villainous financiers of the age.

AN INDIAN BATTLE was recently fought between the Sioux and Pawnees. It is said 300 horses were taken by the Sioux, and about 40 shot down. The Pawnees had 46 men killed and represented that they had killed "plenty" of the Sioux.

MR. EDITOR:—This is a strange world we live in, and we hear of a great many strange things; but the strangest thing I have heard of for some time, is, that SAMUEL T. BROWN, of the borough of Milton, expects the Democracy of Northumberland county to place him on the ticket at the approaching election for the Legislature.

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MISCELLANY.

Editorial, Condensed and Selected. The quantity of flour which arrived at Tide Water by the Erie Canal, to the 1st inst., was 438,598 barrels.

The gold and silver plate belonging to the late Duke of Sussex, recently sold in London, exceeded in weight 40,000 ounces.

The Hon. Thomas F. Marshall, at the latest sittings was lecturing in Nashville, Tenn., upon the subject of Temperance.

General Victoria, of Mexico, in his revolutionary campaign, trained himself to go without food for five days at a time.

Mr. Phineas Camp, a Revolutionary soldier, died in Whitesboro, N. Y., a few days since, in the 100th year of his age.

Six at a Birth.—A woman in Pekin, Ill., recently had six fine children at a birth!

It is apprehended that serious difficulties will yet occur between the Mormons and the authorities of Illinois and Missouri.

One county in Wisconsin Territory, (Walworth) has 20,000 acres in wheat, which will yield at least 20 bushels to the acre, or \$400,000.

Wheat Crops.—Our exchange papers almost universally speak encouragingly of the prospect for a large and good wheat crop.

Gullibility.—A fortune-teller lately died in France, leaving a fortune of £20,000, amassed in the practice of the art.

Enemies to Free Trade.—The street commissioners of New York are upsetting the apple stands of all the old women and youngsters of that city, with a perfect ferocity.

The heat was so great in Georgia on the 12th July, that on the great mail line between Madison and Montgomery, seven of the horses gave out entirely—two of them died before they could be taken from the harness.

Deacon Nathan Beers, of New Haven, Conn., has just been allowed arrears of pension, as a soldier of the Revolution, amounting to \$3,360. He is 90 years old, and his first wife lives to share his good fortune.

A chemist has published a statement that washing in rain water, which runs over the roofs of houses, is highly injurious to the complexion, burning it sallow and brown.

The principal prize at a late target match of the New York Light Guard, was a lock of General Washington's hair, enclosed in a locket of gold.

400,000 pounds of wool have been purchased at Norwich, N. Y., during the present season, at prices varying from 25 to 33 cents.

The Odd Fellows of Great Britain and other places, are said to number between 300,000 and 400,000.

"Wages" in England.—The daily pay of the Duke of Wellington, for doing "nothing hardy," is £118 14s. 6d. and a woman receives, for manufacturing twelve hundred round headed hob-nails, five pence and three farthings! Something of a contrast!

One Mr. Brown, at Boston, has engaged to walk with Ellsworth, the pedestrian, one thousand miles in as many hours. He is to receive \$5.50 per day, if unsuccessful, nothing.

A five guinea gold piece of the reign of William and Mary, a guinea of 1775, and several old Spanish dollars, have been ploughed up within a few days on the battle field of Saratoga. As these coins were found near a thigh bone, the inference is that they were in the breeches pocket of the unfortunate owner.

A correspondent of the Buffalo Advertiser writing from Cleveland says:—"The Cleveland City Mills is the best for milling in the State, and can make the best flour; it was erected in glorious '36, at a cost of about \$50,000, it is now owned and run by the Messrs. Hutchinsons."

Slavery in Texas.—A proposition is on foot to organize a society in England to advance a sum equal to the value of the slaves in Texas—the money to be paid to the owners of the slaves, and slavery to be abolished in that Republic.

Suicide.—Mr. Gerry Stebbins, of South Deerfield, hung himself with a whip lash, on Wednesday evening last. He was a man of property, and had a good farm—was intemperate, and had that day taken freely.

A Singular Game of Chess.—A game of chess has been playing at Cincinnati, which was commenced on the 2d of January last, and was only finished on the 14th of last month. The players are considered the best known in the West—one a native of Albany, the other a native of Mayville.

By an imperial ukase, published at St. Petersburg, all Jews residing within fifty wersts of the frontier lines of Prussia and Austria, are ordered to proceed more into the interior. Those who possess habitations and property within that range, are required to sell them within two years.

The counties of Nash and Edgecomb, in North Carolina, contain 5694 white persons over 20 years of age, of whom 2631 can neither read nor write.—In 1839, when the act to establish common schools, was passed, Edgecomb county rejected it by a vote of 1075 to 165.

There is at present in the orangery of Versailles an orange tree planted by one of the female ancestors of Jeanne d'Allet. Its age is 432 years. It was brought to France in 1560, and was the first of the kind that was seen. Francis I. and Henry IV. kept it at Fontainebleau.

Money Thrown Away.—About \$100,000 have been thrown away in trying to improve the steamship Missouri. The experiments upon her all failed.

Important from the Western Borders.

FIGHT BETWEEN THE TEXAN MARAUDERS AND THE MEXICANS.—By a letter from Independence, Missouri, to the 17th July, received at St. Louis, it seems that the Texan marauders, under Warfield and Snively, or at least a portion of that renowned band, have had a fight with the Mexicans sent from Santa Fe to protect the traders from that city, and that twenty or thirty of the latter were killed, according to the report of some of the Texans who arrived at Independence. These men left the Big Arkansas on the 5th July; they state that the Texans numbered about one hundred, and the Mex cans had the same number. After a fight of twenty minutes, in which about thirty were killed and a number wounded, the rest attempted to escape but were all captured, none of the Texans being hurt. The prisoners were shortly after released and sent back to the Governor's camp, (a little distance off) when he and his army of 600 men became afflicted and fled precipitately back towards Santa Fe. It is understood though since, that they were returning again to meet the company.

A party of Texans, on a hunting excursion, as they averred, came over into the American Territory near the Arkansas river. Captain Cook, with the U. S. troops, came upon them and took the whole number (100 men) prisoners—he deprived them of their arms, and then released them, with the privilege of returning under an escort to Independence, or taking any route across the prairie as they thought best to Texas. The most of them preferred the latter course, and have no doubt joined Warfield, who was to assume the command of the remaining forces, and went in pursuit of the Spanish company, as they had determined to cross the Arkansas on the 31st of July, on their way to Santa Fe. Should they be able to cast themselves in between the company and the Governor's forces, on or near the Semirone, it is expected they will cut them off entirely. A good deal of dissatisfaction exists among the Texan troops. There are reported to be a great many intelligent men among the number, but a majority of rogues. Their object is booty, which they will obtain from the Spaniards alone—the Americans they will not disturb, unless associated and taking part with the other. The U. S. troops, or a portion of them, are expected to return to Independence in a few days.—Philadelphia Ledger.

THE GREAT WALKING MATCH.—The second twenty-four miles were performed by Ellsworth in 5h. 14m. 5s., by Fogg in 5h. 16m. 16s. Ellsworth's shortest time was 9m. 57s., his longest 17m. 47s. The best time made by Fogg was 11m. 40s; the longest 17m.

BALTIMORE MARKET.

Office of the BALTIMORE AMERICAN, July 31. GRAIN.—There is a fair supply of Wheat in Market to-day and the quantity sold has been large. The sales of Md. red Wheats have generally ranged at 95 a 100 cts. for good prime parcels, and at 85 a 95 for ordinary to good. We note a sale on Saturday of a cargo of North Carolina red, part very prime at 97 a 102 cts; and of another cargo to-day at 92 a 101 cents. A sale of a large part of good Md. white at 105 a 107 cents. Family Flour white Wheat is worth 105 a 112 cts. Sale of Md. white Corn to-day at 52 a 53 cents. We quote yellow flour at 53 a 54 cts. Sales of new Oats at 23 a 24 cts.

WHISKEY.—Hhds. are scarce. We quote them at 24 cts. Sales of bbls. at 25 cts. Some holders now ask higher.

FOR THE AMERICAN. County Commissioner.

MR. EDITOR.—Permit me, through the columns of your paper, to recommend to the Democracy of this county, Mr. JAMES S. BUOY, of Milton borough, as a gentleman well qualified to fill the office of County Commissioner. The folks, no doubt, are entitled to the man, and we know not any gentleman more eminently qualified to fulfill the duties of said office than Mr. Buoy. He has ever been a consistent and active democrat, and has done much to promote the interest of the party. Milton, we think, is now entitled to the man, and we hope the county convention will award to Mr. Buoy the nomination.

DEMOCRATS OF THE FORKS.

FOR THE AMERICAN. Assembly.

MR. MASSER.—The Democracy of Northumberland county will soon be called upon to make choice of a candidate for the next Legislature, and as there have been several worthy men presented for their consideration, permit us through the medium of your valuable paper, to offer EDWARD Y. BROWN, of the Borough of Sunbury, as a candidate for that important situation. In presenting Mr. Bright to the Democracy of Northumberland county, we have no hesitation in saying, that among the best of candidates that will be brought into the field, one to whom the interests of the people could more safely be confided, cannot be found. Mr. Bright has resided for a long time among us, and is well acquainted with the wants and wishes of the people. He is a man of excellent business habits, industrious and capable—possessing a sound knowledge of the Internal Improvement System, and if elected will fearlessly and faithfully perform his duty.

FOR THE AMERICAN. Assembly.

MR. EDITOR.—Seeing that candidates for the different offices are being brought forward, we would offer Mr. PETER PURSEL, of Sunbury, for the Legislature. Mr. Purse is favorably known to the citizens of this county. He has long battled in the ranks of Democracy, never failing to render every assistance to further the interests and welfare of our party. Should our fellow citizens think proper to elect him to be their representative, we are certain he will not give them cause to regret their choice.

DEMOCRATS OF AUGUSTA.

FOR THE AMERICAN. Member of Assembly.

MR. EDITOR.—Permit me to recommend to the voters of Northumberland county, HUGH H. TEATS, Esq., of Shamokin, as a candidate for Assembly. Mr. Teats is an industrious and intelligent farmer, and would, if elected, give very general satisfaction.

FOR THE AMERICAN. Member of Assembly.

THE subscriber will sell off his stock of Beaver Russia and Brush Hais, of the best quality, a very reduced price. Sunbury, Aug. 5, 1843. H. B. MASSER.