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MONDAY MORNING, JULY 11, 1879.

Democratic State Circle

For Auditor General.
MICHAELSON L. WRIGHT, of Philadelphia.

JOHN ROWE, of Franklin County.

News, etc.

Hon. Jas. Berne, president judge of the 23rd district of Pennsylvania...

From thirty to thirty-five passports continue to be issued daily from the State Department...

The Ton. Rufus Chouteau, who sailed from Boston in the steamship Europa on Wednesday...

Gen. Pierce expects to return home next month; recent indications in Mrs. Pierce's health...

The wife of Hon. Edward Everett died in Boston on Saturday night week.

On Friday morning, the first day of July, 1859, there was a white frost at New Boston...

The City Councils of Cincinnati have passed a city passenger railway bill...

The fashionable watering places are nearly all opened for the season...

A meeting was held at Ephrata, Pa., last week, for the purpose of organizing the Reading and Columbia railroad...

Philadelphia, July 3d.—Samuel Jackson's protechnic establishment, corner Tenth and Reed streets...

Lucas has made their appearance in large numbers, in portions of Hellam and Manchester townships...

Yan Amberg's elephant tried to swim the Appomattox on his way to Petersburg the other day...

The editor of a denominational paper at the West says: "A man needs grace to edit a religious paper properly at any time..."

We learn from the Pittsburg Gazette, that a sprightly lad, seven or eight years of age, named Patrick Finny...

There is a negro in Philadelphia who is distinguished for the size of his feet. They measure a inch in length.

The Milwaukee News states that they have recently formed a military company in Chicago...

Mias Smith says she will never marry a widower with a family...

The attempt of the big Know Nothing, Jno. Minor Botta, of Va., to make capital out of General Cass's late letter on naturalized citizens...

Another great battle is reported in Italy, at Salerno. Two hundred and eighty thousand Anabaptists and probably two hundred thousand Allies were engaged...

Breadstuffs were dull and declining.

The Postmaster General is cutting down the expenses of his department in every way possible...

Rev. W. K. Ziegenfuss, of Tiffin, Ohio, has received a unanimous call to the Pastorate of the German Reformed Congregation at Mansfield...

An asylum for idiots will be opened in Cleveport next spring.

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Local Affairs.

Payment of State Tax. Adams Again First in the Field.—The Treasurer of this county, Hon. J. B. Daxton, on Thursday last, paid the entire quota of Tax due the State by this county for the year 1878...

Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. At its late session in Philadelphia, the Supreme Court made the following decisions in the cases taken from this district and argued at May Term, 1879.

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A boot-jack, like a sore finger, has to be holed.

The Fourth.

The 33d Anniversary of the Declaration of American Independence was celebrated with rarer more than usual spirit throughout our country on Monday last.

No general celebration was had here, but the day was observed as a holiday by all. At an early hour in the morning, in the 'wee sma' hours aye the twal, our slumbers were disturbed by the sound of martial music and the ringing of bells.

The Blues assembled at their Army, and after a few preliminaries adjourned for breakfast. At 5 1/2 they re-assembled, and marched to the Depot, accompanied by the Citizens (or Democratic) Band, in uniform.

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Ever Green Cemetery.

A friend, and myself, under the guidance of a gentleman of your acquaintance, Mr. Stahl, a short time since, had the pleasure of visiting the ornament of your borough, Ever Green Cemetery, and, indeed, the incidents of that visit, in connection with the urbanity and well-timed kindness of our conductor, served greatly to enhance our already high estimate of Gettysburg, her environs, and her citizens.

This Cemetery, I believe, within the confines of the borough of Gettysburg, immediately south thereof, and a walk of less than a mile brings the pedestrian to the tasteful and unique Lodge, Gateway or Entrance, to this 'City of the Dead,' then which thence, no man never trod a lovelier spot.

Its extensive and commodious grounds are abundantly planted with rare and choice trees of indigenous and foreign growth, and traversed by winding and spacious avenues, whose amonies, and necessarily rather dull formality, are fully atoned for by the many and interesting ornaments of taste and order, which an improved and refined exercise of social feeling has there reared as monuments of affection, or to decorate places consecrated by holy remembrances.

The southern surface of Ever Green, is, to some extent, covered with a wood of vigorous trees of native growth, and the whole area thereon, naturally circular, and sloping gracefully with an upward inclination from its circumference to its centre, is thereat sufficiently contracted to be, and is, crowned with a circular range of rocks, artificially placed in the perpendicular and oblique positions, and wearing the ancient, moss-covered, and mysterious air of the Druidical Stone Henge, of England.

Arrived at this point, let the beholder run his eye over the picture book of Nature, spread out before him—let him look around, and he will instantly realize the fullness and scope of the enchanting and ever varying landscape—he may trace a series of views so full, so entire, so grand, sublime, and magnificent, that hardly, if at all, can Nature present any other effort of her plastic hand to excel them, or, in any wise, possessing more of the elements of rare richness and beauty—true, here and there, may be found single and isolated catches of scenery, some of which, perhaps, may be more beautiful in their aspect of terror and dreary desolation, others, in the tenderness of their simplicity, and, others again, in the awful sublimity of their grandeur, but no great combination of views so entire, with a continuity so extended, with landscape so splendid, and with a fulfiling of such rare and exquisite beauty, can elsewhere be shown. Some of these views we may hereafter sketch in detail, if it so please you, Mr. Editor—but for the present, quantum sufficit.

The idea of rural burial places of the dead is not of modern origin, but rather a revival of an ancient custom. In Genesis xliii, we learn of their use, if not of their establishment, in the time of Abraham. When Sarah, the spouse of Abraham, had attained the age of one hundred and twenty and seven years, she died (at Kirjath-arba; the same is Hebron in the land of Canaan), and Abraham extracted for her the field of Ephron, which was in Macpelah, the field and the cave which was therein, and all the trees that were in the field, that were in all the borders round about, were made sure unto Abraham for a possession of a burying place, by the sons of Heth, and therein were the dead of Abraham buried.

The Hebrews, however, were not the only people who exercised reverence and solicitude for the burial places of their dead. The Egyptians, Greeks, Etruscans, Turks, by their Cyprus-covered tombs, and other nations, have, from time immemorial, displayed the strength and refinement of their social affections, by unwearied attention to the selection and decoration of rural places of interment. "To confound reverence in God and reverence for the good of man," has ever, and will ever, well-merited, the boast of humanity, and beautifully, as one said, "it is to be regretted that every city and town has not its consecrated spot, rural and ornate, included and inviting; as a place of resort for the citizen, oppressed with the sorrows, or wearied with the toils of life; and for the stranger journeying by the way. Such places of rest serve reverently to honor the dead, perpetuate the memory of their virtues, and confirm a just estimate of their good deeds, whilst they reflect honor on the living, and bear testimony to the cultivation of the best feelings of our nature."

The rural and ornate Cemetery in the vicinity of city or town, is the common ground upon which all parties can meet in forgiveness and harmony; it is the lap of the common mother which receives at last, in no unkind embrace, all her children, however widely scattered in their lives by the jarring vicissitudes of their day. Let no man tread with levity or profaneness the mazes of the Cemetery grounds; it is the Christian's cemetery on the truths and the hopes he holds most sacred. Let these grounds be reverently encouraged and supported by all our people.

To the beauties of nature let us continue to add the skill of the sculptor, the graceful taste of the furist, the chastened design of the architect, and let the genius and talents of the land throw around the whole their most exalted strains of poetry and of religious feeling.

In this paper, already too long, I have not attempted to confine myself to a description of the beautiful and interesting characteristics of Ever Green Cemetery, nor to those of the surrounding country; they are, however, neither few nor barren, but multitudinous and richly fraught with the elements of exquisite beauty and interest, and it shall be my pleasure, in some future numbers of the Compiler, to describe, as best I may, this 'garden of mortality,' and show, if I can, that it is right and highly proper, that the night's resting place of the tomb, which all must reach by treading the burning and arid path through the fiery desert of desire and disappointment, should be the consecrated spot around which affection may fondly linger, and its consolations, those which love and remembrance may deny proper and meet.

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