

WEST BRANCH FARMER

From the Maine Farmer. The Potato.

Mr. Editor: The time being near for seeding, with your leave I will make a few remarks for the consideration of the farmers, which are well intended, however they may be received and used.

The potato is natural to a high, cool climate, an elevated situation, and a loose, huffy soil; and its natural constitution is such that it will not flourish well, especially in quality, if much removed from its natural habitat.

Formerly every farmer put a large shovelful of manure in the hill for corn. Of late years, however, there has been rather a disposition to discard the manure in the hill entirely, and to spread it all over the field, ploughing and harrowing it in.

Care should be taken that the seed is of good quality. Southern clover is not good for much except for pasture lands. Clover and herds grass constitute the common mixture for sowing in this State, but where the land is of a moist or wet character, red-top may be added with profit.

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News & Notions.

The Louisville Courier says a very celebrated chemist has expressed himself in the most decided manner on the impossibility of dissolving the Union.

The Legislature of Massachusetts has amended and passed the act of 1849, for the preservation of birds. One of the amendments prohibits the killing of robins and larks at any season of the year.

Melancholly occurrence.—A young lady in Philadelphia died on Monday last from an illness occasioned by pricking a fever blister upon her lip with a pin.

In the upper part of New Hampshire, the snow has been about five feet deep all winter, and they have good sleighing there now.

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THE CHRONICLE.

H. C. BICKER, Editor. O. N. WARDEN, Publisher. At \$1.50 cash in advance, \$1.75 in three months, \$2 paid within the year, and \$2.00 at the end of the year.

Lewisburg, Pa. Wednesday Morning, May 1.

New, Rich, and Rare Are the Drugs, Notions, &c., which the Lewisburg Druggists are now piling up on their shelves, and in their show cases and which they will refer to particularly next week.

It may not be uninteresting to our readers to note some incidents in the life of Dr. ROBERT VANVALDRE, whose death we announced last week, at the age of 86.

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[The Representative of Union co. in the Legislature advises us of the passage of the annexed local acts, not before noticed by us.]

An act for the laying out of a State road from John Galer's, in Union county, to Benedict's mill, in Millin county. Jno. Ruhl and Wm. Johnson are the Commissioners on the part of Union county.

An act for the laying out of a State road from Millerstown, in Perry county, to Millfinburg, in Union co. Henry Hibbich is the Commissioner on the part of Union co.

An act authorizing Mary Henning of East Buffalo to sell and convey the real estate now in her possession.

An act to prevent hawking and peddling in Union county.

An act authorizing the trustees of the German Reformed and Lutheran churches in Selingsgrove to sell real estate.

An act confirming and making valid the sales of real estate made by the administrators of Dan Caldwell, late of White Deer township.

The School law has been so altered as to make the tax for school purposes collected as another tax.

There is another change in the School law, still pending, leaving it to the people to say whether they will have school, and how long they will have it.

Declination of Mr. Casey. We copy the following letter from the New Berlin Star of last week.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, WASHINGTON, 20th April, 1850. D. W. Woods, Esq. Dear Sir: You are aware that when I consented to become a candidate in 1848, it was with the expressed determination, not to agree to a re-nomination.

Having received a number of letters from friends in various parts of the District, very kindly expressing the desire that I should again be a candidate, I deem it right to state, at this early day, that my mind remains unchanged on that subject, and that my convictions of duty, to myself and my family, require that I should adhere to that resolution.

I have no doubt whatever, that our friends will be able to unite upon some gentleman, whose talents and experience will enable him to serve them much more efficiently than I have done, or can hope to do.

For the generous support I have received from the people of the District, and the confidence with which they have honored me, I return my grateful acknowledgments, and shall endeavor to manifest my gratitude by carefully abstaining from every course of conduct, by which I could justly forfeit their confidence and respect.

I am very truly yours, &c. JOS. CASEY.

Secret of Southern Predominance. We have never found fault with the South for its efforts at supremacy, however much we may have accused the North of an un-interrupted subservience to her men and interests. We have always regretted her success of schemes, but have as constantly applauded the superior fitness and ability of her statesmen. The acknowledgment is humiliating, but the whole history of the country demonstrates the fact, that a comparatively weak section has always managed to control the government, and the elements arising from its administration. There must, of necessity, be some active cause for such results.

It can be traced to one simple and undeniable fact. When a Southern community discovers a man of true talent and energy, it cherishes and promotes him, with a devotion partaking more of personal than political attachment. It allows no petty schemes to retard his advancement. In this way the South always has a Congressional delegation fully initiated in the mysteries and intrigues of legislation, and prepared for every political emergency which may arise. In the South, the principle of rotation has no existence. Their representatives are retained often for a life-time. The most ordinary mind can infer the superior tact of such representatives!

With us of the North the case is different. We are constantly changing our delegation, and, too often, for the worse. We allow our representatives no sufficient time or opportunity to prepare themselves for usefulness and influential action. We enter the conflict with politicians who have been trained to every form of legislative manoeuvre. Our representatives are inexperienced; and, consequently, unable to cope with their Southern competitors. In this way, we give the South every advantage, without correctly appreciating the cause of its superior management. There is food for reflection in these few remarks, which should not be passed unheeded in a State which will soon be called on to renew its Congressional delegation!—Spirit of the Times.

The new law for the election of the Auditor General, Surveyor General and County Surveyors will be found on the first page of this paper.

The bill to elect the Attorney General and Prosecuting Attorneys has passed both Houses and will doubtless become a law.

Next week we shall give a synopsis of the new Banking Law.

An unsuccessful attempt was made week before last to rob the Store of Mr. Isaac Brown, in Milton.

For the Lewisburg Chronicle. From the record of interments made by the late GEORGE METZGER in the three grave yards of Lewisburg, is copied the following summary, commencing the 20th May, 1822, and extending through about twenty years:

Table with columns for Year, Males, Females, Total. Data points for years 1822-1832.

Total, 621 in about 20 years, being an average of 31 per year—about one half being children. It is to be understood that Mr. Metzger was not the only grave-digger in town, and the list is therefore not complete; and many of those interred were from adjoining townships.

The burying-grounds in this Borough have been used 64 years I think, regularly—and for 50 years past, probably 50 persons have been buried there every year. This would make 2500 buried there since 1800, and perhaps 500 were interred in the 35 years previous—3000 in all.

The question here arises, Is it not advisable to discontinue the use of those grounds? Who that wishes his own remains to repose undisturbed, can dare thrust a spade into the ground where he may, if he is not certain to invade the "narrow house" of some fellow-mortals? The dead have a right to repose undisturbed. And besides, the practice of interring the dead in the midst of the living, is productive of injury to health. It is not asking too much of all good citizens, who a Cemetery is so convenient, to bury their friends, hereafter, where they will probably not remove others than be themselves removed.

We would suggest that the Cemetery Corporation procure the record above referred to, as it may be useful and interesting to keep for future reference and evidence. Mr. ROLLAND, the Sexton, keeps a full and accurate list of all the burials in the Cemetery, which are inserted weekly in the Chronicle. Those burying in the old yards, will please hand in the notices.

Refusing to Vote. The practice of representatives of the people refusing to vote is a bad practice, and ought to be reformed altogether. It is an exhibition of cowardice, or something quite as despicable. A representative is a trustee. He is the medium thro' which the sentiments of his constituents are expressed. On every great question these sentiments can not be doubtful, and he performs an easy duty in giving them effect. If he votes differently from their wishes, he is no longer their representative. He is their opponent. He is their enemy. He allows his own views, or, as the case may be, his interests, to control; and he takes no note of the duty he was sent to discharge. Sometimes, however, doubts as to whether he should vote himself, or for his constituents, he refuses to vote at all, which is always a base compromise. It is due to them, that he should vote, even if he vote against them. It is manly to do this; because he enables them to see his hand, and to protect themselves in the future. It is a safe plan, however, to regard the representative who refuses to vote, as hostile to the wishes of his constituents; and it is just to act in view of this estimate of his purpose, precisely as if he had proclaimed it to the world.—Penna.

In the midst of Spring, we seem to be in mid winter. It is now—April 17th—snowing nearly as fast as we ever saw it in the middle of Winter, and apparently, with as good a prospect of continuance. It seems that cold and hoary headed Winter, becoming envious of the blushing beauties of lovely Spring, has determined to rob her of her bloom!—Lewisburg (Va.) Chron.

A publisher out West stopped sending his newspaper to a subscriber who had never paid the first cent for his subscription. The wife of the delinquent met the publisher and threatened him with the terrors of the law, inasmuch as he was bound to send the paper till all arrearages were paid! [Good.]

COUNTY BUSINESS.

Court Proclamation. WHEREAS the Hon. ARTHUR S. WILSON, President of the Court of Common Pleas for the County of Allegheny, has called for the return of the Jurors, and Constables in the County of Union, to appear in their own proper persons with their rolls, records, inquisitions, examinations, and other returns, to do those things which of their offices and in their behalf appertain to be done; and all witnesses and other persons presenting in behalf of the Commonwealth against any persons are required to be then and there attending, and not depart without leave, at their proper times as required to be given and in their attendance at the appointed time agreeable to notice.

Given under my hand and seal at the Sheriff's office in New Berlin, this 17th day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty, and in the seventy-fourth year of the independence of the United States of America. GOD save the Commonwealth. ARCHIBALD THOMAS, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Sales. The Sheriff of Union county will sell at the Court House in New Berlin, on Monday the 13th day of May inst— A certain lot of ground in Lewisburg, containing 2 of an acre, on which are a two story brick house, stable, wood-house, well, and pump;—seized and to be sold as the property of Joseph H. Smith.

One and a half lots of ground in Centerville, whereon are a two story log house weatherboarded, a well, pump, and fruit trees—as the property of John Mohr.

A lot of ground in Freeburg containing 1 of an acre, whereon are a two story log house, weatherboarded, a frame shop, half barn, and log stable—as the property of Nicholas Strasser.

A tract of land in Chapman Tp, containing 18 acres, cleared, whereon are a log house, good spring, and several fruit trees—as the property of Jacob Keiser.

Grand Jurors, May T. 1850.

Washington: Geo. Hillish, Isaac Boyer, John A. Union; Geo. J. Fry, J. H. Frock (Absent); White Deer: Jacob Dieffenbier, Wm. Stadden; Beaver: John Shiry, Peter Kline; East Buffalo: Cyrus Brown; Millburg: Jos. Boop, John M. Taylor; Lewisburg: Nathan Kawn.

West Beaver: Jacob Smith, Jos. Staininger; Penna: Wm J. Moyer, John Hatman; Hartley: Saml. Charles; Centre: Jacob Long; West Buffalo: Jacob Fox, Elias Kaup; Perry: Peter Troop. N. Berlin: Sem Schuch; Chapman: Emanuel Acker.

Transverse Jurors. Union: Geo. Cinger, J. Mitchell, Dobs Cawley; Hartley: J. H. Haas, Saml. Carl, Wm Huntington, And Cook, Chas. Carey, Peter Wimmer; Centre: Aaron G. Hassinger, Christl. Biechley, J. Algor, Hy Mosser.

J. Emmitt, Philip Kautz, Isaac Hotenstein; Perry: Wm Henry, Jacob Rullin; Union: Jn. Clemens, Hy Young; New Berlin: Benjn. Shall, Jn. M. Baum; Millburg: Jacob Decker, Jn. Gable, Thomas Hartley; Jn. Frederic; Hagenplug; West Buffalo: Jn. Hildebrand, Jn. Plank; Buffalo: Jn. Henning, Wm Halpeny, Geo. Stier, East Buffalo: Wm J. Harris. [J. S. Dennis; Kelly: Jos. Tolbert.

White Deer: Jn. Buchman, Wm L. Ritter, Wm B Sullivan; Lewisburg: F. Stoughton, Ch. Penny, Th. Hayes.

Trial List.

Benjamin vs. Berth's Thompson vs. Roush and Montello; Jacob Hoffer vs. Albert Wageningen; Samuel Hoover vs. J. H. Grimes; Lewis Mass vs. Wm Wilson and H. P. Sheller terre tenants; George Champel vs. Ralph Ditty; J. Kinman for J. S. Rilly vs. Henry W. Snyder; James Williamson vs. John K. McVey; Wm. Rodlog vs. Saml. Hantz; White & Morris vs. George and J. L. Camp; P. H. Mack vs. D. Bariges and J. L. Camp; Jonathan Zellers vs. L. Beck; Henry Barber vs. Henry Vothlander; Wm M. Kennedy vs. John John and Jos. Stock; J. Rhoads now for W. Wagenseller vs. Geo. Guzman; Geo. Hammer for use of Saml. Frank vs. Geo. Adams; Christian Baugh vs. Saml. Long; R. M. for Wm. Nasser vs. Markle, Burges and Camp; Jacob Repler vs. Daniel Repler; Whitlock use Mulford Alter vs. Markle, Camp and Barjes; Council of Pa. for Robt. Hayes vs. H. S. Boyer et al.; Andy M. Clegham vs. Jacob Leiber and John L. Rank; John Snyder vs. J. C. Lintner and Geo. Gordon; Philip Yarnor vs. Joseph Charles; Thomas Ross vs. Joseph Lewis; Jacob Repler Ex'r of John Repler vs. Daniel Repler; Saml. Henderson vs. G. W. Caldwell with notice to Jn. Isaac; John H. Weber vs. Wm. Cochran; John H. H. Graham and L. B. Christ vs. Jared Irvin; Robert H. H. Graham vs. Jared Irvin; Daniel and Caroline Jarrett vs. Elias E. Hartman et al.; John Rippl vs. Jacob Repler; Jacob Sypher vs. Jacob Leiber and Elias Nyghart; John Gilbert & Co vs. Wm J. May and Reuben Alton; Christian Herman vs. Saml. Schrockingart; Jacob Kline vs. Geo. G. March; Daniel and Caroline Jarrett vs. Elias Hartman; Donald Peterson vs. Ritter's Kline with not. to G. Guzman; R. Gamall & Co vs. do; John Gilbert vs. Lewis Ritter; do; John H. H. Graham vs. Saml. Long; Wm J. Wagenseller vs. Henry W. Snyder; George Fees vs. Charles Snyder; Platt Knox for Wright & Snyder vs. Jared Irvin; Jacob Miller vs. Daniel Repler; E. H. Miller vs. Mitchell & Graham with not. to Geddes & March; Charles H. H. H. vs. John Kline; Harshington and wife vs. Michael Klecker; Kays of P. Kichter dead vs. do; Jacob and Saml. Lauber vs. J. & J. Walls; Mary Binghamton vs. Elias Fees; do vs. J. and E. Fees; Com'rs for Robt. Chambers vs. C and J Millhouse; Knox for Graham and Graham vs. Jared Irvin; John P. Kichter and wife vs. Michael Klecker; Geddes & March vs. George Miller; do vs. James Smith; Will & Eliert vs. Mahlon Bryman; Margaret Monlock vs. Jacob Leiber and Josiah Rank; Mark Miller vs. Martin A. Stock; Robt. Chambers vs. P. Thompson with notice to Geo. Deal Adams & wife vs. Reuben Koller; Wm J. Wagenseller surrg partner vs. Reuben Koller; Wm Hunter Ex'r of Saml. Hunter vs. John Snyder; John Weiland vs. John Romig; do vs. do; Benjamin Cawley vs. Nicholas Menck; Peter Gerhart vs. Geo. and Thomas Thursty; Edward Cawley vs. Reuben Shall; Wm J. Wagenseller surrg partner vs. Saml. Long.

Register's Notices.

The following accounts will be presented for confirmation at the Orphans' Court in New Berlin, Monday, 20th May, 1850:— Ac't of Thomas Hayes, one of the Executors of William Hayes, late of Lewisburg Borough, deceased. Ac't of John Smith, Administrator of Daniel Byler, late of Hartley Township, dead. Ac't of Dr. John Rihgans, Guardian of Mary, a minor child of Philip Swineford, late of Centre Tp., dead. Ac't of Elias R. Menges, Adm'r of Benjamin Dock, late of Penna Tp., dead. Ac't of Elias R. Menges, Ex'r of Jacob Menges, late of Washington Tp., dead. Ac't of John Mack, Adm'r of Abraham Bay, late of Buffalo Tp., dead. Ac't of John Mack, Adm'r of John Treaster, late of Buffalo Tp., dead. Ac't of Hugh Wilson, one of the Ex'rs of Hugh Wilson, late of Buffalo Tp., dead. Final ac't of Peter Noll, Ex'r of Peter Guyer, late of Kelly Tp., dead. Ac't of Isaac and David Wimmer, Adm'rs of Samuel Wimmer, late of Chapman Tp., dead. Ac't of John Fleming, Adm'r of Wilson H. Hood, one of the Adm'rs of R. Th's Heist, late of Lewisburg, dead. Ac't of John Gierig, Guardian of Mary Ann, a minor child of Samuel Gierig, dead. Ac't of Samuel and John Shirk, Adm'rs of Abraham Shirk, late of Hartley Tp., dead. Ac't of John Frederick, Ex'r of Christian Catheran, late of Hartley Tp., dead.

Lewisburg Market.

Table listing market prices for various goods: Wheat, Rye, Corn, Oats, Flaxseed, Fried Apples, Butter, Eggs, Tallard, Ham.