

It adds nothing to the timber, but destroys the property in the sap which constitutes the element of decay. Many persons have supposed that the body of the tree contains a less sap in winter than in summer...

I recollect having read, a year or two ago, the result of an experiment made by the English Academy of Science. In that report the fact is established, by actual experiment, that June is the month for cutting ship timber...

Some eight years ago we built a brig of timber cut in June, and then expressed the opinion that she would be a good sound vessel while those of half her years built of timber cut in the winter season would have gone to decay.

Ohio Farmer. S. W. TURNER. For the Lewisburg Chronicle.

The Size of Potatoes for Planting. Mr. Editor: I have observed in the Chronicle, several articles relative to the size of the seed to be used in raising potatoes.

Presence of Mind. The herd-man of a farm in Scotland had occasion, lately, to send his daughter for the cattle under his charge.

Explosion of the Steamboat Redstone. The Cincinnati Commercial, of the 5th instant, brings the following details of the Redstone, which has been alluded to in a telegraph despatch.

on a number of passengers, and then pushed out and started on. Upon arriving at Scott's landing, four miles above Carrollton, at the foot of Craig's bar, she was called in for a passenger, the Rev. Perry A. Scott, a Baptist minister, formerly stationed in Covington, and recently in Warsaw, Ky.

Between twenty and forty persons, it is thought, were instantly killed. The river was covered with small pieces of timber, bedding, wearing apparel, while the trees in the immediate vicinity, on the Kentucky shore, were covered with clothing, bedding, &c.

CALIFORNIA.—If any of our young men are considering the expediency of going to the 'Land of Gold,' we would invite their attention to the following extract from a letter, received per last California mail, which has been furnished us for publication.

THE SPIRIT RAPPERS COME.—A wandering 'medium' arrived in Lewisburg the other day, we understand, and gathering a circle of neophytes around the centre-table in the parlor of one of our principal hotels, proceeded to awaken certain mysterious sounds from different parts of the surface of the table.

GEN. SCOTT IN NEW YORK STATE.—The Whig members of the New York Legislature met in caucus on the 7th, and adopted the following preamble and resolution by a vote of 50 to 1.

Lewisburg Chronicle.

H. O. HICKOK, Editor. J. O. W. WORDEN, Printer. At \$1.50 each in advance, \$1.75 in three months, \$2 paid within the year, and \$2.50 at the end of the year.

Wednesday, April 14, 1852.

ADVERTISEMENTS.—Executors, Administrators, Public Officers, City and County Merchants, Manufacturers, Mechanics, Business Men—all who wish to procure or to dispose of anything—would do well to give notice of the same through the Lewisburg Chronicle.

Democratic Nomination for Canal Commissioner, WILLIAM SEARIGHT, of Fayette County.

National Democratic Convention—Baltimore, Tuesday, 1st June, 1852.

The Proprietor of the 'Lewisburg Chronicle' offers that establishment for sale—possession to be given the first of July next.

Rail-Road Meeting.—DANIEL L. MILLER, Jr., President of the Sunbury & Erie Railroad Company, will be in Lewisburg to-morrow (Thursday) evening.

Mr. NOLL'S new advertisement of Trees, Grape Vines, &c., not in season for this week.

Union Sunday school meeting in the Lewisburg Baptist house at 3, P. M., of Sunday next.

The Second Fair of the Northumberland County Agricultural Society will be held in Northumberland Borough, 7th and 8th Oct. next.

Semi-Annual Exhibition of the Academic Classes of the University, Monday evening next; Collegiate classes, Tuesday evening—at the Baptist meeting house.

The Society for Inquiry of the University at Lewisburg yesterday elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

President—ARABUS H. LEVY. Vice President—J. DIXON MERRILL. Corresponding Sec'y—M. F. TAYLOR. Recording Sec'y—E. G. TAYLOR. Treasurer—Moses HEATON.

Congress has 'saved the country' again by 'endorsing the compromise,' 101 to 65, the vote pro and con being neither sectional nor partisan.

We have received No. 3, of 'The School Journal,' a 16 page, 2 column Magazine, published in Lancaster, by TH. H. BURROWS, Esq., at \$1 per year.

'The Pennsylvania Farm Journal,' by A. M. SPANGLER, Lancaster, enters upon its second year with April. We are gratified to hear of its prosperity.

The subtitle 'Hymn to Immortality' published on our first page last week, as the production of WM. C. BRYANT, seems to have been the work of somebody else; as the venerable author of 'Thanatopsis' writes the Editors of the Home Journal that it is not the production of his pen.

There is a law in the United States not generally understood, which prohibits the circulation of handbill advertisements by enclosing them in newspapers.

The Democratic State Convention of Missouri have decided for Cass and Butler, and nominated a State Ticket composed of Benton men and Anti-Benton men, alternately. Gen. Sterling Price is the candidate for Governor.

On the 10th, the ice was breaking up at Buffalo, N. Y.

The Lewisburg Course of Lectures.

The first experiment—always more or less difficult in a country village—in the way of getting up and sustaining a course of popular lectures, has been tried in this place, during the past winter.

Thirteen lectures, upon so many widely different subjects, ranging from forty minutes to an hour and a half in length, could not be of some slight interest and instruction to those who might choose to listen to them.

The utility and advantages of such public lectures, are so well expressed in a late number of the Maine Farmer, while speaking of a similar course delivered last winter before the Augusta Lyceum, that we quote its remarks at length:

The system of Lectures, which is so extensively spreading through the country, is one that can not fail of doing much good. No one can listen to a lecture on any important subject, without receiving some new ideas, and when he comes to attend a whole course, it is very evident that he must derive a fund of information, which will prove of essential benefit to him.

Lectures are a blessing to the people of any place, for another reason. They form, or at least are a great aid in forming, a love for literary pursuits.

In a course before Judge Agnew, of the Common Pleas of Butler County, a juror was challenged on the ground that he was addicted to the use of intoxicating liquors. The juror was not intoxicated at the time, nor was it alleged that he had been for some time past.

RHODE ISLAND ELECTION.—Mr. Allen, the Democratic candidate for Governor, is elected by 300 majority. The Democratic candidate for Lieutenant Governor, has been beaten badly.

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Telegraphing is improving on the Susquehanna Line. Last month, \$37.98 were received at the Lewisburg station, and still more at some other stations.

Pennsylvania Legislature.

In Senate, Friday, April 9, the Secretary of the Commonwealth being introduced, presented a message from the Governor, returning without his approval the bill before vetoed, to authorize the town council of the borough of Lewisburg, Union county, to sell certain real estate, and for other purposes.

The Pennsylvania 30 gallon liquor law, as it came from the Senate, was defeated in the House, 46 yeas to 50 nays.

SUNBURY & ERIE RAILROAD.—The total amount thus far positively subscribed to this road, is as follows:

A large amount of individual subscription has been secured by committees, still actively employed in increasing their lists, and from whom no definite report has yet been received.

The past winter has been a long and rather severe one, and it is still disposed to linger in the lap of spring.

A celebrated liquor purveyor in this city had his pocket-book, containing a large sum of money, cut from his pocket while entering church.

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CONGRESSIONAL APPOINTMENT.

The Congressional Appointment Committee of the Senate reported a bill last Friday, directing the Commonwealth to divide Congressional districts. It reads as follows:

- 1. Southwark, Moyamensing, Passapatan, in the county of Philadelphia, and 4 wards in the city.
2. City Wards, excepting the above.
3. Kensington and Northern Liberties.
4. Spring Garden, Penn District, North Penn, Kingsessing, West Philadelphia, Blockney, Richmond, Unincorporated Northern Liberties, Bridesburg, Aramingo, in the county of Philadelphia.
5. Bucks county and the remainder of Philadelphia county.
6. Chester and Delaware.
7. Montgomery and Lehigh.
8. Berks.
9. Lancaster.
10. Lebanon, Dauphin and Northumberland.
11. Schuylkill, Montour, Columbia and Sullivan.
12. Luzerne, Susquehanna and Wyoming.
13. Northampton, Monroe, Carbon, Wayne and Pike.
14. Bradford, Tioga and Lycoming.
15. Union, Juniata, Mifflin, Centre, Clinton and Potter.
16. York and Cumberland.
17. Franklin, Adams, Perry and Fulton.
18. Huntingdon, Bedford, Blair and Cambria.
19. Somerset, Fayette and Greene.
20. Washington, Beaver and Lawrence.
21. Westmoreland, Indiana, Jefferson and Clearfield.
22. Allegheny county, except certain townships.
23. Butler, Armstrong, and the excepted townships of Allegheny.
24. Mercer, Venango and Crawford.
25. Erie, Warren, McKean, Elk, Forest and Charcon.

The following gentlemen compose the State Central Committee of the Whig Party for the ensuing year: DAVID TAGGART, Esq., North D., Chairman.

Those subscribers who for 8 or 9 years past have looked to the Chronicle for the Annual Statement of Borough Finances, are this year called out of that accustomed right by a journal having a long circulation.

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News and Notions.

A most destructive fire broke out in Philadelphia, on last Saturday night a week in Bank Alley, destroying four large four-story warehouses, running from Bank Alley to Strawberry street, occupied by extensive importers of silks, laces and fancy goods.

Alarming Calamity.—The house of William Gibson, in Claremont, N. H., took fire while himself and wife were absent, and their three children, all under five years age, were smothered to death before they could be rescued.

HEAVY CLAIM.—The heirs of General Lafayette have brought suit to recover several hundred acres of land, having a front of 600 yards beyond the old fortifications of New Orleans.

The marriage of Jenny Lind has given great satisfaction in Hamburg, in which city the family of Mr. Goldschmidt resides.

Seven additional miles of the Pennsylvania Central Railroad were opened on the 1st inst. It is the first section of the mountain division, and avoids the most serious obstructions on the Portage Road.

The barn belonging to James McKee, of Anthony township, Montour county, was struck by lightning on the 20th ult., and totally destroyed with its contents.

George Krebs, residing near Littlestown, Adams county, was killed by his son, during an altercation with him.

The dwelling house of Mr. B. Deck, in Cameron township was totally consumed by fire on the 24th ult.

FATAL ELECTION RIOT.—A despatch from St. Louis states that on Monday night, after the city election, while the friends of the successful party were passing Wickemeyer's tavern, corner of Seventh St., and Park Avenue, guns were fired from the tavern killing six persons and wounding several others.

SIP FEVER.—This fatal disease has been introduced into the Poor House of Blair county, near Hollidaysburg, by an emigrant, a number of the inmates have died, among the rest M. A. Lytle, the wife of the Superintendent.

Major George Getz (Whig) has been re-elected Mayor of Reading by a majority of 55.

FIRE IN TRENTONVILLE.—A frame dwelling house, recently erected in Trentonville, in Northumberland county, was destroyed by fire, on the night of the 14th ult., and is supposed to have been the work of an incendiary.

There have been five constitutions in France during the last forty-eight years, and the last is the worst.

The California Whig State Convention assembled at Sacramento on the 27th Feb., and after a stormy session of three days, elected W. F. Stuart, J. O. Goodman, J. H. Clay Mudd and R. W. Heath, delegates to the National Convention.

NARROW ESCAPE.—We learn that a Welchman, engaged in sinking a well for John Honer, near this place last week, came near losing his life by the premature discharge of a powder blast.

FIRE.—The barn of Jacob Seebold, Union township, was destroyed by fire on Friday week. It is supposed to have caught from the bake oven. There was in the barn at the time a buggy and truck wagon, 48 bushels of wheat, 17 bushels of corn and 2 or 3 tons of hay.

New York, April 10.—The venerable Bishop Hedding, Senior Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, died at Poughkeepsie, last evening, Bishop Waugh, of Baltimore, will be his successor.

Baltimore, April 11.—Kossuth made a great speech at Montgomery, Ala., on Tuesday last. Cincinnati, April 10.—A resolution passed the Senate of Ohio to day, to loan the arms of the State to Kossuth. Albany, April 10.—The Assembly of this State by a vote of yeas 45 naves 69, last night rejected the Maine liquor law.