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Mr. Editor—Some times hear it said, "THE SPIRIT OF '76 SHALL NEVER DIE!" and I have wondered whether our citizens will let the coming 4th of July pass away without manifesting, by an old-fashioned Celebration, their respect for that glorious day of American Independence.

At a time when day-laborers have been compelled to pay Two Dollars and Twenty Five Cents each for a bushel of wheat in the grain-growing valleys of Pennsylvania, it may be interesting to notice what prices have been paid for it for a series of years past.

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Probably, since 100 years ago, when for 20 years wheat averaged 93 cents per bushel, the amount of money has increased so largely that wheat at nearly twice that price is easier obtained, now, than then.

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School Superintendent.

It is a gratifying evidence of the progress of the Common School system, to note that eighty-eight of the 132 nominal Directors in Union county, met at the Court House, Monday last, at their own cost, to elect the Superintendent. Every district except West Buffalo was represented, but none fully represented. Hon. NER MIDDELWARH was called to the chair, and Richard V. B. Lincoln, and George Hill, Esq's, appointed Secretaries.

Prof. Whitman we understand had all the votes from "Snyder County;" Mr. Aiken those from the Northern Districts; and Mr. Fisher those from New Berlin, Millington and Limestone, mainly. Messrs. Whitman and Fisher were in attendance, seeking the honor; Mr. Aiken was not there, and a report had obtained currency that he would not accept of the office.

The papers of this week announce the death of Mrs. EMILY C. JUSON, the beloved widow of Adoniram Judson, the Pioneer Burman Missionary. She died of consumption, at her home in Hamilton, N.Y. The following lines from her pen we find floating along the current of newspaper poetry, and although written some time since, we believe they expressed her sentiments and her hopes to the last.

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LICENSES IN DELAWARE COUNTY.—The court of Delaware county, Pa., at its late session, refused to grant a license to any stockholder in the county to sell wine of any kind. It also expressed its determination not to grant a license to keep an inn or tavern unless the same is shown to be necessary. No license is to be granted to any person who is shown to be dishonest or intemperate. Any person who has been guilty of selling liquor on Sunday, is to be equally disfranchised.

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Uncle Tom in Real Life.

The Cincinnati Unionist relates the adventures of a gentleman from Boone county in Kentucky, who visited the theatre to see if the Portraiture of Southern Life in "Uncle Tom's Cabin" was faithfully delineated. As scene after scene passed before him, his curiosity gave place to intense emotions—each character awoke different feelings. In Mr. Harris he saw the image of his own situation as a slave-holder and sympathies as a master. Topsy and Andy, the former for her ludicrous originality, and the latter for his comical wit, convulsed him with laughter.

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Archbishop Hughes and the United States Navy.

We learn from a Detroit paper, that the U. S. iron steamer Michigan was recently tendered to Archbishop Hughes, to convey him to any point on the Lakes which he desired to visit in his professional business. Of course the Lord Bishop accepted the offer, feeling, no doubt, that as a dignitary of the Holy Catholic Church, he is ex-officio a functionary of the United States government, entitled to all the honors and emoluments which belong to the most distinguished official. We do not expect anything else from Catholic priests, than that they will eagerly grasp every particle of State or National patronage which happens to be within reach.

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Do the People, or the President, rule?

The President's organs in the North and West perpetually assert, that should the Nebraska Bill pass, the Territorial Legislatures will have the power to prohibit or exclude Slavery. The organs of the slave power in the South, positively assert that this is false; that should the bill pass, the Constitution carries Slavery theoretically into the Territories; that slave-holders may carry their slaves there, and the Territorial Legislatures may and ought to protect them, but will have no power to prohibit the slave relation, or exclude the slaves.

Mr. Mace, (Dem. of Ind.) to expose this contradiction in doctrine—this fraud in the bill—this duplicity among its supporters, moved to insert in the first section: "And the Territorial Legislatures shall have power to admit or exclude Slavery at any time by law."

As a National Democrat he said, he would like to vote for the bill, and if his amendment should prevail he would do so. If it should not, he would vote against the bill as at present advised.

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York or Pennsylvania have the privilege of voting for three Representatives. In South Carolina a slaveholder's vote is worth more than double as much; the same number of white men elect seven Representatives."

Culture of Pie Plant. All who have had any experience in this matter are fully convinced of the luxury and healthfulness of fresh and succulent substances for pies at all seasons of the year.

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wrapped around a pole, and make a perfect bean at the extreme end of it. The immense amount of imperfect and half formed vine through which it has to travel, causes too great an evaporation of moisture before arriving at its point of destination. The Lima Bean with us is an exotic, and its behavior during growth is very different from its habit where native, and therefore the mode of cultivation, as with the tomatoe, peach, &c., must compensate for these differences.—Working Farmer.

A Hundred Years Ago. On the 17th of February, 1754, Captain Trent arrived on the ground where Pittsburgh now stands, for the purpose of superintending the erection of a fort, and awaited here the balance of the company, some seventy or eighty, who were to assist him in his labors. One hundred years have elapsed since that day, which should be one ever memorable in the history of Pittsburgh and of the nation.

The formal opening of the Crystal Palace at Sydney is to take place on the 10th of June. Among the visitors to be specially invited to the opening ceremonial will be Her Majesty's Ministers, the Foreign Ambassadors, the Royal Commissioners of the Exhibition of 1851, the Managers of Dublin Exhibition, the Royal Commissioners to New York, the chief officers of the French Exhibition of next year, the mayors or other chief officers of provincial towns, and the presidents of the principal learned societies. The working classes will also, it is said, be represented on the occasion. No nude statues are to be placed in the Crystal Palace, the directors having come to the resolution not to allow them to be exhibited.

LOWER CALIFORNIA.—Intelligence to the 6th of April has been received. Walker's force is reduced to about 40 men, and their acts are described to be as cruel as any of the most hardened pirates. They take property and life without a moment's hesitation. He had crossed the Colorado, but returned to San Vicente. They may be prisoners ere this, or may wander on a white charger. They have reduced many wealthy families to beggary and are guilty of every crime deserving of the halter.

SINGULAR COINCIDENCE.—J. L. BROWN was recently nominated for the Legislature in Pacific county, Washington territory, but died very suddenly the day before the election. Mr. Scudder was then elected, and he died suddenly a few days after. A special election was then ordered, and H. Fiechter chosen to fill the vacancy. The late steamer brings news that Mr. F. proceeded to the seat of government, and on the next day fell dead in the House.

MR. BUCHANAN'S OPINION.—At the Whig Mass meeting held on Monday in Philadelphia, Ex-Governor Johnston stated that the Missouri compact had been sanctioned by some of the best men of both parties in Pennsylvania, and that he had in his pocket a letter of Hon. James Buchanan, in which that distinguished statesman had expressed the opinion that if that solemn compact was violated, the Union would soon be dissolved.

CALAMITY AT WILMINGTON.—Three wagons from Dupont's Powder Mills, laden with about 400 kegs of powder, blew up on 31st ultimo, in the city of Wilmington, Delaware, killing 4 or 5 men and fifteen horses, demolishing thirteen buildings, setting fire to two barns, and injuring at least fifty houses. The scene is described as a most frightful one.

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