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REGISTER OF SALES.

SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY.

March 20.—Samuel Collier, of Germantown, will sell 4 horses, 2 cows, 4 head of young cattle, 9 head of sheep, 4 shutes, and farming implements, also household furniture.

COMMUNICATION.

FAYETTE TOWNSHIP, March 18, 1881.

Editor Sentinel and Republican: I would like to say that most of the people that advocate a free bridge across the river at Milltown live at that place, and the greater number of them are men who pay a small amount of tax. They are chiefly men who have stores, and so forth. They believe that a free bridge will help them. If they are real estate owners, of course their real estate would help to pay their share of tax, but if they are only shopkeepers, they will not stand free of paying the burdensome tax, and also give Scott free over the bridge. They would be dead heads in the fullest sense of the term, doing nothing whatever for the privilege they enjoy in the community. There is no doubt that a free bridge at Milltown would be a desirable thing to have, but there are many undesirable things that people would like to have, but they cannot have them, for the reason that to get them they would have to impose too great burdens. No one objects to Milltown or Port Royal having a free bridge if they make it free and keep it free. It is a principle of township government, county government, state government, and national government, that whatever public conveniences can be kept up by private parties or corporations that there shall be no interference by government. It is a principle of township, county, state and national government that when public conveniences must be had, and where no private parties or corporations can supply them, that it becomes the duty of government—if it be not too great—either of township, county, state or nation, to supply the necessary conveniences, and that is the reason why the township, and the county builds creek bridges. The bridges must be had by the people under the present system of taxation. No private parties or corporations can build them and keep them up so well, because the travel is not frequent enough, hence they become charges for the general public. If it could be private parties or corporations to build and keep up such creek bridges at a small toll rate, the general taxpayers would see to it that the general public would not be charged with the expenses. It is not so, however, where roads converge to river crossings. Then it will pay private parties or corporations to build bridges and take their pay. In a few cases, not in every case, there is a toll bridge. The private parties or corporations get their pay from such people as travel over the bridges, just as railroad and other corporations get their pay, and the general public is spared the burden of keeping such things up, if indeed it would be able without actual confiscation of the earnings of the people to do so. It frequently occurs in a community of great business importance that the business of the locality pools interests, and buys a bridge, or bridges, and makes them free bridges, getting their pay off their customers that deal there. No sound reason has been presented why the county should assume a debt of many thousand dollars for a free bridge or free bridges across the river. It is no argument to tell the general tax-payer that R. will not cost him more to pay \$15,000 to \$20,000, perhaps \$30,000, and interest, and cost of repairs, and perhaps complete reconstruction within a period of a dozen or twenty years, than it will cost him occasionally to pay toll for crossing the bridge. If that could be an argument, it is entirely destroyed by the same people that use it in the presence of the tax-payer, going to the people who have no tax to pay, and telling them that they should be in favor of a free bridge, for it cannot affect them, as they have no tax to pay. It is no argument to tell the people that other counties have a large bonded indebtedness—no argument in that to tell a man that his neighbor has small tax. It may easily run up a little to learn that his misery has company. If the free bridge people send up bills to the Court it should be met by remonstrance, respectfully yours,

FAYETTE.

One of the travelers for a Detroit wholesale boot and shoe house was the other day sent to a village in the western part of the State in response to information received that a debt in business there had just died. The firm was interested to the extent of \$1000, and the agent was correspondingly anxious. Finding the store closed, he called at the house. The funeral had not yet taken place, but the bereaved said that she would see him.

"I see that the store is closed," remarked the agent, by way of getting at his errand.

"Yes, but I shall open it to-morrow."

"Do you intend to run the business yourself?"

"Yes, sir."

"And there won't be any changes?"

"Well yes, I shall make a few."

"Anything to affect accounts?"

"Possibly. I shall talk as soon as I open the store to-morrow and try and effect a compromise with the creditors. If you'll come around after dinner I'll make you some sort of an offer, and perhaps give you an order for odd sizes."

The agent did not ride to the grave with the mowers. He mourned by himself at the hotel. —*Detroit Free Press*.

Little Bertha, who lives in Cambridge, recently visited her aunt, who resides in Roxbury. Upon her return she was asked if she had her prayers when she was at her auntie's. With wide-eyed astonishment at such a question the little one replied, "Why mamma, Bob doesn't live in Roxbury." —*Boston Transcript*.

General Bartlett has received a letter from General W. T. Sherman, complimenting the Pennsylvania militia soldiers that attended the inauguration of President Garfield on the 4th of March at Washington.

SHORT LOCALS.

Fresh chard.
Little onions are in demand.
Buy Dr. Morrison's anti-bilious pills.
The Irish were tranquil on St. Patrick's day.
Young ladies in Lewistown smoke cigarettes.
Gold Seal Coffee for sale at R. E. Parker's store.
Methodist ministers met in conference at York last week.
The common schools in the borough will close next Friday.

A number of farmers sowed cloverseed last Wednesday and Thursday.

Jeff Middagh, in Patterson, keeps a full supply of salt fish for sale at his store.

Men and boys who are fond of sucker fishing turned out to fish last Wednesday.

General Cameron arrived safely home at Harrisburg, from his Southern trip, a few days ago.

Last Thursday was St. Patrick's day, in the morning. A number of citizens put on the green.

S. E. Warner, a citizen of Fayette township, this county, has moved to Frederick county, Virginia.

FOR SALE—Five acres Old Fellow's Hall Association stock. If you wish to buy, call at this office.

The Sheriff's office in McKean county was worth \$10,000 last year, and that, too, after all expenses had been paid.

The railroad ferry has been supplied with a new flat, and a board walk has been laid down from the pavement to the ferry.

Most of the heavy hauling was done on sleds last winter, and as a consequence the roads this spring are not cut into deep ruts.

The weather has been cold enough to frost corn, but the damp ground and damp fodder excludes all people from the work excepting the real healthy ones.

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