

MIFFLINTOWN: WEDNESDAY, MAR. 18, 1896.

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One of the thirty places in the State is Luzerne county where the applicants for license number 978.

Intelligence from Franklin county, reports many peach orchards killed along South Mountain by the cold winter.

Some one proposes to enact a law to require pupils in the public schools to be taught the military drill. What comes next.

Mrs. Berger living on Patterson street, has the finest collection of flowers in town. Just the place to get Easter flowers.

Juniata Sabbath School workers, met in the Lutheran church on Tuesday, and organized an auxiliary State Sabbath School Association.

Some member of the Legislature wants Teachers' Institutes held in the months of July and August, and has a bill before the Legislature to that effect.

Farmers are anxiously awaiting the coming of fair spring weather, so that they can go to work and break the enforced leisure that the winter imposed on them.

Mrs. Sarah Nye, one of the five widows whose husbands were killed abolishing snow on the Pennsylvania railroad near Harrisburg during the recent blizzard, brought suit against the company to recover \$15,000 damages.

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Valuation of Juniata County.

By the late annual enumeration and assessment for Juniata county, the books reveal that there are 144,967 acres of seeded lands in the county, valued at \$3,564,834. There are 75,157 acres unseeded lands, valued at \$154,863. There are 1,244 seeded lots, valued at \$834,528 and 204 unseeded lots valued at \$16,871. The value of all real estate \$4,570,896.

The horses, mares, geldings and males number 3,752, valued at \$92,669; the cattle number 3,171, valued at \$43,444.

The offices, professions, trades and occupations are valued at \$136,795. One stage, valued at \$20. The number of male dogs in the county is 1,868; female dogs 48.

The aggregate valuation of the county is \$4,843,824.

Recapitulation, 3,752 horses; decrease in number 53, valued at \$92,669; decrease in value \$32,455. Cows 3,171; decrease in number 129, valued at \$43,444; decrease in value \$244.

Real estate taxable \$4,570,896, decrease in value \$239,544.

Value of occupations \$136,795; decrease in value \$5,074.

Whole decrease in taxable values, \$278,317.

Acres taxed in county 219,848, equal to 344 square miles.

A LOCOMOTIVE EXPLODES.

The mails on Saturday morning, westward bound were all late in consequence of the explosion of the boiler of Pacific Express, about 3.10 A. M., at Cove Station between Harrisburg and Duncannon. The cause of the explosion is what railroad people would like to know. Was it on account of a defect in the boiler? Was it on account of the introduction of cold water? The tender was bruised and battered, but kept its place on the tracks. The baggage and mail cars were thrown off the track, but not greatly damaged. The passenger train was started and rolled back and forward by the sudden stoppage of the train but none were hurt. The worst of all was, J. H. Pefferly, fireman of Harrisburg was killed, and the engineer John Funk was injured about the head. How he escaped death is seemingly a miracle. The boiler and the driving wheels on two long platform cars, and two long platform cars loaded with the broken machinery and fragments of the locomotive and the tender on its own wheels made up a train which stopped quite while at this station on Sunday while on its way to the Altoona machine shop. Hundreds of people went to the railroad to see the mangled and dismantled locomotive, all wondering how it was possible that the fireman and engineer escaped being torn to pieces.

Tuscarora Valley Railroad.

Trains on the Tuscarora Valley Railroad will run as follows: Leave East Waterford at 8:00 A. M., and 2 P. M., arriving at Port Royal at 9:15 A. M. and 3:15 P. M. Leave Port Royal at 10:30 A. M. and 5:15 P. M., arriving at East Waterford at 11:45 A. M. and 6:30 P. M. J. C. MOOREHEAD, Superintendent.

RANDOM THOUGHTS.

While sitting among the Farmers of Juniata, in their Institute held February 12th and 13th, 1895, and hearing them discussing the different topics of the farm, and among other things were some excellent and well prepared papers, suggesting many and important, and practical thoughts, worthy the consideration of every practical farmer. We know it is presumed by some people that a Farmers' Institute is only a social gathering, and that no valuable or helpful information necessary for the advancement of the farmer in his business can be obtained at these Institutes. Where that idea is prevalent among our people, and where the opinion obtains that no information worthy of notice or practice of the farmer can be gathered outside of surroundings immediately coming under his notice on the farm, laboring under a mistaken idea. Because sociability is one of the grand and noble characteristics so very essential in forming and framing society, both in the Church and in the world. God in his wisdom has given us the faculty of intellect, and the capacity and power to establish a proper basis to exercise judicious judgment, the power of understanding and discretion whereby a proper rule can be established for the government of our lives, physically, morally, socially, religiously or ecclesiastically. Our great benefactor in his wisdom, has given or provided means and a way to intelligently use these means, and power to promote our moral qualities, above anything that is mean or base or which would have a tendency to degrade mankind. He has given us the means to obtain a knowledge whereby we may understand what creates, envy, hatred, malice, jealousy, which are the means of destroying the fruits of true sociability in the community and in Church. He has given us power of judgment to properly regulate the physical laws or laws of health in obedience whereof the body, and also the mind is qualified to enjoy the blessings designed by the Almighty his creature should enjoy. We do not propose to draw the dividing line, and say just how far we may go. Yet there is a line drawn, physically, morally and socially, and it is a duty enjoined on us as intelligent beings to carefully and judiciously regulate our lives in all of our actions, that will reflect credit and respect, and which will invite others to imitate our actions in life. It has become an established fact in the minds of the American people, judging from the conditions surrounding our country, and the general and wide spread depression among farmers and laboring classes generally, that a reformation is essentially necessary by our general Government, to restore and revive the financial confidence of our nation. Party spirit, party preferences and self interest, have seemingly predominated, fishing along the Juniata river at Union Furnace. He went thither and held an inquest, the result of which was that the body was that of a male child, which had been killed by some person or persons unknown, and the body placed in a half gallon fruit jar, and thrown into the river. After the inquest the body was buried in the cemetery at Union Furnace. This is the second case of child murder that has come to light in this county in less than a month. It reveals a woful state of depravity.—Huntingdon Semi Weekly News.

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