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THE LATE H. H. FRAZIER, ESQ.

The suddenness of the announcement of the death of H. H. Frazier Esq., our late cotemporary of the Independent Republican, and the brief time and space in which we had to allude to it last week, makes it fit that we should make a more extended allusion at this time. Our personal knowledge of him only dates back some seven years, or during the time we have been conducting the DEMOCRAT, hence we can but speak as by those whose information we have obtained, upon his nativity and former career. He was a son of Stephen Frazier now residing in our borough; born in Canton, Conn., Dec. 21st, 1822, but while a youth his parents located on a farm in the township of Harmony, this county. He subsequently read law with Hon. B. S. Bentley and was admitted to the bar of this county in August Term, 1843, but did not pursue this profession but a short time, as he became successor to John Miller as editor of the Susquehanna Register, on the first of May 1852, which is the commencement of his editorial life. In 1855 the name of the paper was changed to the Independent Republican with the late Hon. C. F. Read associate editor for a time. We learn that the circulation of the Register when Mr. Frazier took it, was only about seven or eight hundred. Through the undaunted perseverance and efficient work of his younger brother, Eliphalet, whose unfortunate death took place a few years ago, may be as much attributed, if not more, the large circulation of the Republican to-day, as to the particularly distinguishing editorial ability of the proprietor. But the untiring industry and perseverance of both, together with a fortunate political condition of the times in not having any very formidable local opposition, the paper has attained an unusual circulation for a country paper and is a credit to its late editor and the county in which it is published. Seven years ago we could not appreciate the duties and responsibilities of an editor's life, but to-day we are somewhat prepared to speak intelligently of the incessant and arduous labor and the multitudinous trials and perplexities he has passed through in twenty-four years of editorial responsibility. During the seven years of our cotemporariness with him as an editor, we have only known him through the columns of his paper. He had no intimate friends or acquaintances to our knowledge, outside of his family and immediate relatives. By his paper we became to know him as a bitter and uncompromising partizan, especially so to all those who bid fair to become successful competitors for public patronage. Neither was this wholly confined to political opponents. We are inclined to attribute this more to the fact that he felt that he had spent the best part of life in building up his paper and therefore had acquired a position that no one had a right to infringe upon, than to any dishonest motive. Not having mingled fraternally with his editorial brethren, neither within nor without the county, but having made his office and fire-side his only world, we can readily see, that like the mountain eagle, he may have had his suspicions in waging war upon any one who dared to approach his secluded abode.

The leaders of the Republican party of Susquehanna county have met with a greater loss in the death of H. H. Frazier than they may at first anticipate. There are, but few men, who have attained the power that he had at his command, who will carry the party loads that he has carried, simply by party success. In his private life, both before and since his death, we have ever heard him spoken of as a kind, worthy and honest citizen, one who will be greatly missed from the ranks of our community. The great trial of his life, his editorial and political career, has been his life. Like the silk worm which dies surrounded in the cocoon in which it is enveloped itself, to be carelessly worn by others, he has been so in his political and editorial career.

life energies in the Independent Republican, the fruits of which are hereafter to be garnered by some other hand.

UNUSURIOUS INTEREST.

An interesting decision of the supreme court is announced concerning usurious interest. The Miners' bank of Pottsville having loaned certain sums of money to a business firm charging more than the legal rate of interest, upon the failure of the firm, obtained judgment for its loan and interest at the rate stipulated. The property of the firm, was sold subject to the lien of the judgment obtained by the bank. The purchaser resisted the payment of the bank's claim in full alleging that only legal interest could be recovered, and the common pleas court of Schuylkill county, decided that the usurious interest must be deducted from the amount of the judgment. The supreme court reverses this decision on the ground that no third party can succeed to the rights of the debtor or take advantage of the remedies open to him in resisting the payment of an illegal rate of interest. The court says upon this point: "The act of May 28, 1858, made a radical change in the consequences flowing out of the receipt of more than six per cent. per annum. It repealed all former laws imposing a penalty. The first section still makes six per cent. the lawful rate of interest. The second section recognizes the actual business wants, habits and customs of the people. It assumes a greater rate may be charged and paid. It therefore declares that, if it shall be reserved or contracted, the debtor shall not be required to pay the excess. At his option he may retain or deduct it from the amount of his debt, or if he has voluntarily paid the whole debt and the excess of interest, he may recover the excess by instituting legal proceedings not more than six months after its payment. No longer can a stranger to the transaction *qui tam* action, work the forfeit of the whole. The statute proposes to deal only with the parties to the proceedings. The debtor may elect whether he will withhold the excess or recover back within the time limited. Failing to do within the time specified he has no remedy. No party in former can interfere either before or after the payment." The defendants in the judgment—the borrowers of the money—having expressed themselves as satisfied the court holds that the purchaser of real estate subject to the judgment so put upon it cannot question the legality of the rates of interest paid by the borrowers of sums out of which the judgment grew.

WHY BOTH KILLED MR. LINCOLN.

The statement in Pomeroy's Democrat that the reason why John Wilkes Booth killed President Lincoln was because the latter refused to pardon Captain Beall, a very dear friend of Booth's, and that in relation to this subject Booth visited the president in company with John P. Hale, Washington McLean, John W. Forney, and Wm. H. Seward although denied by Mr. Forney, is nevertheless insisted upon by Mr. Pomeroy as true, and in the Democrat of a late date, the following article appears in relation thereto. It is headed "Lincoln," and says: "The statement embodying the particulars of the death of Mr. Lincoln, as published on the 8th of April, 1876, in this paper, was first published by us in New York, in Pomeroy's Democrat, when Messrs. Hale, Seward, Forney, and McLean were all alive. Mr. Hale, Mr. Seward and Mr. McLan were all the time asked to contradict it, but would not. Two of the gentlemen named by us are still alive, Mr. McLean and Mr. Forney. On the occasion of a visit to Cincinnati, at the office, and afterward at the residence of Mr. McLean, in the presence of witnesses, he told the particulars of the assassination, which, for reasons of his own, he did not care to publish. His statement has been fully corroborated by others. Mr. Seward was written to from New York city and asked to deny the statement. He answered that no good would come from disturbing the records of the past, and that he preferred not to speak. We believe it to be true. In spirit circles, through mediums, the spirit of Lincoln and Booth do often speak, as we are told. Those who are curious may probably obtain statements to refute or to corroborate Mr. McLan's statement from this source, if they believe in such phenomena. Two years ago we listened to an entranced medium through whom spoke something or somebody purporting to be the spirit of Abraham Lincoln. For an hour he told us, in plain words, of many, many things connected with his early life, his marriage, his career as President, and the cause of his death. He corroborated what had been told by Mr. McLan, and what we had learned in the United States Marshal's office in New York. Before this interview closed we

"Mr. Lincoln, did you ever in earth life know Fred A. Moore?" "Not that I remember."

"He said that he knew you quite well years ago—that he was once engaged in the same office with you."

"I do not call him to mind—there is such a multitude of faces and memories around me. What looked he like?"

"He was tall, rather angular, slow of speech, thoughtful and rather more dreamy than ambitious."

"Fred Moore! Fred Moore! O, yes! He thought he was a poet, and years ago wrote a book of what he called poetry! Yes, he was a dreamy fellow!"

Fred A. Moore was at one time a partner of ours in the publication of the La Crosse Democrat, and a friend of Lincoln, of whom we had often spoken. He is now, we believe, in Washington, and a correspondent of the Milwaukee Sentinel and other papers. On making inquiries we learn that some twenty-five or thirty years ago he did write and have published a book of poems or poetry, but we never saw it, or heard of it until after we were informed of its existence by the professed spirit of Abraham Lincoln.

We mention this incident only as an evidence that the earth, the water, the Heavens, the air is full of curious things not easily understood without study.—Why Mr. Forney should deny or forget so important an incident of his life is something we do not understand, but we shall go to work and find out.

We notice that the high compliment paid Senator Watson in the Montrose Republican last week based upon his introduction of the bill which passed the last legislature prohibiting attorney fees on all judgements less than one hundred dollars, is being copied by others of our exchanges, and that the Senator may have full justice done him; another fact should be coupled with it, and that is, that at the last April Term of court, just before the bill became a law, he took the opportunity to enter up what small notes he had on hand, to the number of ten or a dozen making a clear sum of thirty or thirty-six dollars, attorney fees. When the philanthropy of the Senator is paraded before the public for effect, this sequel should accompany it. The Senator's cupidty in this case can only be reconciled with his ostentatious philanthropy on the same principle that the victim of intemperance votes for prohibition in order to put temptation out of his way.

In a case where it had been determined by the common pleas court of Lehigh county that the amicable revival of a judgment by an insolvent debtor was a fraud upon other creditors, in giving an illegal preference the supreme court has reversed the decision of the court below and substantially decides that where a party can acquire a lien on real estate by issuing execution, the act of the debtor in amicable consenting to revive the judgment, so as to give the lien, is not a preference under the bankrupt law.

Gov. Hayes, of Ohio started his friends in Toledo the other day. They have been saying that he was in favor of the unconditional repeal of the Resumption act, and blowing trumpets on account of his superiority to Bristow in this respect. Now he has said to a reporter of the Cincinnati Commercial: "Certainly, I am not in favor of the repeal of the Resumption act, unless something is substituted that will more effectually bring about specie payments as soon as the time prescribed in that act."

The riders who attempted to ride 305 miles in fifteen hours in the match at Fleetwood failed after completing 226 miles, becoming exhausted and being 20 minutes behind time. His failure is attributed in a great measure to the weather, and partly to the expenditure of strength in controlling the mustangs he rode.

Gold closed in New York, on Monday at 1.12 1/2.

Advertisements New This Week.

N. F. KIMBER, Carriage Maker, Picture Framer, and Undertaker, a few rods from Phinney's Hotel, near M. E. Church.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.—IN the estate of Reuben Fuller, late of Franklin township, Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania, dec'd. Letters of Administration in the said estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons owing said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and all persons having claims against said estate are requested to present them without delay.

NOTICE.—To the heirs and legal representatives of Ezekiel Babcock, dec'd., late of Montrose, Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania; notice is hereby given that at the late dwelling house of Ezekiel Babcock, dec'd., in the Borough of Montrose, in the County of Susquehanna and State of Pennsylvania, on Monday, the 10th day of July, A. D. 1876, at 9 o'clock, in the forenoon of that day for the purpose of making partition of the real estate of said deceased, to and among his children and representatives. If the same can be done without prejudice to or spoliation of the whole, otherwise to value and appraise the same according to law—at which time and place you are required to attend if you wish to be heard.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.—IN the estate of Jacob B. Young, late of Ansbury township, Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania, dec'd. Letters of Administration in the said estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons owing said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and all persons having claims against said estate are requested to present them without delay.

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BOOTS AND SHOES IN JACKSON.

A conceded fact, and must be kept before the people, that H. M. COMBS bears them all in the manufacture of the above goods. Who is the man of such renown, On whom all other shoe-makers frown, Because he keeps high prices down, H. M. COMBS.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE First National Bank of Montrose, AT MONTROSE, IN THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

RESOURCES. Loans and discounts, \$132,811.14. Overdrafts, 1,781.19. U. S. Bonds to secure circulation, 90,000.00. Due from approved reserve agents, 15,123.33. Due from other National Banks, 3,792.41. Due from State Banks and Bankers, 9,786.87. Real estate, furniture and fixtures, 8,878.87. National Bank of Commerce, 1,084.25. Current expenses and taxes paid, 14,840.00. Premiums paid, 2,407.50. Checks and other cash items, 3,407.50. Bills of other National Banks, 2,145.00. Certified checks (including bank orders), 210.07. Fractional currency (including notes), 118.00. Legal tender notes, 3,812.00. Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent. of circulation), 4,050.00. Total, \$289,795.66.

LIABILITIES. Capital stock paid in, \$100,000.00. Surplus fund, 6,000.00. Other undivided profits, 3,233.55. Undivided profits, 61,000.00. Dividend unpaid, 5.00. Individual deposits subject to check, 5,794.92. Demand certificates of deposit, 38,294.00. Time certificates of deposit, 42.00. Cashier's checks outstanding, 567.17. Due to other National Banks, 4,562.50. Due to State Banks and Bankers, 5,134.43. Total, \$289,795.66.

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, ss. COUNTY OF SUSQUEHANNA, ss. I, N. L. LENHEIM, Cashier of the above named bank do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

N. L. LENHEIM, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of May, 1876. L. SEARLE, Jr., Notary Public. CERT.—Attest: ABEL TURNER, G. E. ELDRHED, W. S. DESSAUER, Directors. Montrose, May 24th, 1876.

NEW MILFORD MACHINE SHOP. All kinds of machinery made, or furnished to order. Repairing promptly attended to. JULIUS SHULTZ. New Milford, May 17, 1876.—1y.

ATTENTION FARMERS. The highest market price will be paid for Calves, Lambs, etc., etc. WE BUY BY THE POUND. Will be in Montrose every Tuesday during the season, commencing May 22, 1876. SLATER & BOE.

SHOE SHOP. I have just opened a shoe shop in Searle's new building, on the corner, up stairs, where I am prepared to make all kinds of gentlemen's, ladies' and children's, of all the latest styles of work, and best material and workmanship. Repairing neatly done. Invisible patches put on. ROBT. GILLILAND. Montrose, May 10, 1876.—1y.

WEBSTER'S NEW PRICE LIST.—FOR—SPRING AND SUMMER OF 1876. Look at the following which speaks for itself.

Heavy cottonized pants, 75¢. Stout wool-mixed pants, 1.50@2.25. Good all wool pants, 3.00@4.00. Imported cassimere pants, 4.75@7.00. French Dressing pants, 6.00@10.00. Stout workmen's suits, 4.75@7.50. Fancy merino cassimere suits, 7.00@10.00. Merino silk mixed suits, 8.00@10.00. Harris cashmere suits, 10.00@15.00. Knickerbocker and plaid suits, 10.00@18.00. Black frock coats, 5.00@8.50. Imported black frocks, 9.00@13.00. Fine black cloth vests, 1.75@3.75. White linen vests, 1.00@3.00.

Boys Suits with knee pants, 3 to 9 years. Cotton suits, 1.75@3.50. Mixed cash-merino suits, 3.50@5.50. All wool cassimere suits, 4.50@7.00. French worsted suits, 7.00@9.50.

Boys' suits with long pants, 9 to 15 yrs. Cottonade suits, 3.00@4.50. Mixed cassimere suits, 3.00@4.50. Fine plaid suits, 6.00@9.00. French worsted suits, 8.00@12.00.

Youths' Suits from age 15 to Men's sizes. Stout everyday suits, \$ 5.00@9.00. Good customers' suits, 7.50@11.00. Diagonal coat and vests, 8.00@12.00. Fine plaid suits, 8.00@13.00.

Furnishing Goods. Good working shirts, 50¢. Fine black shirts, 1.00. Good denim overalls, 50¢. Good rubber suspenders, 25¢. Good lined paper collars per box, 10¢. Good lined paper cuffs per box, 10¢. Good cotton socks, 15¢.

All other goods in proportion. The above are prices that no other concern has or will offer. They are cash prices and made to bring people from a distance. It will pay a man to drive forty miles to buy a suit of clothes at my store.

WEBSTER, The Clothier. 62 and 64 Court Street, Binghamton. April 19, 1876.

JOB PRINTING. A SPECIALTY. With our four presses, a large assortment of plain and fancy job type, borders, inks, papers, cards, etc., and experienced workmen, we are prepared to do.

All kinds of Job Work at the LOWEST PRICES. Promptly upon receipt of order, (by mail or otherwise.) we can furnish: Wedding Invitations, Envelopes, Bill Heads, Statements, Note Heads, Box Labels, Snow Cards, Admission Tickets, etc. Bills, Law Books, Auction Bills, Law Books, Small Posters, Bottle Labels, Calling Cards, Address Cards, Business Cards, Invitation Cards, Pamphlets, Business Circulars, Wrappers, Tags, Dancing Programmes, etc., etc.

HAWLEY & CRUSER, Democrat Office. May 10.

ALL KINDS OF BLANKS AT THIS OFFICE.

HAYDEN & CLEMENTS,

Dealers in STOVES, TIN, COPPER & SHEET IRON WARES, HOUSE FURNISHING GOODS, AND BUILDERS HARDWARE, &c.

Agents for BLANCHARD, BARTLET & CO., SASH, BLINDS, DOORS, WINDOWS, CORNICHE MOULDINGS, &c.

NAILS, SCREWS; LATCHES, BUTTS, SASH AND BLIND FASTENERS AND HINGES; HOES, FORK SHOVELS, RAKES, WIRE GOODS, &c.

IRON OLD, FIRST PREMIUM, MILK PANS. (JOHN HAYDEN, General Agent.)

OTSEGO COUNTY LUMBER, PLAT-FORM, SPRING AND BUGGY WAGGONS. Unsurpassed for Style and Durability.

THE CENTENNIAL COOK, made by Rathbone, Searle & Co., Albany N. Y., and the Grand Base Burning, Parlor Stove, and Canard Cook Stoves, manufactured by Ferry & Co., Albany, N. Y. We also keep the celebrated.

DIAMOND BASE BURNING AND FEARLESS COOKING STOVES. Rathbone, Jewett & Rauborn, Bangs, with Copper Reservoirs and Nickel Mountings of the latest improved patterns. Repairing promptly done; and orders for jobbing solicited. HAYDEN & CLEMENTS. New Milford, May 13th, 1876.—1y.

Legal. EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.—WHEREAS letters testamentary for the estate of Thomas Meenan, late of Forest Lake township, have been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to the undersigned, are requested to make immediate payment, and all persons having claims against said estate are requested to present them without delay.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. In the estate of James McDonnell, late of Bunkton, dec'd. Letters of Administration for the said estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons owing said estate, are requested to make immediate payment, and all persons having claims against said estate are requested to present them without delay.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.—The undersigned having been appointed an auditor by the Orphan's Court of Susquehanna County, to distribute the funds remaining in the hands of W. W. Williams, administrator of the estate of Alonzo Walker, dec'd., will attend to the duties of his appointment at his office in Montrose, on Friday, June 9th, 1876, at one o'clock p. m., at which time and place all persons interested will present their claims or be forever barred from coming in on said fund.

ASSIGNEE'S NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that James Martin of Bridge-water, has made an assignment, with the benefit of his creditors, to the undersigned, and all persons indebted to his estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims to present them duly attested for settlement.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.—The undersigned an auditor appointed by the Orphan's Court of Susquehanna County to distribute the funds remaining in the hands of G. P. Bond, Executor of the estate of Joseph Beckus, dec'd., will attend to the duties of his appointment at his office in Montrose, on Monday, June 6th, 1876, at 3 p. m., at which time and place all persons interested will present their claims or be forever barred from coming in on said fund.

TARBELL HOUSE. OPPOSITE THE COURT HOUSE. MONTROSE, PENN'A. JOHN S. TARBELL, PROP'R.

DR. LIVINGSTONE. The fine bred Stallion Dr. Livingstone, owned by L. T. Birchard, bred by G. Z. Peppely, owned, New York, bred by (imported) Sweetwater, from a high bred trotting mare in the hands of G. P. Bond, Esq. and a limited number of mares at the Excelsior Hotel stable, Montrose, Pa. on Saturday of each week. Letting out on Thursday of each week. Terms to insure \$15. Inquiries may be made on or after 1st, 15th, 30th, Parties partying with their mares will be held for insurance money. Mares losing their foal and being returned to her will be the fault of the owner. Northern Pennsylvania. L. T. BIRCHARD. Binghamton, May 10, 1876.—4w.