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TO ADVERTISERS:—The Democrat as an advertising medium is unsurpassed in this section. It reaches the Farmer, Mechanic, and business man. Its circulation is constantly increasing, and its advertising rates reasonable. Rates will be given at our office or by mail.

Gold closed in New York, on Monday at 112 1/2.

The Knights Templar demonstration Wednesday, at Philadelphia, passed off very successfully. Over one hundred commanderies, numbering 7,500 Knights were in line, and the procession was over two hours passing a given point.

WATSON'S ATTORNEY FEE.

We are utterly surprised that (Hon.) W. W. Watson, should attempt to falsify a record he has made as an attorney, and which is open to inspection by any one who desires to satisfy himself of the truth of our statement of last week that he had entered a number of judgements at the last April term of court, just before the law prohibiting attorney fees on those less than one hundred dollars, had been signed by the governor, with the three dollar attorney fee included.

Mr. Watson as legal editor of the Montrose Republican, seems to be a very apt scholar in "Court House Ring" tactics. Like the statements of the Republican last fall that the county bonds were drawing a legal rate of interest, made for the sole purpose of deceiving the masses, who were not aware of a Ring law, clandestinely pushed through the legislature, allowing eight per cent. and which was used for the sole purpose of denying our statement of the truth, that these bonds were drawing eight per cent., W. W. Watson Esq., an attorney and counselor at law of Susquehanna County puts forth the following equally base and deceptive statement, in defense of a recorded fact which we charged upon him last week, and attempts to play upon the ignorance of the masses who are not expected to be posted in the devious ways of legal practice, for his own personal benefit.

Mr. Watson has not received, nor will he receive, a single attorney fee on the notes then entered, for the reason that at the time he entered the notes he released, in writing on the transcript of the judgements so entered, each and every attorney fee by law taxed.

Wherein consists the "Court House Ring" deception in the above, is the statement that he has released the attorney fees on the "transcripts of the judgements," a willful attempt to palm off upon the readers of that paper the idea that such a course would release the defendant from the payment of those fees. Mr. Watson knows, if he be fit to draw a precept, that a release written on a transcript of a judgment is just as binding as if he had written it on the back of his own hand, or on one of the doors to the late new county building. To explain to our readers, who are not attorneys, we would say that a transcript has no legal binding force upon any one, but is simply a memorandum of the transaction, and Mr. Watson can get as many of them as he chooses from the prothonotary, and hold them in his own possession and make just such statements upon the back of them as he chooses and at such times as he chooses and destroy them when he chooses, and no legal responsibility will be incurred. If Mr. Watson was honest and truthful in stating this transaction, the records would impeach us without one word of defense from him, and the goal which the Montrose Republican has attempted to reach during the last seven years would have been attained, namely, of proving us a falsifier. But unluckily for Mr. Watson the tables are turned against him and like the black record we published against the "Court House Ring" last fall, the spots in the Prothonotary's office will not "out" at his command, but stand in bold relief of the truth we have uttered.

The records show that W. W. Watson, not only entered the judgements, but that his name is on

each of them as attorney, and the attorney fee of THREE DOLLARS is made up with the costs on the judgement docket, and the defendants cannot have the judgements satisfied until the fees are satisfied also. Will ex-Senator Watson step forward and deny this? We shall expect he will, as soon as we would to have seen what he did do in the last week's Republican, hence we will give a key that will set the matter at rest for all who will take the trouble to examine for themselves: Upon the judgement docket for August Term 1876, from judgement Number 33 to Number 43 will be found a record that Mr. Watson cannot change by self laudatory editorials in the Republican, and we will give a part of it.

One judgment of \$16.02; costs \$3.75 which we will explain is \$3.00 attorney fee and seventy-five cents clerk's fee.

One of \$33.33; one of \$43.64; one of \$9.77; one of \$16.93; one of \$22.31, all of which have a \$3 attorney fee made up in the costs, besides others which we have not mentioned.

If what the ex-senator says be true, namely, that he never will receive these attorney fees, and did not so intend to do when he put them upon record, but has released them on the transcript to the plaintiff, so that he can evade the law and put them in his pocket (no man but a regularly admitted attorney can enter a fee or legally take one) then he is guilty of an act of collusion with his client, that should exclude him from further practice in our courts. He must acknowledge this or plead guilty to his own cupidity in grasping for a few fees just before the law took effect, for the passage of which he claims so much philanthropy. Of the two, the latter is the most honorable, and from the nature of the parties, the most reasonable.

The senator says that we are instigated by jealousy in the matter because we did not originate the bill in the legislature which abolished those fees. We believe the people of this county did not need any such action from us to know our position upon "curb-stone" robbery, whether it be in the shape of attorney fees or any other. Had we been called upon to originate a bill on that subject, it would not have been such an one as that for which the ex-senator claims so much credit. When an attorney or day laborer is employed by another, he should receive reasonable compensation for his labor and a law that prohibits such payment is unjust. If a note of \$99.99 is put into the hands of an attorney for collection, he should be reasonably paid for such service and there is no justice or equity in saying that in such a case he shall receive nothing while if it were one cent more he should receive \$3. We are speaking now of honest attorneys, not of shysters and "curbstone" thieves, for they can pursue their nefarious practices as well under Mr. Watson's law as they could before, simply by investing in a little more capital. The injustice of the old attorney fee law and the robbery practised under it, was the fact that on a one dollar note an attorney fee could be entered for just as much as if it were one thousand. Now if we were called upon to originate a bill upon this subject, instead of robbing honest attorneys of a just recompense for labor, to punish a few cut-throats, we should propose a law giving a percentage for an attorney fee, on the amount to be collected, and only payable to an attorney for actual services. Let a law be passed giving an attorney fee of two per cent. under the above restrictions and then it would reach, not only those under \$100, but also those over that amount and would bear with justice and equity upon all concerned. The larger the amount of the claim, the more the responsibility of the attorney, and the more he would receive. It will be seen that by such a law, where senator Watson entered \$3.00 on a \$9 note, he could only have entered eighteen cents which would effectually meet all those cases of curbstone cupidity and remove temptation, or greatly reduce it, without doing injustice to honest attorneys by taking from them just recompense for their labor. The principle is just as bad to take the same fee on a \$100 judgement as on one of \$1,000 as it is in smaller amounts, and we see no legal acumen or political popularity to cover in Mr. Watson's originality or action on this subject.

A suit is pending in New York to compel Anna Eva Fay, a spiritual medium, to take out a regular license as a juggler. Anna resists on the ground that spiritualism is a form of religion; but her persecutors insist that it is a regular business conducted for purposes of gain. The decision of the court has not been announced.

General News.

Commodore Vanderbilt is mending again. Dr. Helmbold has compromised with his creditors for forty cents on the dollar. Berpan, the well known American armorer, has just sold to the Servian government 60,000 rifles.

J. A. Holtzlow, late revenue collector at Atlanta, Georgia, is reported a defaulter to the amount of \$13,000.

The department of agriculture of Georgia have discovered the cause of the blight of apple trees to be a beetle the size of a common flea.

The American residents in Paris have started a subscription to raise funds for the celebration of the Fourth of July, and for placing a marble slab with a commemorative inscription on the tomb of Lafayette.

The medals to be awarded exhibitors at the centennial fair will be of fine bronze, five or six inches in diameter, denoting relative grades of merit, but all being of the same size. No awards will be made until near the close of the exhibition.

One of the tellers in the cashier's department of the treasury testified that in the days when Jay Cooke & Co. were acting as financial agents of the government that firm had been allowed to borrow greenbacks from the treasury without reserve upon the hypothecation of government bonds therefor.

German visitors mostly complain of the diminutive size of Philadelphia beer glasses, and even say that the down side-up hole in them is larger than the up-side-down hole.

Eight hundred and twenty-five Mormons have lately taken passage from Liverpool for New York on their way to Brigham Young's dominions. The Mormon immigration from Europe promises to be large this year.

At an exhuming of human bodies in a cemetery at Greenland, N. H., some time ago, it was found that a bunch of myrtle placed on the breast of a little child, buried sixteen years ago, was as fresh as if gathered the day before.

The gigantic telescope to be placed in the Paris observatory for the French exposition of 1878 will be fifty-five feet in length. Plans for the proposed instrument have been accepted, and its construction will be commenced at once.

At a little gathering the other evening a young man asked a lady whether, if his small brother was a lad, he was not a ladder; and she kindly said she thought he must be, she could see through him so easily. It is pleasant to be a young man.

An old woman died recently in Bristol, England, who owned, among other property, a very valuable collection of studies from the nude by well-known artists. A married niece in the house at the time of her death thought these were highly improper paintings, and the moment her aged relation died, burned them up. When the will was opened the niece learned that her only legacy was these pictures which she had burned, and which were worth about \$40,000.

A correspondent of the Salt Lake Herald, speaking of the recent report that the Great Salt Lake is rising, gives the result of his observations of the fluctuations of the water. A monument was put into the lake last September, and since that time it is found that the water of the lake has risen fourteen inches. In one place where the pioneers walked over dry ground on a reef of rocks twenty-six years ago, the depth of the water is from eight to eleven feet.

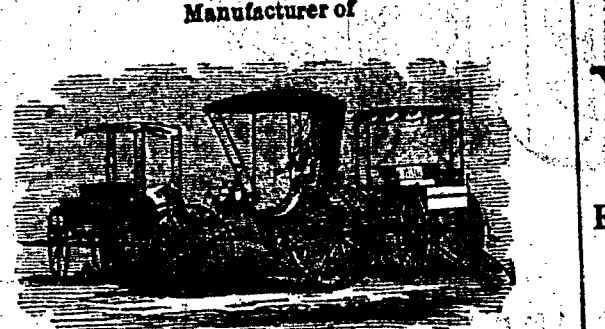
The Pittsburg newspapers are still loud in their indignation at the refusal of Gov. Hartman to permit the sixth division of the National Guard to participate in the July encampment in Philadelphia. The Telegraph of that city regards the statement that there is not sufficient camping ground near the centennial to accommodate the soldiers from the western part of the state and at the same time entertain the military visitors from other states as "too absurd for belief." It is believed that the real reason for rejecting the Pittsburg division is that its transportation to Philadelphia and back would consume a large portion of the \$35,000 appropriation. If the invitation to the western militia be postponed until August the appropriation will be consumed and they will be notified that they must provide their own transportation. The appropriation of the public money for such a purpose was a wrong in the first place and this quarrel over its disbursement is what might have been expected. When Pennsylvania has a state administration which is more concerned about the public interests than empty military displays such uses of the treasury will not be permitted.

Advertisements New This Week.

DISSOLUTION. Notice is hereby given that the partnership between Chester Wright, S. H. Wright, & W. A. Southwell is dissolved by mutual consent. W. A. Southwell having bought of S. H. Wright and rented of Chester Wright, their entire interests in real, personal, and mixed property, will continue the business as usual. W. A. Southwell is to settle debts due to and by the company. The accounts must be settled on or before July 10, 1876. All accounts unsettled at that date will be placed in the hands of Benj. Glidden, esq., of Friendsville, for immediate collection. CHESTER WRIGHT, S. H. WRIGHT, W. A. SOUTHWELL. Forest Lake, June 7, 1876.—3w.

ALL KINDS OF BLANKS AT THIS OFFICE.

E. T. PURDY, GOODS! GOODS!



WAGONS, CARRIAGES, & Sleighs.

BUGGY, CONCORD, PHAETON, AND SIDE-BAR GEARS.

EVENERS, SINGLE AND DOUBLE WHIFFLETREES.

BODIES OF THE LATEST STYLES.

JOBGING, &c., DONE PROMPTLY.

E. T. PURDY. Montrose, June 7, 1876.

Wilber's Direct Draft

EUREKA MOWER

Best Mower in the World.

Farmers SAVE twenty-five per cent. by using it in gathering their hay crop.

ALL WHO TRY IT BUY IT!

Extra parts are interchangeable.

Our Agents have a full supply always on hand.

Send for circulars and Testimonials to Townsend Eureka Mower Co., Towanda, Bradford Co., Pa. R. S. SEARLE, Agt., Montrose, Pa. June 7, 1876.—3w

NEW FIRM, NEW GOODS, NEW PRICES.

Wm. H. BOYD & Co., DEALERS IN

Cook Stoves, Ranges, Heating Stoves.

ON TIME.

Is the name of a new Cook Stove, just out, containing a new principle in baking, and is destined to make a revolution in the construction of Cook Stoves. Come in and see it.

THE ARGAND.

As a heating stove stands without a rival, in beauty, durability and economy. Come and satisfy yourself, and get names of parties now using them.

TINWARE.

We take special pleasure in offering to the Wholesale and Retail Trade, our desirable supply of Tinware. We use none but the best of charcoal plates.

OUR WORKMEN ARE EXPERIENCED! OUR STYLES ARE FAULTLESS! GOODS ARE WARRANTED!

And we defy any to produce better goods for less money.

LAMPS.

A full line of Lamps of beautiful design. Also Chimneys of every description.

STONE WARE.

Flower Jars, Hanging Pots, Churns, Butter Jars, Preserve Jars, Jugs, Stove Tubes, &c.

BUILDERS HARDWARE.

Nails and Screws, Locks and Knobs, Latches, Catches, Doors, Sash, Blinds, Glass, Building Paper, White Lead, Zinc, Oils, Varnishes, Paint Brushes, Sprites of Turpentine, Paint of any shade desired. Also colors for mixing paint.

BOLTS.

A full assortment of Philadelphia Carriage Bolts, and a full line of Iron Axles, Bar Iron, Horse Shoes, Nails, Rods, &c.

NAILS.

We purchase in Car-load lots, therefore can sell to the trade in less quantities as cheap as any house in the city.

Wm. H. BOYD, J. H. CORWIN, J. R. COOLEY. Montrose, March 15, 1876.

Undertaking.

The undersigned will make Ed will make Undertakings a Specialty.

All needling services will be promptly attended to. Satisfaction guaranteed. P. & B. MATTHEWS. Friendsville, Pa., April 7, 1876.

GOODS! GOODS!

Wm. Hayden Has just received an ENTIRE NEW STOCK OF MENS, BOYS' AND YOUTHS' CLOTHING.

At prices to suit the hard times.

MENS' SUITS, \$6 TO \$25 BOYS' & YOUTHS' \$5 TO \$10

Also a fine line of

DRY GOODS, HATS & CAPS,

BOOTS AND SHOES, YANKEE NOTIONS, FANCY GOODS,

Cheap for cash. No charges for showing our goods.

WM. HAYDEN. New Milford, May 24, 1876.—4t.

TUNKHANNOCK MARBLE WORKS.

BURNS & WHITE, Manufacturers of and Dealers in

ITALIAN & AMERICAN MARBLE.

MARBLE AND SLATE MANTLES.

SCOTCH & AMERICAN GRANITE, A Specialty.

Cemetery Lots Enclosed.

P. C. BURNS, Geo. WHITE. Tunkhannock Pa., Jan. 19, 1876.—1y

MODES DE PARIS! Spring Styles.

ROZELLE'S, FRENCH MILLINERY,

97 Court Street, Binghamton, N. Y. 97.

The largest and best stock of Millinery Goods outside of New York, and at the very lowest cash prices. I buy for cash and sell for cash. We will not be undersold. LADIES' CAPS AND HEAD-DRESSES in a very large variety.

FRANK LESLIE'S PATTERNS.

HAIR GOODS, ETC.

F. ROZELLE. Binghamton, N. Y., April 19, 1876.—1y—3t

Legal.

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

IRA FULLER, Administrator. May 10, 1876.—6w.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. In the estate of James McDonnell, late of Rush-letts, Letters of Administration in the said estate having been granted to the undersigned all persons owning said estate, are requested to make immediate payment, and all persons having claims against said estate are requested to present them without delay.

CATHERINE McDONNELL, JAMES McDONNELL, ALEXANDER McDONNELL, Administrators. May 3d, 1876.—6w

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 C. F. Read, Esq., and Trustee 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 debarred from coming in on said fund.

WM. A. CROSSMAN, Auditor. May 3d, 1876.—6w

TARBELL HOUSE.

OPPOSITE THE COURT HOUSE.

MONTROSE, PENN'A

JOHN S. TARBELL, PROP'R.

Nine Stages and Hacks leave this House daily, connecting with the Montrose Railway, the Lehigh Valley Railroad and the D. L. & W. Railroad.

April 1, 1876.

SHOE SHOP.

I have just opened a shoe shop in Seale's new building on the corner, up stairs, where I am prepared to make all kinds of gentlemen's boots, shoes, and gaiters, of all the latest styles of work, and best material, and workmanship. If you require any of these, I will be glad to have you call on me.

ROBT. GILLILAND. Montrose, May 10, 1876.—1y

P. J. DONLEY, FURNISHING

UNDER TAKER. BINGHAMTON, N. Y. The latest improved Coffins and Caskets on hand. Please to order. Brocades, etc. April 19, 76.