

Town, County, and Variety.

Ninety-nine cents. It is reported that cream of tartar rubbed on kid gloves will clean them. The S. S. B. A. will hold their next soiree at the house of Charles Read. Deal with those who advertise in the Democrat. They think enough of your custom to invite you. Polish that snow shovel and lay in a stock of strengthening plasters for your back; there's trouble coming. Joking is a risky business; just for the sake of a second class joke munny a man has lost a first-class friend. The National Temperance Union having appointed Thursday next as a day of special prayer for our continent the woman's meeting will be held on that day, at 3 p. m. at the house of Mrs. Hannas. The line of side walk extending from B. Stroud's property on Depot street to the new depot, recently ordered by the town council, is nearly completed. A good portion of it is laid with first-class flagging stone. The Hayes pork of Ohio is entirely eclipsed by the Tilden, Hendricks and Reform farmers of old Susquehanna county. Now, to wit, comes W. E. Osmon of Harford, who has just slaughtered a pig, seven months and 24 days old, that dressed 352. Residents along the Susquehanna river regard its present low condition with alarm. They argue that if it freezes over at such a low ebb, it will simply be preparing for a repetition of the great ice freshet by which it attracted so much attention two years ago. If you want to make a suitable Christmas present to some friend who has left this county for a home in some other portion of this great country, subscribe for the Democrat. The local news will be appreciated, and you will be remembered every week. A State law makes it the duty of road supervisors to erect sign boards at the intersection of all roads in their respective townships. The penalty for neglect is ten dollars and costs. Is there a supervisor in Susquehanna county who is not liable under the law? To-morrow, Dec. 7th, Mr. Wilmot Stephens, of the Binghamton 99 cent store, and formerly of this vicinity, will open a branch 99 cent store in Cobb's old stand, Montrose, to continue until Jan. 1st, 1877. He advertises in another column that he will be pleased to see his old friends and acquaintances, as well as new ones. Harry Smith, of Athens, a brakeman on the Lehigh Valley R. R., while passing over the train on which he was engaged, on Thursday last, between Sugar Notch and Tunkhannock, was struck in the back of the head by a bridge, receiving a fatal fracture of the skull, from which he died on Friday morning. John M. Palmer, Lyman Trumbull, Wm. Bigler, George B. Smith, George W. Julian and H. H. Watson are men whose statements will command the confidence of the country, and they declare, after a careful study of the returns, that an honest count, even under the laws of Louisiana, cannot defeat the Tilden electors in that State. Are the American people prepared to accept the results of a fraudulent count and a disputed election? On Friday morning of last week, James Tobin, a student of the Wyoming Seminary at Wilkes-Barre, met with a terrible death. He taught night school near Avondale, and attempted to jump on a passing coal train, when he missed his footing, was caught by his feet on the cars, and dragged the distance of half a mile before he was discovered and the train stopped. His features were undistinguishable, his head having been dragged over the sills the distance mentioned. The accident happened on the L. & B. R. R. The decrease in travel on the Pennsylvania railroad has induced the company to order a material reduction of the number of train men. On the western division thirty-two employes received notice that their services would be no longer required than the end of the month. Of these four were conductors, seven train agents and the balance brakemen and platform men. The four conductors discharged now take situations as brakemen. A noticeable thing in connection with the reduction of the force is that some of the oldest employes of the road are dismissed, and new ones taken on since the opening of the centennial are retained. The supervisors of Bridgewater township, have recently had a bridge built across the small stream just east of John Youngs, near the borough line, which is a credit to themselves, as well as to the contractor, Mr. W. R. Page, of Montrose Depot. It is said to be the finest bridge in this section, being built of extra large stones, some weighing as much as three tons. Its length is 116 feet and its width 26 feet, with an arch 8 feet in the clear, and is 18 feet from the top to the pavement underneath. Mr. Page only received \$320 which is only about one half of what the former bridge cost. The cold winter nights are coming when a hot water stew is peculiarly and particularly grateful. It is a good idea, therefore, to offer to housekeepers Delmonico's receipt for a royal stew: Take one quart of liquid of oysters, put the liquor (a teaspoonful for three) in a stew pan, and add half as much more water, salt and a good bit of pepper, a teaspoonful of rolled cracker for each. Put on the stove and let it boil; have your oysters ready in a bowl. The moment the liquor begins to boil pour in all your oysters, say ten for each person or six will do. Now, watch carefully, and as soon as it begins to boil take out your watch, count just thirty seconds, and take your oysters from the stove. You will have your big dish ready with one and a half tablespoonfuls of cold milk for each person. Pour your stew on this milk and serve immediately. Never boil an oyster in milk if you wish it to be good.

NOTICE TO OUR PATRONS.

In view of the fact that the senior editor of this paper will of necessity be absent some three or four months after January first, it is very important that all of our subscribers should call at our office, or send and settle their accounts before that time. We need the money due us and we hope a cordial response will be given to this notice. If it is impossible for all to pay us, the account must be arranged and fully understood so that no future contingency will arise. Do not fail to attend to this duty. People who kill poultry for the market should remember one thing, and that is that they should not feed their poultry anything for at least twenty-four hours before killing. Nothing is so injurious to the sale of poultry as black crops, and that condition is sure to follow where chickens have been fed a short time prior to killing. We learn from the Honesdale Chronicle that on Friday night, last week, as Samuel Gliff was driving through the dark and lonely piece of woods this side of White's Hollow, about twelve miles from Honesdale, he heard a most unearthly yell proceed from some spot not far ahead of him in the road. This was followed by a man's voice, shouting in terror, "For God's sake, hurry up!" Mr. Gliff whipped up his horses, and a distance ahead he found a man standing in the middle of the road, holding a cow by a rope around her horns. The cow was plunging about as if greatly frightened, and the man, who proved to be Wm. Loveland, of Aldenville, was also in much terror. He said that he was walking along, leading his cow, when he heard something bounding through the bushes, and then a large animal sprang out into the road. From the size and action of the beast, Loveland knew that he was confronted by a panther. The animal crouched on the ground for an instant, and then with a wild screech it sprang and fastened itself on the back of the cow. The noise of the horses running towards the spot seemed to scare it, for it jumped off in the woods. The marks of the panther's teeth and claws were visible on the cow's back. Judge Paxson, of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, in a recent decision regarding wills, made use of the following language: "The growing disposition of courts and juries to set aside last wills and testaments, and substitute in lieu thereof their own notions as to what a testator should do with his property, is not to be encouraged. No right of the citizen is of more value than the power to dispose of his property by will. No right is more solemnly assured to him by the law. Nor does it depend in any sense upon the judicious exercise of it. It rarely happens that a man bequeathes his estate to the entire satisfaction of either his family or friends. * * * The law wisely secures equality of distributions where a man dies intestate. But the very object of a will is to produce inequality and to provide for the wants of a testator's family; to protect those who are helpless, to reward those who have been affectionate, and to punish those who have been disobedient. It is doubtless true that narrow prejudices sometimes interfere with the wisdom of such arrangements. This is due to the imperfections of human nature. It must be remembered that in this country a man's prejudices are a part of his liberty. * * * Where a man has sufficient memory and understanding to make a will, and such instrument is not the result of undue influence, but it is the uncontrolled act of his own mind, it is not to be set aside in Pennsylvania without sufficient evidence, nor upon any sentimental notions of equality."

THE MOLLES NOT DEAD YET.—On Saturday night, Nov. 25, Timothy Donohue was murdered near Hecksbergville, and his body thrown into an abandoned mine. On Sunday morning the 26th, at an early hour, the extensive colliery works of John B. Davis at New Castle, were fired and entirely destroyed. On the same day a number of non-union men were attacked and brutally beaten, one of whom has since died. This was followed by the incendiary destruction of the Yorktown colliery, causing a loss of between \$75,000 or \$100,000. SPARE MOMENTS.—How many minutes have you to spare? Five, ten fifteen? Much may be done with them. We have heard of a young man who read through the history of England while waiting for his meals at his boarding house. We have heard of a mathematician who is said to have composed an elaborate work while visiting with his wife, during the intervals between the moment when she first rose to take leave of her friends and the moment when she finished her last book. The small stones which fill up the crevices have almost as much to do with making the fair and firm wall as the great rocks; so the wise use of spare moments contributes not a little to the building up in good proportion of a man's mind. A GONE "VARMINT."—Last Saturday Alfred Hague, of this place, shouldered his musket, called the two hounds belonging to John Merrit, and proceeded to a wild territory of wood land in the town of Jackson, known by the people in this vicinity as "Bear Swamp," for the sole purpose of hunting rabbits. The dogs soon struck a fresh track, and led off on the mountain. All this time Mr. Hague was watching eagerly for his game, when suddenly, and to his surprise, he saw at a short distance from him, through the underbrush, a large, savage looking catamount, coming directly toward him. Mr. Hague raised his gun and when the wild beast was only a few feet away, and in the act of springing upon him, he fired. The entire charge took effect in the face and eyes of the animal, felling him to the ground and killing him instantly. The weight of the animal was twenty-six pounds. —Susquehanna Gazette.

BROOKLYN NOTES.—Mr. French Ring, an old resident, while walking upon the D. L. & W. R. R. track near Hobbsbottom, in a large curve the cars approached from behind and struck him, breaking one leg and throwing him back on the cow catcher breaking his skull and instantly killing him. No blame attached to any one as all means were used to stop the cars. He was an old and infirm man. Mr. A. Sterling, one evening last week had a large number of sheep bitten by dogs. Six had to be killed to put them out of their misery. He will get his pay. There were six dogs on his premises and as many men that day. No foxes caught but a terrible slaughter of sheep. There is to be a Christmas tree at the Universalist church, on Christmas. Our side walks are now completed from one church to the other. Meetings are well attended at all churches. Brooklyn is ahead on big pigs. Mr. M. McVicar killed a pig Nov. 29 1876 eight months and 15 days old that dressed 369 1/2 lbs., the same breed as Mr. Blaisdell reported in last week's Democrat. If any other breed can beat them bring them out. Dec. 4th, 1876. FRANK.

THE FARMER.—When a farmer can so manage his farm as to make "both ends of the year meet," even if it be with the most rigid economy, he should be contented with his lot. If we take a survey of the business men of our villages and cities, we find that only three or four in a hundred realize a competence for old age. Then imagine the unhappiness of those who, sooner or later, fail to support themselves and families respectably—the cares and anxieties that constantly produce pangs and tortures that no farmer ever felt. These men may apparently lead pleasant lives, as the outside world cannot witness the emptiness of a man who daily strains the financial nerve to meet his notes falling due at the bank. The time between one and three o'clock every day in the city of New York brings more anxiety to business men than all the farmers of the United States realize in a lifetime. No, farmers, your lot is not a hard one. Your food may be plain and the cut of your coats may not be as fashionable as those of the merchants of the day; but when you lie upon your pillows your repose is sound and sweet. The horrors of protested notes seldom keep you awake at night; and in the morning, as you go around to feed your flocks and view your crops that have visibly grown while you were in the arms of Morpheus, you may take more real enjoyment of life in one hour than many city merchants and manufacturers do in a year. Our advice, therefore, is, be not discouraged. The times may now be hard; but you are promised "seed-time and harvest" to the end, and with hard labor and judicious management, you come out in the end victorious.

FROM LENOXVILLE.—We feel somewhat intimidated, yet we will venture a brief sketch of affairs in Lenoxville and vicinity, to wit: Cold, freezing winter is here with his thin mantle of snow. Having had so favorable a fall, many people seemed unconscious of the near approach of Old Winter and were hardly ready for his appearance, but now the farmer has laid aside the implement adapted to the tillage of the soil and is pursuing other employments. Agreeable to thermometrical indications the business of hauling coal seems to engage attention at present more than many other things. Mr. J. Miller is holding a series of grammar schools in Lenoxville. On the information of some one two little boys were arrested on a charge of assault and battery. The infant prisoners like most honest persons, presented themselves according to agreement with constable Payne, before the magistrate, the warrant not having been returned the boys departed. The Good Templars of Lenoxville are making arrangements for a strong delegation to New Milford next week. The celebrated Mr. Towner will hold a musical convention in Lenoxville, commencing on Tuesday the 13 inst. A good time is anticipated. We have had a change of mechanical firm in the place. O. C. Severance to that of Otis C. Severance & Haughtaling, in the wagon making and blacksmithing business, also that of Hiram White to that of H. White & Son, in the foundry business, which is now in full blast, having on hand a good stock of sleigh shoes, plows and other castings. Mr. J. B. Stevens of Loosdale bought last summer of Hiram White a June pig, which he slaughtered a few days since weighing 250 lbs. How can many beat that? Who may occupy the Presidential chair in Washington, the next four years seems to be the absorbing question of the day. True and honest dealings would certainly place Mr. Tilden there, but Grantism wielding the military arm of the government would hoist Hayes to the exalted position, who would probably place Grant at the head of the army and what then? "Let us have peace." We regret very much the defeat of Mr. Powell, our candidate for a second term in Congress. Perhaps his opponent may do as well, who knows? Mr. E. B. Hawley in his late visit to Lenoxville, gained many friends and some new patrons to the Democrat, both Republicans and Democrats. All were pleased with the speeches which resulted in casting a large vote for the Senator, in whom the people have the utmost confidence. Dec. 2, 1876. NOW AND THEN.

KEYSTONE ACADEMY.—The fall term of school at Keystone Academy closed yesterday, the examinations having continued three days. The exercises were somewhat marred, and a shade of sadness mingled with the general good feeling, which had hitherto prevailed, by the principal being called suddenly away on Monday, on account of the death of a relative. The duty of examining his classes devolved upon the assistant teachers; and while they

probably did not do quite as well as if they had been examined by their regular teacher, yet they did well, and every thought of their having been "stuffed for examination" (if indeed, such a thought existed in the mind of any one) was thus removed. Monday evening we received a very rare treat in the way of an address from Eld. W. C. Tilden. His subject was "Education and character essential to true manhood and womanhood." As most of your readers are acquainted with Mr. Tilden, no word of eulogy is necessary in regard to this lecture; but we will simply say that it was one of remarkable excellence, even for your worthy superintendent, and was delivered with that earnestness which is peculiar to himself.

The annual "Prize Declamations" were delivered Tuesday evening. The following are names of the contestants: A. G. Bailey, I. F. Bodle, P. M. Burks, E. A. Coray, J. F. Day, E. C. Dean, F. M. Decker, C. H. Denison, M. A. Dewitt, Herbert Gardner, R. P. Gibbs, E. W. Lamb, F. W. Miles, Wm. E. Osterhout, Geo. E. Osterhout, J. B. Raub, C. S. Seamans, H. M. Streeter, G. A. Sweet, Franklin Wedeman. An admission fee of 25 cents was charged the proceeds to be used to replenish the library. The church was well filled and I think every one was well pleased, not only because the admission fee which had been paid was to be well invested, but because the speaking, which had been heard, was really excellent. Mrs. Weston read a very fine selection at the close.

The following was the decision of the Judges: The whole class honorably mentioned, and a special mention made of Howard M. Streeter, Leigh Tannery; Martin A. Dewitt, Tunkhannock; Eliza A. Coray, Pittston; Robert P. Gibbs, Hyde Park; and Edwin C. Dean, Factoryville. Prizes were awarded to Charles S. Seamans, Factoryville, and Charles H. Denison, Montrose. O. Factoryville, Nov. 29, 1876.

THE OFFICIAL HISTORY OF THE CENTENNIAL EXHIBITION held in commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of American Independence, with a full description of the great buildings and all the objects of interest on exhibition in them, a concise History of the origin and success of the Exhibition, and Biographies of the Leading Members of the Centennial Commission, to which is added a complete description of the City of Philadelphia. By James D. McCabe. Embellished with nearly 800 fine engravings of buildings and scenes in the Great Exhibition. It treats of the Exhibition grounds, great buildings of the Exhibition, Main Exhibition Building, Machinery Hall, Memorial Hall, Agricultural Hall, Horticultural Hall, United States Government Building, Woman's Pavilion, Buildings of the various States of the Union, Buildings of Foreign Countries, and of the Cattle Show and Live Stock Exhibitions. The work contains a brilliantly written and complete account of the great National Celebration of the Fourth of July, 1876—the one hundredth anniversary of American Independence. To those who did not enjoy the pleasure of a visit to the Exhibition, the book is a necessity, for it will enable them to gain a complete and comprehensive knowledge of it. The work is superbly illustrated; the publishers have spared neither pains nor expense in the preparation of illustrations. It is comprised in one large octavo volume of 782 pages, and is illustrated with nearly 800 magnificent engravings. With the certainty of an immense sale, the publishers have placed the price at a very low figure, so as to bring it within the reach of all classes, and enable every American citizen to possess a copy of this superb Memorial Volume of the International Centennial Exhibition. JONES BROTHERS & CO., PUBLISHERS, Philadelphia, Pa. C. R. SKINNER, Agent for Montrose and Vicinity.

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