

Town, County, and Variety.

—Song of the tomato plant—"Put me in my little bed."

—The world is full of advertising, yet every one wants to see what is new.

—To have, or not to have, a street sprinkler, is the question being agitated by some of our business men.

—A nice rain on Monday and another yesterday afternoon did much to revive the drooping vegetation.

—Mr. E. L. Weeks has had a new side walk put down in front of his residence. Ditto, Mr. Luther Jagger, on Foundry street.

—Strawberry, with bluish so red,
In your cream and sugary bed,
How I wish that you were here,
If you weren't so awful dear.

—Those women whom you see strolling about the lots with a butcher knife and an old pan won't hurt you, they are only looking after greens.

—June 13th will be the centennial anniversary of the selection of the "Stars and Stripes" as the national flag of the Republic of the United States.

—"Lawyer's fees have come down," says an exchange. "They used to want the whole of an estate for settling it, but now they allow the widow enough to cover funeral expenses."

—J. B. McCollum, Esq., will deliver the address on Decoration Day at Susquehanna Depot, Pa. and Capt. H. F. Beardsley has accepted an invitation from Spaulding Post, G. A. R., to deliver the address at Lefkaysville, Bradford Co., Pa.

—The will of the rich man of the future will read: "To the respective attorneys of my children I give my entire estate and worldly goods of all descriptions. Personally to the children and to my beloved wife I give all that remains." This instrument will satisfy the family and save the trouble of proving the old man insane.

—We learn from the Secretary of the Soldiers Monument Association, that the work is so far advanced that they feel warranted in announcing that the Monument will be dedicated and the statue unveiled the 4th of July 1877. The Association has appointed an executive committee and as soon as they report the order of exercises will be announced.

—A committee of gentlemen from Wilkes-Barre, Elmira, New York, Binghamton, Bath, and other places start for Texas next Monday on an exploring expedition, with a view to locating and purchasing lands. If the result is favorable a large stock company will be formed and colonization and emigration will be pushed forward on a large scale. Our former townsman, Mr. C. Detrick, is one of the Wilkes-Barre committee.—*Tunklanoock Republican.*

—We learn from an exchange that a remarkable occurrence happened in lower Audussia, Berks County. A child, Edward Scully, about five years of age, was playing about the well, and raising up the door, the frame work gave way, and both door and child fell twenty feet to the bottom of the well. When discovered the child was sitting upon the door, having received but slight injury. His father was let down with a rope and rescued the child from his situation. There was about nine feet of water in the well.

—The Gere family, of which Mr. C. M. Gere of Montrose is a decedent, seems not only to be quite prolific, but also somewhat noted for longevity. As an interesting item to the family and their friends in this locality, we copy the following from the *Norwich (Conn.) Courier* of May 16th, 1877.

"The many friends of the extensive family of Geres, in eastern Connecticut will be interested in a reunion of a branch of the same in Oregon. The occasion was the eighty second birthday of Joseph C. Gere, Battleville, in that state, Feb. 5th. Sixty-one of the one hundred and forty-one of his descendants were present, and the fact was elicited that all but twenty of them lived in Oregon. They are of eastern stock, however, five brothers and five sisters having emigrated from this vicinity nearly thirty years ago. There are now more than ten thousand Geres in the United States, and are noted for their longevity.

—In our climate, where rain is abundant during a considerable portion of the year, the water falling upon the roof of any house, if properly collected and stored, is ample for the whole supply of the family which the roof shelters. This water as it falls is ordinarily free from any impurity that can affect its taste, and from every source of serious fouling, though after a long-continued drought it is well to divert and discharge upon the surface of the ground the first ten minutes' flow of a shower—so that the impurities of the air, and the dust of the roof may be first removed. After the first rush has been to the cistern all that follows—even with this precaution the water will be agreeable for use if filtered. There are various systems for making filters in cisterns. Some are so simple, nor so durable and but not so good as the separation of that part of the water from which the suction-pipe leads to the cistern. It is simply a wall of brick set on edge (two or three inches thick) on a level surface, the side of the cistern being six feet. This material should be so well cemented that water can only pass through the slightly bulging. A wall of this sort, measuring six feet at its base and rising to a height of six feet at its highest point, will transmit an amount of water sufficient to supply the domestic use can require.

HON. L. F. FITCH.

The death of Hon. L. F. Fitch occurred at his residence in this borough about nine o'clock on Thursday morning May 17th after an illness of about two months. Although a short time before his death his case was reported as somewhat serious, yet his demise was very unlooked for at the time it occurred.

In the death of Mr. Fitch our community and the county lose another of its honored and highly respected citizens. We have known him personally but a few years, but in that time we had come to highly esteem and respect him for the many good qualities which he possessed. His pleasant, affable manner and genial disposition made him one whom it was always pleasant to meet, and his interest in education, religion and the good morals of society, and his worthy example as well as excellent precepts, will cause him to be greatly missed, and leave a vacancy that it will not be easy to fill. Mr. Fitch has been honored by preference in several different ways by the people of this county, having also been a member of the State Senate for one term.

As a member of the bar of this county he maintained a high standing, and the unanimous expression of the legal fraternity by resolutions at a special meeting which appear elsewhere, show the great regard they bear for his worth and their marked reverence for his memory.

We shall not be expected here to even be able to allude to all the good qualities which he possessed, but will leave the detail to some future time when we hope to give a more extended obituary.

HARFORD SOLDIERS' ORPHAN SCHOOL.

A correspondent of the *Scranton City Journal* makes the following mention of the Harford Soldier's Orphan School.

This institution is pleasantly located at Harford, Susquehanna County, and is now in full tide of prosperity, with nearly two hundred students. The school is conducted by Prof. H. S. Sweet as Principal and proprietor. The Professor is well adapted to form and mould the material upon which he acts, and his large experience in teaching is an assurance of his continued success. He seems well fitted to make men and women of those poor orphan children, and undoubtedly he is now doing the most interesting and important work of life. I was taken through the several departments of the school, saw their sleeping and wardrobe departments, and noted the good order and neatness of the whole. The school is certainly in good condition, a credit to Gov. Curtin, who conceived the plan, a credit to the state which has so wisely and liberally executed it. Those who desire to visit that institution will be pleased by so doing.

A HEAVY STORM.

The *Carbondale Advance* says the thunder-storm of Wednesday night was terrific for a while. The lightning struck the City Hall, but did not do any considerable damage to the building. A few bricks were dislocated and sent across the yard, and the gas-pipe was struck, lighting the gas, which caused an alarm of fire. The conflagration was soon extinguished, however.

The greatest damage done by the storm was done to the water mains. Five breaks have already been discovered. The lightning followed the pipes that run through the court house yard across the river and shattered them badly. Another break is on Church street, opposite James Stott's, another on the square, opposite Mrs. Wilson's, another opposite the City Hall, and another opposite Bradley's Jewelry Store. During the storm, especially with the closest flash, many persons were slightly stunned.

PROVISIONS FOR EUROPE.

The *Bethlehem Times* says: "Large consignments of freight intended for shipment abroad are now coming down over the Lehigh Valley Railroad, off the Erie third rail, and go hence to Philadelphia over the North Penn. Railroad. This freight consists of corn, bacon, lard, &c., &c. Twenty-two cars of corn went down last Friday, and this was followed by nine cars of bacon on Saturday forenoon, from which it may be inferred that our English brethren propose 'living high' on corn cakes and 'fitch.' These goods are consigned to W. Brockie, Liverpool, England, and go across the Atlantic by the 'Dominion Line' from Philadelphia. These shipments are, probably, the first fruits of the recent meeting of railroad officials, the object of which was to secure some of the foreign business via Philadelphia now monopolized by the Pennsylvania road."

FIVE CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH.

Last Tuesday morning there was a most heart-rending tragedy at Little York, on the Syracuse & Binghamton Railroad. Mr. Frank Dunnigan with his wife and five children, lived in a portion of the depot building, he being a trackman on the road.

Tuesday morning, between five and six o'clock, he arose and made a fire, and with his wife went to the barn. Soon after they saw flames burst out from the second floor of the house where their children slept. When they reached the house it was impossible for them to enter to save their children, whom they could hear crying for assistance. The bodies of the children were found. The oldest child was not yet nine years of age.

COLLECTORS APPOINTED.

At a special meeting of the Y. M. C. A. Monday evening May 14, J. V. Cottrell and H. A. Nichols were appointed collectors for the ensuing year. Members of the Association may expect a call from these gentlemen, so make ready your quarter's allowance and save them annoyance.

—The cannon for the Soldiers' Monument arrived at the depot. They are Rifled Parrot steel, and are invoiced as "Rebel" the Monument.

—Do afflict that man who is a profitable carcass.

—A thousand evils hath to himself an idle and...

IN MEMORIAM.

At a meeting of Rough & Ready Fire Co. No. 1 held at their Parlor Monday evening May 7th, 1877, the following Preamble and Resolutions were adopted.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God to summon our Brother Capt. J. R. Lyons from this world of care and sorrow to that brighter world above. Therefore,

Resolved, That while we mourn his loss, we believe he has been called to a higher sphere of duty, and a victory has been gained.

Resolved, That in the death of our Brother this company has lost another esteemed and Veteran Member. Though not on the active list he was among our "Honorarys," and like many of our Brothers he went forth with the great struggle for our National life was pending and with pride, we rank him among the "Rough & Ready Guards" who nobly sustained the reputation of our company on the field, and fighting in defence of his country, and for that Flag so dear to him and to us all, he received wounds that were the remote cause of his death.

Resolved, That we sympathize with the family, the widow and children in their bereavement, and as a tribute to his memory, that we place on our hall the usual badge of mourning and that we attend the funeral in a body.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be presented to the family, and furnish the Borough papers for publication.

E. C. FORDHAM, }
H. C. JESSUP, } Com.
W. B. DEANS, }

Resolutions adopted by Rough & Ready Fire Company May 18th, 1877, relative to the death of Hon. L. F. Fitch Esq.

Inasmuch as death has come again among us, and by his unrelenting command has summoned out of life a distinguished citizen and former Foreman of our company; therefore, we, the officers and members of Rough & Ready with the unanimous response of sad and chastened hearts have adopted the following resolutions, as due to the memory and worth of our departed brother.

Resolved, That in the death of our honored and beloved L. F. Fitch Esq., we recognize the fact that vigorous intellect, eminent position, and great integrity of character are no shield against the assaults of disease and the conquering power of the destroyer.

Resolved, That while over us there rolls an almost overwhelming wave of sorrow and regret for our loss, we rejoice that upon the record of his life there rests no stain, for in his private life as well as in his public acts, he was ever the faithful friend, the generous citizen, the upright counsellor, the fearless patriot, and, in the best sense, the genial christian gentleman.

Resolved, That in this sudden dispensation we are individually admonished that life is uncertain; that at the longest the sun of our existence here but briefly shines, and that for some of us it may, even now, be near its setting.

Resolved, That we commend this bright record of a useful life as well worthy the emulation of all, and especially as a noble pattern for our young men, being fully confident that if they follow the path in which he so faithfully walked, they will be honored in this life, and hereafter will find as we firmly believe he has found that "his better furthre on."

Resolved, That we deeply sympathize with the grief-stricken wife and other friends of the deceased; and that we earnestly commend them to the care of him who in the ordering of this trying event has rendered a happy home so very desolate; trusting that he will clearly prove in his own way and time that "behind a frowning providence, He hides a smiling face."

Resolved, That we will drape our hall in mourning, and that as a company we will assist in the last funeral rites of our dead brother.

Resolved, That we present to the bereaved friends a copy of these Resolutions, and that we furnish copies for publication to our Borough papers.

W. B. DEANS, }
H. C. JESSUP, } Com.

On Friday, May 18, 1877, at 9 o'clock a. m. a meeting of the members of the Susquehanna County Bar was held in the Court room, Montrose, to take action relative to the death of Hon. L. F. Fitch.

On motion of James E. Carmalt, Esq. Gen. Wm. H. Jessup was elected President of the meeting, and W. W. Watson, Esq., Secretary.

The President then made some brief but appropriate remarks, after which, on motion of B. L. Baldwin, Esq., Hon. Franklin Frasier, Hon. Wm. J. Turrell and E. L. Blakelee Esq's., were appointed a committee to draft resolutions.

On motion, the meeting adjourned to meet at 7 o'clock in the evening, to here the report of the Committee on Resolutions.

The meeting was again called to order at 7 o'clock p. m., by the President. The committee on resolutions, by their chairman, Hon. Wm. J. Turrell, made the following report:

The undersigned committee appointed by a meeting of the Bar to draft resolution appropriate to and in consideration of the occasion of the death of Hon. L. F. Fitch, do report:

Resolved, That the Bar of Susquehanna County have heard, with feelings of unfeigned sorrow, the announcement of the death of Hon. L. F. Fitch, one of our old, honored, and active members.

That, in the death of Mr. Fitch, the Bar recognizes the loss of an able lawyer, an active, energetic, and useful member of society, and a Christian gentleman.

That his career as a lawyer, State Senator, and citizen was marked by dignity, purity of character, and the highest integrity.

That, by his death, this Bar have lost an associate whose many excellent qualities of mind and heart, have gained for him the respect and affection of his professional brethren.

That we tender to his surviving relatives our sympathy in their bereavement, and as a mark of respect we will attend his remains to their last resting place.

That a copy of these proceedings be furnish-

ed his surviving widow, and that they be published in the newspapers of the county.

Which after appropriate remarks on the life and character of the deceased by Messrs. W. J. Turrell, W. H. Jessup, W. W. Watson, A. W. Berthoff, E. L. Blakelee, and A. O. Warren, were unanimously adopted by the bar.

On motion, Messrs. Watson J. B. McCollum, Turrell, Frasier, and Blakelee were appointed a committee to convey the resolutions to the widow of the deceased. A motion was then made that the meeting adjourn to meet at the Court House on Saturday, at 2:40 p. m., and proceed in a body to the funeral. On suggestion of the officers of the Court were invited to attend with the members of the Bar.

W. W. WATSON, Sec'y of Bar Meeting.

WHITSUNTIDE.

Last Sunday was Whitsuntide—it is the seventh Sunday or fiftieth day after Easter—a festival instituted by the church in commemoration of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. It derives its English name from the white garments which in ancient times were worn at this season by all the newly baptised catechumens to whom the sacrament was administered on the vigil of Pentecost. The name, Whitsuntide, comprehends the entire octave or week which follows Pentecost Sunday, but is most strict in its application to Sunday, Monday and Tuesday of that week. In Germany it is called Pfingsten, and in many places the three places are kept as festival days. Its origin is Jewish, and by the Jews it was called Pentecost, because it was observed on the fiftieth day of the month Nisan, and next day after the feast of the Passover. Being celebrated seven weeks after the Passover it also obtained the name of the Feast of Weeks. It occurred about the beginning of the harvest, and seems to have been instituted, as an acknowledgment of the goodness of God in giving the fruits of the earth. It was also considered in later times to commemorate the giving of the law on Mt. Sinai according to the construction put upon Exodus xix. The narrative of the descent of the fiery tongues upon the apostles on the same day, as given in Acts ii, has caused its observance to be continued among Christians. Among the Anglo-Germans of many parts of Pennsylvania, notably in Lehigh, Northampton, Berks and Lancaster counties, the great day of Whitsuntide is Whit Monday, it being kept as a holiday. Here the saloon doors are flung wide open, the streets are covered with little stands for the sale of cake and lemonade, and rustic boys and girls, young men and young women, come for a day of enjoyment. Shouts of laughter are heard and mirth and hilarity are seen on all sides.

GRAMMING.

The mind of a child, like its body, is of slow growth. Education is the product of its growth. There is certainly such a thing as mental dyspepsia, the fatal effect of cramming. Teachers and parents should not measure mental development by the number of studies a child engages in or by the number of books he carries home. We commend the following to those who hurry their children:

Don't overload your children's minds with knowledge. Do not force them to look forward to the time when they shall leave school as to a release from misery. Strive to induce in them a taste for study and a desire for information, rather than to cram them with book learning as one would cram a larded turkey for market. They may not make such brilliant boys and girls, but they will make more capable and intelligent men and women. You want, not precocious blossoms, but wholesome fruit. See to it, then, that the flower of childhood be not abnormally stimulated, at the risk of stunting the fruit of maturity. At a friends house lately I asked a school boy of thirteen what he was studying. His answer was prompt and categorical: "Arithmetic, algebra, grammar, geography, history, natural philosophy, Latin, French, writing, composition, elocution and drawing." Now, there was a mess. Fancy all those different branches of study pursued simultaneously and stored biggely-piggely, and over end, confused and confounded, in a boy's mind. And this child of thirteen years spends five hours every day in recitations and exercises at school, and studies four hours a day at home. Total a day's work of nine hours for a boy, while able-bodied men claim that eight hours is as much as they can stand.

SHOOTING.

The following is the substance of a law 156 years old, which is still in full force forbidding the firing of a gun, making or selling squibs, or rockets within any city, town or borough in the state without a special license of the governor, and for any violation of this the penalty is five shillings, one-half of which goes to the poor, and the other to the informer. In default the defendant shall be committed to prison for two days. The act was passed in 1721, and has never been repealed. Further, no person is allowed to shoot at a pigeon or other fowl in any city or town, in a street or garden, and if convicted of the offense the penalty is forty shillings. For firing off a pistol, hand-gun or other fire-arm within the inhabited parts of cities, towns or boroughs, the penalty is ten shillings, or five days in jail. The second section of this antiquate law is somewhat amusing for the manner of its construction. It says: "If any person shall wilfully permit or suffer any person to discharge or fire off at his or her house (sic) any hand gun, pistol or other fire-arm, or to cast, throw or fire any squibs, rockets or other fire-works, every person so offending and being convicted shall for every such offence forfeit and pay 20 shillings."

—On Monday last Mr. Will Harrington shouldered his gun and hid him to Jones' lake in search of wild ducks, but finding none, and seeing a large school of suckers near shore emptied his piece into them, killing seven. They weighed altogether seven and one-half pounds.

—A new lot of justices and constables' blanks just printed and for sale at this office.

Correspondence.

BRACKNEY ITEMS.

Although I have waited nearly three weeks for something to write that would be of interest, I am still at a loss for news.

Dr Lewis is very busy at present.

Mrs. J. B. Gage is dangerously ill.

Mock measles and mumps prevail here.

F. Juderlied has gone to New York for a new stock of goods.

Mr. Ostrandor has removed from this place to the township of Great Bend.

Our choir meet every Saturday evening at the church to practice singing.

House cleaning time is nearly over and the ladies are beginning to regain their good nature.

W. H. Inderlied of the firm of W. & F. Inderlied is the father of a nice little daughter of which the fond parents are very proud.

Mr. D. Ferous a citizen of this place 65 years of age has never had a law suit never sued or been sued, we think that worthy of note.

I forgot to mention in my last communication that Brackney was situated only a half mile from quaker lake which is a fine fishing resort.

Although Brackney can boast of as fine a lot of young ladies as any other place of its size in the county, still there are no weddings. Our young men think the times too hard to engage in matrimonial enterprise.

Our former pastor C. Spencer has been removed from this charge to that of Sanford N. Y. His place is supplied by Rev. Brooks formerly of Main N. Y. he appears to be a very estimable man and is universally liked.

On Sunday evening April 30th, the house of Mrs. Mailday Gage was consumed by fire. It was unoccupied she having spent the winter at the home of her son but had anticipated moving in to her own house during the coming week. It was insured for a small amount.
E FLURBUS UNUM.

UPSOMVILLE NOTES.

Sickness is quite prevalent in this vicinity. Hay has been selling from \$8 to \$10 per ton. The roads, at this writing, are dry and dusty.

Singing schools are held weekly in this place by R. W. Smith, chorister.

A kiss in time saves nine, says an experienced girl, for, she says, in every case, when she has refused a man a chaste salute, he has taken at least twenty. So young ladies take warning in time.

The following two officers that were elected to serve the ensuing year for the first Presbyterian church in Upsomville, P. S. Dearborne, Secretary; E. E. Tuttle, Librarian, have respectfully resigned, and, last Sabbath, J. S. Gilin was elected Secretary and Henry Dekon, Librarian.
GUN SHOT.

TWENTY RULES FOR HEALTH.

- Remember the author of the laws which govern the human body is the author of the ten Commandments.
- Infidelity to the laws—established that mankind should be healthy and happy—is the greatest sin of the present generation.
- Be cheerful, truthful to others, and faithful to your conception of duty. Never brood over troubles that you have, and be sure you never borrow any.
- Be much in sunlight, and prefer light-colored clothing.
- Drones must die. Exercise liberally and live. Be out doors all you can while the sun shines.
- Breathe pure air. Live with open windows, and the windows of Heaven will be more likely to open to you.
- Pray with a pure heart and clean skin. Bathe often.
- Avoid stimulants by spirits of all kinds, strong coffee and tea, opium and tobacco.
- Keep the head cool, feet and heart warm, hopes heavenward, and finger-nails clean.
- Eat only three times daily, and never between meals—not a nuttin an apple. Drink nothing while eating.
- One hearty meal of meat per day is sufficient. The other two should be spare.
- Avoid late, hearty suppers, pork, spices and pepper, rich pastry, and imperfectly cooked beans.
- Wheat, oat and barley meal, with beans peas, lean meats, fish and wild game, are the best articles of food.
- Fruits are cooling to the blood, and especially adapted to warm weather.
- Eat slowly, masticate your food well, and eat nothing for three hours before retiring.
- Let the time spent at table be happy. Encourage pleasant, cheerful conversation; joke, but do not argue. Rest a half hour after every hearty meal.
- Sleep eight hours of each day.
- Brain, bone and muscle are built of different material, and the brain worker should have food different from the muscle worker. He is not thoroughly educated who cannot select food adapted to his needs.
- Avoid corsets, and suspend no article of clothing from the waist. Protect every part of the body from chill and exposure.
- Study hygiene, attend health literature. As you are ignorant or intelligent in physiology will your habits be wise or otherwise.

CAUTION TO TRESPASSERS.

The laws of Pennsylvania provide a fine of not less than five dollars, costs, for willfully entering any orchard, garden, hot-bed or green house, clubbing, stoning, breaking or otherwise injuring fruit or ornamental trees, beating down or tramping upon or otherwise injuring any grass, grain, vines, vegetables or other growing crops; and in default of payment of said fine, the offender may be committed for not less than twenty or more than sixty days. Fruit stealing, or the willful taking or carrying away fruits, vegetables, fruit or ornamental trees, is declared by law to be a misdemeanor, and any person convicted thereof in the county of quarter sessions, shall be fined not exceeding fifty dollars, and imprisoned not exceeding sixty days.