

The Democrat.

MONTROSE, PA., JUNE 27, 1877.

Town, County, and Variety.

—Festival to-night.
—Now say "Monument Square."
—The date of our next issue will be July 11.
—D. S. Gregory of Bridgewater picked a mess of green peas from his vines June 20.
—Statements from several townships were received too late for this issue, but will be inserted in our next.
—Rev. Thos. A. Stevenson officiated at St. Paul's Church last Sunday, morning and evening. He delivered two very able and practical discourses.
—Our printers were placed under obligations to Mr. J. S. Tarbell yesterday for a box of fine strawberries, raised on "the Tarbell House farm."
—Mr. Alonzo Williams, of Bridgewater, is prepared to furnish our citizens with as fine a quality of strawberries as can be found and at a reasonable price.
—New York had ninety-three fires last Fourth of July, all from fireworks. Fourth of July celebrations have cost more than the whole revolutionary war.
—By whose authority we can't say, but many of our exchanges are now announcing that it is not longer necessary to lift your hat to the ladies; a mere bow sufficing.
—Cities and towns everywhere are taking steps to abolish the fire-cracker nuisance on the Fourth of July. It will be rough on the boys but owners of property will experience a great sense of relief.
—Members of the Montrose Fire Department are hereby ordered to convene at the engine house July 4th, at 11 o'clock a. m., sharp, in full uniform, for the purpose of participating in the parade. By order of Chief Eng., J. R. RAYNSFORD.
W. L. COX, Secretary.

—While the little daughter of Wm. Ackerman, aged two years, was alone for a short time on Monday last, it climbed upon a chair and thence to the bureau, where it got hold of a bottle of carbolic acid, overturning its contents upon her arms and face and burning it very severely but not dangerously.
—The Democratic County Committee met at the Tarbell House on Saturday last and appointed Senator E. B. Hawley, of Montrose, and John H. Dusenbury, of Great Bend, as Representative delegates to the State Convention to be held at the city of Harrisburg, Aug. 8th. They also unanimously conceded the Senatorial delegate to Wayne county.

—An old man by the name of Nelson Mason, living in New Milford borough, aged 82 years, committed suicide, on Friday morning, June 15, by cutting his throat with a razor. He lived, however, until Wednesday following. He had been a town charge for some time. No cause can be assigned for the act except mental aberration.
—The power of advertising in THE DEMOCRAT was fully illustrated last week. It will be remembered that we noted that fact that no hand organs had visited our borough this Spring, and the very next day the boys and girls were delighted by the twist of the crank of one all about town. Fortunes are undoubtedly lost by not advertising in THE DEMOCRAT.

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EXECUTION OF LANAHAN.

Andrew Lanahan, convicted of the murder of Capt. John Riley, on the 15th of September, 1874, at Wilkes-Barre, paid the penalty of the law on Thursday. The streets of Wilkes-Barre were thronged early in the morning of the day of the execution, although it was known that no one but officials and reporters would be admitted within the jail yard to witness the execution. Rev. Fathers Donohue, O'Harron and Nagle spent the morning with the condemned man, administering the sacrament and giving him all the consolations of the rites of the church. At fifteen minutes past ten the prisoner walked forth from his cell, bearing a crucifix, and accompanied by the priests, and without any indications of fear or trembling. Upon the scaffold he thanked all for their kindness and said, "I forgive all who have wronged me, and ask all I have wronged to forgive me." His legs were then pinioned, the rope adjusted, the black cap drawn over his face, and at thirty-four minutes past ten the drop fell, and Andrew Lanahan was suspended between heaven and earth. There were but slight movements of the limbs of the body. In 12 minutes the doctors pronounced life extinct. Lanahan was but 31 years of age, and said that he knew nothing of his killing Riley; that he was so drunk that evening that he remembered nothing of his acts.—Scranton Journal.

FOURTH OF JULY—ACCOMMODATION FOR HORSES.

The good people of the County who contemplate witnessing the Dedication exercises on the 4th, at Montrose, naturally ask "Where can I put my horses?" And this is a serious question with the careful horseman, on that day of bands, fire-cracker and cannon. To provide for this, the Monument Association have made arrangements with the Susquehanna Co. Agricultural Society for the use of the Fair Grounds on that day. Careful, experienced men will be in charge of the grounds that day; and for the purpose of defraying the expense of this, a small admission fee will be charged, at the gate, for privilege of driving in and occupying the grounds during the day, viz: Ten cents for horse and carriage, and fifteen cents for double team. The Cavalry, and Field and Staff of the Vet. Org. will receive tickets of admission by applying at the Hd. Qrs. of the Gen'l Com'd'g. There is plenty of water, and hay and oats will be furnished on the grounds at reasonable prices. The Association have made this arrangement for the accommodation of the public, believing it will be a great convenience. There will be no parade, no fire-crackers on the grounds, and it will be a quiet, shady place for horses. Grounds will be closed at 5 o'clock p.m. H. F. BEARDSLEY.

A TERRIBLE TRAGEDY.

On Wednesday evening as Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Golden, an aged couple, were sitting in their house near the tunnel, between Factoryville and Nicholson, a man with a blackened face walked into the room and unceremoniously shot Mr. Golden with a double barreled shot gun which he carried in his hand, wounding him in the side. Mr. Golden ran into another room but the assassin followed and shot him again, this time in the neck, and turned and walked away. Mr. Golden died yesterday morning. He was between 70 and 80 years old, and was a quiet, respectable citizen. By great industry he had accumulated about \$6,000 worth of property. He was not known to have had any enemies and as no effort at robbery was made the cause of the murder is a mystery. Surely this is the most atrocious and cold blooded crime that has ever been committed in our county, and it is to be hoped that the perpetrator may be brought to justice. We shall give further particulars next week.—Tunkhannock Republican.

HOW TO KEEP LOAFERS AWAY.

The Altoona Mirror learns that the following is a new plan in Pottstown that is being used by some business men to drive loafers away from the front of their stores: A firm of druggists displayed a large placard in their window, which could be read by all who passed along the street, containing the following: "WANTED. Something for the young men to do who stand in front of this store." Another business man in the same place has had a similar card printed, which reads as follows: "WANTED SOMEWHERE ELSE. The young men who cannot find any other place to stand or lean than in front of this door are wanted somewhere else." It is said that the firms who have the cards displayed are not troubled by having a crowd block up their windows and doors.

A CRUEL WRETCH.

A fellow named Wm. Clearwater, who worked for Wm. Lowman, of Chemung, and driving one of Lowman's horses, the horse refused to work. He took a stout cord and tied around the horse's tongue and an attempt was then made to pull him along by the cord, which resulted in tearing the tongue off just above where the cord was fastened, and about 8 inches from the lower end of the tongue. Clearwater continued to work the horse all day in this condition, and at night put him out without making the fact known to any one, and Mr. Lowman consequently learned nothing about the matter until the next day. The horse is being cared for but the brute has fled.—Horseshoe Journal.

SAD AND FATAL ACCIDENT.

The Carbonate Advance says: Mr. Nelson Coleman of Uniondale, was living at G. Washington Barnes', at Herick, working on the road. While young Coleman was working behind the team of Mr. Barnes' brother, one of the horses kicked him in the face with both feet, breaking his neck and killing him instantly. The young man was sixteen years of age. This sad accident happened on the 11th, and the funeral was attended on Tuesday, the 12th, at Uniondale.

POTATO-BUGS!

The morning sun was rising fast, As through the meadow lot there passed A boy, who bore with grasp so bold, A good-sized bottle, meant to hold Potato-bugs!

His eyes were dim, his cheeks were wet With tears that would not back be kept; And with a sob, a sigh, a groan, He uttered in a most mournful tone, "Potato-bugs!"

Near happy homes he saw the boys Playing croquet, or with their toys Above the scorching sun did shine; And from his lips escaped a whine, "Potato-bugs!"

The hour for dinner came and went, And left him o'er the vines still bent; At supper time, he would not eat; And oft and oft did he repeat, "Potato-bugs!"

"O, come," his comrades said, "and play One game of ball with us to-day; Dearly would he have loved to go, But shook his head, and answered: 'No! Potato-bugs!'"

"Beware the noon-day sun's hot power! Beware the awful thunder-shower!" His brother shouted with a will— A voice replied, far down the hill, "Potato-bugs!"

At close of day, as at the church, The bell replied to sexton's touch, And loudly rang for nine o'clock, A voice exclaimed, with startling shock, "Potato-bugs!"

Our hero, rushing up the lane, Stopped not for joy, or grief or pain; But waving high above his head His bottle to the family said: "Potato-bugs!"

Into the fire; one by one, The striped creatures then he flung; And in his dreams, throughout that night, He often screamed, in sad fright, "Potato-bugs!"

FOURTH OF JULY INTERESTS.

Many who attended the celebration at Montrose last year, have unpleasant memories of empty stomachs—or, in other words, unsatisfied cravings of the inner man. The Monument Association have this year sought to provide against any such unpleasant memories. Col. C. F. Watrous, Q. M. Gen. of the Vet. Organization, has been appointed public crier for that occasion, and with such able efficient assistance as the ladies of Montrose are always ready and willing to give, everybody and their wives may rest assured that they will have no occasion to go away hungry.

The long and spacious hall of the Court House, including the Sheriff's office, Treasurer's office, and Recorder's office, will be made a grand restaurant on the "European Plan." A large tent will be pitched at the north end of the Court House, which will also be used to entertain the public. In addition to these, the large store room with back parlors, lately occupied by Wilson J. Turrell, will be thrown open to the public; and the large wigwam lately occupied by the Hayes and Wheeler Club, will be held in reserve, for use if needed.

The well known liberality of the citizens of Montrose will again be taxed for edibles, but they will remember that the contributions asked for are for feeding the two hundred Orphans from the Orphan's school; and should their contributions exceed the demand for that purpose—they have the same or equal as patriotic a motive—that of contributing to the Monument Fund.

The County Commissioners and the Town Council have given exclusively jurisdiction to the Monument Association, to have and occupy the public grounds belonging to the county and the borough, on that day, for restaurant and other purposes connected with the entertainment and comfort of the public. H. F. BEARDSLEY.

HEADQUARTERS WESTERN BATTALION.

VET. ORG. AUBURN, PA. June 25, 1877.

General Orders No. 1.

In accordance with General Orders No. 8, from Headquarters of the Organization, the Western Battalion will hold itself in readiness to move at an early hour on the morning of the 4th of July to Montrose to participate in the ceremony of unveiling the Soldiers Monument. Capt. Wm. J. Lawrence of Dimock, will take command of the Veterans from Dimock, Springville and Auburn and will rendezvous at Allen's Corner's at or before 9 o'clock a. m.

Capt. Peter D. Roe, of Jessup, will take command of the "Veterans" from Rush, Middletown, and Jessup, and rendezvous at Fairdale at the same hour.

The Colonel, Commanding, hopes that every soldier in the Western Battalion (and the Battalion comprises every honorable discharged soldier west of the line of the D. L. & W. Railroad) will take an active part in the parade, and all the exercises of that day.

Turn out "boys" and play soldier for only one day in commemoration of an event, one of the grandest in the annals of our country.

By Command of

M. H. VANSOTEN, Col. Com'd'g West Battalion. THOMAS SHADDUCK, Adj't.

HEADQUARTERS EASTERN BATTALION.

VET. ORG. GT. BEND, PA. June 25, 1877.

General Orders No. 1.

In compliance with General Order, No. 3, the veterans of Great Bend, Susquehanna Depot, Oakland, Harmony, Thompson, Jackson and New Milford are requested to take up the line of March on the morning of July 4th in the direction of New Milford. Commandants of companies will report their companies in front of Phinneys Hotel as early as 9 A.M. The hearty co-operation of both officers and men is urgently solicited to make the undertaking a success. It is just that we perpetuate the memory of those fellow heroes by whose side we fought.—By Command of

R. Y. HAZARD, Col. Com'd'g Battalion. CHAS. R. CASTELLINO, Adj't.

A grand picnic will be held in Byrnes Grove—convenient to the Catholic Church—at St. Joseph's, July 4.

Correspondence.

IRELAND.

There is a small place situated in the town of Liberty on a by road, off from the Snake Creek Turnpike, called "Ireland." Its inhabitants are a healthy, hard working class of people, principally engaged in furnishing peeled bark and hauling it to the tannery, and the large loads that they take is surprising.

D. A. Worden is "jobbing" it. He has taken 1,000 tons of bark to peel and deliver. He has twenty-six men employed from all parts of the county and some from Sullivan county. The bark peelers seem to be happy and contented, for their voices may be heard at all times singing or talking cheerfully to each other, thus showing that our working class are a free and happy people. FRANKIE.

RHINEY CREEK ITEMS.

Messrs. Editors:—"Old Rhiney" would again be represented in our most welcome visitor the DEMOCRAT.

The potato-bug is very troublesome.

The weather is fine and a few have commenced haying.

Horseback riding is the favorite amusement here both for ladies and gentlemen.

There is a young man often seen in our place from "Ireland," attracted hither by a certain young lady.

Fred Race and wife have gone to Ireland to work for a bark jobber—he in the woods and she in the house.

The strawberry is now ripe and women and children may be seen at all times of the day carrying home the choice fruit of the field.

Gideon Wilbur was quite badly hurt by the falling of a limb, while engaged in peeling bark the limb came down in such a way that it nearly scalped him but did not injure the skull.

There is a cross-road in contemplation that is to connect the upper Rhiney Creek road with the lower one, and that is about all that excites our peaceful neighborhood just now.

Two of our young friends were made happy the other day by a reputation of the old, old story, "I pronounce you man and wife." We hope they will live long and happy together.

Edgar Knapp has renounced farming and gone to peddling tin. His well filled cart passes this way once a week and we are all glad to see it coming.

The house of D. A. Worden, which has been closed a long time, was thrown open last Sunday and made a visit by the owners thereof, and quite a number of friends besides. They brought their dinners along, and to the passer-by, it seemed as if they had again returned to begin our neighborhood and their own happy home. FLO.

June 21, 1877.

KEYSTONE ACADEMY.

The eighth year of school at Keystone Academy closed last Friday. Classes were examined in the Academy, on Wednesday and Thursday. Wednesday evening an address was expected from Rev. H. J. Millard, of Susquehanna county, but he not being able to be present, the time was occupied, and the congregation very ably entertained by addresses, from the Principal, Rev. T. J. Cole, of the Baptist church, and Elder Barnes, of the M. E. church.

Thursday evening an exhibition was given consisting of orations and essays by the two most advanced classes in composition. The following are the names of the performers, with their subjects:

Oration—"Action"—Martin A. DeWitt, Tunkhannock; essay—"The Power of Man"—Mary Gardner, Dalton; essay—"Fault Finding"—Lucy Gerould, East Smithfield; oration—"Agriculture"—R. P. Gibbs, Scranton; essay—"Love of Display"—Mary Leighton, Humphreyville; oration—"We the People"—John C. Miles, Nanticoke; essay—"Nemesis"—Josie Rivenberg, Clifford; essay—"Veneering"—Maggie Stiltz, Brush Valley.

CURES FOR THE STRIFE BETWEEN CAPITAL AND LABOR.

Oration—"Co-operation"—I. F. Boale, South Eaton; oration—"Education"—C. S. Seaburn, Factoryville; oration—"Religion"—Frank M. Wiles, Gibson; essay—"The Proper Study of Mankind"—Lottie Stone, Friendsville; essay—"Mistress of some Branch"—Nina Streeter, White Haven.

The exercises were interspersed throughout with singing and instrumental music.

The subjects of the orations and essays were not selected by the students, but given by the Principal. They were all written and delivered in a manner which showed a high degree of excellence, both in composition and delivery.

The programme for Friday was as follows: Essay—"The Education of Women"—by Miss Lizzie Honeywell, Cold Water, Mich.; (this essay was written for a prize, receiving honorable mention). Piano solo, Miss Mary Gardner, Dalton. Prize oration—"Time an Element in Education"—Howard M. Streeter, Tunkhannock. Piano solo, Miss Josie Chase, Factoryville. Prize essay—"The Education of Women"—Eva Keeler, Keelersburg. Vocal solo, Miss Josie Rivenberg, Clifford. Graduating address—"Self Reliance"—James Leighton, Humphreyville. Piano solo, Miss Nina Streeter, White Haven. Graduating address—"Decision of character"—Geo. E. Osterhout, Tunkhannock. Piano solo, Miss Lizzie Leighton, Humphreyville.

At the close of the exercises the prizes and diplomas were distributed, a few appropriate remarks made by the Principal, a very touching selection—"Parting Thoughts"—by Mrs. Weston, and the congregation dismissed with the benediction by Rev. J. B. Hutchinson, of Wilkes-Barre. The exercises were quite long, but very interesting, so that while no one felt fatigued, all were prepared to relish the excellent dinner which was provided for them. After dinner we were treated to a not less reliable feast, in the way of short witty speeches from gentlemen who were present, and a very amusing selection from Mrs. Weston.

One of the most interesting features of the exercises this year was the Student's Reminiscence.

which took place Friday afternoon. This having been gotten up rather hastily, was entirely extemporaneous; but I think it was the opinion of those present that it could not have been improved much by reflection. A meeting of students was held at nine o'clock Friday morning at which arrangements were made for a similar meeting next year. E. L. Day, editor of the Nicholson Item, was elected as orator for that occasion; Miss Lucy Bailey, Factoryville, as essayist; and Miss Lottie Newcomb, Factoryville, as historian. A Committee of Arrangements was also appointed, the members of which, will spare no pains to make the meeting of 1878 as interesting as possible. Friday evening we had expected an address from Rev. John Peddie, D.D., of Philadelphia, but on account of ill health he was unable to be present, and his place was very ably filled by Dr. Chesshire, of Montrose.

Next term commences Tuesday, Sept. 4th.

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OUR POOR SHAD AGAIN.

Twenty-five years ago, says the Philadelphia Ledger, the shad fisheries on the Susquehanna, above Columbia, were worth more than the farms which skirt the river on either side. Now these same fisheries are practically worthless. The change was brought about by the construction of a dam at Columbia by the Tide Water Canal Company, under authority of the legislature. Since then but few shad have been caught above Columbia, and this has been a subject of general and serious complaint on the part of the people living on the upper Susquehanna. The legislature has several times endeavored to remedy the evil by constructing fishways over the dam, and has spent much money in this direction, but all such efforts thus far have proved failures.

At the last session of the legislature the matter was again brought up, and the fishermen prayed for some practical steps looking to relief. A commission was asked for to make inquiry into the matter and report some plan by which the fish could be got above the dam. This request was finally granted, and the committee appointed.

The commissioners, of which Representative Nisley of Dauphin county is chairman, met at the Girard House, Philadelphia, last Thursday and during the forenoon a sub-committee visited the office of the Philadelphia and Reading railroad company, South Fourth street, for the purpose of conferring with the acting President, George De B. Kelm, and other officers of the road, including the corps of civil engineers with a view to ascertain as to what in their estimation should be done to the dam—the company being the owner of it—that the fish might get beyond it.

A number of plans were suggested by means of which the evil might be remedied, but nothing definite was done beyond arranging for a meeting of the committee, at which the railroad officials and competent engineers will be present and take part in the proceedings. That some plan will be agreed upon that is an improvement upon the present system, and that will admit of the free and easy passage of fish above the dam, is considered certain.

HOW THEY DO AT NEWPORT.

Summer life at Newport is thus summed up by a correspondent: "It consists chiefly in bringing city manners, habits and customs into the country. The exclusives do not bathe in the ocean; they have salt water brought to them in the barrel. In this way they avoid the heat and sun and the 'hotel people' who visit the beach, and help to support the deserving persons who carry about the water barrels. They do not walk or row, they seldom sail, and if they fish they hire men to bait their hooks for them. They strictly observe all the formalities and ceremonies of city life, drive out in the afternoon, dress themselves two or three times a day, and in the evening the ladies criticise each other and talk about their clothes. A more useless, and all things considered, a more tiresome exercise could not well be imagined. But then it is fashionable, and costs a great deal of money."

SPRING BED SWINDLE.

The latest fraud on the farming community is the spring bed swindle, the modus operandi of which is as follows: The first of the gang engages storage room in the farmer's barn for a spring bed, representing himself as an agent for the manufacturers. He gets the victim to write down his name and address and departs. Shortly afterward another stranger informs the farmer that the spring bed he ordered are at the depot, and presents his bill for a large invoice. The farmer disclaims the transaction, upon which the collector shows him his signature to a large order for beds. If he still refuses to settle, two more strangers visit him, representing themselves to be lawyers of the company. They threaten legal proceedings, but are willing to compromise for a portion of the claim.

REDUCTION OF WAGES ON THE ERIE.

An order has been posted in the various departments along the line of the Erie Railway, during the present week, to the effect that on and after July 1st a reduction of ten per cent will be made on the compensation of all employees of the company, not affected by the provisions of order No. 11, issued some time ago. This order, states Receiver Jewett, is rendered necessary by the depressed condition of the business and the reduced earnings of the company. This reduction is sweeping and excepts only salaried officers getting one thousand dollars a year and upwards. It will be remembered that salaried officers were reduced some time ago, hence their escape this time.

FESTIVAL AT DIMOCK.

There will be a strawberry and ice-cream festival at Good Templars Hall, on Friday afternoon and evening, June 29, for the benefit of the Presbyterian church. All are cordially invited to attend. By order of Committee. DIMOCK, June 24, 1877.

A small dish of charcoal placed in your meat larder will keep the articles sweet and wholesome almost as well as ice.