

The back ground of the Court House Square has again been ornamented for the season with a Reaper and Mower.

The first new beans of the season were offered in our market on Saturday morning last. The supply was very limited.

All the cellars in the lower part of the borough are submerged with water, making it very damp and unhealthy for the occupants.

DICKINSON COLLEGE is most deservedly the students, with the exception of a few, having returned to their respective homes during the summer vacation.

DETS.—Our citizens who love this delicious vegetable can have the opportunity of gratifying their appetites, as they have made their appearance in our market.

THE ORCH.—Pears are entertained that the protracted rainy weather will materially affect the crops, especially the wheat. It is to be hoped, however, that these gloomy forebodings will shortly be dispelled by clear, temperate weather.

LESSONS.—We regret to announce that our fellow townsman, W. D. Spenser, of the enterprising firm of Ström & Spenser, is prostrated with sickness, having labored with the complaint several severe hemorrhages. We sincerely hope he may speedily recover.

TOO FAST.—The freight trains going west through town at entirely too fast a rate of speed, thereby endangering the lives of our citizens. The schedule, we think, limits the passage of trains through the borough to four miles per hour.

HEAVY THUNDER.—Our town was visited, on Friday evening last, by a terrible rain storm, accompanied with heavy thunder and vivid lightning. The lightning struck one of the trees attached to the Emory Chapel, on West street, without doing any serious damage, excepting the knocking off of a few bricks.

GRADUATED.—Our young townsman, Samuel L. Graham, son of the Hon. J. H. Graham, paid us a visit the other day. He is one of a class of fifty-eight graduates of the Naval Academy, at Annapolis, the examination of whom closed on the fourth instant. We understand Mr. G. passed a very creditable examination, and is now prepared for active naval service. He intends remaining at home about three weeks.

ANOTHER IMMERSION.—On Sunday afternoon last, immediately after the morning service in the Bethel church, the Rev. J. Hunter, with six of his newly made converts, proceeded to the Letort Spring at the foot of Pennock street, for the purpose of attending to the solemn duties of immersion. It was not very generally known, there were not a great many persons in attendance, being quite a contrast with the large number of the preceding Sabbath.

DEPRIVING BIRTH.—Why is it that the juvenile portion of our community, and also some boys of larger growth, persist in defying all maturing health, by eating, drinking, and using, and we have repeatedly noticed this evil practice, but it is still persisted in. We saw young America the other evening, busily engaged in mutilating some posters which had not been up more than an hour; it is very wrong, and should not be practiced.

WE hear it rumored, but we do not know whether the information is official or not, that the Cumberland Valley Railroad company contemplates putting a new train on the road during the present summer. This train will be known as the "Fast Line," stopping only at principal stations, and to make the proposed trip from Hagerstown to Harrisburg in the space of two or three hours. It would, be quite a feature in the management of the affairs of the road, and would doubtless be a source of great profit and revenue to the company.

INCENDIARISM.—Thursday night of last week, some malicious wights made an attempt to burn the large two-story brick building on Pennock street, the property of Daniel Eckels. It is occupied by two families, and on account of sickness, the front door had been left unfastened, and through which an entrance was effected. A pile of pine shavings and chips were found the next morning, piled up against the partition, and partially consumed. Had it not been for the dampness of the night, no doubt, a disastrous conflagration would have ensued.

POSTPONEMENT OF THE AMERICAN MECHANICS' FAIR.—The Fair, announced to have taken place next week, has been postponed on account of the weather. The carpet, organ, and other things will be drawn as soon as the chances are all sold. Due notice will be given in the different papers of the time of drawing. The Regatta, to be given to the Council casting the largest number of ballots at the county seat, will be postponed until the lucky competitor. Let all assist, and the drawing will be conducted by distinguished persons.

BAQUET.—The members of Cumberland College, No. 38, of Brotherhood of the Union, contemplate giving a supper this (Thursday) evening, for the benefit of the Order. The services of Captain Karns, of the American House, have been engaged to cater for this occasion, and we can bespeak for all parties intending to participate in the festivities of the evening, that a sumptuous repast will be spread before them, consisting of all the delicacies of the season, such as spring chickens, "crown" steam, strawberries, &c. Price of tickets one dollar, to be obtained of any of the members.

BALLOON ASCENSION.—"Up in a balloon, boys." We are to have a real balloon ascension in our borough, on Saturday next, June 18. Mr. John Light, the renowned aeronaut, purposed making his fourth grand trip from this place, in his new and beautiful balloon "Albion," from the public square. He intends sending a dog down in a parachute, when at the distance of 2000 feet from the earth. This ascension is gotten up for the benefit of the Carlisle Brass Band, to enable them to purchase new instruments, of which they stand greatly in need. Our business men should not liberally when called upon by the committee to contribute, as they would be worthy object for which the proceeds are to be devoted. If the weather should prove unfavorable the ascension will take place on the following Monday, or the first succeeding clear day.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES.—THE GRADUATING CLASS ACCOUNT THEMSELVES AS BEING VERY SUCCESSFUL.

THEIR HALL FILLED WITH THE PAIR SIX (forty-one), address, &c., in detail, reported as follows: "The commencement exercises were held in the hall of Dickinson College, on Friday evening last, at eight o'clock, for the benefit of the Order."

So, taking as our standpoint the present, if we would progress in Philosophy, we must abandon old prejudices, give up, sometimes it may be firm, ancestral customs, and if we would progress in Philosophy, we must be willing to stand by the man who has the best proof, to give up one way of explanation, and to seek a better way.

Behold Anaxagoras, exiled for teaching the sun was not a god; Socrates banished for teaching a new system of morals; Aristotle compelled to leave his native land; Galileo imprisoned; Columbus spurned; and then reckon the potent effects of scientific and religious bigotry, and the evils of an overstrained conservatism.

Behold Luther, discontent with the commanded mode of receiving Scripture, resolved to seek a better way, and with this shining motto, deep in-writ in its corner-stone, has the noble temple of Protestantism arisen.

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