

PEN AND SCISSORS.

Oct. SKEPTIC.—A reliable author informs us that "Wise men have praised the present's obscure lot, and learned pride hath envied humble toil." A friend of ours, who engaged at present in the profession of wood-sawing, says that the aforesaid individual was certainly wrong, and that although doubtless they were reputed to be wise and learned men in their day and generation, they were very great fools. He thinks if they had tried wood-sawing a couple of days, or run for Constable and been defeated merely because they hadn't the money to "treat his hands," they would be out of conceit with plenty. We think so too.

An old gentleman from Blacklick township, who resided "some sixty years ago" in Beulah, the "deserted village," a few miles west of this place, informs us that at that time it contained upwards of thirty houses. He supposes that each house was inhabited by at least five persons—so that Beulah, during the days of its glory, contained at least one hundred and fifty souls. Probably the deserted village Goldsmith had in his mind's eye, when he sang of "Sweet Auburn," could not boast of more inhabitants.

Well, Miss Myrtle is going to marry—What a number of hearts she will break! We see it stated in one of our exchanges, on what authority we do not know, that Hon. John Hickman, member of Congress from this State, is extremely anxious to renounce all allegiance and fidelity to the Democratic party, and that he will act with the Opposition during the approaching session of our National Legislature. Mr. Hickman is one of John W. Forney's pets, and we shouldn't wonder if the rumor referred to above is well founded. Should this be the case, we do not think the Democracy would go into mourning in consequence, or abandon all hope of success in the future. It is not in the power of any man, or combination of men, to destroy the Democratic party. Demagogues and disappointed office-seekers may abandon it, but it is the true peoples' party—the only real national organization in the country; and all true patriots will continue to adhere to it, the efforts of demagogues to the contrary notwithstanding. Union and Harmony is now the motto of every sincere member of the party.

Thanksgiving day was universally observed in this place. All the stores were closed, a large number of Turkeys slaughtered, &c. Further particulars next week. As none of our subscribers had the forethought to furnish us with a Gobbler for the occasion, we don't feel in a humor at present to discuss on the subject. But "where least is said is soonest mended." An opportunity will be afforded to our subscribers at Christmas to make matters all right with us, and as the dying philosopher said, "We pray thee friends, do not forget it."

By reference to our advertising columns this week will be found the advertisement of the "New York Waverley, and Literary Home Circle"—a new paper, published in New York, which, judging by the specimen number we received, is certainly a *bijou* in the line of literary papers. The grand feature in it will be the publication of Sir Walter Scott's "Waverley Novels"—alone worth double the price of the paper. Send on and subscribe.

Winter is with us now and no mistake, and the old fellow appears to be in a rather early mood. The ground is now covered in about four inches of snow. The sleighing is excellent, and we perceive that our farmers are taking advantage of it to bring their produce to market. Our streets were yesterday thronged with sleds, and consequently presented quite an animated appearance.

An individual once mystified a tea-party by observing that "women are facts." On inquiry as to wherein lay the point of his remark, he added, "Facts are stubborn things." He also considered, as a *faux pas*, that Grover & Baker manufactured Sewing Machines which, in point of durability and cheapness, are unsurpassed.

Our Pittsburgh neighbors will to-morrow celebrate the centennial anniversary of the evacuation of Fort Duquesne. Large delegations from neighboring counties are expected to be in attendance. We learn that a delegation from Johnstown will attend.

DIED.—In Allegheny township, on Saturday evening the 19th inst., Mrs. ELIZA GLASS, consort of Mr. John J. Glass, aged about 40 years.

SHOCKING ACCIDENT.—A letter in the New York Times, from Great Salt Lake City, says: "A letter has been received at Camp Floyd from a gentleman in Los Angeles, Cal., detailing a tragedy which was enacted between twelve deserters from the army of Utah, who had succeeded by Mormon assistance, in reaching California. Three of them led by a man named Burns, who had been trumpeted in the tenth infantry, murdered the other nine for the sake of their money. Burns then proceeded, at night, to cut the throats of his two accomplices. One he killed, but the other survived, obtained assistance, and gave evidence which led to the arrest of Burns, who is now in confinement at Los Angeles."

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THE "MAYOR'S BROTHER" AT HIS TRICKS AGAIN.—Last summer, a young man who represented himself as Mayor Weaver's brother, played quite a number of practical jokes upon several of our larger beer sellers, eating Switzer kase and pretzels, and drinking lager to his heart's content. All he had to say was—"I'm the Mayor's brother," and the bill was paid. When the imposition became known, he was arrested, but the Mayor generously let him off with a reprimand. During the past week, he entered rather more extensively into the "confidence game" and added quite a number of business men by representing himself as the son of our wealthy fellow-citizen, Wm. Bagley, Esq. Among others, he victimized our wide-awake friend, Wm. C. Elliot, to the tune of a dozen shirts, which were charged to Mr. Bagley. Our clever neighbors, J. R. Reed & Co., were taken in for a bill of jewelry, amounting to thirteen dollars and a half—charged to Bagley. The young man also visited the enterprising jeweler, Messrs. Reineman & Meyran, and stated that his partner, Mr. Bagley, had told him that he might purchase one of these American watches, about which so much had been said. As he was about completing the bargain, officer Knox, of the Mayor's police, dropped in and invited the young man to take a walk to the Mayor's office. The job was up. The young man had in his pocket a bill made out in the name of Bagley & Cosgrove for music purchased from the suitable Mrs. Blume, which proves that the fellow is altogether lacking in gallantry. His name is George Thompson, and he belongs to Allegheny. His father is dead, and his mother recently removed to the west. He will, no doubt, be held to answer a charge of swindling.—Pitts. Post.

TUNIS.—There is one Turkish province which presents a pleasing contrast to the other portions of the Empire. That province is Tunis, which is attaining to a considerable degree of financial prosperity. Since the death of Achmed Bey, the treasury, which was then empty, is now full, and all the public debt has been paid off. The present Bey, Mohamed, very quickly discovered that a good financial administration is of vital consequence to his State. The Bey promised all his subjects—Turks, Moors, Arabs, and Jews—that they shall, as in all civilized countries, be all equal in the eye of the law. There are no arbitrary taxes levied, and the customs' duties are nearly nominal. His army has been reduced from 25,000 to 6,000 men. He has organized a municipal council in his capital, which he has endowed with landed property and cash to the amount of 1,000,000 piastres to defray its first expenses. It is an extraordinary sight composed of fifty-four towns a civic council of inhabitants, of ten of the most respectable inhabitants, of whom a third are to be renewed every year, which all voted by a majority; such as the improvement of the town, charitable establishments and sanitary regulations. The vicissitudes of the French possessions in Algeria to Tunis has had a considerable effect in improving the latter regency.

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