

Huntingdon, July 5, 1843.

Fourth of July Celebration.

From the preparation made for some weeks past it would seem that the Anniversary of our Independence was every where celebrated in an enthusiastic manner.

In this borough the several Sabbath Schools and some of the citizens got up an appropriate celebration. They formed in procession and went to "Cypress Cottage," above town, where the Declaration of Independence was read by A. W. BENNETT, Esq., and addressed delivered by GEORGE TAYLOR, Esq., and the Rev. H. G. DRILL.

We were not present at the celebration, and can therefore not speak with more particularity on the subject.

For the "Journal."

Mr. Editor:—Permit me to occupy a small space in your improved paper with a remark or two upon the present aspect of the Medical science.

A prominent object of your Journal, and of newspapers generally is the diffusion of universal knowledge. Intelligence upon all subjects is useful, but it is peculiarly valuable in Medicine, because a perfect understanding of the healing art is altogether essential to the complete happiness of the world.

The science of Medicine is extensive, and much of it metaphysical. It can only be thoroughly understood by the collateral aid of information in various departments of science. Chemistry, Philosophy, Botany, Natural History are essential to a proper elucidation of this science.

No one, be their talents, industry, or advantages ever so great, can possibly qualify themselves for the practice of Medicine in a less space than three years. The study of Anatomy and Physiology alone is sufficient to occupy at least one year, while the various properties of Medicine, with their action upon the human system; the phenomena and cure of disease, Chemistry, Pharmacy, &c., cannot be acquired in a less period than the remainder of the time.

An individual who undertakes the practice of Medicine without informing himself upon these various subjects is highly culpable. He is ignorantly and presumptuously tampering with the life of his fellow-man, and stands very much in the light of a deliberate destroyer, for which he certainly should be held legally responsible.

The laws in Pennsylvania, and some other of the States are greatly deficient with regard to the qualifications of physicians. Nothing is half so important to the welfare of a community as the enjoyment of physical ease. Without health all temporal enjoyments and pursuits are insipid; they pall upon the taste.

Adequate means should therefore be employed by those whose business it is to guard the happiness of the people, in order to secure to them as far as possible the benefits accruing from this invaluable boon. When it is clear and decided beyond the shadow of uncertainty, that persons born without talents, and reared up without education are altogether incompetent to discharge the duties of physicians advantageously to their patients, surely the imposition should not be tolerated, of allowing these persons recklessly to tamper with human life for the sake of money and property, which ought not to weigh in the scale against existence.

The only effectual means for arresting the evil of permitting unqualified individuals assuming the character of practitioners of medicine is to interpose the strong arm of the law, which might be done without any violation of the principles of our free Constitution. It is presumed the essential qualities of liberty in its unalloyed sense would be far from desecrated by imposing certain restrictions upon one member of society for the good of many.

The law of liberty indispensably guarantees to its subjects life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, which proper legislation upon this subject could not at all interfere with. It is due to the people that some legal protection should be afforded them against the knavery of ignorant, pretentious practitioners of Medicine. The great majority of them are unqualified to judge by external circumstances of the acquirements of a physician. Their education and condition preclude all prospect of shielding themselves in such cases against imposition, provided they encounter Eccentricity, Audacity and Presumption, which are qualities usually well developed in the mountebank, and entirely essential to his success.

It is due also to the regular members of the Medical profession that some salutary restrictions should be enacted to prevent the overrun of the country by the class of practitioners alluded to. Certainly it is not just that one set of men devote money and time and labor to become physicians, whilst another class derive as great immunities from the calling as

they, without any of their outlay. Often owing to the superior address, or greater presumption of a quack, educated and qualified physicians are superseded and the public are injured, owing to inadequate legal regulations upon the subject.

In Maryland, Virginia, Massachusetts and some other of the States the law prohibits persons from entering upon the practice of Medicine without a diploma from some respectable Medical Institution, or a license from a board of competent examiners appointed for that purpose. The profession and the public are thereby mutually advantaged. The people can in this case have full confidence in their physician for he has been "weighed in the balance."

And the student of Medicine has greater encouragements in such case to qualify himself appropriately for his profession, because the prospects of success are more flattering. His mind is not stored with phantoms of quacks, penury and distress.—He consequently omits no pains and spares no expense that he may take an elevated stand in the ranks of one of the most useful and elegant of all professions.

The profession of Medicine cannot be too much extolled. It has for its object the most noble end. It contemplates the soothing of every pain, the hushing of every moan, the banishment of every physical ill from the human body. Its practitioners are generally warm-hearted, philanthropic men, who are ready to immolate upon the altar of benevolence all that is dear in life for the good of a fellow creature. Dollars and cents ought to be and are a minor consideration to the physician. His is a profession which requires the sacrifice of ease, enjoyment and health. No reward on earth can be adequate to compensate these losses—the account must be collected in the great day of accounts, and it will then be paid over with interest.

To impeach an intelligent member of the Medical profession with sordidness is to mistake him absolutely. All will admit that the talents and education necessary to a physician's success must render him adequate to acquire wealth or distinction (if such were the object) in many other occupations, with less hazard or inconvenience; so that this charge is unfounded.

A good physician is one who has been born with the happiest talents, who began to inform his understanding from his earliest youth, afterwards carefully qualifying himself by cultivating every branch of Physic, sacrificing the best and most pleasurable days of his life to a regular and assiduous investigation of the human body; of its various functions; of the cause that may impair or embarrass them; of the qualities and virtues of every simple and compound Medicine. Beside these qualifications, an educated physician will have added and continue to add, the medical observations of all ages and places to his own. Such an one may take charge of life—none others ought.

SHADE GAP, Huntingdon county, June 30, 1843.

MILITARY ENCAMPMENT.

In pursuance of an order issued by Major General Potter, of the 10th Division P. M., a meeting of delegates from the several companies of Volunteers in said Division convened at the house of George Jackson, in the borough of Huntingdon, on Friday the 30th of June.

The following delegates appeared, viz: Maj. Wm. Williams, Washington; Samuel Calvin, Esq., Grays; Samuel R. Patton, Penns Valley Troop; Serg't D. M'Cormick, Lewistown; Lieut. R. Kinsloe, Guards; Serg't T. F. M'Coy, Washington; A. P. Lusk, Guards; Capt. Jas. Potter, Lewistown Artillerists; Lieut. Wm. Gilmore, Millin Co. Cavalry; Capt. T. D. Wallace, Montgomery Grays.

The meeting having been called to order, on motion of Major Williams, Major General JOHN POTTER was called to the chair, and Brigadier General S. MILES GREEN appointed Secretary.

The object of the meeting having been stated by the chairman, it was moved by Serg't M'Coy, that the Encampment proposed for the ensuing fall be held in the month of September. The vote having been taken, this motion was negatived. Whereupon it was moved that an Encampment be held by the several volunteer companies of this Division, at Hollidaysburg, in the county of Huntingdon, to commence on Saturday the 14th day of October next, to continue six days.—Adopted, unanimously.

On motion, it was resolved that a committee of Invitation be appointed, whose duty it shall be to invite the several volunteer companies of this Division, and of the adjacent counties.

The Chairman named the following persons to compose said committee:—Maj. Wm. Williams, Samuel Calvin, Esq., Dr. J. M. Gemmill, Capt. Wm. K. Fluke, Serg't T. F. M'Coy, Serg't D. W. M'Cormick, Col. R. C. Hale, Capt. David Blair, Capt. A. Gregg, Capt. George Buchanan, Capt. Martin Bell, Lieut. Col. J. B. Evans, Capt. James Clinger, A. L. Holliday Esq., Capt. James Hemphill, Lieut. George R. McFarlane, Capt. Samuel Davis, Lieut. J. Smith, Capt. W. W. Potter, and Capt. L. W. Irvin.

On motion it was resolved that the proceedings of this meeting be signed, and published in the papers of this Division. JOHN POTTER, Chairman. S. MILES GREEN, Sec'y.

Administrator's Notice.

LETTERS of administration on the estate of John Clayton, late of West township, Huntingdon county, dec'd., have been granted to the undersigned. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims against it will present them properly authenticated for settlement without delay.

MARY CLAYTON, JAMES CLAYTON, Administrators, June 21, 1843. 6t.

THE MARKETS.

Table with columns for commodity (Wheat Flour, Rye Meal, Corn, etc.) and price per bushel or barrel.

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BANK NOTE LIST.

Rates of Discount in Philadelphia.

Table listing banks in Philadelphia and their respective discount rates.

Country Banks.

Table listing various country banks and their discount rates.

Rates of Relief Notes.

Table listing relief notes and their respective rates.

WHOSE TRUNK?

A trunk, of which there is no known owner has for some time remained at the Ware House of the subscriber, at Mount Union, Huntingdon county, Pa. It is apparently new, appears to have a double name on the bottom—like Newland & Mc—something. Where from and where consigned to is not legible. Judging from its weight, it probably contains something. The owner is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges and take it away.

JOHN SHARER, June 28, 1843.—3t. pd.

Administrator's Notice.

LETTERS of administration on the estate of James Taylor, late of Antes township, Huntingdon county, dec'd., have been granted to the undersigned, residing in the said township. All persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims against it will present them properly authenticated for settlement without delay.

ROBERT CAMPBELL, Adm'r. June 28, 1843.—6t.

Stray Colt.

STRAYED or stolen from the premises of the subscriber, on the night of the 12th inst., a black stud colt 2 years old, turning grey about the head, two swells on the near side of his neck and one on the other, a wart on the inside of the near hind leg above the hough.

Any person returning said colt, or giving information to the subscriber will be liberally rewarded. THOMAS S. RUSSELL, Sinking Valley Huntingdon county. June 21, 1843.—3t. pd.

Executor's Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given, that Letters testamentary on the last will and testament of Samuel Finlay, late of Dublin township, Huntingdon county, dec'd., have been granted to the undersigned. All persons therefore indebted to the estate of said dec'd., are requested to make immediate payment, and all having claims to present them duly authenticated for settlement to JOHN WALKER, JAMES CREE, Jr., Executors. June 21, 1843.—6t.

Democratic State Convention.

Whereas, the General Assembly of Pennsylvania, at its late session, enacted a law by which the Free-men of the State are required, at the general election in October next, to elect, by a popular vote, a Board of Canal Commissioners: And whereas, it is important that the democratic Harrison party should preserve a full and complete organization of all its forces by the presentation of honest, faithful and competent candidates, distinguished for their integrity, in favor of a prudent and economical management of the public works, and opposed to the wasteful expenditures and flagrant abuses of the present administration, to the free and independent voters of the State, for their support:—The undersigned State Committee, therefore, call upon the members of said party, in the different counties to elect at such times and places as they may think proper, in conformity with the usages of the party, Delegates from each Senatorial and Representative District, pursuant to the provisions of the Senatorial and Representative Apportionment Act, passed at the recent session of the Legislature, and equal to the number of Senators and Representatives from such county or district, to meet in General Convention, at Harrisburg, on WEDNESDAY, THE 6th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, NEXT, at 12 o'clock, M., to nominate suitable candidates for CANAL COMMISSIONERS, to be supported by the Harrison Democratic party of the State, at the ensuing general election.

GEORGE FORD, Lancaster, HENRY MONTGOMERY, Harrisburg, WILLIAM M. WATTS, Erie, WM. F. HUGHES, Philadelphia co., JOHN G. MILES, Huntingdon, JOHN TAGGART, Northumberland, HARMER DENNY, Pittsburg, JOHN S. RICHARDS, Reading, JACOB WEYGANDT, Easton. May 17, 1843.

Land for Sale.

The subscriber will offer at public sale at the Court House in the borough of Huntingdon, on Friday the first week of the next August Court, if not sooner disposed of at private sale, the tract of land and premises on which he resides, situate in Henderson township, adjoining lands of the estate of Abraham Vandevander, dec'd., on the east, Abraham Plowman on the west, and Juniata river on the south containing about 75 ACRES.

The improvements are a two story log house and a stable, a small orchard, and about 25 acres of cleared land. Terms made known on the day of sale. ALEX. JACOBS, Henderson township, June 7, 1843.

Cheap Store.

The subscriber respectfully informs his friends and the public generally, that he still continues the merchandising in the room formerly occupied by the store of Madden & Lutz, in Shilleyburg, and solicits a continuance of their favors. He has also erected a POTTERY, for the manufacture of STONE and EARTHEN WARE. His ware has been well tested and proven to be inferior to none in the country. Merchants will find it an advantage in supplying themselves at this establishment. His terms will be suitable to the times. Orders from a distance will be strictly and promptly attended to. Thankful for past favors, he solicits a share of public patronage. JOHN LUTZ, Shilleyburg, June 7, 1843.—tf.

GRAND PARADE.

The undersigned appointed a Committee of invitation for a Grand Parade, to be held in the borough of Johnstown, Cambria county, Pa., on the 6th, 7, and 8, of September next, would in compliance with a resolution adopted at a meeting of the volunteers and citizens of Johnstown, held on the 8th day of June inst. respectfully invite the Volunteers of Allegheny, Westmoreland, Armstrong, Indiana, Somerset, Huntingdon, Bedford and Cambria counties, to co-operate with us in the above parade. Companies accepting this invitation are requested to notify the committee of investigation, as soon as convenient.

Col. JOHN KEAN, Maj. S. M. FOX, Capt. J. K. SHRYOCK, " G. W. EATLEY, Lieut. R. B. GATELY, " P. LEVERGOOD, " S. WHITE, " J. CROUSE, Committee of Invitation. June 21, 1843.

A FRIENDLY HINT.

It is now more than a year since I disposed of the "Huntingdon Journal," and during all that time, I have been writing patiently, upon those who are in my debt, for living on promises; and what is more, those to whom I am indebted, have been obliged to take "promises" from me; and they like myself, are getting out of patience with this kind of a "credit system." Now by way of a hint I wish to say to all who know themselves to be in arrears to me, that I must have my accounts closed; and there is another part of the story—I WILL. I am not disposed to be ill-natured, but mind I tell you all, I am out of money—nearly out of credit—and a settlement must be had between this and August Court—or well I won't say what.

A. W. BENEDICT, Huntingdon, May 3, 1843.—tac.

Administrator's Notice.

LETTERS of administration on the estate of John Scullin, late of the Borough of Petersburg, Huntingdon co., dec'd., have been granted to the undersigned. All persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims against it will present them properly authenticated for settlement without delay.

JOHN McCULLOCH, Adm'r. June 14, 1843.—6t.

Administrator's Notice.

LETTERS of administration on the estate of Jacob Hegie, late of Tell township, Huntingdon county, dec'd., have been granted to the undersigned.—All persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims against it will present them duly authenticated for settlement without delay.

THOS. W. NEELY, Adm'r. Dublin township, May 24, 1843.—1 pd.

CAUTION.

ALL persons are hereby cautioned against meddling with, selling, disturbing or removing the following described property, which I this day purchased at Sheriff's Sale, as the property of Thomas Ewing, in West tp., Huntingdon county, and left in his possession until I see proper to remove the same, viz:—2 bay mares and 1 sucking colt. All persons are therefore cautioned and forewarned against intermeddling with the above mentioned property, as the same belongs to me, and I will proceed according to law against any person intermeddling with the same or any part thereof.

JAMES EWING, m24 May 15, 1843.—3t. pd.

JUST received 50 kegs of "Pure White Lead" in oil, and a general assortment of Nails, which will be sold at low prices.

WILLIAM DORRIS.

Chair and Cabinet Making.

THOMAS ADAMS, Respectfully informs the citizens of Huntingdon and vicinity, that he has commenced the above business in all their various branches, in the shop occupied by him the last year as a chair shop, opposite Geo. Jackson's hotel. All kinds of work made to order on the shortest notice, warranted to be good, and will be given in exchange for all kinds of country produce, and very cheap for cash. Collins made on sight. June 7, 1843.

Orphans' Court Notice.

ESTATE of ROBERT THOMPSON, DEC'D. At an Orphan's Court held at Huntingdon on the second Monday of April 1843, a rule was granted upon the heirs and legal representatives of Robert Thompson, late of Dublin township, dec'd., to come into Court on the second Monday of August next, and accept or refuse the real estate of said dec'd. at the valuation thereof. JOHN SHAVER, Shr'ff. June 7, 1843. 4t.

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Administrator's Notice.

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SAMUEL ISENBERG, Adm'r. June 7, 1843.—6t.

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WM. STEWART, JAS. LEONARD, JOHN HAGEN, May 12, 1843.—3t. pd. 17th

MRS. MARY W. NEFF,

RESPECTFULLY informs the customers of her late husband, and the public in general, that she has taken part of the store formerly owned by her husband, and that she intends adding thereto by a stock of GOODS from Philadelphia, this fall, which will consist of Cloths, Cassimers, Cassinets, Merinos, Mouslin de Laines, Silks, Shawls, Muslins, Hosiery and Gloves; Also, a general assortment of Hardware and Groceries, and all articles which are generally kept in country stores, which will be sold on the lowest terms. Country produce taken in exchange. Alexandria, Nov. 8, 1842.

DR. WILLIAM SWCOPE,

WOULD inform his friends and the public, that he has removed to the new house, on the corner immediately above his former residence in Main street. Where he can at all times be found, by those who desire his professional services. Huntingdon, Dec. 21, 1842.

JUST received, and for sale, wholesale and retail, a large supply of Doctor Wistar's Balsam of Wild Cherry—also, Hock's Panacea, at the Huntingdon Drug Store. THOS. READ.

S. S. WILKINSON, ATTORNEY AT LAW, HUNTINGDON, PA.

Office in Main Street, opposite the Drug Store of Thos. Read.

BLANK DEEDS, of an improved form, for sale at this office.

Also BLANK PETITIONS FOR NATURALIZATION.

BLANK BONDS to Constables for Stay of Execution, under the new law, just printed, and for sale, at this office.