

## Huntingdon Journal.

## NEWS ABOUT HOME.

## New Type! New Type!

We have just added up our Job Printing Office with an entire new assortment of type, embracing the handsomest manufactured by Johnson & Co., and Pelouze. We invite our friends to call around and look into our Job Printing Office. We flatter ourselves that we have as extensive a Job Office as can be found in the interior of the State. Bring on your posters, cards, &c., &c., if you want them done quick and well.

**THE DEAD.**—It is with sadness we record the death of our talented young friend Joshua Kerr. He died in Florida, whither he went some months ago, on account of his health. His remains were brought home, and on last Wednesday, were laid beneath the turf in the quiet churchyard; and now

There's mourning in the household—  
There's a wail on the air of Night!  
There are crushed and broken spirits—  
Crushed when their hopes were bright.  
The fell destroyer's missioned,  
Again are fond hearts torn,  
Again, from the arms of affection,  
A cherished one is borne.

There's joy among the angels—  
There's music in the spheres—  
Another has joined their numbers—  
See a white-robed form appears!  
And there, in his saint-like beauty,  
He roams, a spirit blest,  
"Where the wicked cease from troubling,  
And the weary are at rest!"

"FLIT, FLIT NO."—Our streets last week presented a continuous commotion in every direction. Wagons, with their "two-forty" nags attached, loaded with household goods, driver cooing seated on top with reins and whip in hand ejaculating at the utmost of his voice, "gang-along," were to be seen and heard rolling along our thoroughfares, every half hour in the day. Then, again, the noisy wheel barrow, propelled steadily by some athletic youth, went creaking along the pavement to the great annoyance and discomfort of the weary pedestrian. And last, though not least in our estimation, came another grievance,—com-bus-tible matter, which is ready to ignite and kindle to a flame, from the effects of a single spark—the rick-checkered lass. Heaven preserve us from the ills, the troubles, and the break ups of a "move day."

**IN TOWNS.**—Lucky John Dean, the happy husband of Millionaire Boker's daughter, of New York City, passed through this place in the morning train of cars, for the West, on Saturday. He is bound with his wife, for Louisville, Kentucky. Dean, is rather a good-looking Paddy, with more intelligence than the great mass of his countrymen, and a gentleman who came with them from Philadelphia, says that his wife seems to "think the world and all of him." Lucky John says he intends working at his trade—carpenter—and his wife will give music lessons.

**EXHIBITION.**—We attended an exhibition given in the Court House, on Tuesday evening, by the young ladies of Female School No. 1, under charge of Miss C. T. Benedict. We have rarely seen the Court Room so intensely crowded as on this occasion, and we never saw a better pleased audience. The young ladies acquitted themselves admirably, conferring great credit upon themselves, and their talented teacher. The "Excelsior Band" enlivened the occasion with their excellent music.

**EASTER.**—The day of eggs, eggs boiled, eggs fried, eggs roasted, eggs jumbled, eggs poached, eggs in fricassee, eggs colored and ornamented, is coming. What eggs have to do with the resurrection of our Saviour we are not able to tell; but it is supposed by some that the custom of the use of eggs at this time, originated with the Russians, who to this day, dye them all manner of colors, and give them as presents to each other.

**THE DAM.**—The contract for building the Newton Hamilton Dam, on this division of the State Canal, has been awarded to Col. Wiley, of Lancaster City, at \$13,475. This gentleman is said to be well competent to undertake this important work, and we hope the dam will be substantially built under his charge. When will we get rid of this dam building nuisance—the public works?

**THE LAZY CLUB.**—This time-honored institution is in a most promising condition. Its members here are rigid observers of the fundamental rule, which is—"Thou shalt not labor." They can be seen daily on the most public corners, and are as lazy, indolent and vagabondish set of men as can be found in any region.

**PLANT TREES.**—Now is the time to plant fruit or ornamental trees. Beautify your homes and provide for the future benefit of your heirs. Messrs Taylor & Cremer, have one of the most flourishing nurseries in the State, and can supply orders for every description of plants and trees. See their card.

**THE WEATHER.**—We have experienced almost all kinds of weather during the past week. Snow, sleet, wind, rain, hail, and at the latest rain. But we console ourselves imagining, that 'Tis the welcome April showers  
Will refresh the sweet May flowers.

**APOLOGY.**—We cannot publish the letter of Mr. Kearton, complaining of the official conduct of the postmaster of this place. It would only renew his abusive epithets again. We hope Mr. K. will see the propriety of this.

**GARDENING.**—We notice that some of our citizens are already making garden; planting "ingans," &c. In the language of an illustrious cotemporary we think gardening preparations at present to be "a little previous."

**LICENSES.**—The number of applications for licenses to keep inns or taverns, which will be presented at the April term of Court, in this county, amounts to twenty-eight.

**FOR EATING HOUSES, SIX.**

**PLUGHING.**—Many of our farmers were busy ploughing last week. The ground was in good order.

## For the Huntingdon Journal.

## MESSRS EDITORS:—

About a year ago my attention was directed to the growing popularity of Worcester's Dictionaries. At first I attributed their rapid rise in the public favor to the enterprise and energy of the present publishers, favored by the known predilection of educationists generally for changing school books, as well as the methods of using them. I had long regarded Webster's Dictionary as the standard of accuracy, his Orthography and Orthoepy as almost universally received by scholars in the United States. No ordinary evidence could have changed my opinion on that point, or induced me to investigate the claims of any rival work. But soon after the time above referred to, evidence fell into my hands which no reasonable mind could resist. I found that Bancroft, Prescott, Everett, Quincy and Washington Irving; Hon. John McLean, Bishop Potter, Professor Hart of the Phila. High School, and a host of leading literary men and Teachers in the different States, have adopted Worcester's Dictionary as their standard, and have voluntarily and strongly recommended it to the public! As nothing short of blind prejudice could reject such testimony, I procured a copy of Worcester and by a patient and careful comparison with corresponding copies of Webster, Walker and Cobb, for many years used in my school, fully satisfied myself of the superiority of Worcester over any one of the others; and that he combines every thing valuable in all of them, while he avoids some of the inconsistencies of each. His vocabulary is more extensive, his definitions equally satisfactory, and his orthography more conforming to present, good usage, than either Cobb's or Webster's. His system of notation is equally simple, and more accurate than Webster's, being founded on a complete analysis of the vowel sounds, as every one versed in phonetics will see at a glance. As one of the principle uses of a Dictionary in the school room is to determine the proper pronunciation of words, a correct system of notation is of much importance. On the subject of Orthography I will not pretend to say that Worcester is always right and Webster wrong when they differ. None but those who have devoted their lives to the study of our language can be considered competent, in all cases, to decide between them; and probably even such umpires would, in some cases, differ as widely as the authors we are considering. But it requires no great erudition to discover that Worcester's rules and principles of Orthography are more consistent, and less confused and contradictory than Webster's. Of this any intelligent teacher or other person tolerably acquainted with the subject of orthography, can be fully assured by a very limited examination and comparison of the two authors. The cause of this consistency in the one case and confusion in the others is, I think, very obvious. Worcester has evidently taken the language as he found it used by the best writers in England and America, and adapted his rules to that usage. Hence his principles and practice are consistent and natural. Whereas Webster has, as we all know, attempted to reform our orthography. He has laid down new rules which sustain his innovations on certain words or classes of words. But his application of these rules is limited, and his practice frequently comes in glaring conflict with his principles. His inconsistency is more candid admirers will admit, and many of them will probably attribute it to the inherent imperfections of our language, as I confess I did until I experienced Worcester. Whether the pursuit of this work will change other minds as it has mine, I certainly cannot say. I can only speak for myself and ask others to examine for themselves. I am not thoroughly convinced that a consistent system of the orthography and orthoepy of our language as it is, is preferable to a practice change which involves contradiction and confusion. Acting on this conviction, I supplied my classes with two dozen and a half of Worcester and excluded all other Dictionaries. We have been using the new work since the beginning of the year, and I have known no reason to regret the change. Until some bold reformer shall arise and supplant all the present absurd systems of English Orthography and Orthoepy, and bless the world with a complete Phonetic system, I shall expect no better system than Worcester, and Huntington March 24, 1857.

**NOTE.**—Worcester's Royal Quarto Dictionary is now in press, and scholars who have examined the proof sheets seem to agree "that it will be the fullest, most accurate, and most comprehensive dictionary of the English language ever published." I have not seen the edition which corresponds to the "Queen's Query," but there is no reason why it should not sustain the reputation of the several similar editions. It will, however, soon be in market and have its merits tested.

**For the Journal.**

**SCHOOL EXHIBITION.**—We had the pleasure of attending, on Friday evening last, the 29th instant, an exhibition of the school under the charge of A. R. Miller at Eden Hill, near Spruce Creek. On account of the length of the programme, the exercises commenced at the early hour of 6 1/2. The room was neatly and tastefully decorated, and was filled to overflowing. The various recitations, declamations, dialogues &c., were delivered in such a manner as to elicit universal satisfaction, and it is only doing justice to the teacher to say, that great praise is due him for the manner in which the exercises were conducted, as this is the first time any exhibition of the kind has ever taken place in this district.

One marked feature in the order of the exercises was the reading of a paper published at the Eden School House, and entitled the "Eden Times." It was edited by two young ladies of the school, and contained essays, compositions, poetry and witticisms, contributed by the scholars, and though lengthy, was listened to with marked attention. Stewart's band was present and enlivened the exercises with excellent music.

At the close of the exercises Mr. Miller bid farewell to his pupils in an affecting manner, and his scholars all felt pain in bidding him adieu, though only for a short time, as we understand that the citizens have been so well pleased with his manner of conducting the school, that they have determined to continue it under his care.

Truly of him may it be said that he is a teacher for the times, and we close hoping it may not be the last time that the citizens of this district will be favored with such a successful exhibition.

SPECTATOR.

March 31st, 1857.

**COAL.**—The Broad Top road is now doing a thriving business in the coal line. All the mines are in active operation. The demand is great, and the only drawback is a want of cars.

**ABSENCE** from home prevents an answer to the Globe, to-day. Next week it will appear.

**WHAT** has become of the "Saturday Evening Post," and "The Nation,"

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## Pencil Notes.

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## OUR BOOK TABLE.

**The Inventor.** for April is a prime No. It abounds in the most interesting and useful information, and we cordially recommend it to our readers. Published by Low, Haskell & Co., 304, Broadway, N. Y., at \$1 per year.

**Kennedy's Bank Note Review** for April is before us. \$1 per year. By Kennedy & Co., Pittsburgh. It is the very best Detector we receive.

## PHILADELPHIA MARKETS.

Flour market dull; moderate inquiry for export at \$6 for straight brands. For home use \$5.00/6.15 for common choice, \$6.10/6.50 for extra. Sales of Penna. Corn Meal at \$3.20 per bu. Rye Flour is scarce and firm at \$4 per bu. The demand for Wheat is limited and sales are few; some Penna. red sold at 145 c, in store; white is scarce at 155/160c. Rye sold at 82/83c. Corn—new yellow at 46c. Oats moderate, at 46 1/2 for Delaware, and 47c for Penna.

## Married.

On the 26th ult., by Rev. G. D. Henderson, son of John M. Reed, of La Salle, Ill., son of Samuel Reed, of Raystown Branch, this country, to Miss Margaret E. Moore, of Granville, Ohio.

## Died.

In this borough, on Sunday, the 5th inst., of consumption, Alfred B. Crew, aged about 45 years.

In this borough, on Monday, 6th inst., John Armitage, aged 38 years ult., Joshua Kerr, in the 22nd year of his age.

## MISCELLANEOUS ADVERTISEMENTS.

**PROFESSOR WOOD'S HAIR RESTORATIVE.**

There is no doubt, the most wonderful discovery of this age of progress, for it will restore, permanently, the hair of the balding head, and remove the baldness of the head with a most luxuriant growth of hair, and what little there was of it, and that little was disappearing very rapidly. I still use your restorative about twice a week, and shall soon have a good and perfect crop of hair. Now, I had read of these things—and who has not?—but I had not seen the result of any person's hair was really benefited by any of the hair tonic, etc., of the day; and it really gives me pleasure to record the result of my experience. I have recommended your preparation to others, and always with a large and general success throughout the Territory. The people here know its effects, and have confidence in it. The supply you sent us, as wholesale agents for the Territory, is nearly exhausted, and daily inquiries are made for it. You deserve credit for your discovery, and I, for one, return you my thanks for the benefit it has done me, for I certainly had despaired long ago of ever effecting such a result.

Yours, respectfully,  
FIRM OF BOND & KELLEY, Druggists, St. Paul.

**PROFESSOR O. J. WOOD.**  
DEAR SIR:—Unsolicted, I send you this certificate. After being nearly bald for a long time and having tried all the hair restoratives extant, and having no faith in any, I was induced on hearing of yours to give it a trial. I placed myself in the hands of a barber, and had my head rubbed with a good stiff brush, and the restorative applied and well rubbed in, till the scalp was aglow. This I repeated every morning, and in three weeks the young hair appeared and grew rapidly from August last till the present time, and is now thick, black and strong—soft and pleasant to the touch; whereas, before, it was harsh and wiry, what little there was of it, and that little was disappearing very rapidly. I still use your restorative about twice a week, and shall soon have a good and perfect crop of hair. Now, I had read of these things—and who has not?—but I had not seen the result of any person's hair was really benefited by any of the hair tonic, etc., of the day; and it really gives me pleasure to record the result of my experience. I have recommended your preparation to others, and always with a large and general success throughout the Territory. The people here know its effects, and have confidence in it. The supply you sent us, as wholesale agents for the Territory, is nearly exhausted, and daily inquiries are made for it. You deserve credit for your discovery, and I, for one, return you my thanks for the benefit it has done me, for I certainly had despaired long ago of ever effecting such a result.

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