

WEST BRANCH FARMER

For the Lewisburg Chronicle.

Mr. Editor: In your last No. 1 observe a notice of a Reaping Machine sent by Mr. Hussey to my care for trial, in which you say that "the conclusion arrived at, taking all things into consideration, was that it was no improvement on the old method."

Now, in order that the farming community may not form an opinion unfavorable to the operation of the machine without just cause, I wish to state that I do not think it had a "fair trial," as we all were unacquainted with the machine, and the best mode of working it.

It cut the grain clean, excepting when moving in the direction in which the wheat leaned; and to make the sheaves straight and evenly, would require more than one hour's experience, which was about the time it was in operation. With respect to its economy, when compared with cradling, we had not sufficient experience to form any correct opinion. We had intended to give it another trial on the next day, but the occurrence of the storm which so widely extended over our country, so completely saturated the ground and prostrated the grain as to preclude the possibility of trying it again this season.

Mr. Hussey thinks proper to let it remain here till next harvest, it shall have a "fair trial."

Sowing Wheat in July. All crops of winter wheat that we have seen among us, this spring, and thus far in the summer, look extremely well; and all that we have heard from are very promising.

This is good encouragement. We believe that the culture of this variety of wheat will succeed well with all the Maine farmers who know how to do it, and the knowing how, is very easily obtained. The experience of our farmers directs that the soil should be in good heart—sow early—sow upon the furrow, and cultivate it in, or harrow it deep.

Hot House.—This is quite a leisure month in this department. Any repetitions neglected in May or June may be attended to in August. Young plants, the roots of which have filled the pots, should now be transferred to those of a size larger.

This is a proper season for repairs, painting, liming, renewal of tan beds, &c.

Sowing Grass Seed in Autumn.—The American Farmer recommends for the late sowing of timothy seed, that a peck of buckwheat per acre be sown at the same time. The frost will cut the buckwheat down, where it will remain to protect the young plants through winter.

He was not in the habit of pasturing his sheep in the fall. Probably there was two reasons why this was not required in this case, viz: By his sowing in corn it did not come forward so fast as it alone, and the winters in Delaware not being so severe as with us in Maine, it did not become necessary to crop it off if too far grown before winter.

Live to learn, and learn to live.

A Patent Milk.

Who ever thought of seeing a patent machine or apparatus for milking cows? And yet we have had the pleasure of examining a very ingenious and neatly constructed one for that purpose, and which, we have no doubt, judging from the principles of its action, is a very efficient contrivance to effect the purpose.

Mr. Davis Francis, of Leeds Centre, in this county, has the right for Maine and Massachusetts, and will dispose of rights or apparatus on reasonable terms.

To Enlarge Vegetables. A vast increase of food may be obtained by managing judiciously, systematically carrying out for a time the principle of increase.

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County Business. Grand Jurors, Sept. T. 1850. Perry—Jacob Weiney, Zacheus Gordon, Union—Saml Walter, Jno Van Eusskirk, Daniel Hill.

Reading Out of the Party.

This amusement (for we regard the practice in no higher light) has become unusually prevalent with various branches and individuals of the Democratic party.

We know there is no small degree of satisfaction attending all these movements. There is an agreeable feeling of political superiority and honesty, accompanying the act of expulsion, which is always undignified in the subsequent action of the self-constituted dictators.

No one will deny the necessity of strict discipline to partisan success. As yet, however, we have no general and well defined catalogue of political offences and the punishment of offenders.

Such proceedings were never more impolitic and hazardous, than at this time. We have, at best, but a small majority in Pennsylvania, which might be entirely destroyed by an active opposition of any of the parties alluded to.

U. S. CONGRESS. Hon. Daniel P. King, Member of the House, from Danvers, Mass., died at his home, on Friday, of diarrhoea.

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The splendid ship Elizabeth, of Philadelphia, having on board the statue of John C. Calhoun, was wrecked on Friday last, at Erie Island, on our coast.

Proposals will be received at Lock Haven, on the 18th day of August next, for the building of a bridge across the West Branch at that place.

Rev. Thomas Bowman was appointed to deliver a Funeral Oration on Pres. Taylor, by the citizens of Williamsport.

FULTON is the name of a new county of about 1500 taxable, formed out of the eastern part of Bedford Co., Pa., by a vote (under an act of last Legislature) of the people immediately interested.

A "National Convention of Handsome Men" is called at Newport, Rhode Island, this summer—the Delegates to be elected by the ladies.

The Taylor Funeral Procession in New York, was undoubtedly the largest and most solemn scene ever witnessed in that city.

It is a little singular that the President of the United States and the Premier of Great Britain—the two highest officers in their respective nations—died nearly at the same time.

Prof. Webster and Mr. Littlefield had an interview. Prof. Webster stated that Littlefield had told the truth except as regards the sledge-hammer, of which he (Webster) knew nothing.

Pearson was executed in Massachusetts, last Friday, for the murder of his wife and two daughters. On the gallows, he warned all to beware of the vices that had brought him step by step to his dreadful end.

The "Washington Allston" sailed from Boston on Thursday morning, July 25th, for Maulmain and Calcutta, with nearly 30 persons under the patronage of the American Baptist Missionary Union.

Rev. Eugene Kincaid, wife, and two children, also Miss Jane McBain and Miss Coraelia Kincaid, teachers, with Dr. John Dawson, wife and two children.

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Lewisburg, Pa. Wednesday Morning, July 31.

ADVERTISEMENTS.—Executors, Administrators, Public Officers, City and Country Merchants, Manufacturers, Mechanics, Business Men—all who wish to procure or to dispose of anything—would do well to give notice of the same through the "Lewisburg Chronicle."

Democratic State Nominations: Chief Commissioner—W. M. MORRISON, of Montgomery Co. Auditor General—E. BURMAN BASKES, of Juniata Co.

Whig State Nominations: Chief Commissioner—JOSHUA DUNGAN, of Bucks Co. Auditor General—HENRY W. SNYDER, of Union Co.

The Departed. What a relief it is to escape, for even a single hour, from the terrible heat of the season, to the cool shelter of the river groves.

Nature's many voices, when suffered to be heard in her own quiet retreats, have ever a spirit tone, and when we can tear ourselves away from the busy world, and forget for the time the wearying cares and sordid chains that so fret the soul.

Among the appointments of Census takers in the Northern part of this State, we are glad to find our old friends DEWEY of Tioga, HALE and POWELL of Bradford, CHAPMAN of Susquehanna, and STURDEVANT of Wyoming.

Although not on the official schedule, we believe the public good would be promoted by "pressing home" upon every man the solemn inquiry, Do you owe any Printer?

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The following interesting paragraph we clip, for the enlightenment our readers, from the "Sheboygan (Wisconsin) Newsworld" of the 6th ult.—(the only real Dutch for Holland) newspaper printed in the United States.)

Wy verzoeken ieder een, die de Nieuwsbode heeft zien geboren worden, te zien en te overdenken welke vorderingen wy gemaakt en dan te oordeelen, of wy die zoo veelvoudige zyn nagekomen, dat wy dien voortvorderende onderstand verdienen, waartoe wy U allen, Landgenooten! by deze opwekken. Ja, U allen, waar gy ook zyt; want EENDRAGT MAAKT MAGT!

We were somewhat taken aback at seeing another "round" in the last Union Times, in behalf of our supposed political interests.

The article in a preceding column, headed "Reading out of the Party," contains suggestions of considerable importance to Democrats, and we presume our Whig readers also can derive some benefit from it.

CONCERT.—The PEAK Family, consisting of the parents, son and two daughters, will give a Concert in the Town Hall (if they can get no better place) Tuesday evening next, at 7 o'clock.

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It is not given us, and perhaps wisely, to know where in the illimitable universe are fixed the habitations of the loved and lost. But, through the power of faith, we can know that they are happy, and that their happiness is not the mere "froth of bliss," but floweth like a river—deep, blissful and eternal.

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Diagram of the Great Fire.



We are indebted to Dr. R. B. McCAY of Northumberland and friend CROOK of the Danville Democrat for the above wood cut illustrating the late disastrous fire in Philadelphia.

Mr. Editor: As it seems very doubtful yet who will be nominated in this county, among the Democrats, for Congress this fall, I wish to use your columns to urge the claims of a friend of mine, who I think ought to have it, and if his friends do their duty, could easily get it.

The Society for Inquiry of the University at Lewisburg—monthly meeting on Sunday, Aug. 4, at 2 1/2 P. M., on the Hill.

Temperance Convention. The 14th Northern Temperance Convention of Pa. will meet in the Presbyterian Church in the Borough of Milton on Thursday the 1st day of August, 1850, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

The Northumberland Association will hold its 30th annual session with the Danville Baptist Church, commencing on Wednesday preceding the third Lord's day in August (14th) at 11 o'clock, A. M.

DEED. In Lewisburg, July 26, Jacob HUBERT—born April 16, 1770—one of our oldest and most respected citizens.

DEATH. In Lewisburg, 29th inst., aged 18 years, 1 month and 17 days, CHRISTIAN G. SON of Abraham Brown, of East Buffalo.

Wanted to Rent. A HOUSE for a Small Family. Inquire at the Chronicle office. July 29

LIVER COMPLAINT. JAUNDICE, Dyspepsia, Chronic or Nervous Debility, disease of the Kidneys, and all diseases arising from a disordered Liver or Stomach.

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LEWISBURG MARKET. Corrected this Day. Wheat 95c100 Rye 50 Corn 50 Oats 33 Flaxseed 100 Dried Apples 140 Butter 12 Eggs 18 Lard 10 Ham 10 Bacon 7

THE Partnership heretofore existing between Drs. HAYES and DAVIS, has this day been dissolved by mutual consent. Dr. HAYES may still be found at his Office, Lewisburg, July 30, 1850.

CONCERT. The celebrated Peak Family, from Boston, will give a Vocal Concert in the Town Hall, Lewisburg, Aug. 6, at 7 P. M. Tickets, 25 cents.