







Saturday Morning, May 7.

LARGEST CIRCULATION In West Jersey! Only \$1 00 per Year!

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WORK HOUSE.

At the recent term of the Court in Cumberland County, the grand jury recommended the Board of Freeholders, to enquire into the propriety of uniting with some of the adjoining counties, in the erection of a suitable work house...

It is designed to place two tiers of cells, one above the other, so as to open into a large hall or work room, so arranged as to be under the eye of the keeper.

The grand jury of Salem County at the late session of the Court recommended to the Board of Freeholders of that County, to "remove the present jail to a different location"...

We are glad to see these "manifestations" of a reformation of our prison discipline. The subject is one of great importance, and involves many moral as well as social considerations.

It is certainly to be feared that, to many criminals, the punishment usually adopted in County Jails, is better calculated to promote habits of idleness, than to exert a reformatory influence over them.

At the last session of our Court a criminal was brought up, and plead guilty to a charge of theft, who had scarce been sixteen summers, and yet had passed a term in the State Prison.

The conductor and engineer, on the Michigan Central Rail-road and the two engineers of the Southern Rail-road, having charge of the trains at the time of the late dreadful accident near Chicago, on the presentation of the coroners jury, have been committed for manslaughter.

Our present system of imprisonment seems to be founded on no correct principle of reform looking to the good of the culprit.

The present travelling season has opened with a fearful catalogue of death.

Last week, we were called upon to record the burning of the Steamer Independence, near the coast of California, causing the death of about 140 of her passengers and crew.

"The cause of this collision, rarely if ever equalled in its fatal and terrible results is, beyond conjecture. The night was as bright as a nearly full moon, and the clearest atmosphere could make it.

The Grand Jury of Philadelphia County, after a patient and laborious investigation, delivered to the Court on Friday last, a special presentment, charging the murder of Joseph Rink, upon Arthur Spring.

In some of the neighboring towns the citizens, are ornamenting their dogs noses with muzzles, as a precautionary remedy against hydrophobia.

Their example is worthy of imitation by our own citizens. Our streets are infested by a worthless gang of curs. During the past week we have repeatedly seen ladies turned out into the street, because some officious dog chose to keep them out of the foot path.

Mr. Juliette superintendent of the machine shop is also censured by the jury for not furnishing proper lights to the central company.

NARROW ESCAPE.—As a small boy, the son of one of our citizens, was going through a barn-yard, where a cow belonging to his father was kept, he was suddenly and without provocation attacked by the animal.

The new coins to be issued from the mint, about the first of May, are \$3 gold pieces, half dollars, quarter dollars, dimes, and half dimes, which will be thankfully received at this office in exchange for the PIONEER.

By reference to another column it will be seen, that the West Jersey Railroad Company have organized, and design putting this road immediately under construction, so as to be completed by the commencement of the bathing season next year.

For the West Jersey Pioneer. Cumberland County Bible Society.

This Society held its thirty seventh annual meeting in the Presbyterian Church, Millville on Tuesday May 8, 1858.

An appropriate sermon was preached on the occasion by the Rev. Dr. Kollock of Greenwich, in the place of the Rev. Mr. Swain, who was necessarily absent from the meeting.

The 37th annual report of Board of Managers of the Cumberland County Bible Society for the year ending May 8, 1858.

The Managers respectful report, that during the past year there has been received into the Treasury from various sources \$111.88

From collection at annual meeting \$9 70 From collection at Prosestarian Church at Fairton, 13 60

From members of the Presbyterian Church at Bridgeton, to constitute the Rev. Mr. Baker a life member of the American Bible Society, 30 00

From Sale of Books, 35 57 Annual dues of Members, 28 50

which together with the balance of \$112.25, remaining in the hands of the treasurer at the last annual meeting, make the amount of the funds for the year \$123.08.

At the time of the last Annual Meeting of the Society, there was remaining at the Depository 82 Bibles and 94 Testaments. There is now remaining 88 Bibles and 377 Testaments, there has been distributed during the year by sale and donation 83 Bibles and 217 Testaments.

For the West Jersey Pioneer. Messrs. Editors.—The Churches in portions of Burlington and Camden counties, have been greatly refreshed, by the outpouring of God's spirit upon them, and the conversion of many souls in their midst.

The Marston Baptist Church, under the pastoral care of the Rev. O. E. Wilson for many years the Pastor of the Bridgeton Baptist Church, nearly forty persons have been added by baptism, to the Blackwood Church, Rev. H. Westcott, a native of Cumberland county, Pastor, about fifteen have been added; to the Moorestown Baptist Church, under the care of Rev. E. D. Fendall, a former pastor of the Roadstown Baptist Church, and for sixteen years a resident of Cumberland county, fifty six have been added by baptism; and others are received as candidates for the same ordinance.

To the Haddonfield Baptist Church, Rev. A. S. Patton Pastor, nearly thirty have been added; to the 1st Baptist Church Camden, Rev. T. R. Taylor, Pastor, nearly forty have been added, to the second Baptist Church Camden Rev. M. Goodwin, between twenty and thirty have been received. The intelligence of the conversion of so many persons, must be encouraging to the friends of Zion, everywhere, and our hearts have been gladdened by the good news, we have received from your village, that the Churches there, have shared so largely in the gracious visitation. May the time speedily come, when the watchmen on Zion's walls, shall see eyes to eye.

Professor C. H. DREW, has just finished a course of Lectures, explanatory of the principles of Phrenology, to a class of Ladies and Gentlemen of this town.

As he is about forming a second class, another opportunity is offered our citizens of becoming acquainted with the developments, lurking among their looks and sunny curls. We have had the pleasure of attending a part of his lectures, and from his manner of treating the subject, infer he is acquainted with what he professes to teach.

From the zeal displayed by his class in observing each others heads, we became convinced that there was something in them.

Our attentive and obliging correspondent at Chicago, will please accept our thanks, for Chicago papers containing full and interesting particulars of the late terrible Railroad casualty near that city.

The Great question this hot weather is how to keep cool, which can be very agreeably solved by calling at Collins's and partaking of that delicious Ice Cream.

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PORT OF BRIDGETON. ARRIVED.—Saturday, Packet Phoebe, Capt. Mulford, from Philadelphia, Miscellaneous.

Sunday.—Sloop Standard, from N. York, with Super phosphate of lime and land plaster for R. G. Brewster.

Schooner Theos. Vaughn, from Baltimore, Pig Iron, to Reeves, Nichols & Co.

Schooner Baltimore Belle, from Baltimore, Coal, to Reeves, Nichols & Co.

Schooner Baltimore Belle, from Baltimore, in ballast.

Schooner Theos. Vaughn, from Philadelphia, with Nails, from Reeves, Nichols & Co.

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VENUE. Will be sold at Public Sale, ON the 18th of MAY, 1858, by the undersigned, all his Household Goods, and his dwelling to let; it will be let low, until the 25th of March.

Stated Meeting of the Directors of the Cumberland Mutual Fire Insurance Company, will be held at the Hotel of E. Davis & Son, in Bridgeton, on Monday the 9th day of May inst., at 2 o'clock, P. M.

FROM the subscriber, five yearling Heifers: two white, two red, and one pied. Any person giving information of them will be suitably rewarded.

THE World's Fair. At Joseph Burt's Cheap Hat Manufactory, I have received, this day, a new assortment of Summer Hats. The cheapest hats are made here in town, and the greatest and largest assortment.

THE undersigned would respectfully announce to the public, that they have this day, April 30th, 1858, entered into joint partnership and are prepared to execute orders for Sewed and Pegged Ladies' Shoes. Suitable materials furnished in all cases, if required.

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THE FAMILY OF MAN, Derive their Chief Support FROM the Soil, till overworked and weary of production, it refuses to yield its increase.

THE undersigned would respectfully return his thanks to his friends and the public generally, for their Liberal Patronage and again invites all those in want of CLOTHING, to call, as he will close his Winter Stock, mostly at great near the Red Meeting House, Upper Alloways Creek township, Salem county, This MAR, by analysis, is proved to be of Superior Quality, and will be sold at the low price of 40 cents per load, on the level.

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