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DEAD LETTERS.

It is an interesting study to review the history of our Post office department from its rise, to its present efficient position. Notwithstanding the annual increase of sparsely settled country over which the mail has to be carried, causing a vastly greater amount of expenditures required for its support, the experiment of a reduced rate of postage may be considered as successful.

By a different arrangement of the law relating to dead letters something might be saved to the department. From the attention and talent devoted to the improvement of that branch of the public service, we marvel somewhat that a more common sense disposal of dead letters has not before this entered into the imaginations of some of the reformers of that department.

Under the present law letters at all the post offices in the United States, after having been advertised and still unclaimed, are required to be sent to the general office at Washington to be opened at stated periods by extra clerks selected for the purpose.

Those containing valuable information or property, are then forwarded to the authors, and all others destroyed. This method in addition to being objectionable in principle, is certainly productive of much needless expense to the department, in the employment of additional clerks to comply with its requirements, and in the increased amount of mail matter to be carried to the central office.

There is no propriety whatever, in sending a letter designed for a citizen of Philadelphia, to Washington City.

The clerks of the post office there, have no claims to pry into other peoples affairs naturally superior to the claims of clerks in other offices. Why then should they be sent there? It would be quite as easy and much more correct to send them back to the original office of entry, or else opened and returned to their authors upon the payment of the reduced rate of postage. There are three classes of letters that find their way to the dead letter office. First, business letters that are not taken out because their contents have not been anticipated by some other source, or from a conviction that the contents are not particularly edifying.

Second, those directed to persons who have left or do not live in the neighborhood where sent. Third, those whose directions are not sufficiently explicit, to enable the officers to determine where they ought to go. The first class are most probably principally unpaid letters.

The second and third classes comprise both paid and unpaid. Those unpaid it is presumed with but little exception are now a dead loss to the department. Now instead of sending these letters to Washington, we propose for each postmaster to return them to the office from whence they started, with an endorsement that they were refused or misdirected as the case might be. There they should be advertised as returned letters. The more prominent advantages resulting from this system, would be, first, the saving to the government the expense of several extra clerks. Secondly, many authors would prefer paying postage back on their own letters to their contents being known to the postmasters of their own town, and thus a portion of revenue now lost to the post office be secured to it. Thirdly, letters wrongly directed would be returned to their authors, who could then certainly know that they did not reach the person for whom designed, and thus may a heart burning and anxious feeling be saved to them, by the explanation, thus given why their epistles remained unanswered.

All those containing money or other valuables would be sooner, and at less expense returned to their owners. If after this, letters still remained in the office unclaimed, it would be time enough for the postmaster to break the seal and demand postage of the author. This method of procedure would we think secure to the department much of its just dues which are now lost and would beside have a tendency to curtail the amount of anonymous writing which so frequently disturbs the peace of individual members of the community. The number of letters annually collected at the national capital under the present system is immense, and their final disposal an expensive item to the government. The importance of the post office to the social and useful intercourse of the country, becomes every year more apparent as its usefulness extends over a wider area to connect the different portions of society together.

Every plan which has a tendency to reduce the rates of postage to its lowest ultimate point, should be examined carefully and strictly to hasten that period. We invoke from the press of the country a consideration of the subject.

Our remarks have been hastily and imperfectly thrown together. If they but serve to call the attention of able pens to the subject, the leading object designed by them will be accomplished.

ARRIVAL OF A STEAMBOAT.

On Friday afternoon of last week, the quiet of our town was somewhat suddenly disturbed, by the shrill notes of a steam whistle. The unaccustomed sound called forth old and young boys ran here and there screaming and screeching at the top of their voices—old ones with grave countenances, looked most ludicrously perplexed at the unwonted sound. The more knowing suggested road carts, till a rober second thought revealed, alas, that there was no West Jersey Railroad yet. Meanwhile the mysterious noise accompanied it a steamboat wharf when suddenly the cry rose from a hundred juvenile throats, steamboat! steamboat!

In a few moments an anxious faced crowd filled the wharf to greet the arrival of the stranger, and gratify the individual curiosity of each. By the time the boat had fairly reached the wharf she was fairly covered with a swarm of boys who carefully inspected her different parts and apartments.

To some particularly green ones, the operation of the steam whistle was a startling mystery, rather overreaching their conceptions of scientific achievement. Some of their gymnastics at each puff proved highly amusing to the crowd.

The boat proved to be the Arcturion owned and commanded by Capt. Henry Herbert. She is designed to run for the remainder of the season between this place and Philadelphia.

As Capt. Herbert has tried the experiment of running regularly from this place, at a time when other boat owners seem to be halting between two opinions, we hope he will receive a sufficiently satisfactory share of public patronage, to dispel the idea somewhat extensively circulated by interested parties, that a boat from here to the city don't pay. We say let her be patronized, till even the enemies of steam communication from here will be forced to own that a boat does pay and pay well too. There is a large surplus of produce raised along Cohasset creek, convenient to steamboat landings which in another season can be easily augmented to an amount sufficient to support as large a boat as can navigate the creek, besides an annually increasing amount of travel.

We say again to our citizens, show by your patronage that a boat rightly managed will pay. Capt. Herbert's advertisement can be found in our advertising columns.

WARNING TO BOYS.—We are called upon again this week to chronicle another accident resulting from the reckless habits of the boys about town. On Monday at the draw of the bridge over the Cohasset at this place, was off a son of Silas Bradford nine or ten years old was standing with other boys on the bridge close to the draw and accidentally fell into the creek.

The timely assistance of one of our citizens Mr. Hiram Harris who immediately jumped in, saved him from drowning. The tide was running strong at the time and carried him several yards.

Fortunately he escaped with no other damage than a thorough frightening and a cold water bath.

The Steamboat Express Capt. G. E. Wells made an excursion from Bridgeton to Cape Island on Thursday.

About one hundred of our citizens joined in the excursion. From some cause the band of music, neglected to strike up when the boat started. Who can explain.

PROHIBITION IN SALEM CO. At the Quarterly Conference of the M. E. Church held on the 8th ult., at Pennsgrove the following among other resolutions were adopted unanimously by that body.

Resolved, That we are fully convinced that the only law which will in any good degree tend to save the community from the fearful scourge of intemperance, must be a law based upon the principle of the entire prohibition of the trade in intoxicating liquors as a drink.

Resolved, That we regard it a solemn duty of all good citizens, and especially of Christians, to use every lawful means, and to exercise the elective franchise in order to aid in securing the enactment of such a law.

On the 1st of August the Clergy of Salem County held a meeting in the M. E. Church at Salem.

The second resolution read as follows.—"Inasmuch as the legislation of New Jersey has hitherto proved insufficient to prevent intemperance, in our opinion, its growing evils imperatively demand a prohibitory law."

The official number of deaths in New Orleans, for the week ending Aug. 5, was one thousand and fifty of which eight hundred and seventy nine were of yellow fever. During the 24 hours ending on the 6th inst., at 6 o'clock the number was two hundred and 98 of which two hundred and eight were of yellow fever. The mortality seems to be on the increase and hundreds are leaving the city daily. From present appearances the deaths for the present week it is thought exceed one thousand from yellow fever alone.

At a meeting of the passengers on the Camden and Amboy Railroad at the time of the collision the following resolutions were unanimously adopted. Resolved, That the wounds and deaths which have occurred on this occasion, are the result of the bad arrangements upon the Camden and Amboy Railroad, and the reckless carelessness of the persons employed by the Company.

For the West Jersey Pioneer. A horse owned by Mr. URYAN ACKLEY, which was supposed to have been hit by a mad dog on the 3d day of July was run mad on Friday morning the 5th of August. The horse appeared to be in the greatest misery imaginable. He would throw himself and then immediately spring up again and appeared to want to tear himself apart every thing which came in his way in pieces. After suffering extremely for a few hours, he was afterwards killed. The horse was considered to be worth one hundred dollars.

Should not this be sufficient to admonish those persons who have dogs which are reported to be bitten by the same one which bit Mr. A's horse, but from the love and regard which they have for their dogs, are not willing to dispose of them.

One owned by a gentleman in Gloucester Co., has already gone mad, left home and it is to be feared is spreading devastation and death wherever he goes. The writer can scarcely conceive of any thing which appears to have as much horror associated with it as hydrophobia. It is hoped therefore that persons will be on their guard.

W. WALTON. Agricultural Meeting.—The Camden and Gloucester Agricultural Society met at the Court-house in Woodbury on Tuesday last.

The Society is now fairly on its legs, and is fully organized. We do not know the number of its members, but it embraces much of the intelligence and public spirit of the two counties; it is to be hoped every farmer will enroll himself and aid this laudable object by his influence and example.

It will be seen that the Society has determined to hold their first exhibition this fall, and have made a liberal arrangement of premiums for so young a Society. The next thing is to prepare for it. The Society has been unavoidably cramped for time, consequently most of the exhibits to compete must be made in the few days remaining up to the period of exhibition. There are large and flourishing societies in Burlington and Salem, but with these it is not expected their young sister will attempt to vie at the coming exhibition; there is however still time enough, material and industry too, to make a creditable and useful show, that will give prestige to future efforts.

We were pleased at one feature of the meeting on Tuesday, which indeed generally characterized all the previous meetings, and that was the number of young men, who were present and participated in the proceedings. It is an evidence that they appreciate the usefulness of their calling and are alive to its great interests. It promises well for themselves and for the country.

The ladies of the two counties, it is to be hoped, will now go to work in good earnest to get up their part of the exhibition. We have no doubt that their department will reflect great credit upon their taste, executive industry, and for all of which Jersey girls and women are justly noted.

Woodbury Constitution. AWFUL RAILROAD CATASTROPHE. Collision between the Philadelphia and New York Trains on the Camden and Amboy Railroad.

Just as we were going to press, it was announced that a most heart-rending and disastrous collision had occurred on the Camden and Amboy Railroad, between the two o'clock trains which leave Philadelphia and New York respectively at the same time, by which it is stated three women, two men and one child were killed.

The collision occurred on Tuesday afternoon, at a short curve near "Old Bridge," about eight miles this side of New York. Edward Marchant, one of the conductors, was quite badly hurt, and remained at Hightstown. Several of the passengers in the train from Philadelphia were slightly injured, but none fatally. The train arriving in this city about half-past eleven o'clock, with the passengers on board. "So many different stories are told about it, that it is impossible to give a detailed correct account of the accident. This is the most serious accident that has ever happened upon the road, and notwithstanding all the precautionary regulations adopted for the safety of passengers, the loss of life is exceedingly appalling.

Philadelphia Sun. Collisions on the Delaware.—Saturday night and Sunday were quite fruitful with accidents among the steamboats. On Saturday night the Steamer Express while on its excursion to Cape Island, came in contact with a sailing vessel, breaking in the jointerwork and guards forward of the larboard wheel. No injury was done to the hull. About 9 o'clock on Sunday evening a collision occurred between the Zephyr and Miantonomah, in the bay below Reedy Island, by which the former ran down stern brock, but sustained no other serious injury, and will be running in a few days. The Miantonomah's guards were crushed, and the damage was repaired to enable her to resume her trips to-day. The steamer St. Nicholas also hit her "hurricane deck" by running into a vessel on Sunday.

Salem Standard. Maryland and Delaware Ship Collision.—Petitions are by circulation in the several counties of Delaware, for signatures, praying the Governor to call the Legislature together for purpose of obtaining a charter for a right of way through the State for the contemplated Ship Canal, to connect the waters of the Chesapeake and Delaware bays.

There appears to be a one feeling upon the subject. The people are in favor of the enterprise. If a right-of-way is obtained the work will be completed in at least two years.—Philadelphia Sun. Oats, Hay, &c.—The late protracted spell of wet weather has seriously injured oats. Those on two weeks since have remained "abandoned" in the field exposed to the storm. Much hay has also been destroyed, and the individual loss of many farmers will be from one hundred to five hundred dollars. What a calamity, we are told, from this cause are not so good as was anticipated.—Salem Standard.

Railroad through New Jersey to Albany.

The new railroad line from Hoboken to Albany has been surveyed, and its total cost and fall on the survey from Hoboken to the valley of Wallkill is rather less than 1000 feet, and thence to Albany it rather exceeds 1,200 feet. The survey commenced at Ferry Gate, in Hoboken, and continued 63.07 miles to the line of a survey made for a railroad from Goshen to Albany, a distance of 75.48 miles thus making the whole length 141.14 miles. No estimate has been made of the cost of a party of capitalists, it is said have offered to build the road with a double track through its entire length, whose weight of rail and character of work shall be equal to that of the Hudson River Railroad, and whose grades, curvature and distance shall be equal to those described in the report at \$7,500,000. This includes the right of way. The party is ready to give security for the completion of the road in two years.

The barn of Amos String, in Stoughton, Gloucester county, was struck by lightning on Monday evening the 2d inst. The fire entered the peak, and passing down the side of the barn, set fire to the hay at the bottom of the mow. Mr. S. called in his neighbors who assisted in extinguishing the flames.—The great mill at Pitstown, in this county, belonging to John Johnson, was also struck the same evening and slightly damaged.—Mr. John Mayhew was in the mill at the time, and received a severe shock which rendered him insensible for a time.

Salem Standard. The Philadelphia papers contradict the report of the rapid spread of the yellow fever in that city. The Ledger says that instead of six deaths from fever there was but one on Thursday, and only three altogether, and that the persons who had only those who were housed at the disease showed itself, and they left only at the desire of the physician. The rapid spread of the disease, is pure fancy, as there is not a single case reported since the death of Monday evening.

Gen. John Sidney Jones, our well known and wealthy citizen, was arrested by the police in New York, for addressing an extemporaneous meeting on the steps of the Merchants exchange, Wall street. His subject was the mismanagement of railway companies. His words were laconic by the crowds employed to drag him through the street.

John Drown.—On Thursday evening, a small lad, son of Mr. Nicholson, aged about eleven years was drowned in the Delaware, at Cooper's point, while bathing. His clothes were found on the shore, and the body was recovered and immediately made to recover the body, but it was not found.

Bridgeton Prices Current. Corrected every Friday.

Table with 2 columns: Commodity and Price. Wheat 113 to 118, Corn 65, Oats 37, Potatoes 75, Butter 15, Eggs 12, Pork 10, Hams 12 to 12, Lard 12 to 12.

PHILADELPHIA MARKETS. GRAIN.—There is less inquiry for Wheat, and rather more offering; 2000 bushels prime Red sold at \$1.18, and some new White at 1.28 per bushel. 1500 bushels new Southern Rye brought 75 cents, which is a decline. Corn is dull. We quote Yellow at 71 cents, 1000 bushels new Southern Oats sold at 40 cents.

By the Rev. George Chandler, on the evening of the 8th inst. Mr. WILLIAM TERRY, of Pittsburgh, to Miss ALBINA MADRY, of Philadelphia county, N. J.

In Bridgeton, July 30th, by Rev. V. C. Sumner, III, CHARLES H. BACON, to ANN ELIZABETH WHITE, both of Bridgeton.

At Fairton, on the 4th inst., by the same ETHAN LONG, to ELIZABETH C. POWELL, both of Newport. On the 31st ult., by Rev. C. S. DOWNS, MR. JAMES CHESTER, of Goshen, to MISS MARY A. JONES, of Cape May Court House, all of Cape May County, N. J.

DEED. Near Dividing creek on the 28 of July LOUISA, daughter of Ely Long and wife of George Hickman in the 29th year of her age.

She has been a member of the M. E. Church for 14 years and died in the full triumph of faith. Adieu thou heaven bound one! may all thy infirmities that embittered the morning of thy days are turned to joy in that bright world above. Thou with christian meekness bore thy sore affliction nor didst thou chide the hand that laid them on. Now thou art rejoicing in that Saviour's love. Oh glorious triumph, death! where is thy sting! Oh grateful where is thy victory?

At Fairton, on the 26th ult., Mrs. CECILIA KIRKMAN, in the 74th year of her age. In Fairbairn, N. Y. on the 21st inst., WALTER E. only son of Ephraim and Maria E. Stelle aged 8 months and 18 days.

He died, for Adam sinned, He lives for Jesus died. At Bridgeton on Tuesday the 10th inst. JOHN S. BLOK, in the 44th year of his age.

MOONLIGHT EXCURSION. TO BEN DAVIS' BEACH. The New and Splendid Steamer ARWAMDS.

CAPT. HENRY HERBERT, will make a Grand Moonlight Excursion to Ben Davis' Beach, on Saturday evening next, leaving Bridgeton at 6 o'clock P. M., stopping at the landings on Goshen Creek, Supper and refreshments provided on board.

ESTRAY. LET the premises of the subscriber in Hopewell Township, near Shiloh, on a right of way, containing one acre, more or less, be given to the common English breed and to familiar letters and dispensed on school teaching.

DISSOLUTION. THE Partnership heretofore existing between SHERRARD B. WILCOX, and EZEKIEL HAWKINS, has been dissolved by the death of S. B. WILCOX.

FOR PHILADELPHIA. THE new and splendid steamer "ARWAMDS" will commence making regular trips between Philadelphia and Bridgeton every Monday morning, Aug. 8th, leaving Bridgeton every Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday at 7 o'clock A. M. leaving Philadelphia every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday morning at 7 o'clock A. M. Fare 75 cents, Dinner 50 cents.

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NEW FIRM.

ELMER G. BOGAP & Co. would respectfully inform the public, that they have taken the premises formerly occupied by Boop & Lanning, in Commerce st., nearly opposite the Fireman's Hall, where they are now prepared to supply every want in their line.

Tin and Japanned Ware. All descriptions—useful, fancy and toilet constantly on hand, or furnished to order at short notice, and in any desired quantity—on quality equal to any, and at prices as low as the lowest.

STOVES. THE CHIMBERLAND COOK STOVE. A newly improved and very superior article. The Improved Albany, Throater's Hot Blast, Empire, Cook's Favorite, and Complete, Vernon, Amexation, Independent, Liberty, and Girard Cook Stoves—adapted to either wood or coal.

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AUDITORS' SALE.

By virtue of an order of the Circuit Court of and County of Cumberland, will be sold at Public Sale, on Saturday the 8th day of September, 1853, at the residence of Ruth Woodruff in Cohasset Street, in Bridgeton, the following described REAL ESTATE, to-wit:

PERSONAL PROPERTY, VIZ: Bureau, stand, clock, looking glasses, table, chairs, beds, bedding and bedsteads, stove, pots, kettles, knives, forks, tubs, pans, paper, carpeting and other articles of Household Furniture, late the property of Simon Woodruff.

Will be sold at Public Sale on WEDNESDAY, the 10th day of August, 1853, at the City Yard that formerly belonged to Ellis Ayres decd., on the road from Ferry Mill to Alloway, containing one mile from the former place, the following described REAL ESTATE, to-wit:

PROPERTY, VIZ: Cider, Hogheads of extra quality, two good Cider Presses, Mill for grinding Apples and Trough Leather Straps about one hundred feet long, Jack Hauls, Tubs, Pails, Scoops, Measures, Blocks and Kops for hoisting barrels, &c., with all the Fixtures for carrying on the Cider Making business about 300 gallons of Cider, (nearly Vinedgar) also Jack by the gun.

Commissioners Sale of Real Estate. By virtue of an order of the Orphans' Court of the County of Cumberland, made at the term of April 1853.

Will be sold at Public Sale, at the Hotel of Isaac H. Pennsford in Millville, on Saturday the 13th day of August, all that valuable Real Estate lying on the south side of Main street in Millville, Virginia land of F. L. Mulford on the east and land of J. M. Long on the west and south, late the property of the said F. L. Mulford. The lot contains more than one half an acre of land, and is situated in a very desirable part of the town for a business location. The improvements are a two story dwelling house, and two mechanic shops on Main street, and a one story double house on a lane, near and adjoining said street.

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The returns of the late election in Oregon though incomplete, give General Lane a majority of 1500 votes as Delegate to Congress.

Crops look well in Oregon. There are four steamers now building on the Columbia and Willamette rivers, and nine running.

Three years ago there was none. New coal discoveries have been made in Oregon, and it is said to exist in large quantities within a few miles of Columbia river.

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Great Flood in New Jersey

The damage done to the western section of the city by the flood of Saturday last, cannot, at present be estimated but it will amount to a large sum, besides the indirect injury to the property.

So greets the body of water lying upon the ground and so thoroughly is the earth saturated with it, that endeavorers to exhaust single cellars prove it tedious, the water flowing in again immediately.

From the Morris and Essex Railroad, on the north, through nearly the whole extent of the city, along the stream which runs parallel with Washington street, cellars are flooded, vegetation is beaten down, sidewalks in some places are torn up, foundations injured, and in many houses, furniture, and the most valuable articles, are ruined.

Some prospectors obtained \$4 per day by panning. The mines in southern Oregon are also said to be doing well.

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MULBERRY Tea Sets, White, China, A full assortment of all kinds of Queensware for sale by the blue store opposite E. Davis & Sons. A. STRATTON.

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New Enterprise. The subscriber would respectfully announce to the citizens of Cumberland County, that he has opened a

IRON STORE. In Laurel Street, Bridgeton, two doors South of Fithian & Son's Store.

Where he designs keeping constantly on hand, a general assortment of Iron and Steel, together with Raps, Files, Bolts, Malleable Castings, Blacksmiths Coal, and all kinds of stock needed by blacksmiths in their business, which he will sell at prices as low as can be purchased elsewhere.

A liberal share of public patronage is solicited. ISAAK FIEDRICK, Bridgeton, June 4, 1853-4t.

4th of July, FIREWORKS! FIREWORKS! Grand Display

OF WATCHES and Jewelry at the Store of W. H. THOMPSON, who has just opened a full assortment of every description of Watches and jewelry, comprising the latest and most fashionable styles of breast pins, ear buds, rings, cuff pins, sleeve buttons, chains, keys, pencils, medallions, &c. &c.

Also a large assortment of butter knives, spoons, forks, tea spoons, &c. &c. &c. Every kind and quality of Gold and Silver Watches, at prices varying from \$20 to \$75. For sale lower than ever before.

W. H. THOMPSON, July 2.

SECOND CALL. The subscriber returns his thanks to all those who have so promptly and liberally patronized his business, and to those who have not read and remembered that notice, he would say, that the terms are very easy and the old books must be closed up accordingly. Persons interested in the business, will find it more than any one else can for them, and save costs. Many accounts prior to April 2, 1853 are still waiting for settlement. Money or no money, now is the time to make arrangements.

WILLIAM ELMER, June 25, 1853-4t.

The Railroad to Bridgeton, OR THE WORLD'S FAIR IN N. Y.

It is of no consideration when we think of what vast advantages are to be derived by calling at Messrs. Swing & Tomlinson's.

Why, it is amusing to witness how the Ladies are astonished when they examine my Goods, and the general expression on their faces, which is, "I never saw anything like this before." As "variety is the spice of life," I will mention a few of the articles, viz: Ladies collars and Neckties, muslins, eyelet lace, and every variety of hosiery, gloves and laces, paper, calicoes, sheet, blacking and moline matts, brown soap, candles, barbers' razors, brooms, brushes, window curtains, &c. &c. &c. &c.

N. B. Ladies are invited to call early in order to avoid the danger of being left in the crowd.

A. STRATTON, June 28, 1853.

JUST RECEIVED. A lot of new style Challi DeBage, Borages DeLans, and Linen, all well Dolans, Pink, blue & green colors, at Swing & Tomlinson's and for sale unusually cheap for cash.

Patronize June 18. SWING & TOMLINSON.

NEW MACKEREL. A fresh supply of Fine new Mackerel just received and for sale by the blue store.

GEORGE DONAGHY, July 9, 1853.

CLOCKS. The largest and best assortment of Clocks in (these parts) at

G. H. LEEDS, Clock and Watch Store, Commerce Street East of the Bridge, North Side of the River, Bridgeton, March 12, 1853.

The Lost is Found. The subscriber offers his services to the citizens of Bridgeton and its vicinity in hanging, putting up, and repairing of all kinds of Wall and ceiling paper, and white washing of walls and ceilings.

Orders left at Samuel Harris's shoe shop, under the Pioneer printing office, or at my house in Atlantic street, on the hill, 1853-2t.

MAUL & BROTHER, OFFER for sale at the lowest rates, 30 lbs. strictly prime New Orleans Molasses, 5 lbs. do do Trinidad do, 2 lbs. do do Muscova do, 20 lbs. Java, Maracibo, Rio, Langura and Capo Molasses, 1 do best Carolina Rice, 20 lbs. pulverized and ref. of Sugar, 5 lbs. West India do, 10 lbs. do do, Imported, Southing and Oolong Teas, with Cheese, Raisins and a full assortment of other Groceries.

Greenwich, May 14, 1853.

JUST RECEIVED. BY PACKET from Philadelphia, some new styles of Shawls, Dolans, Barage Belaines, &c. &c. &c.

A very pretty selection of prints in tan colored grounds. Some handsome 12 1/2 print in white grounds, for 12 cts. MAUL & BROS., Philadelphia, May 14, 1853.

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HAIR. Mens and Boys hats just received and for sale by SWING & TOMLINSON.

To the Citizens of Bridgeton and Cumberland Co. Notice is hereby given, That I have now my stock of Furniture and Chairs, and am prepared to say that I have a good lot in Store, of all the best and best WOODEN CHAIRS.

Also, a full assortment of LOOKING GLASSES, the best that has ever been offered in Bridgeton. It will afford you a pleasure to look at them, especially if you are good looking. Bridgeton, May 7, 53. ELI SAYRE.

Beauty, Health, and Cheapness. SAMUEL FITZHAN has on hand and for sale a large lot of Zinc Paints as follows: Zinc White No. 1, 2 & 3, Brown Zinc, Black Zinc, Zinc Dryer and Dumar paint, and all the best and best in the market. This paint has now been in use a number of years and fully tested side by side with the best Pure White Lead and has in every instance proved to be superior to White Lead in its durability, Beauty, and Cheapness.

From experiments it has been found that 100 lbs best White Zinc will cover when applied in three coats on new work, as

New Drug and Candy ESTABLISHMENT.

The subscriber would call the attention of his friends and the public to his New Store (corner of Chestnut and Cherry streets), where he is offering a fresh stock of DRUGS, consisting of the articles usually kept, together with Polish for making soap, and many other new items in the line.

STATIONERY.

Fountain, Letter and other papers, steel pens, slates, pencils, School Books, and Stationery.

FANCY ARTICLES.

Such as Hair brushes, tooth brushes, fans, Pocket Mirrors, TOYS, &c., in endless variety. Perfumery, Colognes, Fancy soaps, hair oils, &c. Also, Pure Siles.

CANDIES.

Of his own manufacture, Cambrine and burning fluid, Paints, Oil, Turpentine, & Varnish. Having been engaged in the business in its various branches for the last 16 years, he hopes to receive a share of public patronage.

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SPRING GOODS.

JUST received and now offering at prices unusually low a full and varied assortment of SPRING GOODS.

Per Schooner Mary and Elizabeth.

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