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THE THIRD ANNUAL EXHIBITION OF THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY, will be held at Bridgeton, on WEDNESDAY, October 1st, 1886.

Tuesday next is the 25th of March. All those of our subscribers who intend changing their places of residence, will please give us due notice, that we may know where to send their papers.

BRIDGETON STEAMBOAT

We have repeatedly called the attention of our citizens, particularly the agricultural portion of the community, to the importance of having a regular steamboat connection with Philadelphia. Cumberland County in proportion to the area cultivated is beginning to be recognized as one of the most productive portions of the State. The soil is varied, and extremely susceptible of easy improvement and cultivation, and is particularly adapted to the growth of the various articles demanded for city consumption.

And yet, where any thing like the soil and skill possessed in this County for their cultivation, exists, they from the most profitable kind of cultivation. Every year adds to the variety and productiveness of the County. The Farmer's Club at Bowntown, whose doings we are proud to chronicle in our paper, are exerting a strong and beneficial influence upon the very section most likely to contribute largely to the support of a boat.

While Millville has probably doubled its population and the surrounding towns and villages also increased in numbers. It is generally conceded, that the Chobany at first paid her way. Why then would not a boat properly managed, pay now? The travelling for the last few years has greatly increased, and must increase to an indefinite extent in the future.

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With much respect, I am your friend and obedient servant. RICHARD C. HOLMES.

Prof. G. B. Robinson.

In these days of high sounding titles, when individuals are looked upon according to the degree of Professorship, attached to their names, rather than from any degree of actual worth to which they have attained, it is only necessary to say Prof. so and so, or Hon. Mr. somebody or nobody, and you attract the attention of the masses to the celebrated individual. For this purpose we have taken the liberty to dub on the title of Prof. to one who has never sought to obtain the honor and emolument of such a title, though his familiarity with numerous sciences, will entitle him to more than one dignified appellation, if he were given enough to pay the required sum and "come out" with a diploma.

The following interesting letter is from the pen of our old friend, E. C. Holmes, Esq., for many years past, agent for the Philadelphia and New York Insurance Companies.

Not only property to the value of Millions, but eight hundred human lives have been rescued from a watery grave by these self-sacrificing wreckers. Facts like these, emanating as they do, from such a reliable source, are incontrovertible and have done much to uphold elevating that class who were formerly so much derided by those who were least acquainted with them.

I have been agent for the Philadelphia and New York offices of insurance about fourteen years, my district has been from Cape May to Little Egg Harbor. I have had no occasion for a single suit at law, and but one arbitration to settle the difficulties which have arisen.

The men have worked well, faithfully, and honestly, I cannot tell you how much property they have saved, but presume to the value of millions. I have paid out for labor to those employed, from six to ten thousand dollars annually. They have saved eight hundred lives, for which they have had no special pay, and I never knew but one poor fellow rewarded for an effort of this kind, when we had loaded the passengers of the ship John Mason, one of the hundred a boatman a five dollar gold piece, which, at the request of the other men in the boat, was returned.

In all the time I have thus had the honor to represent the Insurance companies, I do not think there has been to the amount of fifty cents worth of property stolen. Many of the cargoes have been delivered by the bills of lading, so if there had been anything short, it would have been missed.

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The Cumberland Co. Teachers' Association, Will hold its annual meeting in Millville, on Thursday the 10th and 11th of April next. Members and teachers attending the session, will be provided with places of entertainment.

It is hoped by the friends of the Association that all the teachers in the County will endeavor to be present.

Some considerable friend, has favored us with a Catalogue of the Trustees, Officers and Students of the University of Pennsylvania, lately published. We find the names of so many of our young acquaintances enrolled in the different departments of the Institution, that we are unable to determine which of them sent us the document. Was it from F. B. G. of this Co.?

PROSTITUTION OF INTELLECT.

We have been favored with a perusal of the manuscript of Mr. Geo. E. Tomlinson's Lecture, before the Bridgeton Lyceum, on Tuesday evening the 11th inst. A few extracts will give a faint idea of the Lecture.

It is difficult to select disconnected portions from such a rich vein of thought and present a correct view of the whole. The following extracts are principally from the latter portion of the Lecture.

To see a man possessing an immortal soul binding himself to earth, fettering the restless spirit that longs to rise, and is struggling to burst the shackles that bind it to objects unworthy its heavenly origin, is indeed a pitiable spectacle. The Eagle, the companion of the mountain-storm, nurtured in such hardihood as to bid defiance to the blasts that play around the mountain's summit, or to gaze upon the noonday-sun with undimmed eye, will stretch its unfeathered wings and proudly bear company to the Storm-Kingering chainless through the sky; but when fettered to the earth will droop, will pine away and die.

When we see a man occupying a high position in society, one who by his brilliant talents and iron will has removed every difficulty, surmounted every obstacle, and won complete success, and won the affections of the people; when we see a man using his influence against the cause of reform, against the cause of humanity, using his towering intellect to rise in hopeless captivity, there to waste its mighty energies on trivial objects, there to be defiled by the pollutions of sin, and rendered weak and inefficient by the follies, the luxuries and the vices of man.

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Finally, he perceives his intellect who is not laboring for the great object in life for which he should live. He prostitutes himself, who lives not to benefit his fellow men, and glorify his God. And not only is this the duty of every one, but by so doing, the mind will progress the most rapidly. It is then in that state which best answers the conditions of its development.

Viewing what one can do, and as exactly corresponding with this what he ought to do, and then what he does do, will show how nearly his mind is fulfilling its designed end. Spend not thy energies then, in any trivial cause, when all that thou canst do, when every exertion thou canst put forth is needed now to do battle against error.

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STEAMBOAT BURNED.

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It is no pagan ministry, Ten million freemen now unite, To mourn a Father's memory! He's his country's freedom won, The Great, the Godlike WASHINGTON.

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Robert Schuyler Dead.—A private letter received from the Arabia, notes the reception at the American Consul's at Rome, of the intelligence of the death of Mr. Robert Sears, of N. Y. aged 58 years, on the 14th Nov., at Ceras, an environ of the city.

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Terrible Earthquake in Jeddah.

By the arrival of the Northern Light at New York late on Thursday evening, we have been placed in possession of a fortnight's later news from California, Oregon and Central America. The intelligence from California, is unimportant; from Oregon it is reported that the Indian troubles still continued, and that new volunteer companies were being raised.

An arrival at San Francisco from Japan reports the destruction of the city of Jeddah, by an earthquake, on the 11th of November. One hundred thousand houses were destroyed, and thirty thousand lives were lost.

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NOTICE.

The undersigned, a Committee appointed by the Cumberland County Bible Society to superintend the work of Bible distribution in this County, would state that they have procured the services of Mr. David Harris of Cedarville, as Agent, who will shortly resume his labors (temporarily suspended by the inclement weather). They would respectfully commend him to the Christian sympathy and co-operation of all friends of the Bible cause, throughout the county.

W. K. ELMER, D. B. THOMPSON, J. N. T. NIXON, Committee. Bridgeton, March 22, 1855.

For the West Jersey Pioneer. PEEPS FROM MY LATTICE. No. 3, BY AVRILLA.

This is the 22nd, and yonder goes the first butterfly, sailing by on purple wings; soaring aloft over bare trees; and snow covered ground; it looks lonely as the dove of Noah, vainly seeking a bower to rest upon.

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MARRIED.

At the house of Mr. S. H. Wright, at Allowaytown, on the evening of March 15th, by Rev. W. B. Gillett, of Shiloh, Mr. CHARLES H. BROADWAY, of Blenheim, and Miss RUTH ANN POWELL of Quinton's Bridge.

By the same, on the 7th inst, at the bride's father's, Mr. Seelye Tomlinson, Mr. PERCY S. MARZISON, of Bridgeton, to Miss ELIZABETH JANE TOMLINSON of Stoe Creek.

In Bridgeton, on the 17th inst., by the Rev. W. E. Corwell, Mr. HEZKIAH GOULD, to Miss CLARISSA FINNICE, both of Bridgeton.

DIED.

At Tuckahoe, March 17, 1856, Rev. JAMES H. FAIRBANKS, of the New Jersey Conference, aged 28 years. The subject of this memoir, was a victim of that fell destroyer, Pulmonary Consumption. Having contracted a severe cold about the latter part of October last, in a few weeks after, the promontory symptoms of disease of the lungs began to manifest themselves.

On Saturday last, the Rev. Dr. Jones of Bridgeton, called upon him and offered a prayer in his behalf, before "Our Father's Throne." About one o'clock on Monday morning it was painfully evident that his end was rapidly approaching.

He has left a young widow to mourn her irreparable loss. May the "everlasting arms" sustain her, and all the bereaved friends. B. F. W.

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