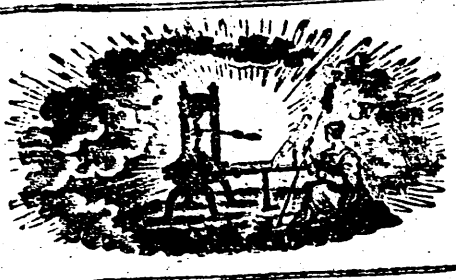


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INDEPENDENCE.

This word, no doubt, suggests to the minds of our readers, ideas of the glorious Fourth; condescending speeches and toasts, &c. but we are not at present disposed to enlarge on this view of the word Independence, and if we were, we could say nothing which has not been said a hundred times already. We propose to say a few words about individual independence. We are all very much dependent upon each other, and this is wisely ordered by God, for our mutual benefit and happiness. But in some things it is our duty to be independent. In religion, for instance, we should not depend on any other person, but take our own conscience, and the Bible for our sole guides. The absence of independence in religion is a great evil, and one which should be avoided. We follow each other to perdition, while we should be following Christ to Heaven. And in politics, also, we should be independent enough to think for ourselves, and not follow, blindly, any political leader, without examining the ground over which he leads us. In business, also, we should be very independent, thinking and acting on our own responsibility, scrupulously yielding to others their rights, and firmly claiming our own. Many a poor fellow is ruined, merely because he is not independent enough to reject evil counsel, and act upon the suggestions of his own mind in his daily business, as well as in regard to other things. If we act in any public capacity, we should carry our independence there, cringing to no man for favor, flattering no man from interested motives, but faithfully and honorably discharging our duties, as if they were our own benefit. And in our social intercourse, we should be independent. We can speak our opinions fearlessly without giving offence, if we do it in the right spirit. Some persons seem to think that independence consists in showing an utter contempt for all opinions except their own, and abusing every belief which conflicts with theirs. But this is a mistaken idea, for true independence allows all others the same liberty it claims for itself. It emphatically "minds its own business," but it needs be, speaks and acts boldly and determinedly. The minister of the gospel should be independent in the largest sense. He should preach the gospel of the Son of God, as his Bible and his conscience direct, without reference to the position or opinion of this or that member of his congregation; preach as did the old prophets, whether the truth be palatable or not. If any great evils creep in among his people, like a wolf in sheep's clothing, it is his duty to warn them of the consequences, whether it gives offence or not. People are very apt to complain because the minister preaches so much about their sins, and does not preach the gospel enough, but if they would practice what gospel he does preach, he would have less cause to preach about their sins. Next to the minister, the editor is, or should be, a teacher of good, and to accomplish the most good, he too must be independent. He is looked upon as a servant of the public, and so, in a certain sense, he is; but it does not follow that he is to lose all his independence of character in consulting, and trying to please their taste and fancy. He, as well as the minister, is very likely to know every failing and short-coming incident to his poor human nature, for there are scores of eyes to see and note them, and truly he needs some monitor to keep him in the right way, for a very devious way it is. Somebody sends him an article, and he prints it straightway somebody else says it is personal, and meant to insult him; and when the poor editor tries to expiate himself, he fares pretty much as did the kind-hearted individual who interfered between a quarrelsome man and his wife. One grumbles because the paper is full of advertisements, another because there are not enough deaths and marriages, (just as if the editor made them all,) another because there is no news, another because there are no interesting stories, another because snobbishly love tales are printed, and so on, ad-infinitum. If he tries to please all, he is sure to please none; and we are of the opinion that the safest way is to mark out a certain course, which appears to the editor's better judgment to be right and proper, and adhere to it. If an editor sees a great evil in the community, it is certainly his duty to call attention to it, and if any reform is necessary, he should advocate it earnestly. But enough for the present. We close by offering the following sentiments: Independence forever! Not only for our country, but every man, woman, and child individually.

The West Jersey Railroad.

A short time since, we published an appeal on behalf of the West Jersey Railroad, which we copied from the Woodbury Constitution. Notwithstanding the stagnation of business and the general cry of hard times, there is at this moment more money in the country, than in any a sounder and healthier condition with a greater amount of specie in their vaults, than at any previous period. It is also true that grain is somewhat lower than it has been for some time past. But after giving these things their proper weight we think there is hardly a sufficient reason, why those so directly benefited by the construction of the road, should not give more liberal subscriptions to the stock. From the tone of the article referred to, and the writer appears to speak by authority, it is evident that the Camden and Amboy Company, have no intention of building it further at present. Nor is there any guarantee that they ever will, unless driven to it from fear of some competing road. It is perfectly within the recollection of us all, that while a prospect existed for the passage of the Air Line bill, various kinds of inducements were held out to evince the belief that the West Jersey Road would be speedily completed. The Camden reporter for the Philadelphia Ledger, sent to that paper paragraph after paragraph announcing the arrival of material for the immediate construction of the road, and the small number of workmen placed on it between Camden and Woodbury were magnified into a force sufficient to finish the road by the commencement of the next bathing season. That season has not yet arrived, and unless the people interested take a more general interest in the matter, we fear will remain for a long time looming up in the far distant future, a creature of the fancy. Without wishing to recall old issues or to discuss the charged front of the monopoly and its friends as soon as the Air Line was known to be effectually laid on the shelf, we propose to give some substantial reasons based on ascertained facts, why the people of South Jersey, independent of the advantages gained by railroad connection would find it to their interest to subscribe to the stock. In making an estimate of the cost of the road and its probable ability to pay a dividend of six per cent, Gen. Cook estimated the road to carry daily from the counties of Camden, Gloucester, Salem and Cumberland, an average of 145 passengers daily each way. Within the last year the road has carried sixty-five thousand passengers, an average of more than one hundred daily each way, for which they have received the small sum of \$16,000. Now if upon the completion of the road nine miles, two thirds of the number of passengers are carried, it would be estimated to make the road pay more than six per cent, can any one doubt that the completion of the road would draw the remaining third. It appears to us that there can be no room for doubt. If during the first year of its completion in the face of a great financial crisis, and with arrangements but imperfectly completed, the road carries so great a number of passengers, may we not expect a much greater number each succeeding year. The experience of the road the past year fully justifies the estimates by Gen. Cook, that the road will pay more than six per cent to stockholders, in dividends. In addition to this, those living near the route and having teams could pay much of their subscriptions in labor, and in such a way as to feel it but little. It has become so much the fashion to say that there is no capital in the lower counties of Jersey, that many have been induced to believe that such is the fact. People imagine that all the wealth is contained in the cities. Such views are not correct, and are not authorized by existing facts. We feel warranted in saying that within the last ten years more than two hundred thousand dollars of surplus capital have gone from Cumberland and Salem Counties, for investment in the west. This estimate does not include capital taken by those who have gone there for purposes of settlement, but only such as has been sent to invest in land, on speculation or to be put out at a high rate of interest. This sum, if applied to building a railroad at \$5,600 per mile (the estimated cost of the West Jersey Road) would build 85 miles of superstructure, the entire distance from Camden to Bridgeton. We have for years maintained that the people of the lower counties were able to build the road themselves, and that they were the proper ones to do it. Every year brings additional conviction of the fact. We have therefore no unavailing regrets, to bestow because the monopoly, (we use the term in no offensive sense) do not build the road. We have shown by carefully prepared estimates, that the increased value of the land upon the line of the road for a mile in width on each side of it, would compensate for the entire cost of the road. And in this article we have shown from the amount of business actually transacted during the first year of its construction as far as completed, the road carried fully the estimated amount of passengers, an estimate sufficient to pay over six per cent upon its capital. The business of the past year has fully answered the question, "will it pay?" in the affirmative. The Railroad from Trenton to Lambertville, is an illustration exactly in point. Before its completion, one four and one two-horse stage carried the passengers and were sufficient for the travel of that community. Upon the completion of the road it carried two hundred passengers daily, paying six per cent the first year. Increased facilities induce an increased amount of travel. Jersey is a beautiful garden spot, and will be only for our country, but every man, woman, and child individually.

ORIGIN OF THE WORD "TARIFA"

The Southern point in Spain, and running into the St. of Gibraltar, is a promontory which from its position, is admirably adapted for commanding the entrance to the Mediterranean, and watching the exits and entrances of ships. A fortress stands upon this promontory, called now, as it was in the Moorish domination, "Tarifa." It was the custom of Moore to watch all merchant ships, going into or coming out of the midland sea, and issuing from this stronghold, to levy duties, according to a fixed scale, on all merchandise passing in or out. And this was, in fact, a tariff, and from this comes our word tariff, and from this comes our word tariff.

SPLITTING ROCKS WITHOUT BLASTING

Some French inventors have taken out a patent in England, for splitting rocks by the generation of heat, without causing an explosion. They use a substance composed of 100 parts of sulphur, by weight, 100 of saltpetre 80 of saw dust, 50 of horse manure, and 10 of common salt. The saltpetre and salt are dissolved in hot water, to which four parts of molasses are added, and the entire ingredients stirred until they are thoroughly incorporated in one mass, and then dried by a gentle heat in a room. It is tampered in the holes bored for blasting rocks, and is the same mass as powder, and is ignited by a fuse. It does not cause an explosion upon firing, like gunpowder, but generates sufficient to cause the splitting of the rock.

UNEXPECTED INFORMATION

The other day, while a teacher was hearing a boy recite his lesson, the following passage occurred: "The wages of sin is death." The teacher, wishing to get the word "wages" out by deduction, asked: "What does your father get on Saturday night?" the boy answered, "He gets drunk."

OUR BOOK TABLE

Godey for June. The June number of Godey's Lady's Book has made its appearance on our table, in advance of all its cotemporaries. Godey still leads the van, not only in point of time, but in all the desirable requirements of a popular monthly. Among other magnificent traits in the publisher of this favorite Magazine, is that of unparalleled liberality toward the country press. Notwithstanding Godey furnishes his magazine to some twenty-one hundred exchanges monthly, we have never heard the least complaint from any publisher, that after having copied Godey's Book, its monthly visits ceased, as is too frequently the case with some unscrupulous rivals, who, after receiving a warm reception from the press at the commencement of the year, cut the acquaintance of their "country cousins" until their services are again needed.

GRAHAM'S

This Illustrated Magazine, for some cause or other, has not made its appearance on our table for some months past, until this week, when the June number, together with all the back numbers of the present year made their appearance. We feel under obligations to the publishers for their kindness in furnishing, so promptly, all the missing copies, after being informed of their non-arrival. The literary contents of Graham has heretofore ranked among the higher order, and the copies before us furnish a fair specimen of what can be done in that line.

The Atlantic Monthly for June

has arrived, being the first number of the second volume. This new Magazine is acquiring an immense circulation throughout the Union, having received more commendatory notices from the press than any other Magazine of the kind now in existence. Having much of the best literary talent of the country employed on its pages, and by a judicious system of advertising, it has already become one of the most popular and widely circulating monthly publications of the day.

Peterson's Ladies Monthly Magazine

This favorite Monthly has reached its thirty-third volume, and still maintains a high position among the popular three dollar Magazines. It is published by Charles J. Peterson, No 306, Chestnut St., Philadelphia, at two dollars per annum. Mr. Peterson has our thanks for the June number, also, for the assurance that the "Ladies National" shall hereafter make its appearance regularly in our sanctum.

Emerson's Magazine and Putnam's Monthly

The June number of this excellent monthly magazine has made its appearance surpassing previous numbers in all the requisites of a good and desirable Magazine. It is published by Oakamith & Co., No. 871 Broadway N. Y.

HARRIS'S

The notoriety which this popular monthly has attained throughout the country, is sufficient commendation. All who have read its contents must be satisfied of its superiority.

Monthly Musical Society

As many are under an impression that the Monthly Musical Convention is to be held here next Monday the 24th inst, we are requested to announce that the time of meeting is the last Monday of each and every month, and that the first meeting will be held on the afternoon and evening of the 31st inst. We extend to those who have been instrumental in starting this association, our best wishes for its success.

REBURN'S

Mr. Jos. P. Venable has our thanks for a bunch of the handsome Reburn's, or pie plant, that we ever saw grow in this part of the country. Some of our friends have measured nearly three feet in length, and some of them are as broad as the palm of your hand. They are very beautiful, and we are sure will be highly prized by all who see them. We are glad to hear that they are so common, and we hope they will continue to grow in this part of the country.

In the Court proceedings of last week, our reporter inadvertently stated that Wm. Brookfield, of this town, was engaged in an ester ocellar fight. This was altogether a mistake. Mr. Brookfield was not only not engaged in any such fight, but on the contrary, has for years past been using his influence in quelling such disgraceful quarrels in the neighborhood of his store.

HINTS TO PENMEN

A nail in the inkstand, or some old steel pens, which the acid of the ink may act upon, will prevent steel pens in use, in a great measure, from becoming rusty, and five drops of crocus will prevent a pint of ink from becoming mouldy.

For the West Jersey Pioneer.

Pursuant to public notice, a meeting of the citizens of Bridgeton was held in Grosvenor's Hall on Monday evening last, for the purpose of making the necessary preparation for the proper celebration of the approaching Anniversary of American Independence.

Mr. Joseph R. Mapes was called to the chair, and Jos. S. Minor, chosen Secretary.

Resolved, That a Committee of five be appointed to make further arrangements. The following named persons were nominated and unanimously elected said committee.

Otis G. Emlow, Smith Dalrymple, Lawrence Woodruff, Charles Lanning, Providence Ludlum.

On motion meeting adjourned.

From the Newark Daily Mercury.

A meeting of the State Historical Association was held at New Brunswick on Thursday. Some twenty papers were read, and the proceedings were more than usually interesting. Action was taken in reference to the employment of special advertising agencies in New York and Philadelphia, and a committee appointed to see that the arrangement is carried out. The preference as agents is given to S. M. Pettungill & Co., of New York and Jay, Cox & Co., and Jones Webster, of Philadelphia. A delegation of members of the Association was appointed to attend at the Pennsylvania Editors' Convention. While in session, the convention received an invitation from the photographic establishment to have the photographs of all the members taken, which was accepted and the likeness was taken in groups. Of course the collection is a fine one. Doubtless it will break the hearts of all the pretty girls in Babcock's bawliwick!

Marriages, Births, and Deaths.

The following is compiled from the official statement of the marriages, births and deaths in the five lower counties of this State, as presented at the recent sessions of the Legislature, and about to be published in the reports of the proceedings of that body:

Marriages.—Atlantic county, 42; Cumberland, 101; Cape May, 23; Gloucester, 77; Salem, 87. Births.—Atlantic, 263; Cape May, 137; Cumberland, 530; Gloucester, 523; Salem, 255. Deaths.—Atlantic, 151; Cape May, 70; Cumberland, 233; Gloucester, 241; Salem, 250.

LAND ENOUGH AND ROOM ENOUGH.

It is a fact not generally appreciated that the area of our national territories is greater than that of the States, and will be so until Kansas, Minnesota and Oregon are admitted as States, or Oregon added to the others. Kansas and Minnesota left a territory, would make the amount of land in the States and territories very nearly equal. This does not include Dakota, not organized as a territory, and the size of which is not exactly known. The square miles in the 31 States is 1,431,010, and in the 9 territories 1,807,000. This gives an aggregate area of 3,238,000 square miles—enough to make 70 States of the present average size.

What do we want more land for?

We have enough for centuries to come. We can give all mankind an education, we can come out with us as far as room for them, and we can give them as much as they want, with some of them, "let their room be better than their company." Let Mexico and Cuba, Nicaragua, and all the unsway republics of the south rest in peace. We don't want them. We should not know what to do with them if we had them. We had better look at the States and Territories in the West, and occupy and improve what we already own, and secure these few countries' houses, in the crowd of a comfortable, the standard revolutionaries who occupy the rest of the continent, will have exterminated themselves by that time, like the Kilkenny cats, and we can go in and occupy the land, away down to Cape Horn if we like.

What we begin say was that the following

tabular exhibition of the areas of the States and Territories is interesting and valuable, and affords data for many useful, reliable, and comparative, interesting to those who would daily appreciate the fact that this is "a great country."

THE CHANGES IN THE WEST

A letter in the Salem (Mass.) Register, from St. Louis, Missouri, says: "These young men who give up certain lands in the West with the hope of improving their condition by removing West, had better stick to the fore place and plough handle in New England; or, if they do come West, must come prepared to shove the one or hold the other; for clerks and speculators are here already in droves, and must either starve or go farming."

STREET

There is a great deal of talk about the street, and how it is to be improved, and how it is to be kept clean, and how it is to be kept safe, and how it is to be kept quiet, and how it is to be kept healthy, and how it is to be kept beautiful, and how it is to be kept useful, and how it is to be kept pleasant, and how it is to be kept agreeable, and how it is to be kept comfortable, and how it is to be kept convenient, and how it is to be kept desirable, and how it is to be kept valuable, and how it is to be kept precious, and how it is to be kept rare, and how it is to be kept unique, and how it is to be kept extraordinary, and how it is to be kept remarkable, and how it is to be kept memorable, and how it is to be kept interesting, and how it is to be kept amusing, and how it is to be kept entertaining, and how it is to be kept instructive, and how it is to be kept profitable, and how it is to be kept successful, and how it is to be kept happy, and how it is to be kept contented, and 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New Super Quality Jersey Hams at Donoghay's Grocery and Provision Store.

READ THIS.

THE subscriber having purchased the old Line of Stages of Mr. Panoest, will leave Port Elizabeth...

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Very superior Lamp and Oil. Whole lots at reduced prices, to suit the hard times.

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The Steamboat has Arrived! GREAT excitement caused by the arrival of the steamer Express...

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ENGLISH Malasses of superior quality. In 1/2 and 3/4 gallon cans, also new crop No. 1 Malasses...

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YOU can apply yourselves with Chemical Manures, warranted pure, which has been successful use in New Jersey for the past twenty years...

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Just arrived—white lead, zinc, white paint, oil, red, yellow, blue, green, black, and brown.

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COTTONADES, Cashmere, Linens, Drop DeLain, Summer Goods and other material for mens and boys wear.

NEW ARRIVAL!

Derloop Two Brothers a cargo of 24 and 30 inch Cypress Shingles, Machine and hand shovels...

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FANCY CAKE BAKERY. MRS. S. would inform the citizens of Bridgeton...

NEW BAKERY ESTABLISHMENT.

Next door to George Donoghay's Grocery Store, where he is prepared to accommodate all who may favor him with their patronage.

TO FARMERS.

The best manure for the farmer is WEALTH! Super-Nitrogenized Phosphate Acid...

Look Out for Bargains.

WILLIAM FOGUE. I have a new Cooking Stove, Three Dollars cheaper than any ever before sold in this county...

EVERYBODY KNOWS

Of the fact that there is no made at Shippard's for these super-shedding shingles with best quality...

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TURNED Grind Stones, superior article, also self-cutting hand saws...

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JOHN G. HUMMELL, JR. I would inform the Farmers, and all others in want of Marl, that he is now prepared to supply them...

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THAT will give satisfaction to all that buy at our Lumber Depot...