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JAMES B. FERGUSON, Editor.

We would direct the attention of our readers to the advertisement of Mr. C. P. Perry, which appears in another column. In a short time we shall give a more extensive notice of this establishment.

We take pleasure in announcing that the Third Annual Exhibition of the students of the West Jersey Academy, will take place in Grosvenor's Hall, on Wednesday evening, the 11th of April next.

The Corner Stone of Lutheran Chapel Church was laid on Thursday afternoon last. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Titus of Philadelphia, Urue of Friesburg, and W. B. Gillette of Shiloh.

The attention of farmers and others who deal in produce, is directed to the advertisement of Woodruff & Taylor, Commission Merchants & Produce Dealers, Philadelphia. This is an old and well established firm, and we hesitate not in recommending it to those of our readers who are interested.

The steamer *Edw. M. Bates* coming between this place and Philadelphia, had on board, on her trip to the City on Monday last, upwards of one hundred passengers, and was literally loaded with freight, such as live stock, poultry, eggs, baled hay, &c., in fact she was compelled to leave a large quantity on the wharf at Greenwich, until the next trip. During the evening, by request of the Captain, Rev. W. B. Gillette of Shiloh, entertained the passengers with an able and interesting discourse, such as he never fails to produce when he attempts to speak.

The lecture delivered in this town, on Thursday evening last, by Dr. R. M. Batesman of Cedarville, although much more numerous attended than some others lately delivered in this place, was not as well attended as a lecture of that interesting character should have been. Nearly all of the lectures delivered in Bridgeton within the past two years have been of the highest order, but we must say that a large proportion of our citizens have lost many rich intellectual treats by not attending these lectures. Those who have attended, almost universally have expressed themselves highly delighted and edified. One more lecture completes the course of the Young Men's Christian Association, and it is hoped there may be a good attendance when it takes place.

The Quaker City Hotel, late Chestnut Street House, (Water and Chestnut streets, Philadelphia,) has recently been refitted and newly furnished, and may now be said to be one of the best conducted Hotels in that city. Its situation is very convenient for our Bridgeton people, being only about one square from the Walnut Street Wharf. It is conducted on the European plan, and meals may be had from 6 A. M. to 12 P. M. The second story is furnished for the accommodation of ladies with meals, without any extra charge. The best market can afford is cooked in a style suited to the most fastidious taste. The proprietor, Mr. McClure, has determined that nothing shall be wanting on his part to make it one of the most desirable stopping places in the city. Give him a call.

WANTED

A partner with a cash capital of four thousand dollars to aid the subscriber in circulating a patent plow that sells readily at three hundred dollars a county and with one pair of horses will plow ten acres a day." This advertisement, a surplus of many found in the city papers, attracted our attention, and as we thought such a very valuable invention would interest our agricultural readers, we have therefore concluded to advertise and puff it gratis. Ten acres a day with one pair of horses; such an implement ought to sell like hot cakes, especially at the paltry sum of three hundred dollars a county. Two acres is generally considered a good day's work for one pair of horses. A gain of eight acres a day would pay any one of our large farmers that same three hundred dollars in one single year, to say nothing of the agriculturalists in the county. The exclusive right to such an implement would be equal to the fortune of Girard of sufficient speed to be required by the team. Throwing a large furrow ten inches wide one pair of horses would be required to travel upwards of one hundred miles a day to plow ten acres with any ordinary plow. How far a team would be able to accomplish such a result requires no very elaborate calculation to show. The inventor may possibly have seen a plow in some of the stores. But if he has, his invention is either very wonderful or else invented or advertised without any knowledge of what a pair of horses is capable of accomplishing. Which it is, will perhaps be not very difficult to judge.

Democracy State Convention.

The Democracy of our State met in Convention in the city of Trenton on Wednesday last, for the purpose of selecting delegates to the Charleston Convention. The following named gentlemen were chosen as the delegates at large: Benj. Williamson, Wm. Wright, James W. Wall, and John C. Rafferty. From the first district, Messrs. Saml. Hanna and John L. Sharp.

No wonder—So many worthless medicines are advertised for the cure of various diseases, and when tried "found wanting" that the invalid loses all faith in specifics. We have yet to learn, however, of the first failure of Wistar's Balsam of Wild Cherry, to cure coughs, colds, and pulmonary disease.

There is a vile counterfeit of this Balsam, therefore be sure and buy only that prepared by Dr. J. C. Wright, Boston, which has the written signature of J. B. Bates on the outside wrapper.

EXEMPTION LAWS.

Laws have been enacted in nearly every State in the Union, exempting the property of the debtor in amount from two hundred to a thousand dollars from executive and forced sale. While many bitterly opposed these laws, under the fictitious plea that no honest man were ever sold out, or that men would not trust a poor man, when they had not the power to turn his family out of doors, for inability to pay his debts. It was far, they argued that it would make men dishonest. These laws have been in force a number of years and the result so far, has disproved every prediction of evil made against their enactment. As a body, we do believe in proportion to the amount of business done, that there ever was a time in this country, when the poor men were more disposed to pay their just debts. That they have not destroyed his chance for credit every business man in the community knows. That there is quite as much credit given as is advantageous to either creditor or debtor, is a fact not sufficiently regarded. It is not an advantage to a poor man to be trusted too far. By being plunged deeply in debt, with the same or a greater amount of incidental and necessary expense to be daily met, as he had when the debt was contracted, he finds it a continual uphill business to extinguish the debt that was perhaps too thoughtlessly created. Discouragements are apt to follow. There is usually more alacrity and cheerfulness in working for money which we can appropriate as we please than for the payment of a debt for which nothing is received at the time. One not only seems to but really does get more for his money, when he pays for it at the time of purchase, besides escaping the unpleasant feelings occasioned by the appearance of duns, and polite requests to pay. We honestly do believe that the sleep of that man is much sweeter, who owes nothing. Of all indebtedness, that part classed under the head of small debts is the most annoying and difficult to manage. If all people could be induced to bring their wants down to the limits of their incomes and deny themselves all that gratification which is purchased on credit, they would find much more peace and enjoyment, more gratification in the end, and but little use for exemption laws. These exemption laws have proved advantageous to both debtor and creditor, is shown not only by the fact that in no State have they been repealed and the old system resorted to, but that they have in almost every instance been amended so as to leave to the family of the debtor more of the comforts and necessities of life. In this enlightened spirit the Legislature of Massachusetts have just added to the exemption law of that State a section freeing from attachment and sale, a sewing machine not exceeding one hundred dollars in value, and in actual use by the debtor or his family. The idea that shutting a debtor up in jail away from all employment was the way to make him pay his debts, is happily now obsolete, in nearly every part of this country. The man that is left a comfortable home although in debt, has much more to cheer him on and encourage him to procure his pecuniary redemption than that one who finds only a cheerless, uncomfortable fire-side, destitute alike of comforts and social enjoyments. Whilst the former pushes cheerfully forward animated by the hope of no distant day his exertions will be crowned with success and the load of indebtedness removed, the latter partaking of the spirit of his surroundings, sees around him present discomfort, and before him a gloomy and dark prospective which he dares not hope to remove. It is therefore no detriment to the claims of the creditor to have a liberal system of exemption laws. Then let us bid God speed to the move which Massachusetts has inaugurated, and add to the list of exemptions a good sewing machine, subject only to the lien of the manufacturer. By doing this we shall allow the family of the debtor to assist him in the work of wiping away his indebtedness.

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The people of New Jersey are either a for-bearing race, or they are dead under Monopoly, to endure for more than a quarter of a century these oppressive and disagreeable exactions of a company that has made larger dividends in proportion to their scanty output in single tracks, shanty depots, rickety steamers, and some one or two miserable approaches, over two or three boats to the wharf

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