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THE CENTENNIAL POEM.
It is finally settled who will write the poem for the Centennial opening. The compliment of being requested to write it has been passed round among the elder poets of the country, and declined by each with thanks in turn. Mr. Bryant considered that his years ought to exempt him from the task. Mr. Whittier never writes odes for occasions, and it would be contrary to the habit of his life to do such a thing. Mr. Longfellow hates writing to order. Mr. Lowell declined, and the laureate's duty has at last been assumed by the man who of American writers is most capable of turning out the highest work, as one may say, under compulsion—Mr. Bayard Taylor. There is one poet who would have written up to the style of the occasion—not Bayard Taylor, but B. P. Taylor—who has the finest flow of florid English in verse, adapted to the general contour of the performance, who would have burned red and blue lights in numbers that would have soared and swelled and streamed like a holiday banner. I dare say that all the other poets would have been glad to relinquish the task to him, and he would not have done the time and the audience discredit.

RENTS AND HOUSES.
The real estate agents are playing a hopeless game before the first of May, trying to get as near the old rents as possible, but the tenants have the best of it, and something like this course of proceeding goes on. The tenants ask for lower rent; the agent of course declines, and posts a bill on the house "to rent." Say the holder has been paying \$2,700 for the last three years; he now wants to pay only \$1,700. For the first two weeks he don't do much toward looking for a new place for himself, and agent sticks out pretty well, till tenant actually goes to Whitestone, or Newark, or some other place of cheap rents, to hire a house. The day after he gets home the agent calls round early to say civilly that it don't seem worth while to make a change, as they've been on good terms so long, the tenant may have the house at his own offer for a year, but he must expect a raise next May. He keeps his house, hugs himself at getting his own price, and calculates that he will get a new parlor carpet, risking the very hazey idea of having to move in earnest next year. Agents say talk about next year for a generation to come; nobody is afraid of them just now. Why should they be, when stores that rented for \$1,000 within three years ago last year for \$7,500, tumble this year to \$5,000. The building occupied by a well-known dry goods firm year before last rented for \$28,000. They offered \$15,000 for it last year, which was indignantly refused, and they moved out. The building stood empty all last season, and the owners would be very glad to let it for \$12,000 to-day. Things don't fall in such a way to get up again in any one year.

THE CENTENNIAL.
New York will be more of a point of attraction this year than Philadelphia. Everybody will, of course, go to Philadelphia and see the Exposition—then they will come to New York and see the metropolis. I want to notify visitors that they may come to New York and stay here long enough to see the city thoroughly, at a not very large expense. Avoid the large hotels, avoid the small ones, and above all, avoid the European hotels. In brief, dodge the hotels altogether. Go to boarding houses, where you can live for from \$5 to \$6 a week, and be tolerably well taken care of. At least you will get all you can eat and good, clean, comfortable beds. These houses can be found anywhere below Fourteenth street, either east or west of Broadway, and the visitor whose ability to pay is limited can be accommodated at any price desirable. Those who have money will, of course, go to the first class hotels and be bed for the style of the thing, but it is unnecessary. Stylish boarding houses can be found at from \$10 to \$12 per week, in the vicinity of Lafayette Place and Tenth street; or for the mat or so, on all the streets in the vicinity. And let me say right here, that when you come to New York next summer come prepared to stay long enough to see what a great city really is. Walking down Broadway and going up to Central Park is not seeing New York. You want to get down in among the poor; you want to see the shipping; Wall street ought to take up two days, and then you ought to penetrate the interior of the great business warehouses in the lower part of the city, and see something of the magnitude of their operations. If all means get into the inside of such an establishment as Harpers', and go over to Staten Island and up the East River, that you may enjoy the finest water views in the world, and the finest suburban residences. It wouldn't hurt you to spend a day or two at Long Branch to see the frivolity of a summer watering place. All this can be done for a very little money, if you only know how. Your wife and daughters will of course want to see Stewart's and the great jewelry stores; and if you have any taste for art, the picture galleries are open all the time. For this, I don't go to boarding houses, but use the street cars and walk, and by no means allow yourself to be

seduced into a carriage or cab. Street cars run everywhere in the city—indeed, on some of the lines you may ride seven miles for five cents. And on Sundays of course you will want to hear Beecher, Tyng, Frothingham, and a dozen more of the great lights with which the city abounds, and in all their churches you will find plenty of free pews and good Christian courtesy and consideration. In all the metropolitan churches especial pains are taken to make strangers entirely welcome and at their ease. By the way, don't fail to attend service once, at least, in old Trinity, where you will hear the best church music in the city. Come, by all means, and have a good time.

BUSINESS.
is slowly improving, but it is nothing to speak of; the country merchants are here in some force, but they are buying very closely, as all of them believe that prices have not as yet struck bottom. The failures for the week aggregate 123, none of them very large. As an evidence of the closeness in business matters, there are 164 empty stores between the Post Office and 11th street, and they are likely to stay empty for some time to come. They cannot be rented, for there is no business to do in them. There will be no building of any consequence this season, for there are thousands of empty houses.

POSTAL TROUBLES.
The city had a scare this week. The appropriation for the expenses of public buildings being all exhausted, and Congress having made no provision for such an emergency, the Postmaster here was notified to cut off the water, gas and fuel. This of course meant cessation of business in the Post Office, and a virtual closing of it. The city took alarm, Postmaster James was helpless, and for a day it seemed likely that the city would be without postal facilities. Imagine the consequences of closing the New York post office! The business of the whole country passes through it, and the effect would be felt from Miami to Texas. But New York was equal to the emergency. The gas companies authorized Mr. James to go on, they taking their chances of getting their pay from the Government, the water board did likewise, and the merchants pledged enough money to pay other expenses till the Government could turn itself. So we got our letters as usual.

THE DECAPITATION OF JUDGE BARRETT.
is worse than was supposed when he got away. He has swindled his old stepmother out of every dollar she had in the world, and the daughter of Miles O'Riley loses everything, as he was the trustee of her deceased father's estate. This villain ran away owing quite \$200,500 and the terrible feature of it is, that this money was almost entirely trust funds, placed in his control because of his reputation for integrity. He sold mortgages and bonds belonging to estates, and squandered the money in a most reckless manner. As he was reputed to be rich no one objected to his high living, and no one thought it singular; but since his departure it has been discovered that he never had anything—that his whole life was an imposture. He was a Judge, and had held many positions of honor and profit, and up to the very day of his flight could have been elected to any position in the gift of the people. There seems to be an epidemic of swindlerism just now.

Your, C. B. T. H.

FARM AND GARDEN.

[Written for the South Jersey Republican, by one of the most experienced farmers, gardeners and fruit growers in the U. States.]

BEES.
In purchasing home bees, see that you do not obtain them within two miles of your dwelling, as they might fly back to their old home, or a part of them, and be lost. It is just as well to get them in the old style of box hive, and they can be transferred to such movable comb hives as you conclude to use, after they have swarmed once, waiting 15 to 20 days to give time for the young bees to leave their cells, or as many as possible, then transfer them. The easiest way to do this, is first to attach a few pieces of comb to the bars of the new hive on one side, say on three of them, with melted beeswax, using a small brush, or a rag tied to the end of a stick will do. The operation must be quickly performed to make the comb adhere well. Next you should apply a thick coat of wax to the extreme lower edges of the other bars, which should be made of the shape of an inverted A or V, thus, V; but the angle may be less acute. This shape, if the lower part be waxed a half an inch on each side, will cause the bees to build their combs evenly upon them. Now you are ready to transfer your bees. In the forenoon of a warm day turn your old box hive bottom up, and set upon it an empty hive of the same size and shape, or any box to fit well. Then tie a cloth around where the two hives connect, so as to exclude the light; then rap smartly upon the lower hive with a stick in each hand for 20 minutes, by which time the queen and most of the bees will have gone up into the box above; then place your new hive upon a sheet either where the old hive stood, before driving out the bees, or directly in front of its place, raise the front edge two or three inches, then by a sudden jar dislodge all the bees in front of it, and they will all en-

ter it, also those that were in the fields, and the transfer is complete. Now set the new hive upon the stand of the old one, and take some of the combs in the old hive containing honey, which place in the new hive on the bottom board, raised so as to allow bees to pass under them, the contract the entrance of the hive somewhat to keep out robber bees, and all would be right.

COMMERCIAL FERTILIZERS.

As a general rule farmers should try to produce all the manure they use from their own live stock, because guano, poudrette, bone dust, superphosphate, &c., are not always to be relied on, and beside this fact, lands fertilized by them for a series of years lose their producing power to a great degree. It does very well to apply them one or two years to the most of crops, and then to change to barnyard manure. But the question comes up, "whose commercial fertilizers are reliable and worth the prices asked?" There is, undoubtedly, a good deal of deception practiced by manufacturers of these fertilizers, and the only safe way is to make trials of them in small quantities before purchasing largely. The analyses made of them may be made from fair samples; but the probability is, that when a pound or two are sent to a chemist for an analysis, these samples generally are of a better quality than what is sold by the ton, bag or barrel. "Superphosphate" is or ought to be, ground bones dissolved with oil of vitriol (sulphuric acid), but some other ingredients are often mixed with it to increase the bulk and weight. Bone "flour," as well as superphosphate, is an excellent fertilizer for almost every crop when it is obtained pure, the bones being ground or dissolved, and are available for plant food immediately whereas the coarsely ground bones have to remain in the soil much longer to be beneficial. Five hundred pounds of bone flour, or dust, as it is often called; and 50 lbs of nitrate of potash are an excellent application, per acre, to lands sowed to wheat, to be applied to the surface, and thoroughly harrowed in before the wheat is sown. These fertilizers are also very good for other crops, or for lands to be seeded down to grass. When applied to crops in the hill, they should be mixed with about four times their bulk of fine soil, and so left a few weeks if convenient, before being used. A pint of this mixture to the hill, will show good results.

ABOUT FOWLS.

Always use china eggs for nest eggs, and never put eggs under a hen till she has set one night on a china egg, and is found upon her nest the second night, eleven to a large hen, and nine to a small one. Let the nest boxes be of ample size, 15 to 18 inches square; and first put a layer of dry earth at the bottom, then make the nests of fine hay or straw and sprinkle a little flour of sulphur among it to drive away lice. Keep your hen house well whitewashed, perches and all, and remove the manure often. Put it into a barrel and when filled or partly filled take it into your garden, and mix it with about four times its bulk of soil. Make a heap broad enough to contain the entire droppings of the season, and here compost your manure from time to time, always leaving the top of the heap flat so as to retain rains, and cover with litter of any kind, so that none of the heap will be exposed to the rays of the sun. These compost heaps should be shoveled over two or three times during the season, to mix their contents thoroughly; and the next season apply from a half pint to a pint of this mixture to hills of garden vegetables, or to field crops of corn, and you will find every pound of the compost equal in value to a shovelful of barnyard manure.

SPECULATING IN WALL STREET.

I go out of my legitimate sphere for once to warn the rural public against being swindled by a set of sharpers who hail from Wall, Broad, or adjacent streets in New York, and claim to give people a great chance to make money in stock privileges, "puts and calls," as they are called. It is the practice of some of them to put notices of their "firm's" in the most respectable papers as paid advertisements, and then quote them as the "N. Y. says" so and so. Why, there is as much chance for you to be struck by lightning in the dead of Winter as to make any money on their "puts," "calls," and "straddles," because these men themselves generally absorb all the advance or fall there may be in stocks in their commissions. If such fortunes as they represent were to be made they wouldn't be such fools as to advertise for other parties to make them, but they would make all the money themselves. It would be an eye-opener to see where some of these "bankers" at their business, being sometimes confined to a pine desk, with space enough around it to accommodate an occasional greenhorn to a chair.

TREE SWINDLERS.

Farmers and others are cautioned against buying trees and other nursery

stock from unknown men, who profess to be agents for various nursery firms, many of them are swindlers who take orders for choice trees, &c., and deliver trash, trash that they buy at a very low price. They are plausible liars, and all they care about is to get your money, never expecting to sell you a second bill. Then there are other scamps who sell "patent rights" on things that they own no "right" in; and some fellows are traveling about selling a receipt for making butter, to cost only four cents per pound, "equal to the best in the market worth 35 cents." It is to be hoped that no sensible farmer will throw away his money on such frauds.

FENCE POSTS.

Chestnut and cedar posts will last generally 20 years, and if charred by fire, or if the parts going into the ground be covered with a heavy coat of hot tar, in which enough rosin has been mixed to harden it when cold, they will remain sound for a life-time. Powdered charcoal mixed with boiled linseed oil, and applied with a brush, will also preserve posts a long time.

REMEDY FOR SCOURS.

A valuable remedy for scours in cows, calves, colts, pigs, and other live stock, is very strong coffee; and if they cannot be induced to drink it, pour it through a funnel or from a bottle, but don't pull out the animal's tongue, because the coffee will be liable to enter the windpipe.

PRESERVING EGGS.

The usual manner of preserving eggs in large quantities by egg dealers, is to put them into a mixture of lime and salt. To a bushel of lime add a half a peck of salt and one pound of cream of tartar, and water sufficient to make a pickle. The lime should be fresh and slaked when the mixture is made. Probably these exact proportions of ingredients are not essential. The eggs are put into casks, with the small ends down, and the lime mixture is turned in till they are full. Such eggs sell generally at about 15 per cent. less than fresh eggs after being kept six to nine months. In packing small quantities of eggs in kegs or jars by farmers or other persons, take a lump of lime without measuring it, slake it, add some salt and a little cream of tartar, pack the eggs as above, set them in a cool place in your cellar, fill up with the lime water, &c., then cover the vessel, and your eggs will keep from spring to fall in pretty good condition. Another, and perhaps a better way is, for family use, to pack the eggs in stone jars, with the small ends down, and when they are fresh, then fill up the jars with melted lard, just enough to run down freely among them. Put cloths over them when the lard is cold, then cover tight and the eggs will keep fresh as long as desired. The eggs should be washed clean before packing them, so that the lard can be used for domestic purposes after they are removed, which is to be done by melting the lard while in the jars, turn it out and remove what adheres to the eggs with hot water. Another way is to dip the eggs into melted lard, so as to have a slight covering of it when taken out, then pack in jars, cover and so leave them till used. They should be dipped into the lard in a wire dipper, such as is used to boil eggs in; or on such as is easily made of wire cloth, by almost any person, that would do for that purpose. Anything that prevents the evaporation of eggs through their shells will preserve them.

PLANT POTATOES EARLY.

The experience of farmers everywhere is, that the best crops of potatoes are produced by planting early, or as soon as the land can be got in good condition. It is bad policy to plow land when wet; and when the season is cold and rainy, it is better to wait for good weather to put in any crop, but plant your potatoes as soon as you can safely. An excellent way to manage, so as to have but little work in cultivating the crop, is to plant either in drills or hills, and cover the seed with a plow, forming a ridge over each row; and when the potatoes have been in the ground from 15 to 20 days they will have grown up several inches in the ground. Then take a harrow, turn it over with the teeth up, put upon it a large stone or two in front, lengthen your trace chains as much as you can, and go over the ground across the ridges till the land is perfectly smooth. If some of the potato sprouts are uncovered no harm will be done. The weeds will all be destroyed, and your potatoes will come up and grow rapidly, and generally will require no other cultivation, but with a horse hoe or cultivator, using a mould board cultivator, or a plow, to turn up the earth a few inches high around the vine to finish up the cultivation for the season.

ONION CULTURE.

It is important to plant the seed early. The red weather shield is the most reliable variety. The land should be made rich with stable manure every season, and onions may be grown on the same ground for a life-time. In garden cul-

ture, the rows should be about a foot apart, and allow the onions to grow from four to six inches apart in the rows when thinned out. If your soil is liable to form a crust on the surface, cover the seed about a quarter of an inch deep with earth, then tread it down firmly, and cover lightly with sand or sifted coal ashes, so as to prevent the baking of the soil over the seed, and prevent its coming up. There is no other seed that requires the ground to be so firmly packed around it to make it vegetate as onion seed; and the back of a spade should always be used on the sand or ashes for this purpose in small plots, and a hand roller for field culture.

TREES FOR A LAWN OR DOOR-YARD.

What a great mistake farmers and owners of village residences make, by neglecting to beautify their homes with ornamental trees and shrubs? When we travel through the country and through villages, and see houses located in delightful situations, with not a single tree around them, either for fruit or shade, we are compelled to ask mentally, "Are the owners insane?" Why, for every handsome shade tree around a genteel, or even a good comfortable house, costing perhaps a dollar originally, one hundred dollars are often obtained in the enhanced value of the place when it is sold. Soft and hard Maples, Elm, European Larch, Mountain Ash, Weeping do, Willows, Evergreens, &c., are all obtainable at a small cost, and they tend to render one's home attractive.

GROWING HORSE RADISH.

Horseradish requires a rich soil, to be spaded or plowed deep, and if it be somewhat moist, that is, if too wet for garden vegetables, it will be very good for it. A single root may be varied into as many pieces, an inch or two long, as can be made, and have a small portion of the crown attached to each. For garden culture, the rows should be about 18 inches apart, and the cuttings six inches apart in the rows. As a field crop it is quite profitable, when one has all the facilities to prepare it and put it in jars or market, the labor of preparing being done in the winter season. The rows in field culture should be sufficiently apart to admit a horse cultivator.

PEACH TREES.

It has been found that banking up peach trees with earth, about a foot high around the trunk, causes them, in many places, to produce good crops of fruit, as the earth keeps out the borers that infest the trees at the surface of the ground or a little below it. Before insect life begins to depredate, the trees should be examined, the borers cut out with a knife, scraping out every indication of them, and then trow up the earth around the trees, and beat it down with a spade or a shovel, so as to remain in its place, and in most cases the trees will be healthy, and bear large crops of fruit if the climate is suitable for peach growing.

ASPARAGUS.

To make an asparagus bed all that is to be done is to dig up the soil about 15 inches deep, with a very heavy coat of well-rotted manure mixed with it; then set the plants about 18 inches apart, with the crowns about two inches under the soil. The most popular variety is "Copover's Colossal;" yet some asparagus growers contend that all varieties can be made to grow large by good cultivation. Plants one and two years old are suitable to set, but none older. When the roots are long they may be shortened in for convenient setting. In the fall cut down the stalks even with the ground, and cover with barnyard litter, mixed with manure, as a winter protection and fertilizer.

HEAVES IN HORSES.

The following is a good remedy for heaves and cough in horses: One pound ground ginger, one quart of salt, four ounces of hard wood ashes, two ounces of black pepper, and one ounce each of powdered resin and saltpetre. Mix thoroughly and give a tablespoonful in the horse's feed twice a day. This compound is beneficial in all cases of difficulty in breathing before the animal's lungs become affected.

LABELS.

Durable labels are very useful in gardens to name varieties of plants, shrubbery and fruits. They can be bought at a low price at seed stores in large towns and cities. A coat of white paint should be put on one side of them, and when the names are written upon the painted sides with a lead pencil, they will be legible for several years. They should be attached with fine wire, and renewed as often as necessary.

PANS AMONG POTATES.

When potatoes are planted, if a few pans be dropped in every other hill in every second row, a fine crop of green pans will be produced, supported by the potato vines. The black-eyed marrow-fat are best for such planting, as they grow freely and quickly; and the crop of potatoes will not be diminished in the least.

THE ITEM.

Editor and Proprietor
SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 1876.
HAMMONTON, ATLANTIC CO., N. J.

Republican State Convention.

The Republican State Convention will be held at Trenton, on Monday last, and brought very little consolation to them. In Trenton the Republicans have made a clean sweep, and Democrats were repulsed, and hardly able to comprehend the situation. So in many other places the tables were completely turned on them. Another such tidal wave, next fall, and Democracy will go into mourning for four years. A few more investigations in the vain hope of injuring the Republican party only implicating most of their own leading men, and no body else, as most of their investigations have, and the fall tidal wave will bury them so deep they will never be resurrected.

South Bethlehem, Pa., is the seat of the Lehigh University, a free Institution, where a young man, with little means, can obtain a thorough education in Civil, Mechanical and Mining Engineering, Chemistry and Metallurgy. It also has a classical course. The tuition is free, a provision made by its founder, Hon. Asa Packer. Its situation renders it one of unusual facilities for the objects designed. Ambitious young men, here is an excellent chance for you.

The case of Prof. L. M. Johnson, of the Normal School at Trenton, for whose investigation a Committee was appointed by the Legislature, is one, like the majority that are brought up, instituted by some one or more individuals for personal spite. Prof. Johnson found it necessary to make an individual named Beecher, then of Trenton, now of Newark, a temporary instructor in Pennsylvania. When the right man was found for the place, Beecher was discharged. He then swore vengeance. He now is editor of the Press of Newark, and has attempted to destroy Prof. Johnson, by making charges against his honesty and using money of the school for his own purposes, and declaring him unpopular among his pupils. The students of the school stand by him, and declare the foul aspersions of the Press, as false and unfounded. Such men can stand any amount of investigation, if there are no false and perjured witnesses, which necessity compels such malicious devils as his accuser to obtain, in order to sustain themselves from the condemnation they deserve. This is the case in many other cases of investigation now on the tapis, which amount to nothing, have no foundation in fact, and originate as the above case has, to gratify the feeling of revenge, in some mean soul, who would stoop to anything for a temporary conquest, and run the risk of being damned afterwards.

So much is said now a-days about assessing employees of the Government for political purposes, and ignorantly, too, that it may not be out of place to state, on good authority, that no assessment as such has ever been made by authority of any Republican National or other Central Committee. That, of the contributions made by office-holders over eighty per cent, has always gone to the payment of printers' bills; that the Government employees have ever paid a dollar to any such fund; and that the name of no man has ever been presented for dismissal in consequence of such non-payment.

DEPRECIATION OF CREDIT.—Witnesses called to testify before the House investigating committee have been selling their claims against the Government to the brokers in Washington at ten per cent, discount. If the credit of Uncle Sam deprecates ten per cent, in a few months with only the House of Representatives Democratic—how much would it depreciate if the entire Administration was in the hands of Democracy? We leave this for the reformers of the Penitentiary school to cipher out.

Legislature.

In the Senate on Tuesday, bills were passed to extend the prohibition of the sale of liquor on election days to the entire day; to provide for public printing; and the general school bill; the Senate amendments to the Sheriff bill were rejected.

The Deaf and Dumb Asylum bill was laid on the table, in the House on Wednesday. The bill making it a misdemeanor for Municipal and county boards and other bodies, to vote for expulsi- ons in excess of regular appropriations, shall not go into effect until July 1, 1877, was ordered to third reading.

CENTENNIAL YEAR, 1876.

The whole world is invited to purchase trunks, bags, valises, shawls, shoulder and trunk straps from the Oriental Trunk Factory, 818 Market street, south side, bet. Eighth and Ninth streets, Philadelphia, wholesale and retail. First-class goods at low prices, and repairing promptly done.

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Atlantic City Items.

Work on the new depot is rapidly progressing, and nearly all the tracks fronting on South Carolina avenue being enclosed. Mr. A. M. Bailey has the "flag of all nations" displayed in his window. Abel Bebeck, of Absecon, is negotiating with Lewis Reid, Jr., for the purchase of his grocery store. The new engine, "Andrew K. Day," made its trial-trip today on the new freight track, the engine is delighted with the ride. Mr. C. A. Robertson, our Postmaster, is having the delivery windows in the Post Office handsomely repaired. Our new Atlantic City grocery store is a great success. Has our license collector been discharged from duty, and if he has how was one whose duty it is to see that there is no more wine sold at the little grocery store on Massachusetts ave? Our Transportation Division (Nos. 142, 143) never before in such a flourishing condition. There are several initiations each week. Lewis Keeble is having Keeble's Hotel moved twenty feet back, and Jacob Peterson is to build an addition for his 20x24 feet, three stories high. By the moving of the Exchange Hotel and the old depot, this will give Mr. K. K. one of the finest sites in the city for his business. Captain Lacy will immediately begin the construction of a cottage on Kentucky near Baltic avenue. If the toll keeper were to be a little more reticent as to the time our young men come from the Shore, the said young men would like it much better. Mrs. Samuel Richards has opened a grocery store in the new building corner Arctic and Kentucky avenues. A. Gifford has under construction a large dwelling house adjoining Mr. Bunker's cottage corner Arctic and Illinois avenues. No account of it in the improvement list has been made. Thomas Learning, the contractor and builder of the Depot, will at once commence the construction of a large cottage corner Pacific and Maryland avenues, for Mrs. Richard Wright, of Philadelphia. The following are the officers elected at the Band meeting, on Thursday, to serve a year—President, Eugene Davis, Vice President, Albert Dougherty, Secretary, Wm. Keating, Treasurer, B. E. Norris, Leader, Chas. Dougherty. The Band will play at the Literary to-night, it being its last meeting for the year. A good turnout is expected. The old Depot building here, it is understood, is to be torn down, and such of the lumber as is of use will be used in building their new warehouse. The entertainment for the District Band has been put off until Tuesday, 24th inst., positively to come off then. It had to be deferred until on account of one of the principal actors being unable to take his part.

Smith's Landing Items.

Our pastor, Mr. Gaskill, will remain with us till the 15th inst. Mrs. Charles Gould, of Philadelphia, formerly of this place, died last Saturday. Quarterly meeting to-morrow morning, love feast at 9, and preaching at 10 A. M. Preaching by Presiding Elder in the evening. Sloop Knapp, Capt. Hilton, arrived from Chesapeake bay last Wednesday, with 500 bushels of oysters, consigned to the captain. Behr, John Ann, Captain Barton, arrived from Chesapeake bay Wednesday, with 800 bushels of oysters, consigned to the captain, and rebr. J. S. Gilmore and Lizzie arrived from Chesapeake bay last Saturday, the former with 4,63 bushels of oysters, for Jos. M. Ingersoll, and the latter with 4,221 bushels, for A. Hackney and others. It was \$1,025, instead of \$10,25 to be raised towards paying off the debt on the school house, and \$1,450, instead of \$14,500 total amount to be raised, as was stated last week.

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Haddonfield Accommodation - Leaves Vine St. Wharf 9:00 a.m., 2:00, 5:00, 7:00 and 11:30 p.m., and Haddonfield 6:00, 11:00 a.m., and 07, 6:05 and 10:50 p.m.

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