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## DIABOLISM.

An English writer of the last century—Laurence Sterne—who is more talked about than read, which is perhaps a good thing—reaches the deliberate conclusion that "man is a beast." It needs, however, no waste of fine words, or invention of pretty phrases and fictitious situations, to preface the proposition that the bestial and the cruel predominate in the conduct, if not in the nature, of too many of the human race. Some vengeful person fires a building, putting hundreds in peril, that he may injure one man. The rope of an "elevator" is cut, and murder is done upon a third person against whom no design was entertained. Obstructions are placed upon railways making fearful wreck of life and property. These are extreme cases of diabolism; while, in a less conspicuous manner, similar crimes are of constant occurrence. These things, and such as these justify the horrid head lines of the daily newspapers. The RIVERTON JOURNAL congratulates itself that its name is a misnomer. It is not a journal, in the strict sense of a diurnal; once a month serves its purpose. And it is not expected to keep the record of events which are better forgotten—if only they could be.

The fair side of things is the pleasanter to notice; and the hopeful and cheerful aspect is that upon which the JOURNAL desires to dwell. But, like unbidden "gorgeous hydrae, and chimeras dire," the hateful apparitions of human nature's worse side, will force themselves upon the attention. The ten weeks parade—with more perhaps to come—in Washington, has so sickened the public mind that it is almost to be feared that we are becoming indifferent to the tragedy which is succeeded by a farce. Guiteau has become a loathsome object; but is now less the subject of anger, than of disgust and contempt. Miserably feeble minded men and women write letters to him enclosing forged checks; and even dignified newspapers stoop to publish inane jokes upon the trial and the criminal. Counsel in the case vic with the wretched prisoner in causing "bursts of laughter," and crowded audiences respond in the expected way.

The whole matter is revolting, yet, there is a moral to it. It is a "drama holding the mirror up to nature." In the Guiteau trial we see presented in epitome, the manner in which the world treats "diabolism." Old criminal indictments used to charge that the person accused committed his crime "at and by the instigation of the devil." Modern usage has dismissed the legal recognition of that personage. It is much to be regretted that diabolism in fact, could not be effaced as readily as the name of the reputed promotor of evil is dismissed in law.

The old form of indictment was well changed before the growing disposition to make light of the phraseology. Into the origin of evil, as a metaphysical point, it is not necessary to seek. The existence of diabolical propensities, and their manifestation in crimes are too sadly evident. To reform society in its treatment of the subject, and to correct public senti-

ment; to replace unwholesome mirth, and dangerous wit, by stern and wholesome condemnation, is an undertaking too vast for press or pulpit. But it is in the power of these who would consider their own moral health, to promote their own pleasant thoughts, by giving the least possible heed to details of crime. Fiction based on crime, and humor and wit which derive their point from actual wickedness or real misery, are dangerous, however specious. The saint in the legend kept all right, while "he knew that the thing had an evil guise, and did not care to look." But when diabolism came attractively masked, he wavered.

## CORRESPONDENCE. II.

To the Editors of the Riverton Journal:

Our night landing at Queenstown was by no means a pleasant experience, and the glow of our romantic and enthusiastic feelings was effectually extinguished by the chilling rain which fell upon us, as we huddled together, close to the boiler, upon the deck of the dirty little tender which conveyed us ashore. The dimly-lighted and foully-smelling hole which was dignified with the name of cabin did not invite us, especially as the stairs leading down to it, and the cabin itself, had been freshly painted—a praiseworthy though untimely effort at cleanliness. We preferred, therefore, to brave the elements outside. I had been looking forward to this landing with some dread, particularly for the sake of the ladies of our party, and had seriously thought of going on to Liverpool and leaving the Irish trip until the last. Yet, when it was all over and we were comfortably lodged in the Queen's Hotel for the rest of the night, I felt glad that I had not yielded to the temptation, for the common experience of those who leave Ireland to the last is that they do not see it at all, which would have been to me a matter of profound regret.

I rose betimes in the morning, made late in regard to "our Town Lyceum." What has become of it?—Master Wood came bounding in town, on his football, a few days ago. Quite a lively time occurred amongst the "school boys."—There seems to be considerable trouble in keeping order in the "Public School," of late.

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Another barefooted and bareheaded siren now approached, and besought me to purchase some strawberries, fine large ones, temptingly laid out upon leaves, at sixpence a leaf. Although I did not think cockles and strawberries a very judicious mixture before breakfast, I did not want to have my blessing turned into a curse, so I got rid of another sixpence.

And now a flower-girl appeared, whose face was a perfect type of Irish beauty. Upon her cheeks was that exquisite bloom which the Irish climate alone can give, and which you seek in vain elsewhere. From out her large, dark eyes came a look, so tenderly sad and so appealing, that it seemed as if the whole of Ireland's woes were expressed in that sorrowful glance. It was too much for me, and I felt that it was necessary to part with another sixpence. But other claimants upon my sympathies were now approaching on all sides, and I felt it was necessary to stop somewhere; so I beat a hasty retreat into the hotel, followed by a shower of blessings that ought to shield me from all ill for the remainder of my days.

I think that most travellers make a mistake in pushing on at once to Cork, and not stopping for a while at Queenstown. The latter is a place that well deserves a short sojourn. It is built upon terraces overlooking the magnificent harbor. From the neighborhood of the new Catholic cathedral—a very creditable piece of Gothic architecture, and in itself well worth a visit—is obtained a view of great extent and beauty. Nothing can be better, in my mind, as a preparation for the tour to come, than a day of rest of Queenstown, especially if you have undergone the fatigue and discomfort of landing at night.

A. R. N.

## CINNAMINSON NOTES.

—"Happy New Year," from all quarters.

—A great many remarks have been made lately in regard to "our Town Lyceum." What has become of it?

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## BURLINGTON NOTES.

—The young people seem to have an enjoyable time this winter, as quite a number of entertainments, sociables and parties are being given.

—Matters were enlivened some what during the present week by the marriage of two couples at St. Mary's P. E. Church.

—The changes in time table of P. R. R. gives general satisfaction, and as the trains are well filled there is every prospect of their continuance. With their new ferry boat, the Wenhah, to be added to the list of improvements, gives evidence the New Jersey Division is paying.



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## NOTICE.

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On the 16th inst. the Penna R. R. Co. issue their passes for 1882, all yearly passes for 1881 expiring on that date.

The burglary of last Sunday night should exert our police force to more vigilance. All suspicious characters should be carefully noted.

The street lamps frequently remain unlighted on cloudy and rainy nights. The plan of lighting by the almanac won't do any longer, though it undoubtedly is appreciated by thieves.

Our Cinnamonson correspondent is anxious to know what has become of their Lyceum. He is not the only one who misses these instructing entertainments, and we earnestly hope that they will be recommenced at no distant date.

We would call the attention of the land owners of Riverton and vicinity, desirous of selling property, to the columns of our paper as an advertising medium. The trouble with our citizens is that they do not sufficiently encourage home enterprise. We think we are exerting ourselves for their benefit, and that we deserve more support from them than we receive at present.

On January the 5th the Penna. R. R. Co. made an important change in the time table, which, we are glad to say, has met with general approval. The principal changes are the addition of two up trains between the hours of 4.30 and 6.30 P. M., and the placing of a late down train upon the schedule. These changes have been advocated by us in previous editions, and we think that they will be beneficial to the Company and its patrons. It is a disappointment not

to have the 6 P. M. up train stop, and we hope that a change in this respect will be made.

The residents of the town who have acted on our suggestion of a few issues ago and placed their board walks near the fences, can readily see how the plan works when put to a practical test. The snow ploughs pass without cutting up the grass, while those who did not think the change necessary will find out to their sorrow that it is something to which they should have given much consideration.

Butchering trees is a custom which is rapidly gaining headway in Riverton. Within the past few years several property owners have deemed it expedient to trim the trees on their possessions.

This trimming process consists of cutting off the tops, and divesting the trees of nearly all their limbs and branches, leaving standing only the trunks surrounded by a few stumps of limbs. Since our last issue a good example of this may be seen on Main street, a casual observer cannot but notice it. No less than five of the finest maples have been thus beheaded.

If any one will explain to us to what extent the trees are benefitted by this sort of treatment we shall be glad to hear from them on the subject; but as far as we are able to judge we cannot see that anything is to be gained by the course now being pursued. It is well enough to keep trees in order by cutting off young shoots as they appear, and to make them the more shapely by trimming the outer branches. No one objects to this mode, but it is the "chopping off" that is not only ruinous to the trees themselves, but to the appearance of any property upon which such butchery is perpetrated. It is to be hoped that in future more judgment will be used in this direction than has been exercised heretofore.

Governor Ludlow's message was read in the Senate on the 10th inst. He recommends the cutting down of expenditures in the various State departments and institutions, the reduction in the salaries of legislative officers, and a general retrenchment in State finances, this he deems more expedient than a sale of State securities, or a special tax to meet the estimated excess of expenditures for the year.

The message then takes up and briefly treats the Riparian Commission; the State Prison, in which it stated the law passed by the last Legislature, limiting the number of men in any one branch of labor to one hundred has been complied with, and the reformatory institutions, schools, the care for the insane, deaf, dumb, blind and the home for disabled soldiers. The State militia is praised for its present efficient condition and its bearing at Yorktown.

The progress at the Agricultural College is discussed. The utilization of the natural channels of the Passaic river for the benefit of Newark and Jersey City is strongly urged. The governor closes his message by saying that the important juncture in financial affairs has lead him to present his observations as to the existing condition of the State at more than ordinary length, in order that the Legislature might the better appreciate that condition and provide for it.—(Condensed from the Times.)

The Wenonah, the first of the new ferry boats of the Camden and Philadelphia Ferry Company, is now docked at the Company's wharves at Camden. The boat is built more on the model of the new West Jersey boats than that of those now in use by the Company. The Wenonah is slightly larger than the present boats, being 158 feet long, 54 feet wide and 12 feet deep. It was built by the Harlan & Hollingsworth Co. of Wilmington, and is considered the strongest on the river for battling with the ice. We are sorry to note that it has not been built more on the model of those of the Jersey City ferries, as boats of their size are needed to accommodate the immense travel. We hope, however, that they will be run more frequently than at present.

## PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD LOCAL TIME TABLE.

Trains leave Riverton for Philadelphia, at 6.01, 6.49, 7.31, 8.19, 8.55, 9.45, 11.15 A. M., 2.33, 3.44, 5.08, 6.13, 6.54, 7.41, 10.14, 11.50 P. M.  
For New York via Trenton, 6.48, 7.58, 10.58 A. M., 12.32, 2.28, 4.03, 4.54, and from Palmyra, 6.23 P. M. For New York via Bordentown and Monmouth Junction, 7.58 A. M., 2.28 P. M. For Burlington and way stations, 5.33, 7.06 P. M. For Bordentown and way stations, 5.59.  
Sunday Trains leave Riverton for Philadelphia at 8.52 A. M., 12.50 and 5.18 P. M. For Burlington, 10.00 A. M., 2.00 P. M. For New York via Trenton, 6.31 P. M.

## LOCALS.

A Benefit for the Riverton Ball Club will be held at Carncross' Eleventh Street Opera House, on Wednesday evening, January 25th.

A good entertainment is expected. Tickets can be procured at the office of Mr. W. P. Fell, 44 S. Third street, Philadelphia.

New Year's Day was spent quietly here, very little calling being done. The cold weather of a few days previous made the skating on the neighboring ponds good, and several parties indulged in the healthful exercise.

During the latter part of this week the Fairbanks Scale Company will erect a large scale in Hullings Bro's coal and lumber yard. It will have a capacity for weighing up to ten thousand pounds, and is to be adjusted so nicely that at that weight no error of over two pounds can be made. This company is noted for its substantial and accurate workmanship.

The Annual Festival of the Sunday School of Christ Church was held in the Sunday School room on Holy Innocent's Day, 28th ult.

A large Christmas tree beautifully decorated adorned one end of the room, and festoons of laurel were

tastefully draped from the open rafters and cross bars of the roof. Large Chinese lanterns were scattered here and there throughout the building, and one especially, large one, was suspended from the roof, hanging in about the centre of the room.

Long before the hour for commencing every seat was occupied, and by 3 o'clock standing room could scarcely be had.

The exercises, which consisted principally of carols, passed off smoothly. The lighting of the tree and the presentation of gifts were, perhaps, the most attractive features of the day. While the tree was being lighted a paper fairly accidentally caught fire, but was soon extinguished by the able attendant, who stood ready with a wet sponge fastened to a pole.

Each child received a book and two illuminated cards, besides sweetmeats of various kinds. Refreshments were abundantly supplied to the audience.

While the tree remained lighted the very appropriate carol, "The Wonderful Tree," was sung by the children, and in such a manner as reflected credit upon them and their instructors.

The exercises closed with the Doxology and a Benediction.

An acquisition to the place in the shape of a tobacco and cigar store is under the proprietorship of Mr. A. R. Fougerey, Jr. The enterprise was started on the 24th of last December, and has since been doing very well.

Anything in the smokers' line can be bought there. The best brands of foreign and domestic cigars, together with smoking and chewing tobaccos, are always on hand. Stationery, postage stamps, canes and umbrellas also form a part of the stock.

The building in itself has undergone great improvement, having been thoroughly painted and renovated inside and out.

As we are advocates of home interests, we would like to see Mr. Fougerey well patronized.

ROBBERY.—On Sunday night last, the 8th inst., the residence of Mr. R. H. Eaton, on Railroad ave., was broken into by burglars, an entrance having been effected through a window on the first floor, opening into the dining room.

The family retired about 9 o'clock, and the usual precautions in closing the house were taken. The first intimation of the robbery was the next morning about 6 o'clock, when Mrs. Eaton, who is in the habit of arising early, on going into the kitchen found the door leading to the yard open, and a partly burned candle and some papers lying on the table. Realizing that the house had been entered she immediately called her husband and the rest of the household. On looking around, things presented a different appearance to what they had done the night previous—disorder prevailed supreme, giving evidence that the robbers had not left undisturbed anything that was likely to produce spoil. On examining the window where they entered it was found that two holes had been bored through the shutter, one near the centre and in such a position that it just grazed the bolt, and the other at the bottom near the lower catch. It is supposed that wires were used to undo both fastenings. From the neatness and precision with which the work was done, showed plainly that no novices had undertaken the job.

The attention of the family was

next directed to the places where the valuables were kept, and a careful search proved that considerable had been taken. The following is a partial list of articles stolen:

One fine gold watch and chain, a valuable silver tobacco case, three suits of clothes, one silk dress, several dozen solid and plated spoons, forks and knives and other silverware, and a pocketbook containing some bank notes; several checks and papers were taken from the book and left behind on the kitchen table.

The sleeping apartment of Mr. Eaton was entered, as many of the stolen articles were taken from that room, the occupants being totally unconscious. No chloroform was used.

The annual meeting of the Riverton Ball Club, for the election of officers for the ensuing year was held at the Colonnade Hotel, Philadelphia, on Tuesday evening, the 10th instant. Mr. J. C. W. Frishmuth was elected president, Mr. F. P. Ogden, vice president, Mr. W. S. Spackman, secretary, and Mr. W. P. Fell, treasurer. The directors elected were Messrs. C. L. Flanagan, H. H. Ellison, W. P. Fell and T. D. Stinson. Several amendments were made to the constitution, the most important of which was to the effect that no juniors should hereafter be admitted to the club.

A proposition from the Ladies' Out Door Club, asking for the privilege of renting the grounds for certain times through the week as might afterwards be determined upon, was declined, but a resolution tendering the use of the grounds to the Out Door Club on Mondays, was adopted.

The director's report showed that the cost of the recent improvements at the grounds was \$3038.16, including the cost of the erection of the pavilion.

## PALMYRA NOTES.

Mr. H. Cathcart has begun building a house on a lot adjoining his own home on Broad street above Vine.

The Post Office is now in a much better condition and we hope it will remain up to its present standard.

We are sorry that Saml. Cathcart did not succeed with his meat store. Too much competition is the reason for the non-continuance of the enterprise.

Mr. Winfield Rudderow opened his store on the 4th inst. It presents a much better appearance and is stocked with the choicest groceries, which are sold at city prices.

Rev. R. S. Harris is recovering slowly from typhoid fever. It is to be hoped that he will soon be able to resume his course of blackboard lectures on Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress.

In the meantime the pulpit here is open to any minister of the gospel who may wish to fill it. Services every Sunday morning at 10.30; Sunday school at 2.30, and evening service at 7 P. M.

Mr. C. M. Hood has sold out his printing office in Camden to Messrs. W. O. & G. B. Jefferies, but, we are glad to hear has re-established it here, well equipped with all the modern styles of type, and is now prepared to execute all kinds of job printing, from a poster to a visiting card. Give him a trial and be convinced of the superiority of his work. Office on Broad st., 3d door above Vine, south side.

—It would be of great advantage to the place if our leading men would lay out some of their capital, and erect some small houses, as we are in need of them. The writer has had 20 applications for houses, to rent from six to nine dollars per month. We hope ere spring that the hint will be taken, and that the required needs will be supplied.

Mr. Josiah Wallace, Sr., has at last concluded to place his lots in the market, and is busy cutting away the woods so as to open streets through to Wallace Lane. We think it would be a benefit to the village as well as to Mr. Wallace to demolish that old shanty, which stands on his ground in the centre of the town; it is a disgrace to the place.

## GREAT TELESCOPES.

In Europe one of the strongest refracting telescopes in the world is one recently constructed in England, having an object glass 25 inches in diameter. If used when the air is pure it bears a power of 3,000 on the moon; in other words, the moon seen through it appears as it would were it 3,000 times nearer to us, or at a distance of 80 miles instead of 240,000. At the Pulkowa Observatory, in Russia, the telescope has 15 inches aperture—this being the famous instrument used by Struve. The largest reflecting telescope in the world is one constructed by Lord Rosse, at Louth, Ireland. Its mirror is 6 feet in diameter and weighs 4 tons. The tube at the bottom of which it is placed is 52 feet long and 7 feet across. It is computed that when this instrument is used, 250,000 times as much light from a heavenly body is collected as reaches the naked eye. At Malta, Lassell's instrument has an aperture of 4 feet. There is also a huge telescope in Australia, at Melbourne, and another at Cordova, in the Argentine Republic, the latter having an aperture of 4½ feet. At the Imperial Observatory, Paris, the telescope is of 12½ inches aperture, and at Munich, 11 inches. There are also scores of other telescopes of less aperture in Europe, yet of no small service in the great field of investigation to which they are devoted.

## WISE AND OTHERWISE.

The "Beehive Waltz" is the latest musical production. The step was invented by a man who sat down on a nest of bumble-bees.

"Hints for Dinner" is the title of a new work issued in the east. Strikes us that hints alone would make mighty poor dinners.

Dr. Holland says: "We may rest assured of one thing, namely, that the poor in the future will insist on being recognized." The tramps are probably preparing to assert their rights.

A lady lately had her likeness taken by a photographer, who executed it so well that her husband prefers it to the original. *It is quiet.* Douglas (anxiously): "Did you carry a pottle of whiskey and put it safe away in a cupboard, ass I told you, Ankuss?" Angus (producing the bottle): "Yis, yis ant I have procht it pack to show you that I hev left it there ferry safely."

A downeaster makes merry over the mistake of an old Shanghae hen of his that has been "setting" for five weeks upon two round stones and a piece of brick. "Her anxiety," quoth he, "is not greater than ours to know what she will hatch. If it

proves to be a brick-yard, that hen is not for sale."

## FINANCIAL.

Phila., January 13th, 1882.

With this edition we enter upon the New Year. Business is generally fairly active. Money remains easy at from 5 to 6 per cent, the stringency which was felt in financial circles during the latter part of last month having disappeared.

The course of the market has been steadily towards lower prices in the past three months. Penna. has declined \$4.00, Nth. Pac. Pfd. \$10.00, Nth. Pac. Loan \$6.00, and the rest of the market in like manner. Bonds are offered more freely and at lower prices. Fair to good bonds can now be obtained at prices which will yield from 5 to 6 per cent. interest on the investment. A new bond, the New Orleans & Pacific 1st Mtg. 6's, we think are worthy of special mention. These bonds of which there are \$7,000,000 are issued at the rate of \$20,000 per mile. The present market value is about 92 and at that price they yield 6½ per cent. interest.

The Reading election was held on Jan. 9th, and was continued on the 10th, 11th, 12th and 13th insts., it being impossible to count and record the numerous proxies presented on the first day. The election will be carried to the courts for settlement. On the face of the returns as accepted by the judges Mr. F. B. Gowen is elected.

How unreal is the life of some fishermen—they follow many a (shad-o.)

The milkman's knowledge of astronomy is confined to the milky way.

One of Shakespeare's most princely characters now lives in a Hamlet, whilst another still retains his King Lear (King Lear) aspect.

Business vagaries as applied to authors: The delight of the capitalist is Cole-ridge; the jeweler favors Gold-smith; the sailor seeks for Caesar; the musicians delight is in the Harper's; the clergyman's best thoughts come from Wordsworth, while the merchant feels safe only when he is with Locke & Key, and the laborer is to a large extent a devout follower of Pope.

Apolinaris, Seltzer, Vichy and other mineral waters are for sale by Cowperthwait & Co.; also the celebrated new drink "Zoezone," which is strengthening as well as being a delicious beverage. Price per bottle 25 cents, reduced rates per dozen.

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