

# The Hammonton Item.

Devoted to the Interests of Hammonton.

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\$2.00 PER YEAR

## Insurance.

### MILLVILLE

#### Mutual Fire Insurance Co.,

MILLVILLE, N. J.

Assets May 1, 1873, as follows.  
PREMIUM NOTES, \$928,860  
CASH ASSETS, 145,228  
TOTAL, \$1,074,188

Insurance effected for the  
Term of TEN Years  
AGAINST LOSS BY  
Fire and Lightning;  
and for one and three year term when desired.  
The Premium Notes required by this Company, are but one half as large as other Mutual Companies in this District, while the Cash Payment is the same.

Fire Buildings and Contents  
will be insured at the very lowest rates.

All Losses are promptly paid.  
NATHANIEL STRATTON, President.  
FURMAN L. MULFORD, Secretary.  
FRANCIS REEVES, Treasurer.

## AGENTS.

J. Alfred Bodine, Williamstown; C. E. P. May, May's Landing; A. Stephany, Egg Harbor City; Capt. Daniel Walters, Absecon; Thos. E. Morris, Somers' Point; Hon. D. S. Blackman, Port Republic; Allen T. Leeds, Tuckerton; Dr. Lewis Reed, Atlantic City; Alfred W. Clement, Haddonfield; H. M. Jewett, Winslow.  
H. E. BOWLES, M. D.,  
21-17 HAMMONTON N. J.

## The Cheapest

AND

## The Best!

### Life Insurance at Actual Cost

THE NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF CHICAGO, it vites the attention of those contemplating insuring their lives to its Mutual or Reciprocal

PLAN, which enables even the poorest man provide for his family in case of death, without depriving them of the necessities of life, as do many who on loan to pay the high premiums of other life companies, who charge for Assurance Extra Losses Which Never Occur, and then add a heavy loading for extravagant expenses. On this plan you only pay for the actual losses actually experienced, and as they occur, with a small fixed sum for expenses. Call on the agent for circular fully explaining this system.

## The Practical Results!

Since its organization in 1870, the NATIONAL has paid in death losses \$57,760, at a cost to the deceased of \$701.90 in premiums. Old Life Companies would have paid for the same premiums \$21,221, showing a gain by insuring in the NATIONAL of over \$36,000.

The Capital and Securities of this Company are sufficient to comply with the Insurance Laws of any State in the Union.

Agents, LOMBARD, Pres. H. J. Tread, Sec'y  
H. E. BOWLES,  
Agent for Atlantic County, New Jersey.

## GERMANIA INSURANCE COMPANY, No. 781 Broad St., NEWARK, N. J.

This Company insures against loss or damage by fire upon all descriptions of insurable property—buildings, furniture and merchandise—at rates as low as consistent with safety.

## OFFICERS:

JAMES M. PATERSON, President.  
JULIUS B. BRONE, Secretary.

L. L. PLATT,

Agent for Hammonton and Vicinity.

## INSURE IN THE

## Co-Operative Mutual LIFE

## INSURANCE COMPANY,

OF THE

County of Lancaster, Pa.

The Best and Cheapest Life Insurance in the World.

Everybody can make provision in case of death

STRICTLY MUTUAL, CHARTER PERPETUAL.

Inquire of R. & W. H. THOMAS,  
2-29c1 Hammonton, N. J.

## Local Advertisements

## HAMMONTON HARDWARE STORE AND FURNITURE DEPOT.

The subscribers keep constantly on hand a general assortment of goods in their line, comprising nearly everything usually called for in a country Hardware or Furniture Store. We propose hereafter to sell our goods at the lowest Cash Prices, and to enable us to do so, we must sell for ready pay. Thankful for past favors, we solicit a continuance of the same liberal patronage that we have had in the past.  
M. D. & J. W. DePuy.  
Jan. 3, 1873.

## NURSERY STOCK.

### SPRING PRICES

At the London Nursery.  
J. BUTTERTON, PROPRIETOR

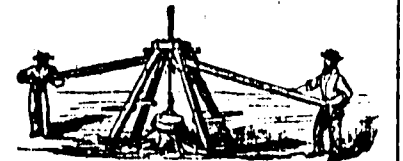
Extra Fine Stan'd Pear, 50 Extr. hand-l.  
" Trained Pyramids, 40 some & desirable for gar'n plant'g  
Extra, first-class, (native grown) .50  
Very good, " .35  
Fair, " .25  
Apple, (on Doucin stock) .25  
Cherry, do do .40  
Plum, do do .40  
Quince, (Golden Portugal) .40 has some  
" Orange or Apple, .30 @ 35 per ds.  
Peach—leading sorts, 5 & 6 ft. .10

## FOR SHADE.

Tulip, (fine grower) 9 & 12 ft. .40 @ 50  
Paulownia, do .35 @ 50  
Ornamental, sweet, (h'dams) 9, 15, 40 @ 50  
" Spanish (imported) 6 ft. .50  
Walnut English do 4 ft. .50  
Butternut, do 4 ft. .50

## FOR HEDGING.

Norway Spruce, twelve tipped, \$3.50 @ 4.50 per 100  
Austrian Spruce, 12 ft. 3 in. 3.50 @ 4.50 do  
Balsam, all sizes and prices.  
Rosa, 8 to 12 in. \$6 @ 7 per 100.  
Irish Juniper 2 1/2 feet, \$25 @ 40 per 100.  
Specimen Evergreens without match in the trade—at low rates—known on application.  
Choice building plants embracing many novelties at present source.  
Hot house and window plants—all the most beautiful and choice kinds at very low rates.  
Tons of Cabbage and other vegetable plants.  
Everything put down to lowest cash prices.  
Hammonton April 18, 1874. 131c.



## PIONEER STUMP PULLER

Having reserved the right to manufacture and sell this Favorite Machine in the counties of Camden, Burlington, Ocean, Atlantic and Cape May, I hereby give notice that I am prepared to fill orders at following rates:

NO. 1 MACHINE, \$65.00.  
NO. 2 " 85.00.

These Machines are Warranted to be the BEST in the market.

For particulars send for circular.

G. W. PRESLEY,  
Hammonton, N. J. Inventor & Manufacturer.

## EDWARD NORTH, MD.,

PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON,  
Hammonton, N. J.

Residence on Central Avenue, in the house formerly occupied by Dr. Bowles.

The following beautiful lines were handed us by a subscriber, on the Fourth, which we give our readers to-day, though they would have been more appropriate on last Saturday. They were called up by betolding our beautiful flag, unfurled to the breeze on the Picnic grounds, on that day, and are full of patriotism and love of our glorious banner, of which we would have been glad to have seen a greater display on the anniversary of our nation's birthday:

All hail the glorious stripes and stars,  
The emblem of the free,  
No stain of dark dishonor mars  
Its spotless purity.  
It is the haughty tyrant's dread,  
Whose lip in scorn is curled,  
And from its glittering stars is shed  
A halo o'er the world.

This glorious flag our beacon light  
We'll cherish till we die,  
We'll rally round it while we live,  
And all its foes defy.

Though hostile hands, with cruel scorn,  
Will trail it in the dust,  
To countless millions, yet unborn,  
'Twill be a sacred trust;

In graceful folds 'twill nobly wave  
In ages yet to be,  
The pride and glory of the brave,  
And safeguard of the free.

This glorious starry beacon flag  
We'll guard with eagle eye;  
We'll rally round it while we live,  
And all its foes defy.

Our fathers fought beneath its folds  
On many a battle plain,  
It nerve'd their firm, heroic souls,  
Our liberties to gain;

It cheer'd our comrades on the field,  
Where ranks on ranks were slain,  
When they went forth with noble zeal  
Its honor to maintain.

Our glorious starry beacon flag  
Is every patriot's cry,  
We'll rally round it while we live,  
And all its foes defy.

## From Our Own Correspondent.

PHILADELPHIA, July 3.

## BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS.

The approaching Centennial has given a great impetus to public and private improvements here, and signs of prosperity are to be seen on every side. The mammoth grain elevator of the International Improvement Company, at the junction of the Delaware and Schuylkill rivers, is rapidly approaching completion, and will be ready for grain in September. The capacity of the elevator will be 800,000 bushels, and its cost, including the wharf, will make a total of \$750,000. The new freight depot of the Pennsylvania railroad will be ready for use in August. It is located at Walnut and Dock streets, and is 472 feet long by 116 wide.

It is to be hoped that this great corporation will erect at no distant day a handsome passenger depot. The huge shed which they now use for that purpose, and which was once before in use by the Sanitary Fair, which was held here in 1864, is a poor apology for a depot. As this is the terminus of the line, our city certainly deserves a depot, at least as comfortable as our other railroads provide for their patrons. It has long been felt here that it was strange that the company should build such a handsome structure on 4th street, and furnish it so extravagantly for their employees to occupy and that the patrons of the road should have such poor accommodations.

Active operations will soon be commenced on our new Post Office building, at Ninth and Chestnut streets. The new building will be 478 feet long, 184 feet wide, height to main cornice, 102 feet, and to the top of the central dome, 195 feet. The material used in its construction will be granite, and it will be entirely fire-proof, no wood being used in its construction. The total cost of the building is limited to \$4,000,000, exclusive of the cost of the site.

The contracts for the erection of the main buildings of the Centennial Exhibition have been awarded to Mr. R. J. Dobbin, a well known builder of this city, he being the lowest bidder, and the erection of the buildings will be commenced at once. His contracts will amount to over \$2,500,000.

The new building of the New York Mutual Life Insurance Company, at Tenth

and Chestnut streets, is nearly completed. It is an imposing granite structure, and has cost over \$500,000. The West Chester and Philadelphia railroad have just completed a neat and commodious passenger depot.

These are but a few of the extensive building operations that are being carried on here, and show that we are fast losing our Quaker plainness of architecture, and becoming more and more adorned.

## HOW OUR POOR LIVE

Bedford and Spafford streets, at this season of the year, are not very inviting places. They are the Five Points of our city, and are the scenes of much misery and destitution. The poor are here crowded together in tumble down tenements, and crowded apartments. Every available foot of ground is built upon, and such a thing as a yard to a house is unknown. Avaricious landlords reap large profits from their real estate, and the tenants have poor accommodations, and large rents to pay. Here the poor live from

"hand to mouth," as is seen by the numerous pawnbroker shops, where a poor wretch can have a few pennies advanced on the smallest article of wearing apparel. Second hand stores abound in the vicinity, and junk shops, and suspicious looking restaurants are to be seen on every side. Small groceries, with half decayed vegetables exposed at the door, and windows hung with cheap goods, adorn the corners, and whiskey shops where villainous compounds are sold, are plentiful.

Sickly looking children are playing in the gutters, white and black mingling indiscriminately together, while the pavements and door steps are filled with half drunken men and women. What a contrast there is in city life! In one portion of the city thousands struggling with poverty, while a few squares distant, millionaires are living in luxury and grandeur.

John Chinaman has lately taken up his abode here, and is in active competition with Bridget and Dinah in the laundry business. John works cheap, washing

clothes at about half the usual price, and consequently is well patronized. John perhaps is not aware that he is exciting the ire of his opponents, and we are afraid that he will wake up some morning, and find himself "interviewed," and will learn as he has done in California, that he must soon hie to some more congenial clime.

## OUR HIGHWAYS.

We are to have some of our principal streets paved with the American Patent Stone Pavement, a recent invention, and which experts pronounce a decided improvement on the paving now used here. This has been claimed for all new methods of paving, most of which have proved to be failures. Wood pavements of all kinds cannot stand the strain that is put upon them by our heavily loaded drays, and they have proved worthless; and the cobble stones have many objections. Whether the new pavement is to be a "job," or to be of practical value, remains to be seen. The new pavement is laid with rectangular granite blocks, of uniform depth, filled in with a semi flexible cement, in a liquid state, which hardens, making an even surface.

## ZOOLOGICAL GARDEN.

This new enterprise, of which brief mention was made in our last letter, was formally opened to the public on Wednesday last. The collection, although in its infancy, is quite a large one, comprising 200 quadrupeds, 674 birds, and 15 reptiles. The Zoological Society state that the garden is not near completed, and that there are a number of animals soon to be added to the collection. The "garden" comprises thirty acres, in the West Park, and is fitted up with every convenience. Strangers visiting here should by all means make it a visit, as it will well repay them for the time spent in its examination.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE FOURTH.  
Mayor Stokes has issued a proclamation, that the ordinance prohibiting the use of fireworks on the 4th of July will be rigidly enforced.

We are to have various demonstrations to-morrow, among which will be the laying of the corner stone for our new public buildings. The new Girard Avenue bridge will be formally opened to public

travel, and various societies and organizations will have a street parade. In the evening there will be a grand pyrotechnic display at Fairmount Park, under the direction of Prof. Jackson.

## A COUNTRYMAN SWINDLED.

It is surprising, when confidence men are so thoroughly exposed in the newspapers, that persons visiting our city will allow themselves to be approached by entire strangers, and become so intimate with them. A gentleman from Cape May, N. J., formed an acquaintance with a stranger here a few days ago. The stranger treated the Jerseyman to several drinks, and finally proposed to trade watches. The Jerseyman handed over a valuable time piece, and received in exchange a tin bull's eye, and while the sharper was attaching the watch to the Jerseyman's chain, he abstracted a wallet from his vest pocket containing \$60. The Jerseyman though pretty well intoxicated missed his money, and seized his newly made friend by the leg as he was running up a pair of stairs, and received in return a severe kick on the forehead. When he recovered his friend was gone, and he returned home to tell "how he had seen the elephant."

## FINANCIAL.

There was no material change to notice in the money market to-day. Call loans continue to rule at 4 @ 5 per cent. per annum.

Government bonds to-day fell off largely and more generally than in any one day in a long time.

The local stock market was very quiet, and sales in some instances were a fraction lower.

Gold closed at 110 1/4.

## BROADBRIK.

A severe tornado visited Lewistown, Mifflin county, Pa., at 4 o'clock on Saturday afternoon, causing great destruction of property and life. The Coleman House and the hotel at the depot were unroofed, the steeple of the Presbyterian church was blown down, many houses were damaged, the Glamorgan Iron Company's furnace was partly demolished, and the long bridge of the Pennsylvania railroad, with twenty-eight freight cars, was blown into the river. A number of men and boys, spectators of and participants in a base ball match, who sought shelter on the bridge, went down with the ruin. As far as known, those killed on the bridge were Charles Gosben, of Patterson, aged 12; William Bartley, of Millin, aged 11; and Lewis Pilestick, an old gentleman from Schuylkill county. By the falling of the Glamorgan furnace, Levi and Henry Bloomstein and George Royer, all of Lewistown, were killed. Five persons were injured. A Harrisburg dispatch, received last night, says that seven persons were killed and several others are missing.

Washington, D. C., was visited at half-past seven o'clock on Saturday evening by a severe hurricane. Clouds of dust enveloped the whole city and were succeeded by heavy rain. During the gust signs were blown down, street lamps and the plate glass in the show windows were smashed, trunks of trees three feet in circumference were warped, ornamental and shade trees in all parts of the city were destroyed, telegraph wires were levelled, a car on Pennsylvania avenue was blown ten feet off the track, the flagstaff of the National Hotel was thrown down, and the steeple of the Methodist Episcopal church, 100 feet high, was blown five feet from the perpendicular, and is in a dangerous condition. Five houses in a row were as completely stripped of their roofs, which were carried a distance of several hundred feet. A hall, in which a number of colored children were playing fell in, but only four of the children were slightly injured.

The celebration of the Fourth of July in Philadelphia was marked by four prominent occurrences—the laying of the corner stone of the new Public Buildings, the formal opening for travel of the Girard Avenue Bridge, the breaking of ground for the Centennial buildings, and the grand parade of the Catholic Total Abstinence societies. In Lancaster the day was also one of unusual interest, owing to the unveiling and dedication of a soldier's monument.





