

AMERICAN VOLUNTEER.

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"THE CONVENTIONALS."—These celebrated singers will give a concert at Rheem's Hall, on Saturday evening.

EMORY CHAPEL.—We are requested to state that the evening services in this church will hereafter be suspended, and instead services will be held at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

By reference to his advertisement in another column, it will be seen that Mr. J. H. Greenwell, of Shippensburg, has disposed of his Drug Store, and hereafter will give his undivided attention to the liquor business, in which he is largely engaged.

THE REV. ANDREW HEPBURN, of Brownburgh, Va., son of our former fellow-citizen, Judge HEPBURN, has been elected Professor of Rhetoric, Logic, and Metaphysics, in the University of North Carolina. The post is an important one, and the appointment is thought by those who know Mr. HEPBURN to be an excellent one. Our word for it, he will not disappoint the expectations of his friends.

OUR neighbors of the Herald and American, are either very bad guessers, or they are fond of misrepresenting and making mountains out of mole hills. There was no "high old time" in the late Democratic Convention, that we noticed—no extraordinary feeling existed, and no "excitement." The Convention transacted its business quietly, and with great unanimity. There was not a particle of bad feeling manifested. As to the charge that the resolutions that were adopted by the Convention, were written by Maj. Ezer, there is not a word of truth in it. He had no more to do with them than "the man in the moon." The chairman of the committee, Prof. BURNS, has the reputation of being a good writer, and is not in the habit of asking assistance from any one, when the duty of drafting resolutions devolves upon him.

SURGICAL OPERATION.—Miss STEWART, daughter of Peter STEWART, near York Sulpher Springs, who has been suffering from Cancer of the mammae, (breast,) for the last eighteen months, had it extirpated on Monday, the 9th inst., by Dr. MARSDEN, of York Sulpher Springs, and Dr. BENDER, of Carlisle, with entire success.

During the operation, she was under the influence of Ether and Chloroform, from which she recovered after the operation was completed, without any unpleasant symptoms, yet was wholly unconscious during the time of operating.

FIRE IN RHEEM'S HALL.—On Sunday morning last, about an hour before day-break, our citizens were roused from their slumbers by the cry of "fire!" It was soon ascertained that the interior of Rheem's elegant new Hall was in a blaze from the cellar to the roof. The ground floor of the building was occupied by Mr. GEORGE POLAND, who kept a restaurant and tin-pail alley. The fire, it is supposed, originated here, and the flames ascended rapidly up the stairway to the third story. The rooms on the first floor, above ground, were occupied by Messrs. PENROSE, RURY, and RHOADS, attorneys; JOHN WOLF, barber; GEO. HINDELL'S billiard tables, and JOHN D. GEORGE'S store-warehouse. Most of the property belonging to these gentlemen was carefully removed and saved, except the billiard tables, belonging to Mr. HINDELL. The building, with the exception of two or three rooms, is nearly burned out. Mr. RHEEM, we are glad to learn, is insured in the Lycoming Insurance Company, to the amount of \$3000. This will not cover his loss, however. Some think the fire was the work of an incendiary, but this is doubtful.

Our friends never worked better or more successfully than they did at this fire, and our citizens are unanimous in awarding them praise for their good conduct.

THEATRICAL.—The performance on last Saturday evening, in Rheem's Hall, by the Dramatic Corps from the Garrison, was all that could have been expected, and showed a very decided improvement over the first entertainment. With a little more experience they will be able to rank with the best city actors. Considering the bad state of the weather on Saturday evening the audience was large, and the best order prevailed. We are sorry to state that the expensive dresses got up by the Company for the occasion, was totally destroyed by the fire which took place on Sunday morning.

CONGRESS.—No Speaker yet! The voting goes on as usual, with the same result. All these members who have the gift of speech, have bored the House with two or three harangues. The people are getting out of all patience with their Representatives, and think they should resign and go home. Before the meeting of Congress the Republican Journals were loud in boasting that the House would contain a large majority of the opponents of the National Administration. So it does, and a beautiful House it is!

NOT A PUFF.—We return our thanks to our friend, Mr. ROBERT CARROLL, of Marietta, for sending us a box of his very superior cigars. They are decidedly the best flavored cigar we ever puff, and are highly creditable to Mr. CARROLL as the manufacturer. They are for sale at LINDSEY'S.

FINE JEWELRY.—Those in want of jewelry, should not neglect to attend the auction room of GOLD & SOS, every evening. The assortment of jewelry is large and elegant, and is being disposed of at very low rates. Every article is what it is represented to be, and is sold without reserve, to the highest bidder. Great bargains can be secured by attending these sales.

CARLISLE HERALD.—The last number of the Herald announces Mr. A. K. RHEEM as its proprietor, he having purchased the same from Mr. COOPER. WM. M. PORTER, Esq., will continue in the establishment as editor of the paper. We wish both editor and proprietor success.

The Republicans in the New York Legislature have refused the Hall of the House for the holding of a Union meeting. And yet these sectionalists pretend to be national in their sentiments.

SORRY TO SEE IT.

We notice with regret, that during the late debates in the U. S. Senate, several of the "blood and thunder" Senators, such as IYERSON of Georgia, GREECE of Missouri, DAVIS of Mississippi, and others, considered it their privilege to renew their attacks upon Senator DOUGLASS. When we consider that Judge DOUGLASS has millions of warm and enthusiastic friends in all parts of the country, North and South, and that he will be a prominent candidate before the National Convention for the Presidency, we cannot but regard those Senators who now assail and persecute him as mischief-makers and disorganizers in the Democratic ranks. If they but knew with what utter contempt all well-disposed Democrats regard their impudent and dogmatical course toward Judge DOUGLASS, we think they would show less bombast, and bear themselves with a little more modesty. No man of ability and integrity can be put down in this country by persecution. That was attempted with JEFFERSON, JACKSON, and VAN BUREN, and most signally failed. Those Senators, in assailing Mr. DOUGLASS, and attempting, by unfair means, to persecute him, are offering an insult and an indignity to his friends (and he has more friends than ten thousand IYERSONS), and also to the States that have named him for the Presidency. They may say they "don't care," and may swagger and bluster, but the people will, we think, should opportunity offer, convince them that their insolence will not be tolerated. They will yet find their next fall we elect a President. If the Democrats are defeated, it will be their own fault. We can triumph gloriously if triumphant. We are all true to our principles and our country. But, if these everlasting bickerings are to continue, and denunciations of men indulged in, we may as well hang our heads upon the willows, and conclude to abide gracefully the fate that awaits us.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY POLITICS.—The Democrats of Cumberland county met in Convention at Carlisle, on Monday last, for the purpose of selecting Delegates to the State Convention. We are told that the Convention was well attended and that there was quite a spirited contest for Delegate. Our friend, JOHN B. BRATTON, editor of the Volunteer, was elected on Monday last, for the county. Marshal YOST, aided by the efforts of a young gentleman by the name of SNOWDEN, an office-holder in the Philadelphia Mint, has been very diligent in working in Cumberland, fixing up matters for the good people of that county. The Philadelphia Custom House Clique long since informed the public that "the next State Convention would be controlled entirely by the wish of the National Administration," and we think it would be a great economy both of time and money, to forego the holding of the Reading Convention altogether, and refer the whole matter to Collector BAKER, TYLER, SNOWDEN & Co. What do the masses in the interior know about such matters? Stand back, gentlemen, and let your masters—the Philadelphia office-holders—arrange the wires for you.—*Pennsylvania State Sentinel.*

We take the above extraordinary article from the last number of Gov. PACKER'S organ at Harrisburg. Without mincing words with our friend of the Sentinel, we pronounce the last paragraph of the article above a deliberate misrepresentation from the first word to the last. It is not true that the Philadelphia Custom House sent instructions to this county. It is well known that Mr. BAKER, the Collector of Customs, is not a WITTE man, and nearly the whole influence of the Custom House—if it desired to exercise any influence—would be hostile to his nomination. The editor of the Sentinel knows this just as well as we do. But, suppose Mr. BAKER did favor the nomination of Mr. WITTE, what influence could he have in Cumberland county? We owe Mr. BAKER nothing; he refused to give us a single clerkship for Cumberland. He certainly could have no influence with the editor of this paper, and he knows it. Nor is it true that Marshal Yost exercised any influence in the election of Delegates in this county. We don't believe he ever attempted such a thing. Again, the Sentinel has been informed that "a young gentleman by the name of SNOWDEN, an office-holder in the Philadelphia Mint," was very diligent in fixing up matters for the good people of our county. Not a word of truth in it. Mr. SNOWDEN happened to be in town on the day of our County Convention, but took no part in the election of Delegates. He arrived in this county the evening of the delegate elections, and after the delegates in the several townships had been elected. He was on private business, with his relations near Mechanicsburg, and in feeling is, we learn, a DAVENPORT man for Governor.

We have felt it our duty to answer the Sentinel as we have above. We consider it an outrage and a piece of most consummate impudence in the editor to stigmatize the Democrats of this county with being under the influence of "Baker, Tyler, Snowden & Co.," and we fell warranted in denouncing such a charge as wilfully false. We recognize no masters in Cumberland. We are so far removed from patronage and power, that we never think of "influences." We, (the Democracy of Old Mother Cumberland,) under the dictation of "Baker, Tyler, Snowden & Co.!" We spurn the imputation. We permit no man or set of men to dictate to us. If Mr. BUCHANAN himself or Gov. PACKER would presume to dictate to us, we would very likely remind them that they had better attend to their own business and let us alone. We express our own opinions fearlessly, and submit to dictation from no quarter. This is our position. If there is a county in the State that cannot be influenced by State or National influences, that county is Cumberland.

We have devoted more space to reply to our friend of the Sentinel—for we know he is our personal friend—than we had intended when we commenced this article. But we felt his strictures sensibly, for they are libellous and unfair—too much so for a "friend" to express. If our contemporary knows us—as we hope he does—he will believe our declaration when we say that no power on earth can influence us a hair's breadth against our honest convictions.

We return our thanks to Messrs. Crawford, Porter and McCurdy, for legislative documents.

Court Proceedings.

The following cases were tried in the Court of Quarter Sessions of Cumberland county last week:

Commonwealth vs. Alexander Deemer. Malicious mischief. Deft. plead guilty and sentenced to pay a fine of \$1 and costs, and enter into recognizance in \$100 to keep the peace.

Comwlth. vs. Wm. Koons and Austin Alexander, (colored.) Malicious mischief. Koons convicted and sent to jail for 10 days, pay costs, &c. Alexander discharged.

Comwlth. vs. Tobias Sites. Assault and Battery. Deft. plead guilty. Sentenced to pay a fine of \$3 and costs.

Comwlth. vs. John Kunkle. Assault and Battery. On hearing, the Court sentenced the defendant to pay a fine of \$1 and costs of prosecution.

Comwlth. vs. John M'Farland, (colored.) Forcible and Bastardy. Deft. convicted and sentenced to pay Mary Myers, the prosecutrix, \$200, and for the support of child \$1.25 per month for 6 years and 11 months, and to give security for the same.

Comwlth. vs. Joseph Wert. Assault and Battery. The defendant, a school teacher in North Middleton township, was prosecuted by Wm. Natcher, for whipping his child Catherine. Defendant not guilty, but pay \$50 of the costs, and the prosecutor, Wm. Natcher, pay the balance.

Comwlth. vs. Barbara Fennel, (colored.) Larceny. Guilty, and sentenced to the County Jail for 1 year and 3 months, to pay costs.

Comwlth. vs. Wm. Jefferson, (colored.) Larceny. Recognizance forfeited.

Comwlth. vs. Godfrey Grossman, Jacob Deakon and John Gloy. Surety of the Peace. Sentenced to pay the costs, equivalent to going to jail.

Comwlth. vs. Andrew Beander. Surety of the Peace. Recognizance forfeited.

Comwlth. vs. Leah Hurly. Surety of the Peace. Recognizance of Susan Carns forfeited.

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CARLISLE DEPOSIT BANK.

We have received the report of the Auditor General, communicating to the Legislature the condition of the several Banks and savings institutions. The following was the statement of the Carlisle Deposit Bank, on the 1st of November last. It will be seen that this institution is in a most flourishing condition.

ASSETS.	
Gold and silver in vault,	\$6,405 46
Notes, checks and bills,	72,901 57
Bills and notes discounted,	430,887 71
Judgments owned by bank,	20,263 02
Real Estate,	10,000 00
Due from solvent banks,	9,835 97
Bonds held by bank,	16,000 00
Other property,	1,129 84
	\$565,841 57
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock,	\$72,000 00
Deposits,	448,021 15
Due to banks,	25,620 11
Due to individuals,	3,600 00
Surplus or sinking fund,	10,000 00
All other items of indebtedness,	3,778 93
	\$565,841 57

CUMBERLAND COUNTY AND THE STATE TREASURY.—The following is a statement of the amount paid by Cumberland county into the State Treasury during the last fiscal year, as well as the amount received by her from the State Treasury. It is compiled from the last annual report of the Auditor General:

Tax on real and personal estate,	\$30,422 70
Tavern licenses,	1,114 73
Retailers' licenses,	2,003 16
Brokers' licenses,	102 26
Distillery and brewery licenses,	256 45
Billiard room, bowling alley and tin-pail alley licenses,	213 00
Eating house, beer house and restaurant licenses,	296 25
Miller's tax,	217 55
Tax on writs, wills, deeds, &c.,	543 79
Collateral inheritance tax,	629 20
Tax on corporation stock,	8,750 70
Theatre and circus licenses,	147 50
Militia tax,	107 10
Accrued interest,	4 25
	\$39,963 60

RECEIVED FROM THE STATE.

Pensions,	20 00
Common Schools,	3,179 70
Allowance on State tax,	1,815 81
Justices' costs,	9 50
	\$5,225 10

THE BALTIMORE OUTRAGES.—The Baltimore papers of the present week have devoted a large portion of their space to the publication of a condensed report of the evidence taken in the case of the contested election in that city, and recently presented to the Legislature of Maryland by the Reform candidates. It fully sustains the worst accounts that were given, at the time of the rioting and outrage that disgraced the city of Baltimore and its municipal government at the late election. The sworn statements of the parties examined, give a concise and truthful history of the crimes, frauds, ruffianism, illegal voting, violence, intimidation, and complicity of judges and police, that were used by the dominant party at that election to secure a triumph. The record, we venture to assert, is without a parallel in the monstrous injustice, cruelty and dishonesty it discloses. The insults, menaces, and violence to which citizens were subjected in their attempts to approach the polls, the utter barbarity with which some of the victims of the party ruffians were treated in the "coops" in which they were confined, and the open, barefaced, and unmitigated rascality which marked the whole conduct of the election, would be hardly credited as occurring in a civilized age and among civilized people, were they not here substantiated beyond a doubt.

For the first time in many years, the people of Maryland have elected a Legislature opposed to the spurious Americanism which has so long ruled the city of Baltimore with a lawless, violent, and bloody hand. We hope, therefore, that its iniquities may be probed to the quick, and exposed to the public in all their disgraceful enormity, and that prompt and effectual legislation may be had, to secure to every citizen the rightful exercise of his citizenship through the ballot.

THE MORMONS.—This singular sect seems to be on the decrease in Utah, according to their own admissions. In 1856 they numbered 38,000; in 1859 only 30,000. In all countries they number 126,000 souls. The practice of polygamy obtains only in Utah. Does this fact account for the decrease above stated?

New Years Statistics.

The annual statistics which the newspapers print about the 1st of January, are hard reading, if not a very great bore; but, now and then, some striking facts are communicated. For instance, in New York, the returns from the Oyer and Terminer show 854 convictions during the twelve months—of which 41 were for murder, manslaughter, and other assaults upon the person; 31 for robbery; 133 assault and battery; 4 for arson; 7 for attempting arson; 76 for grand larceny, 122. Three persons were sentenced to be executed; 254 males and 86 females were sent to the State Prison—3 for life, and the aggregate time of remainder 993 years and 7 mos.; 256 males and 46 females were sentenced to the Penitentiary; 1303 indictments were found by the Grand Jury, and 3045 vagrants sent to Blackwell's Island. These figures show a decided increase on the statistics of last year, and show, therefore, that, if we are progressing in wealth, intelligence, and other things, we are likewise progressing in vice and crime. Prisons multiply as well as churches, and, if Christianity is gaining ground among us, the gallows, alas! is still a recognized necessity.

During the year the murders foot up 15; homicides, 29; suicides, 59; total, 103.—Deaths from drowning, 156. Number of co-operer's requests, 2,099.

The Custom House returns likewise have some striking features. Just think of it! The importations of dry goods amounted to \$113,152,621, against \$90,154,500 last year, and \$90,534,129 in 1857.

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REMOVED COMBINATION TO KILL LOGAN, ONE OF THE CARTERS OF COOK.—We learn from the Shippensburg News, of Saturday, that, according to current rumor, a man by the name of Myers, a resident of Franklin county, while crossing the South Mountain into Adams county, was seized by a body of men, whose purpose, as declared by them, was to take his life, believing that he was Logan, one of the captors of the late JOHN B. COOK, of Harper's Ferry notorious. Having a number of letters, receipts, &c., in his possession, Mr. Myers proved satisfactorily to the party that he was not the person they had taken him for. They stated that they had by some means learned that Logan designed going over the mountain on that day, and as he (Myers) answered to the description they had received of the person of Logan, they were confident when they took him (Myers) that they had held out in ten thousand pieces!" Our informant states that Mr. Myers was released under promise that he would say nothing about his arrest that would reach the ears of Logan.

The New York Tribune does not agree that the Democrats are responsible for the non-organization of the House. The Tribune puts the responsibility where it belongs, upon men elected by its own party. It says, "A Republican organization is prevented by the vote of members of Congress who are there by the aid of Republican votes, and who would have been at home this very day but for those votes." The Democrats number less than 100 members, while the opposition of all kinds number over 140. Thus it will be seen that the Black Republicans and their sympathizers have the power to organize at any time, and the Democrats are powerless to prevent it.

FRED DOUGLASS acknowledges since his arrival in England, that he did know of Harper's Ferry plan, as undertaken by Brown, and approved the original scheme of running off the slaves and establishing a rendezvous in the mountains.

A great Union meeting was held at Wilkesbarre, on Tuesday, of last week. Speeches were made by Judge Collins, Hon. H. B. Wright, A. T. McClintock, and Henry M. Fuller.

Another Dead Sea.

A writer in the Union (Cal.) Democrat gives a very interesting description of Mono Lake, which has recently engrossed public attention, from the fact of the discovery of deposits of gold in the neighborhood. He says:—Mono Lake is more literally a "dead sea" than the sea of Sodom. According to Dr. Clark, that "sea swarms with fishes, and shells abound on its shores." Mono Lake has neither. The extreme length and breadth of the Dead Sea, according to Meritt, are 75 by 16 miles, giving a superficial area of 600 square miles; whereas Mono Lake contains 675 square miles. The river Jordan and Arnon, and the brook of Kedron, besides many rivulets empty into the Dead Sea.

Into Mono Lake, McLean's river falls from the north, and Crosby's river from the south, and three large brooks or creeks fall into it from the west, besides numerous rivulets and springs all around its borders. But this lake not only responds to the Greek epithet *monas*, as being "alone, solitary, deserted, forsaken," but it also answers to the same adjective as explained in the Spanish as being "pretty, nice, neat."

The lake takes as many shapes as the points differ from which you view it. From the west side, about ten miles from its northern limit, it appears like a beautiful crescent, its shores curving delicately around you on the right and left. From the north it appears to be nearly circular like the full moon, the islands in its waters strikingly representing the spots on that planet. From the east it appears to have no particular shape, but it stretches off irregularly among the mountains.

There is little or no echo around this lake, and indeed it is difficult to understand a person talking at a little distance. A dreary, spell-like spirit seems to pervade the atmosphere. The smooth, glassy surface of the waters, the upheaved, disrupted, volcanic mountains surrounding the lake, looking down, as it were, into this abyss of their ejection; the illusion of vision; and the whitened shores, thickly columned in many places with resuscitated lava which looks like mountains created for the "mighty dead," all conspire to impress the mind with the idea of a fictitious scene, portrayed by the pencil of an omnipotent hand.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE AT DUNCANON.—The Excelsior Nail Factory connected with the Duncan Iron Works, in Perry county, was destroyed by fire on Monday night of last week. The main building and sixty machines are a total wreck. Loss \$25,000, insured in Philadelphia. The rolling mill on the north side of the creek is safe, together with the water wheels, dams, &c. The Pennsylvania Railroad bridge spanning Sherman's creek at the works is safe. The property is owned and conducted by Fisher, Morgan & Co., of Philadelphia, and arrangements have already been made for the re-construction of the burnt factory. The origin of the fire is so far unknown. It throws some three hundred workmen out of employment.

PROF.—The dignity has been completely knocked out of the legal profession by the unceremonious dubbing of "Esq.," applied to every verdant youth who could manage to steal a little hair on his chin and sport a steel-pen coat. About two-thirds of all the letters that passed through Sam's leather bag, are addressed to "Esq.," so and so. The custom seems to be on the decline, because the veriest halibion of a man no longer considers it an honor. But the title "Prof." is coming in vogue. Any man that can hazard his neck on a wire, or in a balloon, is a "Prof." any man that can tame a horse or skin a cat, is a "Prof." any man that can muster a few boys and girls in a singing class, or play off a few tricks of legerdemain or charlatry, is a "Prof."

HUSBANDS MUST PAY THEIR WIVES' BOARD.—The Newark Advertiser says: "An interesting decision was made by Justice Sanford, this morning, in a civil suit. One man sued another for payment for the board of his wife for sixteen months, at six dollars a month. The defendant set up that he had advertised his wife, and given public notice that he would pay no debts of her contracting. The justice decided that while this might serve as a warning to the wife's liabilities, that the husband in the eye of the law, was liable for the wife's debts, so long as she continued such. Judgment was accordingly given for the plaintiff in the full amount claimed."

Another batch of snow greeted us last Saturday morning, but a light drizzle rain followed, giving a great deal of mischief, while there is a strong flavor in the air of a regular January thaw. Visions of sleigh rides already begin to vanish, and the proprietors of livery stables, owners of fast nags, and the country generally, begin to consult the almanac with a good deal of anxiety. We hope for the best, however.

The Republicans in Kansas are determined, if it be a possible thing, to lift their Territory into further notice. The Legislature, by joint resolution, adjourned from Leocompton to Lawrence, but Gov. Medary vetoed this change; when the resolution was passed over the Governor's veto. The minority, remaining at Leocompton; but the majority moved off to Lawrence. Both parties claim to be the only legal body. Here is a question for the higher powers to settle—either the President or the Supreme Court.

PROLIFIC.—A few days ago a German woman named Mrs. Licking, residing in York, became the mother of three plump, rosy-cheeked little girls, all of whom are healthy and doing well. This woman has given birth to nine children in six years. The Legislature ought to vote her a premium, and encourage home productions.

DEATH OF MACAULAY, THE HISTORIAN.—By the arrival of the English steamer Europa, at New York, on Monday, we had the sad intelligence that Lord Macaulay died on the 28th ultimo, at London. He had been unwell a fortnight from disease of the heart, but he had rallied to such an extent that his medical men did not apprehend danger. The result was, therefore, sudden and unexpected. He was only fifty-nine years old, and, as he was never married, his title becomes extinct.

DELEGATES TO THE STATE CONVENTION.

HUNTINGDON COUNTY.—The Democratic County Convention met at Huntingdon, on the 12th inst., and appointed JAMES CROSSWELL, delegate to the State Convention, with instructions to support the choice of Breckinridge delegates to the Charleston Convention. A resolution in favor of the nomination of Jacob Fry, Jr., for Governor, was lost. The Hon. W. P. Scholl, of Bedford, was chosen senatorial delegate.

LANCASTER COUNTY.—A letter from Lancaster, dated Jan. 11, states that the Democratic County Convention assembled in Lancaster city on that day, and appointed six delegates to the State Convention, and unanimously instructed them for Capt. GEORGE SANDERSON, for Governor.

DAUPHIN COUNTY.—The Democratic Convention of Dauphin county, on the 10th inst., elected delegates to the Reading Convention, with instructions to support Hon. Jacob Fry, of Montgomery, for Governor.

For the Volunteer.
A CARD.

To Mr. Dr. J. Carmony, editor of the Mechanicsburg Journal.

Sir—The following paragraph appeared in your issue, touching the Institute proceedings sent you for publication, as follows: "We do not wish to be held responsible for grammatical errors, tautology, or harsh and grating phraseology, in the reported proceedings, having taken much pains to get them in their present state of copy for the report. We can do no better without entirely re-writing the report. We sincerely trust that the Secretary, hereafter, will be intrusted to or conferred upon some member of the association, who is capable of preparing the proceedings for the press."

On reading this unexpected notice, I appreciate and send letters to my friends, Dr. Day, Mr. J. S. Hostetter, and to Mr. Shelly, County Superintendent, soliciting two of these gentlemen to call on you, get the manuscript sent you and compare it with the published report. In defence remarked that every syllable, word, line, paragraph and the punctuation in the published matter, is a correct copy of the proceedings sent you, except some omissions and mistakes made by your compositor. The additions and alterations are "wrong, but not in the names, and instead of 'Institute convened at the appointed time,' you inserted: 'Institute convened according to adjournment'—this was in reality all your additional labor.

Now Sir, I respectfully desire you, in justice to me, on a careful examination of the copy of the written and published proceedings to itemize, in your next issue, or in some subsequent one, the "pains you had to get them in their present state of imperfection," as you ironically term it. The remark that you "could not do better without entirely re-writing the report" is a gross exaggeration, and without even a shadow of truth. And, where did you find the "harsh and grating phraseology," where? Where the words, language, reference, explanation or proof? From the beginning to the ending, nothing of the kind occurs—not a word. If the published report "wrong, harsh and grating" to your fancy or to your ears, blame the teachers themselves, not the Secretary—his business was to write down what was said, without note or comment.

True, the Secretary, who makes no pretensions to technical grammatical accuracy, is alone responsible for "grammatical errors," if any occurred, and there may have been very many; whose heads than yours, however, were undoubtedly have passed them by.

If again, "tautology" has darkened the intellectual character of the published proceedings, to avoid your unkind strictures, the repetitions should quickly be blotted out, lest the gullible may be unmercifully applied without a moment's warning, to crush every reporter, who does not come up to your intellectual standard, or succumb to your whims. Who ever expressed a wish to hold "the editor of the Mechanicsburg Journal responsible for the grammatical errors, or, for tautologous expressions—don't be alarmed about so great and so serious a responsibility!

Again, I humbly trust the Secretary, hereafter, will be intrusted to or conferred upon some such gentleman as you refer to (we know) is capable of preparing the proceedings for the press. For I do assure you, that after a fatiguing week of nine miles a day to my school and home, I do not court the gratulations, thanks, job of setting up again, late at night, and up hours before day, to write for your ungovernably and heartless critics! This is my cold, unimpassioned reward for my labors, for my fidelity to the cause of Common School education.

To conclude, young man, permit me who commenced his usefulness as a school teacher, when you were safely housed in your mother's lap, to give you a brief advice. Having control of your own columns of the only paper published in your place, and having no opportunity to defend myself in any other Mechanicsburg paper, do not give vent to your editorials to libellous and selfish purposes. Another advice—please correct your own errors, or of your compositors—a chapter of which has been sent to the other county papers for insertion. Instead of "intrusted to or conferred upon" write "on," "harsh and grating" is a synonym, and mean the same thing, and instead of "for the press" correct "Press."

Mt. Holly Springs, Jan. 14th, 1860.
W. MILES.

ARREST OF AN EX-TREASURER.—A few days ago, Dr. S. Welshen, formerly City Treasurer and Receiver of Taxes of Lancaster City, was arrested, at the instance of Abram Hostetter, one of his sureties, and taken before an Alderman, who held him in \$2,000 bail for a hearing, the time for which has not yet been fixed. The offence for which the defendant is held is alleged to have been committed on the 12th inst. While John Hinkins was making an exciting speech, a pistol fell out of his breast pocket on the floor. He said that he never thought of carrying fire arms until he came to Washington.

There were fifteen murders in New York city last year, and fifty-nine suicides.

The Senate of Missouri, have appropriated \$2,500 for a monument to Col. Benton.

The average number of letters delivered in New York city, quarter, during 1859, was 2,400,000.

The receipts of the American Colonization Society for the month ending the 23rd ultimo amounted to \$3,714.

Constant success shows us but one side of the world; for it surrounds us with flatterers who will tell us only our merits, and conceal our enemies, from whom alone we might learn our defects.

A green apron from the Emerald entered a boot and shoe shop to purchase pair of brogans. After overhauling his stock in trade without being able to suit his customer, the housekeeper hinted that he would make him a pair to order. "And what'll I do to make a good pair of 'em?" was the query. The price was about leaving, when the man, after a "bating down" the shoes was a trade. Paddy was about leaving, when the owner called after him, asking, "But size shall I make them, sir?" "Oh," said Paddy, promptly, "I don't mind about the size at all—make them as large as ye can conveniently can for the money."

The Union Must be Preserved.

The following plain talk and sensible article, concerning the feeling that exists in some parts of the South in regard to the dissolution of the Union and the forming of a Southern Republic, we copy from the Louisville (Ky.) Democrat, which says: "The Union is ours. Let those who strive to pervert it, go out." It reads as follows:</