American Volunteer.

Local Items.

DEMOCRATIC MEETINGS.—Pursuant to previous notice, a meeting of the Democratic voters of the East Ward was held at Karns' hotel, on Saturday evening last, to make arrangements for the approaching borough election.

Wm. Kennedy, Esq., was called to the chair, and Abm. Dehuff, Esq., was chosen Secretary.

On motion, a committee consisting of Robert Allison, Emanuel Swartz, W. B. M'Commons, A. L. Bowman and John S. Lyne, was appointed to report a ward ticket.

On motion a committee of conference on the borough ticket was appointed, consisting of Jacob Goodyear, A. K. Sheaffer and Levi Leeds.

On motion it was resolved that the meeting adjourn to meet at the same place, on Thursday evening, September 30, to hear the reports of committees.

A. DEHUFF, *Secretary.*

West Ward.—The Democrats of the West Ward met at the Union Hotel, on the same evening. John Campbell was called to the chair and Morris W. Heckman was chosen Secretary.

W. F. Henwood, Thomas Harris and Joseph Bautz, were appointed a committee to report a Ward ticket.

M. W. Heckman, Wm. Woods and Henry Comfort were appointed a committee of conference on the Borough ticket.

On motion the meeting adjourned to meet on Friday evening, October 2, at same place.

M. W. HECKMAN, *Secretary.*

TIGHT LACING.—The London *Lancet* is out on the subject of tight lacing; for it appears that "spider" waists are again insisted on by the canons of fashion in England as here. There are no new arguments brought to bear upon the absurdities of the practice in question and the evils that result from it. Some of the latter were set forth in very plain and unequivocal language, some time ago, by Mrs. Dr. Lozier, who knows all about the subject, in an address reported in full at the time. It is very doubtful, though, whether any amount of warning can have a counteracting influence in matters over which fashion reigns. Woman, though allowed by some thinkers to be a rational creature, is not a prospective one. In spite of all that has been written, all that remains to be written, about the hygiene of dress, woman persists in dressing "to kill." Ah! she dresses to kill in more senses than one. In making a spider of herself, to kill the gaudy flies that buzz about her, she kills herself. A perambulating suicide is the lady with the spider waist. Some forlorn damsels have done themselves to death by strangulation with a garter. Paris green does the business for others. It is common for "rashly importunate" ones to jump off bridges and ferry-boats, in the wildness of their despair. But the lady with the spider waist has far more method in her madness than any of these. The instrument of death selected by her is the stay-lace, and her suicide is gradual and lovely, and a blessed martyr is she.

AUTUMN.—Autumn has in the annual whirl again returned, bringing ripe fruits cool mornings and evenings, and here and there chills and fevers. But autumn is a pleasant season. When the frost appears and blights vegetation, the blood courses more freely in the veins, the eye grows brighter, man's laziness is in a great measure chased away, and the frosty atmosphere, when enjoyed, never fails to give him more snap, vim and vigor.—Notwithstanding poets sing of the beauties and glories of summer, that must be an undesirable country where there is no autumn to give zest to man's enjoyments and to brace up his nerves and make him feel like a new creature. All hail, then, the joyous return of autumn with its rich clusters of mellow fruits and its gorgeously painted forest trees.

A COURSE OF LECTURES.—Why can't we have a course of lectures in this place, during the coming winter season? If first-class lecturers are secured, and their lectures properly announced, there can be no doubt that they will be liberally encouraged. If some of our associations of young men take the matter in hand and push it vigorously, we feel satisfied it will pay them handsomely. Make the thing successful they should go to work at once, or all the good lecturers will have their engagements made for the season. The reason that lyceums so frequently fail is that they defer action so long that they have to put up with second or third rate lecturers whom the people will not encourage.

SHOT HIMSELF.—We regret to learn that David Sheaffer, son of Mr. George Sheaffer, of Loysville, this county, accidentally shot himself on last Friday. It appears that a little before noon of that day, he took his gun and walked up the Sherman's creek a short distance above Mr. John Briner's, where he had been engaged in the forenoon making cider.—His object was to shoot fish. The report of the gun was heard several times. In the afternoon, after the shower, the children of Mr. Wm. Hollenbaugh found him lying dead at Metz'e foot-bridge.—*Perry Democrat.*

FINE APPLES.—Mr. Abraham Bradley, of South Middleton township, placed upon our table, a few days since, a half bushel of the finest apples we have seen this season. They were of the Tulpahocken variety, and as beautiful as large. In weight several of them were over a pound, and a number were within an ounce or two of this weight. We return our thanks to our friend for this kind remembrance and very acceptable present.

REQUEST.—Our friends in the country will confer a favor by reporting to us any sales of real estate which may occur in their neighborhood. Such articles are of general interest and keep our farmers and business men posted on these important matters.

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PAINTING UP.—Some of the trees are already putting on the tints of early autumn.

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COMFORTING.—A French physiologist has been experimenting with theine and caffeine (the active principles of tea and coffee) upon animals, and affords us the pleasing information that the latter is twice as poisonous as the former; but that, to compensate for its inferior virulence, theine produces "convulsive movements in the limbs" which are not observed from the action of caffine; so that we must either confine ourselves to half-cups of coffee of run the risk of becoming spasmodic. The comforting assurance is given, however, that doses of many grammes may be taken by man with impunity.

It has been calculated that, in actual waste of tissue, one hour of mental labor is equivalent to four hours of physical exertion. By this method of computation it is evident that if the Harvard oarsman had given their whole minds to their work they would only have been beaten by a second and a half. A more important application of the principle, however, is that if the eight-hour movement succeeds, brain-workers, such as journalists for example, will have a logical claim to call two hours a day's work.

CHANGE OF BASE.—We learn that fried Coffee, of the Shippensburg *Sentinel* has purchased a newspaper office, in Kalamazoo, Michigan. He will make the machine go, if it is in the timber. We wish him abundant success in his new undertaking, and if he determines to locate permanently in the west, shall regret to lose him from the editorial brotherhood of "old mother Cumberland."—He has the nack of getting up a live paper.

STOCKING THE SUSQUEHANNA WITH BASS.—A determined effort is being made to introduce these delicious fish into the Susquehanna. Several gentlemen of Harrisburg have recently imported from the Potomac river a number of bass. As these fish propagate very extensively, their number in the river in a few years will be legion, provided they are not disturbed by law-breakers—men who catch them in violation of the fish law.

A GOOD IDEA.—John B. Floyd is fitting up one of the finest restaurants in Cumberland county, in the basement of the VOLUNTEER building. It is provided with half a dozen private boxes, each of which will accommodate five or six gentlemen. It is Mr. Floyd's intention to keep a first-class eating house, with all the delicacies and substantials of the season.

ANOTHER NEW BUILDING.—We are pleased to learn that Jacob Zug, Sr., if his health permits, next spring proposes to erect a handsome brick edifice on the East side of Market Square, where the old frame buildings now stand. This will make Market Square the handsomest part of the town, and will doubtless shame the borough into building a new Market House.

THE SCHOEPPE CASE.—The Medical Association of Washington, D. C., has adopted resolutions requesting Governor Geary to suspend the execution of the sentence of Dr. Paul Schoeppe, of Carlisle, convicted of the murder of Miss Stennecke, on the ground that the chemical evidence was insufficient to convict.

DEPUTY COLLECTOR.—We have somehow unintentionally omitted to announce that Captain J. B. Landis, the deputy collector of Internal Revenue under Capt. W. P. Lloyd, has been appointed Deputy by collector Patton. This is an admirable selection—Capt. Landis is an affable, industrious and efficient officer.

BUY NOW.—Now is the time for our readers to lay in their stock of potatoes for winter use. That article of food is about as cheap as it will be for another year, and the fall season is far enough advanced to insure them from premature rot.

VALUABLE FARM FOR SALE.—The executors of John Bricker, deceased, will offer at public sale, on the premises, in West Pennsborough township, two and a half miles East of Newville, on Friday October 8th, a valuable farm, containing 152 acres, with good buildings.

DO IT.—Strangers and citizens who intend exhibiting their goods and manufactures at our county fair should call at this office and have neat and handsome show cards printed, to inform the visitors where the articles come from and where they can be bought.

IMPROVEMENT.—The Court House is to have a new slate roof, the seats in the court hall are to be elevated, so that all will be able to see and hear, and various other improvements are to be instituted at once—for which the Commissioners deserve all due praise.

RADICAL MEETING.—Our Radical friends, with the assistance of about a hundred and fifty Democrats, held a meeting in the Court House, on Saturday evening, and were addressed by Hon. L. W. Hall, of Harrisburg.

We have just learned that L. T. Greenfield has returned from the city with a beautiful stock of new goods. We would advise all to call and see him before making your purchases. New advertisement next week.

NEW LAMP.—The borough authorities have done a good thing in placing a street lamp at the South-east corner of the public square. It was formerly a dismal place at night, but is now as light as day.

ABOMINABLE.—Friend Sharp was guilty of the monstrous pun, that the VOLUNTEER establishment was *mending its ways*, last week.

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OUR JOB OFFICE.—We have quite recently made an addition to our office of nearly four hundred dollars worth of large and small job type, and are now prepared to do all kinds of work, from a large poster to a wedding card, in a style unsurpassed by any office outside of the large cities. If you don't believe it, give us a call.

NEW PARSONAGE.—The new parsonage of the Second Presbyterian Church, on South Hanover Street, is progressing rapidly, and will be under roof before the cold weather sets in. It will be a handsome brick building, something after the style of the Lutheran parsonage.

FANNY FERN says: "If one-half the girls knew the previous lives of the men they marry, the list of old maids would be wonderfully increased." Yes, and if the men knew what their future lives were to be, wouldn't it increase the list of old maids still further?

"OFF SHE GOES," said a lady, speaking of the train that was starting from the depot, one morning last week. "You are mistaken in the gender, Madam," a gentleman said, "this is a *rail train.*"

BALLOON ASCENSION.—They are to have a balloon ascension on each day of the York county fair. Wouldn't some such novelty—such as would not detract from the agricultural exhibition—be a good card for our society?

A HARD FALL.—Last week A. Reighter fell into the cellar-way of the new Good Will engine house, and injured himself so severely that he had to be carried home.

IN A PICKLE.—The pickle business just now is lively. In a moral point it is easier to get into a pickle than to get out.

TUB RACE.—A tub race between Independence island and the Cumberland shore, came off on Saturday at Harrisburg.

GRAPES are getting ripe very fast, and the crop will no doubt be very abundant.

EQUAL.—The days and nights were of equal duration on Monday, the 20th.

COMING.—Chestnuts and election day will be here in less than two weeks.

THE nights and mornings feel frosty.

HOUSEHOLD DANCE—The Can-can.

PRIME OYSTERS.—Jacob Hipple, in Rheem's Hall has received a lot of the very best oysters we have ever seen at this time of year. For delicacy of flavor, size and fatness, we most heartily recommend them to all who are fond of a delicious dish.

He receives fresh supplies every few days, and is prepared to furnish them to families, in large or small quantities, at the lowest rates.

Oysters prepared in every style, stewed, fried, roasted or panned. We would advise all to go to "Jacob's" *once*, for we well know they would go again, as he always tries to give satisfaction to all who call.

Sept. 16, 1869—4t

REVISION OF THE GAS AND WATER RATES.—The Directors of the Carlisle Gas and Water Company, have revised the rates of Gas and Water which shall hereafter be as follows:

FOR GAS.

Per 1000 feet.	$4 00

FOR WATER.

1st Class Houses per Annum,	$8 00
2nd " " "	7 00
3d " " "	5 00
4th " " "	4 00
1st Class Hotels, "	25 00
2nd " "	17 50
Private Baths, "	4 00
Public " "	5 00
Pave Washes, "	2 00
Water Closets, private family per annum,	1 00
Water Closets, Hotel, 1st class, per annum,	10 00
Water Closets, Hotel, 2nd class, per annum,	4 00
Barber Shops, per annum,	8 00
Restaurants, "	8 00
Stores and Shops, "	4 00
Bakeries, "	8 00
Blacksmith Shops, "	5 00
Printing Offices, "	10 00
Private Stables, not exceeding two animals, per annum,	2 00
Private Stables, for each additional animal per annum,	1 00
All Hotel Stables,	10 00
Livery Stables,	30 00

No permits will be granted for baths, water closets or pave washes for less than a year.

An abatement of five per cent. will be allowed on all bills paid within ten days after they are due. No abatement will be allowed after ten days and within the month, and if not paid within the month, ten per cent. will be added and a warrant issued for their collection.

JOHN HYER, *Sec'y and Sup.*

CAUTION.—Extended success in any department of business justly entitles competition, and owing to defective mental and moral structure, often begets envy. Now these are to be expected and may be met by energy and determination; but not unfrequently the bounds of legitimate rivalries are overstepped and base, unscrupulous men stoop to misrepresentations of others to further their selfish purposes. With the assistance of scamps, and by means of industry and honesty, in providing a potent remedy, Dr. Stover's Old Standard Tonic Bitters, have attained unparalleled celebrity, having been before the public for the last thirty years.

Wherever they have entered the sick or complaining household, their effects have even exceeded expectation, and so far surpassed, as to have ever claimed for them, by circular, card, or otherwise, that the public confidence in the medicinal qualities of the Bitters is unbounded. We do not fear the competition of the empirical throng who attempt to palm off remedies upon the people, which are no accident fully compounded, and are destitute of available qualities. Their empiricism will be discovered in the end and the inefficiency of their preparations found out. We would rather be envied for merited success than despised for failure, however unanerous it may be for men, either to envy or despise. Against another and a worse class of individuals, we are forced to take action. We allude to those who take advantage of our popularity, and attempt to gain public favor and confidence by counterfeiting the Old Standard Bitters, barely imitating the label, or making their approaches to its preparation calculated to deceive, and as a matter of course, in so far as they succeed, to bring our excellent Tonic into disrepute. The public are hereby warned against all such imitations. In order to further protect ourselves and save the afflicted from imposition, we have concluded to change our Label so as ever hereafter to sustain our identity, and keep the reputation of the Old Standard intact. We incur great expense by so doing, but the end warrants the means. The new label, along with the signature, directions and neat ornamentation will present an excellent steel portrait of C. H. Kryder, the senior member of the firm. This will be the badge of its genuineness, as well as a guarantee of the quality of the Bitters. The label will be duly copyrighted, and thus placed beyond the reach of counterfeits. By no fault of ours shall the public confidence ever be abused or the reputation of the "Old Standard" be allowed to suffer. None genuine unless signed,

KRYDER & CO.,
121 North Third Street,
PHILADELPHIA.

Sept. 9, 1869—2m

POLITICAL.

—Governor Walker was last week installed as Provisional Governor of Virginia.

—For the first time in three months there was a full meeting of the cabinet last week.

—The popular Democratic majority in California is about 12,000. The next United States Senator will be a Democrat.

—Postmaster-General Creswell, Secretaries Boutwell and Cox, have granted leaves of absence for seven days to clerks in their departments from Pennsylvania, who desire to go home to vote. So we may look out for a raid of radical office holders.

It requires an entire column garnished with heavy sensational head lines in the organ of the ring to startle the loyal public with the information that "when Packer was in Europe he was "hob-nobbing with Breckinridge, Slidell and Jake Thompson," and that the miserly curmudgeon has actually "built "a house near his university for "the widow of Senator Broadhead *the "niece and adopted daughter of Jeff Davis!"* Flat burglary! Where's Seward? Ring the bell, there's a live copperhead loose!—*Patriot.*

PACKER AND PERSHING.

Letter From the Hon. Wm. A. Porter.

We copy from the Philadelphia *Age* the following letter from Hon. Wm. A. Porter. It is a noble tribute to the Democratic nominees for Governor and Supreme Judge:

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 21, 1869.

To the Editors of the Age:

GENTLEMEN: A friend has called my attention to a recent article in the *Press*, in which this passage occurs: "In the case of the judicial nomination, the mistake of awarding it for mere political services is now painfully felt. Hon. Wm. A. Porter represented the judicial talent before the convention and public apology will now be made for the error of overslaughing him in the heat of a partisan contest." This article seems to have originated in some misapprehension. I have not been a candidate for any office whatever, for eleven years. I was consequently not a candidate before the recent Democratic State Convention. No person was requested or authorized, directly or indirectly, so to represent me. Learning from the newspaper, that I had been a candidate, and supposing they knew more on the subject than myself, I caused the proceedings of the convention to be carefully examined, and I was gratified to find that my name had not been proposed nor voted for, nor mentioned during the sessions of the body.—If I had been a member of the convention, I could with the clearest conscience have voted for Mr. Pershing. I have represented with him the interests of important clients, and I found him a man of perfect integrity, of clear head and free from those whims and caprices which, where they exist, are the curse of the profession and the disgrace of the Bench. I cannot omit here to say a word also of the other candidate on our ticket. Having frequently conferred with Judge Packer on matters of business, I can truthfully say that I have seldom met any man who has impressed me so much with the accuracy of his judgment, the breadth of his views and the purity of his principles. In another respect, he is a remarkable man, and that is, in not being changed by the acquisition of wealth—doubtless the severest test to which any man's character can be subjected.—When a student of law, I frequently visited him at his little store in Mauch Chunk, and now after the lapse of thirty years, I can distinctly recall the same cordial greeting, the same unostentatious manner, the same frank and manly bearing, the same liberal and benevolent sentiments which have since attracted to him so large a share of the respect and affection of his fellow-citizens.

I, am, gentlemen, very respectfully yours,

WM. A. PORTER.

PACKER AND VICTORY.

The New York *World*, one of the best posted papers in the country, thus refers to the contest in this State:

It appears to be generally conceded that ASA PACKER, the Democratic candidate for Governor of Pennsylvania, will be elected over his competitor, JOHN W. GEARY. The latter, it is true, has the advantage of holding that office now and of exerting for his own interest such influence as inheres in it; but his administration has been inefficient and he has made himself unpopular with a portion of his party. The Radicals are divided in counsel, and Governor GEARY, by essaying to secure the friendship of each faction, has incurred the distrust of all. The vote will probably be light as compared with that of last year, at which time the State polled a larger vote than ever before. Governor GEARY was elected in 1866 by a majority of 17,178, in a total vote of 597,879. In 1867, at an election for Justice of the Supreme Court, the total vote was 534,575, and the majority for the Democratic candidate 927. At the election for Auditor-General, last October, the total vote reached the unprecedented high figure of 653,155, and the Radical majority was 9,677. Three weeks later, at the Presidential election, there were polled 655,662 votes, out of which GRANT received a majority of 28,898. It is obvious from these figures that to overcome the average Radical majority of 13,704 at the last four elections will be a most brilliant triumph for the Democracy, second only to the wresting of New York State from Radical rule in 1867, and again in 1868. ASA PACKER possesses ability, familiarity with the affairs of his State, integrity and popularity, and bids fair to win the day, in the face of the obstacles just mentioned. That he will do this is the earnest hope of every Democrat in the land.

Mr. C. L. Ward's Address on the part of the Committee of Reception at the recent opening of the Lehigh Valley Road, at Towanda.

Officers and representatives of the Lehigh Valley and New York and Pennsylvania Railways, together with our friends and neighbors of the Wyoming and Susquehanna Valleys:—In behalf of our lately rural, but always hospitable and beautiful town of Towanda, I greet you on the present occasion with a hearty and most sincere welcome.

For long years, in common with the region below us, (including that of Susquehanna Wyoming,) we have struggled to realize one of the earliest conceptions of Pennsylvania enterprise—the opening of an adequate public communication with western New York. As early as 1816, more than half a century ago, Messrs. Brooke and Tredziyulny, commissioners on the part of Pennsylvania, surveyed the ground between the Chemung river, at Elmira, and Seneca lake for canal purposes.

That connection as a canal, was finally realized by the efforts of a few enterprising individuals of the two States. But it has been found inadequate and unequal in the giant growth of the population interested; and hence the proud day, as a railway company, you have now entered upon.

That humorous and erratic English poet, Peter Pendar, thus satirizes:

"Southampton's wise sons, who found a river
so large,
"Twould carry a ship, but wouldn't carry a
barge;
"So they cut along side, for small boats a
canal;—
"Like the man, with two cats—one great