Local Department.

To Correspondents.

Communications, letters, contributions, generally of merit and interest to the reader, will be acceptable from friends from all quarters

WILD DUCKS.—Sportsmen seem to have a good time in the vicinity of Washington borough. We are told that over one hundred and fifty ducks were shot in that locality, on Wednesday last.

HAND CRUSHED.—We learn that George Sours, of Manor township, had his hand crushed, on Wednesday last, by being caught between two large stones, while quarrying. The index finger of his right hand was amputated by Dr. Gray. He is doing well.

IN THIS WEEK'S arrivals at HALDEMANS' may be found new attractions, and many new bargains. Full stock of BEST MAKES, HOUSEKEEPING GOODS. BARGAINS in Cassimeres—BARGAINS in Cloths—BARGAINS in Balmorals—BARGAINS in Dress Goods—BARGAINS in Remnants—BARGAINS in Choice Furs—BARGAINS in every department—at Haldemans'.

ACCIDENT.—Frederick Stoner, jr., of Manorville, this county, while engaged in removing some heavy timber, had his hand badly crushed, rendering the amputation of two of his fingers necessary. The operation was performed by Dr. S. W. Gray. The wound is very painful, but is doing well.

PERSONAL.—We had the pleasure of meeting, a few days since, Mr. H. Rippenger, the gentlemanly agent for the Franklin Steam Cracker Bakery, 113 Queen st., Philadelphia. They make the finest cakes, crackers, &c., of any establishment in the City, and we recommend them to the trade everywhere. See advertisement.

THE ICE CROP.—The finest ice crop ever gathered in Columbia, has just been housed. All the ice houses in town are filled to overflowing. Conrad Swartz put up a new building and filled it with ice, during the week. It is an unique affair. There are two rooms in it, immediately under the ice; one of these will be used as a pantry, and the other to keep fresh meat in during the hot weather.

DON-ALD-SON.—Prof. Donaldson, the Great Wizard of the East, will entertain his friends in Odd Fellows' Hall, this evening. He will give some new and startling feats in ventriloquism and sleight of hand. Every one purchasing a ticket will receive a present valued at from 25 cents to $25.00. Donaldson is well known to our citizens, and his entertainments are always worth the price of admission.—Go and see him.

HANDSOME HEARSE.—Mr. Christian Myers turned out, this week, at his steam carriage works, another handsome hearse, valued at one thousand dollars. It is for Mr. George Seibert, undertaker, of this place, and is similar to the one built at the same establishment, a short time since, for Mr. Shenberger, of this place. It is a very handsome affair, and we doubt whether its equal is to be found anywhere in the interior of the State.

ELECTION OF TRUSTEES.—At an election held in the Town Hall, on Saturday last, the following Trustees of the Old Public Ground Company, were elected for the ensuing term:

J. S. Strine, John Hippy and George Lloyd, for three years, and C. Breneman, for two years.

The Board met the same evening, and elected Philip Shreiner, President, and J. C. Pfahler, Secretary and Treasurer.

THE INAUGURATION.—The Columbia Zouaves will attend the inauguration of Gov. Geary, on Tuesday 15th inst. Members desiring to go are requested to attend the meeting on Monday evening next, or report at the Town Hall, Tuesday morning 15th inst., at half past 5 o'clock, promptly. Each member will furnish himself with a pair of white gloves.

The train leaves depot at 6.30 A. M. Excursion tickets will be issued. Citizens, generally, are requested to accompany the Battalion on this occasion.

SKATING.—The pleasant weather during the last week, has afforded our ladies and young gentlemen a fine opportunity to indulge in the graceful and exhilerating exercise of skating. The propriety of young ladies skating is being seriously discussed in many sections of the country, and in the East, where it was at one time very fashionable, the practice has been almost entirely abandoned. Many eminent physicians are very much opposed to the practice, and have issued circulars among their patrons, advising them in strong terms, not to permit their daughters to skate.

COLUMBIA ZOUAVES.—One of the most popular balls of the season, will be given on the 22d of February next, at Odd Fellows' Hall, by the Columbia Zouaves. Arrangements are making on the most liberal scale, and a brilliant affair may be confidently anticipated.

They intend having a street parade during the day, and will be armed and equipped. Several other Companies have been invited to participate on the occasion, and no doubt it will be one of the finest displays that has taken place in our town for years.

SONS OF TEMPERANCE.—At a stated meeting of Columbia Division No. 18, S. of T., held at their hall, Saturday evening, January 5th, 1867, the following officers were elected:—P. W. P., Geo. A. Bingham; W. P., Robert Beacham; W. A., E. N. Seales; R. S., W. A. Reese; A. R. S., E. G. Hamaker; F. S., Wm. Gourley; Treas., Samuel Allison; Chap., Wm. Readman; Cond., Jos. Detz; A. C., Geo. Neisley; I. S., Jos. Nowlen; O. S., John Hersth; L. Cond., Bessie Wilford; L. S., Lydia McNeal; 1st L. Ass't., K. Heisley; 2d L. Ass't., Eliza Gourley; 3d L. Ass't., Annie Caldwell.

A DUTY OF THE SEASON.—It is more cheerful to mention the pleasures of the season, but its duties should not be overlooked. Among these is the duty of clearing the sidewalks of ice and snow, making it safe for pedestrians to travel. It may save limbs that would else be broken, preserve tempers unruffled, and prevent much profane swearing—a practice that cannot be too severely deprecated. It is also a duty of the season for persons to look around where they can buy the cheapest goods. We would here take occasion to recommend them to the store of I. O. Bruner. He keeps a splendid assortment of dress goods, boots and shoes, and he sells them cheap.

THE COLUMBIA BRIDGE.—Travel still continues over the bridge of ice, between Columbia and Wrightsville, and passengers are carried across in sleighs, at which business quite a rivalry has sprung up. Thus nature furnishes a bridge, and for the time being, saves travelers the expense and loss of time, going by way of Harrisburg—sixty-eight miles around—to get to Wrightsville. A few persons built a temporary bridge across the "ice channel," on this side, and for a time charged all wagons and sleighs for crossing. Our Borough authorities hearing of the matter, put a stop to it at once; they bought the lumber from the parties, thus making the bridge free.

We have not, for some time, heard anything of the Committee who are acting with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, in reference to the rebuilding of the Columbia Bridge, or whether they have dropped the matter altogether, or are seeking redress before the Legislature. We hope that they may be able to accomplish something; if they cannot, let our citizens show that they are in earnest in this subject, and that if they wish the support of the business community, they must contribute something to its convenience. And especially let us watch our members of the Legislature, and see that they are not led off from granting privileges, which are imperatively demanded by the business interests of all the southern counties of the State, and indeed, of other States.

It is said that labor and building materials are very high at present, and that it would be too expensive to rebuild the bridge, at this time. That is very true, but there are matters which must be done at great sacrifice of convenience, and even money. Suppose a man wants to get married, and go to housekeeping; he might reason in the same way, and say clothing, furniture, &c., are very dear now, and suggests to his lady-love, we had better wait until goods fall in price—wouldn't she be likely to look out for somebody else? So we say to the Columbia Bridge Company—it won't do to wait for a fall in the prices of materials and labor—it is a matter of actual necessity, and if the Company still refuse to rebuild it, we must strongly urge the law making power, to give us some remedy for the great inconvenience which we have so long labored under.

THE FRANKLIN HOUSE was sold to Martin Erwin, (its former owner,) now of the Lamb Hotel, at private sale, for $13,000. This well known hotel will lose none of its prestige or fame by changing into the hands of the new proprietor, as he is an old hand at catering to the tastes of the public. He knows full well how to keep a hotel.

The genial countenance of "mine host," Miller, will still be found at the Franklin House. He will show the people of Columbia something in the restaurant line they never saw here before. He will re-fit and open the Franklin House Saloon in a style that will do credit to himself and the town. He has the courage, tact and ability to do it, and *he will*.

DIRECTORS ELECTED.—The following Directors and officers of the Susquehanna Iron Company were elected for the ensuing year, at a meeting held at the Company's office, on Wednesday last:

George Bogle, J. G. Hess, C. S. Kauffman, E. Hershey, L. Ellmaker, John Q. Denney, Wm. Patton, Geo. W. Harris, Robert Crane. Wm. Patton was elected Treasurer, and L. Ellmaker, Secretary.

TO RAILROAD MEN.—The third special sermon to railroad men will be preached at the M. E. Church, on to-morrow (Sabbath) evening, by the pastor, Rev. Wm. Major, at 6½ o'clock. All are invited, seats free.

REAL ESTATE SALES.—Sam Matt. Fridy, auctioneer, sold, on Friday evening, at the American House, the following property, belonging to Mrs. Elizabeth Lockard, as follows: The house and lot on Walnut street, above Third, to John Hartman, for $800. Lot 36 feet front, adjoining residence of Mrs. Lockard, to John Hartman, for $505; and lot, 34 feet front, to Henry Hinkle, for $1,173. The main property did not sell, and is still in the market.

UNCLAIMED LETTERS.—Letters remaining in Columbia Post Office, unclaimed, up to this date:

Ladies' List.—Mrs. Mary Ann Brown, Miss Louisa J. Heibble, Mrs. Mary Hank, Mrs. Maria Jones, Miss Martha Price, Miss Mary E. Prentis, Miss Maria K. Shank, Miss Elizabeth Stoltz.

Gentlemen's List.—E. Achy, George P. Adams, L. Cartwright, 2; Frank F. Frantz, R. A. Gile, C. H. Hammond, Cooper Hogentobler, Lewis Heller, James D. Kase, C. H. Lines, J. J. Meeker, 2; W. Place, Peter B. Peebce, Harmon Rider, Wm. P. Remain, Charles Stanley, John L. Smith, Samuel Sumpmon, Levi L. Tate, Michael Welsh, J. A. Ward.

BANK DIRECTORS ELECTED.—The election for Directors of the Columbia National Bank, and the First National Bank, was held on Monday last, with the following result:

Columbia National Bank.—James Myers, President; Geo. W. Mehaffey, Samuel Musselman, Geo. Bogle, Henry Hinkle, Cornelius Tyson, Henry Coppenheffer, John Cooper, Geo. C. Franciscus.

First National Bank.—Robert Crane, J. W. Steacy, J. C. Stauffer, H. N. Kehler, E. K. Smith, H. H. Houston, John McTague, Jacob Seitz, John Fendrich.

For the Spy.

MR. EDITOR:—On the evening of Dec. 14th, in an official report to the Borough Council, I stated that Francis Zeigler (engineer) had refused to pay his bounty tax, and represented to Council the reasons he had assigned for such refusal. Some busy body, who happened to be present at the meeting, published an *imperfect* statement of my report; then Mr. Zeigler comes out in a very pompous card, in which he not only sets himself up as a constitutional lawyer of no small calibre, but brands my report of his *refusal* to pay, as "false," and even goes so far as to *threaten* some dire vengeance.—I don't know of what precise nature.—if I don't "curb my inventive genius." (I am glad to learn that I have an inventive genius.)

Now, Mr. Editor, the facts of the case are just these: I first called on Mr. Z. for the collection of his bounty tax, as early as June or July last, which he *objected* to paying unless Council would exonerate him from the payment of the five dollars *per capita* tax. I called on him repeatedly afterwards, (always being met by the same *objection*,) up to the 12th of December, 1866, and on the evening of the 14th, as before stated, I made my report to Council. My official reports are on record, and can be referred to at any time for confirmation of the above.

Now, if Mr. Zeiglor has, in any of his numerous law books, any term that will characterize "objecting" to paying, *except under impossible conditions*, as anything more or less than a "refusal" to pay, why he is ahead of me, that's all.

Patiently awaiting his threatened annihilation of me, but still maintaining that he *did refuse* to pay his bounty tax, I remain his and the Public's devoted servant,

JOHN EBBY,
Collector of State, County, Borough and Bounty Tax.

Columbia, Jan. 8, 1867.

For the Spy.

Gas! Gas!! Gas!!!

MR. EDITOR:—Are we completely at the mercy (?) of the Columbia Gas Company, or is there no means by which we can procure light at an approximation to a fair price? This query is very naturally suggested at this time, when the gas bills for the last quarter of 1866 are being collected, and when said bills are charged at the rate of $4.50 per 1000 feet, while our *oppressed* brethren of Philadelphia are railing out at the *extortion* of the City Gas Company, for charging them $3.00 per 1000 feet, and demonstrating satisfactorily by figures, (which, you know, cannot lie, that the Company could well afford to furnish it at $2.25.—I said the citizens of Philadelphia were railing at the extortion, but I should have said that this demonstration by figures was one year ago, *when coal was 25 per cent. higher than now;* and if it could *then* have been furnished *in Philadelphia* for $2.25, it could *now* be furnished there at $2.00; and if it can be furnished *there* at $2.00, it can be furnished *here* for less, on account of the reduced cost of coal, as 80 miles transportation costs something. But suppose, for argument sake, that $3.00 is not *too much* in Philadelphia, (no one supposes that the City Gas Company is furnishing it to consumers at a sacrifice,) is there any earthly reason why it should be *higher* here than there, except that the corporation think they have us in a *tight place*, and intend to extract as much from us as they can? Again, there is a wide-spread dissatisfaction with regard to the *method* of determining the quantity consumed, or, at least, with the *results* of the method—consumers complain that their bills range from 25 to 50 per cent. higher than for the corresponding quarter of last year, when they *know* that there has been no increase in the consumption. I once knew the stock of a tan yard to be sold by weight, and the weight *arrived at by guess;* but in that case *both* the "high contracting parties" took part in the guessing, and if there can be no way of satisfying the people that they are fairly dealt with in the quantity of gas consumed—to say nothing of the $4.50 *swindle*—why I think the consumer should do a share of the *guessing*. But as there is no probability of the Gas Company doing anything from a sense of justice in the matter, I propose that they be brought to reason in some other way, and the way I propose, is this: Let a paper be put in circulation among the consumers of gas in Columbia, worded in this wise: "We, the undersigned, citizens of Columbia, do hereby pledge ourselves to abstain from the consumption of gas in our dwellings until the Columbia Gas Co. will agree to furnish gas at $3.00 per 1000 feet, this agreement to be binding as soon as signatures equal to 50,000 cubic feet per quarter are obtained."

Now, my word for it, when a paper of that kind, signed by the representatives of 50,000 feet of gas, is presented to the Company, they will see that the people cannot be *bled* just at their option, and they will abate their charges; and even if they are a little slow about it at first—"why, let 'em"—coal oil is cheaper than gas at $2.50 per 1000, which can easily be proven by any one who will take the trouble to try it for one week.

Get the Paper out for circulation; I can get half the necessary signatures in three hours.

Yours,
A CONSUMER OF A QUANTITY OF GAS, *estimated* at 2500 feet per Quarter.

Columbia, Jan. 9, 1867.

Adjourned Meeting of Council.

Met January 2nd, 1867.—A. Bruner, jr., President, in the Chair.—Present—Messrs. Bruner, Bachman, Gossler, Green, Mullen, Supplee and Wilson. The minutes of the 26th ult. were read and approved.

Mr. Supplee, Chairman of the Road Committee, submitted the following report, which on motion of Mr. Green, was adopted:

The Road Committee to whom was referred the petitions of the R. & C. R. R. Company, for the lease of a portion of Locust street, respectfully report: We called upon Mr. McDonald, Chief Engineer of the Road, who stated to us, that they propose to cross Locust street, either at grade or over a bridge 16 feet wide, and of sufficient height to allow the passage of wagons, &c., under the same. He was unable, however, to state which plan would be adopted, or what shape or condition the street would be in, when the proposed work would be completed. We recommend, therefore, that the Council take no further action, until the Rail Road Company have determined upon some definite plan, and shall present a correct diagram, and description of the same.

T. R. SUPPLEE,
Chairman of Road Committee.

The Finance Committee submitted the Treasurer's statement of the Borough Finances, for the year 1866, which, on motion of Mr. Supplee, was accepted, and 50 copies ordered to be printed.

The following report was read, and on motion of Mr. Wilson, laid over until next meeting.

The Committee, to which was referred the resolution appropriating $500, to be expended in procuring legislation to secure the rebuilding of Columbia Bridge, respectfully report, that the same be appropriated.

J. B. BACHMAN,
H. WILSON,
T. R. SUPPLEE, } Committe.

The following resolution, submitted by Mr. Bachman, was rejected:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Bounty Fund, be granted one per cent. for his services, in the disbursement of the same.

On motion of Mr. Bachman, it was

Resolved, That the River front or wharf line, as represented on the plan exhibited, be adopted, and that the surveyor of the Town plot or plan, be requested to fix the line by measurement, at the Borough line, and, also at each angle on said river front, from some fixed object on Locust st. ext.

On motion of Mr. Green, it was

Resolved, That the Treasurer be allowed half per cent. commission on money disbursed for Bounty Tax purposes.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, the Eighth resolution, submitted by Mr. Gossler at last meeting, and postponed for further consideration, was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Green, it was

Resolved, That an order on the Treasurer be drawn in favor of H. M. North, for $150, for professional services as Attorney.

On motion of Mr. Bachman, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the streets east and running parallel with Shawnee street, be named respectively Penn, Franklin, Barber, and Hempfield; and that the street west of Shawnee, intersecting with Fourth street, be called Florence street; and that the street parallel and south of Mill street, be called Manor street; and that the street running parallel and north of Mill street, be called Washington street.

Resolved, That all of said streets be opened, provided, that the proprietors of the lands on which said streets are located, give to Borough Council a guarantee, that no cost for land will be a charge to the Borough or County.

The following communication, accompanied with a bill of $20, for two years service, as Borough Regulator, was read, when, on motion, the resignation was accepted, and the bill ordered to be paid:

COLUMBIA, January 2nd, 1867.

To the Burgess and Town Council of the Borough of Columbia:

Gentlemen—Finding your confidence in my capacity, so small as to require the employment of another, to perform the duties properly devolving upon the Borough Regulator, I herewith tender my resignation of said office, to enable you to select a more competent person to fill the position.

Respectfully,
JOS. MIFFLIN.

The following bills were read and ordered to be paid:—R. Williams, Installing Officers, &c., $24.50; Eli Derrick, put up Lamp Post, $2.00. Total, $26.50.

On motion, adjourned.

Attest, GEO. H. RICHARDS, Secretary.

SUNDAY FUNERALS.—At a late meeting of the Pastors of their respective Churches, the following resolutions were considered and passed:

Whereas, There is a disposition on the part of the people, unnecessarily to defer the burying of the dead, to the Holy Sabbath Day. Therefore

Resolved, That we disapprove of Sunday funerals, except in very extraordinary cases; and that in any case, they be held at such hours, as shall not interfere with any of the regular services of the Church, or Sabbath School.

Resolved, That this resolution be put into the hands of the undertakers, who shall communicate the expression of the same, to those whom it may hereafter concern.

WM. MAJOR,
R. A. BROWN,
J. CROMLISH,
WM. H. STECK.

SELECT.—Quite a select and sociable little party of ladies and gentlemen, left town on Thursday evening last, bound for "Mammie's." They had Hess' string band. "Ben" says the affair was "jay."

ORGANIZATION OF COUNCIL.—Met January 9th, 1867, and after Mr. Jacob Auwerter, Chief Burgess, and Messrs. P. Shreiner, W. W. Upp, T. R. Supplee and Uriah Sourbeer, Councilmen elect, had been qualified, was organized by the election of Mr. Bachman, pro tem. Present—Messrs. Bachman, Gossler, Mullen, Supplee, Shreiner, Sourbeer and Upp.

The election of a President being next in order, the following nominations were made: For President, Messrs. Green, Bachman and Supplee. Mr. Supplee having received a majority of the votes, was declared elected.

On taking the Chair, he thanked Council for the honor they had thus conferred upon him.

On motion of Mr. Shreiner, Council resolved to go into an election for the rest of the officers, to serve during the ensuing year.

Geo. H. Richards and Chas. H. McCollough were nominated for Secretary, but after some discussion, on motion of Mr. Gossler, the election was postponed.

John Cooper was nominated for Treasurer, and elected by acclamation.

Chas. A. Hook and Thomas B. Dunbar were nominated for Market Clerk. Mr. Dunbar having received a majority of the votes, was declared elected.

Daniel S. Chalfant was nominated, and unanimously elected Supervisor.

Samuel Wright was nominated, and elected Regulator.

The election of Borough Assessor, on motion of Mr. Gossler, was postponed.

Chas. A. Hook and Thomas B. Dunbar were nominated for Lamp-lighter. Mr. Hook having received the majority of the votes, was declared elected.

The election of Solicitor, was on motion of Mr. Gossler, postponed.

The Salaries of the several officers, were fixed as follows: Treasurer, 2 per cent. on monies paid out; Market Clerk, $50 per annum; Supervisor, $50 per month; Regulator, $10 per annum; Lamp Lighter, $80 per annum; High Constable, $50 per annum.

On motion of Mr. Shreiner, the Committee on Rents and Repairs was abolished.

The President then appointed the following Standing Committees:

Road—Messrs. Gossler, Upp and Sourbeer.

Finance—Messrs. Green, Shreiner and Mullen.

Market—Messrs. Upp, Gossler and Minnich.

Fire Department—Messrs. Mullen, Minnich and Upp.

Paving—Messrs. Sourbeer, Green and Bachman.

Gas—Messrs. Minnich, Bachman and Shreiner.

Sanitary—Messrs. Shreiner, Gossler and Sourbeer.

Wharves—Messrs. Bachman, Green and Mullen.

On motion, adjourned.

Attest, GEO. H. RICHARDS, Secretary.

WE earnestly desire the citizens of Lancaster to visit H. J. Young, son of Henry Young, residing in South Queen Street, near the Woodward Hill Cemetery, to see what Mishler's Herb Bitters has done for him during the last twenty days.

And more particularly do we desire *the ladies* of the city of Lancaster to visit Isabella Sharp, residing in Church street, opposite Duke, a girl of about 10 years of age daughter of Mr. Sharp, Confectioner, 36 East King street, where they will see one of the quickest cures (only five days under way) ever performed in the United States. Of course Mishler's Bitters have cured *worse* cases than these two, but none in so short a time.—*Express.*

BOROUGH ELECTION.—Our Borough is now divided into three Wards, and the first election under the new Charter took place on Monday last. The whole regularly settled Republican ticket was elected, in opposition to *bolters, fusionists* and Copperheads. The following is the vote:

STATE & BOROUGH TICKET.	1st Ward		2d Ward		3rd Ward		Total Vote.		
	Rep.	Dem.	Rep.	Dem.	Rep.	Dem.	Rep.	Dem.	Rep. Maj.
Chief Burgess.									
Jacob Auwerter,	106		98		55		259		122
Cornelius Tyson.		47		54		26		137	
Assessor.									
John B. Bachman,	149		149		80		378		no op.
*Wm. Boyd,					1				
Assistant Assessors.									
M. S. Shuman,	157		153		80		390		no op.
George Bogle.	154		150		78		382		
Town Council.									
T. R. Supplee, (3 yrs)	154		150		80		384		no op.
Philip Shreiner, (3 yr)	115		101		53		269		115
Wesley W. Upp, (3 yr)	150		150		79		379		no op.
Uriah Sourbeer, (2 yr)	105		96		52		253		126
H. G. Minich, (1 yr.)	112		97		52		261		152
Robert Crane, (3 yrs)		49		53		28		130	
*J. G. Hess, (2 years.)	43		53		28		124		
*Wm. G. Case, (1 yr.)	37		51		21		109		
School Directors.									
S. W. Mifflin, (3 yrs.)	108		98		53		259		130
Samuel Grove, (3 yrs)	150		147		80		377		no op.
J. W. Steacy, (3 yrs.)	108		103		53		261		142
C. Breneman, (1 yr.)	107		100		53		260		153
*C. S. Kauffman, (1 y)	47		54		28		129		
Jos. M. Watts, (3 yrs)		46		50		26		122	
H. B. Essick, (3 yrs.)		47		50		28		125	
Constable.									
James McGinnis,	153		144		73		370		no op.
John M. Read,				6					
Samuel Arms.					5				
High Constable.									
Thomas B. Dunbar,	92		73		31		196		12
*Charles A. Hook.	61		76		47		184		
Judge.									
A. J. Kauffman,	113								70
J. C. Bucher,		43							
George Bogle,			101						58
Michael Clepper,				43					
Davis Murphy,					47				19
C. J. Norse,						28			
Inspectors.									
Fred. Williams,	109								55
Daniel F. Reese,		44							
Samuel C. Swartz,			77						34
Wm. Patton,				43					
John Peart,					46				18
Wm. F. Lockard,						28			
Wm. Fisher,			23						
Justice of the Peace.									
John Eddy,					47				
Albert B. Brown,						28			

* Republicans on the Democratic ticket.

LIST OF JURORS to serve in the Court of Common Pleas commencing Monday, February 4th, 1867.—Cyrus Brinton, Sadsbury; Daniel Brown, West Earl; Henry Breneman Columbia; George F. Dellett, Columbia; Abraham Erhart, Rapho; John Frey, jr., Rapho; John Flickinger, West Cocalico; George S. Geyer, Warwick; Elias Hollinger, Mount Joy-twp; John M. High, East Earl; Jacob Hart, Martic; Daniel W. Graff, Earl; Robert J. Houston, Salisbury; Ephraim H. Hershey, Manor; John Hart, City; Solomon Huber, West Earl; David K. Kauffman, West Hempfield; Leander Lindemuth, West Donegal; Daniel McKillips, Leacock; John Myers, Drumore; John Murphy, City; Daniel Mowrer, Paradise; Carpenter McCleery, City; James Peoples, City; Jacob C. Pfahler, Columbia; Jacob Rohrer, Manheim twp; William Showalter, Drumore; Sam'l B. Sheaffer, Earl; George B. Thompson, Colerain; Benjamin Urban, Conestoga; David Weidman, Penn; Stephen Wiggins Providence; J. D. Wilson, City; H. L. Zahm, City.

MARRIED.

On Christmas day, at the residence of the bride's Mother, near Jennersville, Chester County, Pa., by Rev. Justus T. Umstead, Rittenhouse Myers to Mary E. Mackey, all of Chester County, Pa.

Success to you "Rit."

DIED.

In this Borough, on the 8th inst., Wm. T. Lowry, in the 29th year of his age.

In this Borough, on Friday last, of consumption, Mary, wife of Samuel Carter.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

OF THE FARMERS' MUTUAL INSURANCE CO., AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS, ON SATURDAY, THE 29TH DAY OF DECEMBER, A. D., 1866.

IN reporting the proceedings and transactions of the Board of Directors during the past year, it will appear that a number of fires occurred during that period, in properties insured by this Company, and although in most of them the loss was comparatively small and none of them involving a heavy amount, yet the aggregate foots up a considerable sum, exceeding what was anticipated and provided for by the Directors, rendering a tax inevitable, in the commencement of the ensuing year. The first fire to which the attention of the Directors was called during the present year, had actually occurred at the close of the previous year, but was unknown to the Directors at the time of making this report. It happened at the Furnace of C. S. Kauffman, in West Hempfield twp., and was occasioned by an explosion by which fire was communicated to part of the building, but which was soon suppressed, and but little loss sustained thereby. Mr. Kauffman's loss by the explosion was very serious, but for that the Company was not liable, and made no compensation. At a meeting of the Directors, subsequent to the above mentioned fire, they resolved to levy a tax of fifty cents on the hundred dollars valuation; but before the Secretary had completed the duplicates, another fire occurred in the dwelling house of John N. Brubaker, also in West Hempfield twp., destroying the building entirely. The Directors then, in anticipation of further losses during the season, directed the tax to be increased to one dollar on every thousand dollars valuation. Several small fires occurred during the summer and fall, but the Directors still hoped that the tax levied would be adequate to compensate the losses during the year. In this expectation, however, they have been disappointed. Since the first of October a series of fires have occurred, occasioning more loss to the Company than all the previous fires of the season. Three barns within a radius of three miles, have been destroyed by fire within the last three months, all of which were insured by the Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company, and the worst feature in these disasters is, that they are all supposed to have been purposely set on fire; at all events, the origin of the fires cannot be accounted for, upon any other supposition. Nothing has yet transpired calculated to lead to a discovery of the perpetrators of these heartless and wicked acts, and whether they have been committed by some one villain who infests the neighborhood, or by several acting in concert in executing their nefarious purposes, or by what motives or impulses he or they are actuated in thus making war upon the community by destroying their property, is at present an unsolved mystery and probably will remain so.

It is sometimes suspected that buildings are fired to conceal robberies previously effected, but in the two last and largest of the above series of fires—Hess's and Mylin's barns—the fire broke out in broad day light, the one near noon and the other in the afternoon, so that no opportunity was afforded to carry away any plunder without great hazard of being detected.

In every case acted upon during the past year, the Directors have paid three-fourths of the actual loss reported by the appraisers, and in all except one, the report of the appraisers was equal to the amount for which the buildings destroyed had been insured; the appraisers being satisfied that the actual loss was greater than the valuation at which the buildings had been entered.

In one instance, that of Valentine Becker's stable, the appraisers considered the valuation too high, and, after examining a number of witnesses, and obtaining all the information they could, estimated the value of the building at $350, and the value of the contents at $75; the building had been entered at $700, and the contents at $300, thus showing that in cases of over valuation by the owner, they would protect the interests of the company by a proper exercise of their judgment. Mr. Becker was convinced that he had made a mistake in entering his property too high, and accepted three-fourths of the amount awarded by the appraisers without further trouble. In order to meet the liabilities of the Company, as promptly as possible, the Directors have intrusted the Secretary to levy a tax of one-tenth of one per cent. or one dollar on every thousand dollars of the valuation of the property insured, which will be advertised and collected as soon as the duplicates can be prepared.

The number of Policies issued during the past year is 203, covering property to the amount of	$568,139
Additions made to old policies, amounted to	97,103
Making a total addition of	$665,239
The number of Policies cancelled was 212, the valuation of which amounted to	$357,901
Diminutions on old policies amounted to	12,475
Making a total decrease of	$370,376
Which being deducted from the addition, exhibits an actual increase of	$294,863
Which increase being added to the amount exhibited by the last report	5,084,812
Makes an aggregate of	$5,379,675

The following abstract of the Treasurer's Account exhibits the financial operations of the Company during the past year:

Peter Johns, Treasurer, in account with the Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company to amount of tax and premium collected and received during the current year. Dr. $4,066.33

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1866. Jan. 1.	By balance due him per last year's report	$223.01
"	By interest on the same	15.00
April 16.	By stamp on Treasurer's bond	1.00
May 8.	By cash paid Jno. N. Brubaker for his house	900.00
May 14.	By cash paid C. S. Kauffman, damage at his furnace	350.62
Jan. 18.	By Cash paid United States tax	51.75
"	" sundry bills for printing	99.75
July 16.	By cash to Andrew Garber for his smoke house	90.00
"	" Elizabeth Detweiler, damage to her house	52.50
"	" Thos. Carter for his stable	90.00
19 " 23.	Rudolph Gumber, for his barn	311.25
Oct. 22.	Alph. Carpenter, for his shop	412.50
Dec. 17.	David Potts, for his barn	450.00
"	" John Mecartney his salary as President	20.00
55 "	" John Strohm do. as Secretary	77.00
"	" Peter Johns do. as Treasurer	75.00
34 "	" Directors and Appraisers—their per diem allowance	137.50
18 24	" Charles Thon, damage to his house	5.40
"	" Cyrus Royer do do	13.12
"	" Witness fees	4.30
"	" Sundry persons per centage for collecting	66.50
"	" Valentine Baker for his stable	317.00
21 "	" John Strohm for blank books	95
		3,874.45

Balance due to the Company $191.88.

The Company now owes to Samuel Hess for his barn $1,125, and to Martin K. Mylin for his barn, wagon shed and contents $1,725, and there are several hundred dollars of outstanding taxes yet to collect.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN MECARTNEY,
PETER JOHNS,
A. S. DIETRICH,
JOHN STROHM,
JOHN REAM.

At a meeting of the members of the Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company, held pursuant to public notice at the public house of Solomon Sprecher, Exchange Hotel, in the city of Lancaster, on Saturday the 29th day of December, A. D., 1866, for the purpose of electing five Directors and six Appraisers, to conduct the business of the said Company for the ensuing year.

On motion Samuel Hess, Esq., was appointed Chairman, and Andrew M. Frantz and Samuel M. Friday were chosen Secretaries, and on counting the votes, it appeared that John Strohm, John McCartney, Peter Johns and Adam S. Deitrich were duly elected Directors. Dr. Adam Ream and Joseph S. Denlinger, being tie, having each 42 votes. Christian Johns, Christian Herr, (Pequea), Jacob Rohrer, John Friday, Amos B. Shuman and Jacob Kohr, jr., were duly elected Appraisers.

SAM'L HESS, President.

ANDREW M. FRANTZ & S. M. FRIDY, Secretaries.

At a meeting of the newly elected Board, John Mecartney was chosen President, John Strohm, Secretary, and Peter Johns, Treasurer. [jan12'671t.

DIVIDEND.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS of the First National Bank, have this day declared *a Dividend of 5 per cent.* clear of U. S. Tax. S. S. DETWILER,

Jan. 7, '67, 3t Cashier.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Farmers' Mutual Insurance Co.

THE members of the Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company are hereby notified that a tax of One Dollar on every one thousand dollars of the amount insured, has been levied by the Directors, to compensate the losses sustained by Samuel Hess, Martin K. Mylin, and others, by fires which occurred in their buildings; and the members of said Company are hereby requested to pay their respective quotas of the said tax, on or before the first day of March next.

Full Duplicates will be kept by Peter Johns, Treasurer, residing in East Lampeter Township; by John Strohm, Secretary, residing in Providence township, and by John Johns, Esq., in the Register's Office, in the city of Lancaster—at either of which places any member of the said Company may pay their quota of the tax, previous to the above mentioned day. A partial Duplicate will be kept by Christian Johns, residing in Earl township, where members residing in the townships of Earl, East Earl, Ephrata, Brecknock and Carnarvon can pay their quota of tax; another partial Duplicate will be kept by George R. Hendrickson, of the borough of Mount Joy, where members residing in the townships of East and West Donegal, Conoy, Mount Joy and Rapho can pay their quota of tax; another partial Duplicate will be kept by Joseph Engles, Esq., at his store at Mt. Nebo, where members residing in Martic twp. can pay their quota of tax.

All taxes not paid on or before the above mentioned day, will be placed in the hands of collectors, and ten per cent. added to the amount, to pay the expense of collection. It being very desirable that arrearages of former taxes should be forthwith collected, all those who are in arrears should make payment to the Treasurer or Secretary, or to one of the local collectors, before the above mentioned day, otherwise they may be subjected to the costs of compulsory process.

PETER JOHNS, Treasurer.

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FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF COLUMBIA.

Interest will be paid by this Bank on Special Deposits, as follows:

FOR 12 months, 5 per cent.; for 6 months, and under 12 months, 4 per cent.; for 3 months and under 6 months, 3 per cent. per annum.

WE MAKE COLLECTIONS ON ALL ACCESSIBLE POINTS IN THE UNITED STATES, ON LIBERAL TERMS, DISCOUNT NOTES, DRAFTS, AND BILLS OF EXCHANGE.

BUY AND SELL GOLD, SILVER, AND ALL UNITED STATES SECURITIES.

And are prepared to DRAW DRAFTS on PHILADELPHIA, NEW YORK, BALTIMORE, PITTSBURGH, ENGLAND, IRELAND, SCOTLAND, FRANCE, and all parts of GERMANY.

S. S. DETWILER,
Jan. 12, '67—1y. Cashier.

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A half dozen Varieties for distribution, and more to arrive.

Columbia, Jan. 12, 1867.

QUARTERLY REPORT.

STATEMENT SHOWING THE CONDITION of the First National Bank of Columbia, on Monday, January 7th, 1867.

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