The Columbia Spy.

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

NATIONAL REPUBLICAN TICKET.

FOR PRESIDENT,
Gen. ULYSSES S. GRANT,
OF ILLINOIS.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT,
Hon. SCHUYLER COLFAX,
OF INDIANA.

REPUBLICAN STATE TICKET.

FOR AUDITOR GENERAL,
Gen. JOHN F. HARTRANFT,
OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY.

FOR SURVEYOR GENERAL,
Col. JACOB M. CAMPBELL,
OF CAMBRIA COUNTY.

Dead! Dead! Dead! The Hon. Thaddeus Stevens.

We were startled Wednesday morning, by the unexpected news of the death of this distinguished and venerable statesman. For days past we were assured his health was improving, and had fondly hoped, in common with many others of his numerous friends and admirers, to have met and congratulated him upon his return to Lancaster, this week.

This death is a lamentable event, and a great loss to our country. Mr. Stevens was no ordinary man. Of a towering and gigantic intellect, he had unbounded mental sway over all others, who freely acknowledged his supremacy, and gladly gave him fitting honors. At heart, the noblest of his race. He loved his fellow man, and devoted all his energies to the great principle of universal freedom. He was the great, and the greatest advocate of human rights, and was rewarded in beholding the shackless stricken from the slave, and him who once was deemed a brute declared a man. Benevolent and kind to the lowly, and the humble, and charitable without ostentation or display to the poor, and the poorer the better for his great soul of human kindness. No suppliant hand was ever extended to him in vain. The distressed and the helpless could ever claim him as a friend, and received not only his warmest sympathies but his aid professionally and otherwise. Few men there are that have been like him. His deeds have shown his truth and his greatness in word and action. History will be true to herself, and accord him the highest honors. When shall we look upon his like again? May he rest in peace!

The Primary Election To-Day.

This day an important election will take place. All who desire to see good men elected to important posts of trust will now come forward and make their choice. After the vote of to-day, when our candidates shall be settled and fixed upon, under the Crawford County System, it is expected that all clamor and cavil will cease, and a hearty support be given them, unless from some cause at present unforseen and unknown, there shall be reason for a different course. We have given all due warning and notice, with an honest view to bring forward the best men. We have endeavored to expose the corrupt practices of dishonest politicians, and show our tax-payers the manner in which they are defrauded in their choice of candidates, and, unless the evils complained of are soon abated, the remedy adopted by our political brethern in Philadelphia will have to be introduced. We advise all to go to the polls, in time, consult with each other calmly and dispassionately, inquire into the merits of the respective candidates, and vote for those whom you believed honest and competent, repudiating all whom you believe tainted with thuggery and ring manipulation, using your endeavors to enlighten others by correct information.

What is now most desirable in our county nominations is a pure, a clear and untainted atmosphere, where the malaria of corruption has failed to make an impression. Listen not to those worn out over-worked hacks who do their masters' bidding, lest they lose their bread and butter, for they travel only in the ruts by which they hope for promotion. Listen not to the hangers-on to the coat tail of the Rings, with the hope of a sop in shape of some petty post, but consult those who are free and independent of all such political trumpery, and look out only for the best of men under all circumstances, regardless of the frowns of Ring leaders and Thug bosses.

We have shown pretty conclusively that there has been fraud with at least one of our members of Assembly, with all the Commissioners, and the Prison Inspector. Now let us turn our attention to the complaints we hear about the illegal fees charged by some of the officers in the Court House. We are told that when fees are charged, the officer substitutes a fee-bill of his own, instead of that prescribed by act of Assembly, and what is very strange (*if the officer is an honest man*) his fee-bill is higher than the legal one. We would advise no one to pay fees unless he is furnished with a bill of items, specifically set out, so that it can be scrutinized and tested. If illegal fees are charged, demand a return of the excess, and if that is refused, hand the bill to an Alderman, and recover by suit. Some years ago we know that a certain officer was frequently sued, and compelled to disgorge his petty filchings. The same thing can be done again. Try it. These officers are all linked in with the Thugs and rings, and banded together to make money.

THE New York *World* of Wednesday last, contains the following item:

"A Seymour and Blair ratification meeting was held in Aiken, South Carolina, yesterday. Two colored men followed Wade Hampton spoke. A colored Democratic club marched in the procession."

How does the Democracy of Lancaster County relish this? Ah, Democracy, how various thou art! If a negro is a Democrat, he is a gentleman, &c. If he is a Republican, he is an ignorant thief. Real Democratic philosophy.

W. H. Seward.

From newspaper reports there seems will some folks be sickly hope that Mr. Seward and some of his tribe may support Grant and Colfax. We do not believe in it at all, but if it be true, there is no great reason for crowing about it. We view Mr. Seward as one of the worst men in the country and charge upon him the treachery and misconduct of Andrew Johnson, and all the seeming delinquencies of President Lincoln, during the war. Mr. Seward was very much soured because he was not elected President in 1860, when Mr. Lincoln was, and his appointment as Secretary of State should never have been made. He went into the Cabinet disposed for mischief and with the dire intent to break down Mr. Lincoln if possible, thinking to raise a party to elevate himself in 1864, to the Presidency. His counsels were unsound, hollow and deceitful, and failing to accomplish his villany, he did what resulted in something worse. He united with some others and prevented the re-nomination of Hannibal Hamlin; and thereby succeeded in effecting the nomination of Andrew Johnson, but for whom all the trouble that have followed the death of Lincoln would never have occurred. When Johnson was sworn in as President he talked and wrote as an honest, good Republican. At that time Mr. Seward was on a bed of anguish, with his head cracked, his ribs broken and his throat cut, and therefore unable to counsel or advise with the President, who promised and did what, for the time all that a good Republican could desire. Mr. Seward in his ambition to be President knew very well, that if President Johnson continued in that course and would carry out the principles of the Republican party to their satisfaction, he (Johnson) would undoubtedly be elected President in 1868, by the people, which would of course defeat his plan and destroy his hopes. He therefore as soon as recovered sufficiently to advise the President, counseled him to adopt his policy of Reconstruction (the creation of Mr. Seward's own brain,) for the purpose of destroying his popularity with the Republicans and preventing his election, proposing the inauguration of a new party which he hoped would unite on himself Mr. Seward. This was attempted by the Raymond Convention in 1866, and ended in a fizzle, leaving Mr. Johnson and Mr. Seward both as damaged articles in the the eyes of the world, and threw them back upon their old resources of bedeviling Congress and the Republican party in hopes that something would turn up. Everybody knows the occurrences since that time, and that both together have exerted themselves to their utmost to destroy not only the Republican party, but General Grant in particular. Mr. Seward, like Mr. Johnson, is a very much disappointed man, in more respects than one, and now that his time in office is growing short, would no doubt be glad to get back to his old roost in the party, to secure a position and respect for himself, and some good fat office for his son Fred., and the rest of them. We do not therefore see that it is of any importance whether Mr. Seward supports Gen. Grant or not, and think he had better stick to the fortunes of Andrew Johnson, who would have been a better man but for Wm. H. Seward and bad whiskey, which to a considerable extent has at times affected them both. But if he will come, let him take a back seat and repent of his evil deeds in sack cloth and ashes, and perhaps after due evidence of reformation, if he desires office, he might be appointed doorkeeper at the White House.

FOR weeks past inquiries had been made for Seymour, the Democratic nominee for the Presidency. Immediately after the dispersing of the Convention, he had retired to the shades of privacy, and while his colleague was breathing fire and slaughter against the Republicans, Seymour was quiet, not even by letter having accepted the nomination. The anxiety in his party has been relieved, and the rioters' friend has favored the resuscitated fossils with a long epistle "defining his political status." He gives as a reason for the delay, that he was waiting for the adjournment of Congress, but what that had to do with the acceptance, it is hard to divine, unless he feared a second impeachment of the President which might have been successful, and thus deprive the Democratic party of one of their strong arms, the public crib. In that case he would undoubtedly have declined. Having told "his friends" that the nomination was unsought and unexpected, he excuses himself for proving recreant to himself and his country, by pleading his inability to resist "the whelming tide" that cheated Hendricks or Hancock out of the nomination, and thrust it upon this *modest* man.

He then arraigns the Republican party for offences of which they are not guilty, and for acts for which they are not responsible. The debt under which we are now laboring, and the taxes about which every Democratic demagogue grows eloquent, are not the offspring of the Republican party, but are properly traced to the very party now represented by this Seymour. He claims that a large majority of the Union soldiers are with him and his party, which is so absurd that it needs no contradiction. He may have been mistaken and intended to say "those who served in the Rebel army and navy."

Once more then has Seymour been heard from; but it is hardly probable we will ever hear from him again.

THE Kuklux have made their appearance in Virginia. Their mission seems to be to drive all Union men from the State, and originate a reign of terror. Notices are being served to leave, and assassination is affixed to them as the penalty of refusal. It is unnecessary to say that they are enthusiastic supporters of Seymour and Blair.

JUDGE UNDERWOOD, of Virginia, an ardent friend of Chief Justice CHASE, has had an interview with that gentleman since the Democratic nominations were made. Mr. CHASE expressed himself as a supporter of GRANT and COLFAX, and seems "to have had a belly full of Democratic professions.

To Tax-Payers.

THE tax-payers should recollect that the money which they pay into the County Treasury as taxes, fines, forfeitures, penalties, &c., is to be disbursed and expended by order of the Commissioners, the Prison Inspector, the Director of the Poor, and in some instances by order of the Court, as provided for; and hence the importance of having for those offices not every one who can make himself popular with political tricksters, but to have men of character, judgment and intelligence, who know for what and how the public money should be expended for the good and interest of the public. They will observe that the Prothonotary, Register, Recorder, the Clerks of the Orphans' Court and Quarter Sessions, and Sheriff have nothing to do with and have no control over the money of the Treasury; they are elected for other purposes entirely. Now, as the amount received into the Treasury exceeded $380,000 last year, the tax payers can see the great necessity and importance of having none but the most competent and best men to manage and pay out so large a sum, the greatest amount of which is disbursed by the Commissioners. If the people will only preserve from year to year the Commissioners' report, as published in the papers, they can readily see these things, and can judge whether their agents have been faithful or otherwise. It is not to be denied human nature is not immaculate, and temptation sometimes overcomes the strongest, and when it is least expected, the public agent may be unfaithful and dishonest; and hence, when the slightest deviation is made, it is always best to avoid all further trust in him, for he who defrauds you once will be very apt to do so again. Now look at our Commissioners' report, as to their own mileage, where they have charged for travel not actually performed, and this has been done, we believe, *ever since the law of 1864 passed*, and in some instances too it would seem they have charged for their *expenses*, in addition to their daily pay and mileage. If then, they have exceeded in taking what the law allows for mileage, &c., may it not be inferred there is some truth in the report that they have been interested in some of the bridges built during their term. The report shows that out of twelve bridges on which work was done last year, it was done on seven by W. McMellan, and the remaining five done by as many other persons, thus showing that Mr. McMellan must be a favorite, at least, when probably if public notice had been given, and proposals asked for, and a fair competition had, other persons might had work on bridges, too. When people complain they can get no work from the Commissioners, and one man gets more than half, there is reason to suspect, something rotten in Denmark. Honest public agents never desire to make secret bargains, and public agents have no right to make them, and we wish that when a bridge or any other work is given to any one at a higher price than another offers to do it for, that the party disappointed will prevent the contract from being carried out, by an application for an injunction, and he will be sustained by an honest Court, and an outraged and indignant people.

WHAT a lucky thing for the Republicans of Lancaster county that the thugs, rings and cliques of the city will so kindly relieve the tax payers and voters from all trouble in settling our county tickets. All we have to do is to let Brubaker, Hiestand and their partners alone, and they will tell us, from year to year for whom we shall vote. It is so handy. We need not bother ourselves by making a choice. They will do it for us, and it saves us a great deal of vexation and trouble. All that is necessary to be done by a gentleman who desires an office is to call upon this Brubaker firm, or joint stock concern, in North Queen street, Lancaster, and give the needful, making all things fit to their satisfaction, and the firm will undoubtedly secure a nomination, which is tantamount to an election. Thus you see for a proper consideration, and who works without a good one, candidates, brokers and voters are all accommodated. All that the people are asked to do is to walk up to the polls like good natured children, and vote the ticket settled by the firm, with the approval, (which the firm obtains gratis) of the County Commissioners; who are also becoming an important institution in framing tickets, attending to mileage, bribing fire companies with the county money, and doing many other little chores that will require public attention. They act as assistant or collateral aid to the firm of Brubaker and Hiestand, and have been doing a thriving business of late. They have a preparing mill or primary school, in which candidates are ground over before they are regularly qualified for acceptance by the Holy order of the Thugs, through which order all must take the necessary degrees, and pay the Grand High Priest the charges, who, by making his favorable mark, gives them the necessary passport to favor. What a happy country, what a blessed time we live in! Great is George——and Hiestand is his prophet!

IF justice is done to Columbia, Mr James Barber will be nominated for Assembly on the 15th of August. We are entitled to a member, and of course expect our claim to be allowed. We all know him to be an honest man, of sound judgment, and that he will make a good representative if elected. Let all hands then urge his selection. The interests of Columbia require some one to be at Harrisburg who will do his duty faithfully, fearlessly and honestly.

WE call upon the voters of Lancaster county to let them know that James Barber, a most excellent citizen of Columbia, is a candidate for Assembly. He is opposed by Brubaker and Heisland, because he is an honest man, and could not be made to buy them. Columbia is entitled to a member, and she asks for a member. The office-brokers wanted money, and did not get it. We appeal to the honest people of the county for his support.

Philadelphia City Item.

The *City Item*, smarting under the rebuke administered to its dear friend Wm. B. Mann, by the Republicans of Philadelphia, again takes us to task for desiring to rid the party in this county of the men who have combined together to defraud the people and foist upon them the most unfit and corrupt men to be found any where, outside of that city. If the position taken by Mr. Fitzgerald is a true one—then the late war could have easily been avoided, by allowing such thieves as Floyd, and traitors like Davis to take possession of the government and rule it to its ruin. The integrity and virtue of the loyal masses in the North saved the country by electing that pure man, Abraham Lincoln, President. The condition of the Republican party in this county is very much the same. A few years ago George Brubaker formed a secret oath-bound society, the members of which were sworn to support none for office except those of their number. A few broken down politicians in each district joined these political thugs. If not strong enough to control the Republican county conventions, Brubaker would sell to the highest bidder the handful of delegates under his control; the result was, unfit men were placed upon the ticket—which created dissatisfaction and endangered the success of the party. To-day, every office controlled by Republicans in the county, and occupied or held by a member of the "thugs," is reaking with corruption—the tax-payers are being robbed by them in open day—and shall it be said that there is no remedy, that we must pass under the yoke and tamely submit to the decrees of the thugs? George Brubaker, chief thug—himself a candidate for District Attorney—is the most unfit man for the position he represented to the people of this county. He had no *status* amongst the *legal* fraternity whatever. Through the influence of his fellow thugs and a liberal expenditure of money in each district, he hopes to buy enough votes to receive his nomination. It is about time that the people take the matter in hands and put a stop to this state of affairs. We again remind Mr. Fitzgerald that he published gross and infamous articles in derogation of Governor Geary's character in the same paper he lectures us.

Not satisfied with their fiendish efforts to defeat Maj. A. C. Reinoehl, the thugs have roped in a fellow named Habecker, who resides in Newport, Perry county, in this State, and is writing defamatory letters to his friends and relatives in this county, urging his defeat; and why? If we are not mistaken, this is the same chap who got up a bill last winter in the Legislature to remove the county seat of Perry county to Newport. The scheme was a most iniquitious one, and was gotten up for the sole purpose of speculation. More than two-thirds of the citizens of that county petitioned the Legislature, and remonstrated against any change. Maj. Reinoehl being on the committee, determined to defeat the measure, which he did. After being cajoled, wheedled and coaxed, and even offered bribes by this man Habecker, he stood true to his trust, for which the tax payers of Perry county are no doubt thankful. Because he was true and honest towards all, a set of political hermaphrodites in this county are determined to defeat him. Let the voters on Saturday put in plumpers for Maj. Reinoehl.

THE next Presidential election if carried by the Copperheads, is to be carried by fraud, perjury and forgery of the rankest creed. Success is their determination, right or wrong, by fair means or foul, no matter which. The end justifies the means, and Mr. Wallace, chairman of their State Committee, so educates them by his circular. They are desperate. Their desire to regain their lost power is not so much the enjoyment of the offices, as the restoration of slavery and the breaking down of the Republican Reconstruction system. Maddened by defeat, although through a false clemency they have just escaped a deserved halter, they lose no opportunity of murdering the poor black and the sturdy Republican who helped to free him. No crime is too heinous for them to commit, if it will restore them to their former control, and it illy becomes the Republicans to be inert and indifferent. Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty, and every Republican voter "must be up and at them."

MESSRS. REINOEHL AND GODSCHALK, two war-worn veterans, have been repudiated by the thugs and the rings in Lancaster. The one, Mr. G., lost a leg in the service of this country, and Mr. Reinoehl was a young and gallant soldier, risking his life for our liberties. But both are cast aside, and are to be despised as yearlings, because the ring masters can make nothing out of them. Where are the soldiers and the freemen who battled against the foe in company with these brave men, while the office brokers who reject them now were snoozing quietly in their beds, and dreaming of offices and money? Will not their old comrades come to the rescue, and give them a crowning vote. Soldiers of Columbia! soldiers of Lancaster county, march forth and help your old friend who has lost a leg. What an appeal.

VALLANDIGHAM, in his speech made in Butler county, Ohio, the other day, said:

"Talk of Christianity, of religion, of priests, of pulpits, of churches! I believe and affirm that there is more of the benign spirit of Christ expressed in the action of that New York Convention than in all the loyal pulpits in the United States in five years."

Comment is unnecessary.

THE President denies that by the recent order of the Secretary of War he recognizes the *defacto* governments of the South. He will at some time bring this question before the Cabinet for decision, and he believes that these governments cannot be recognized as proper for the present.

SURELY no more worthy man than Capt. W. D. Reitzel is offered for Assembly. He is opposed to all cliques and factions—a straight-forward, industrious, sober, self-made man, and deserves the encouragement and support of his fellow citizens.

Letter from Michigan.

CLINTON, MICHIGAN, August 5, 1868.

BRO. RAMBO:—Since my last, I have kept very quiet, only short trips and one fishing excursion being the order of the day.

Lancing perhaps merits a short description.

Some twenty years ago, it was made the Capital of the State, although at that time there were not probably a dozen houses within a radius of two miles; now it contains a number of mills of different kinds, a foundry, many wholesale and retail stores, and one of the finest hotels in the State, built by the late Baker, of detective fame, and who had to sell it in consequence of several attempts being made to burn it by—as is supposed—some of his secession enemies. The Capital grounds contain eleven acres, in a commanding position, near the centre of the town, and bids fair, in time, to be more beautiful than any in the country. The streets are laid out east and west, of an average width of about seventy feet, and the avenues north and south, of about one hundred feet. There being as yet, but indirect railroad communication with other and larger places, and the Legislature meeting only bi-ennially, the population does not increase very rapidly. East, about three-fourths of mile, is the State Reform School, containing at present some two hundred and fifty boys, black and white, of ages ranging from ten to twenty-one, who are divided into classes of fourteen under the subordinate charge of a Captain and Lieutenant, (as they might be called) and march with military precision to their meals, baths, beds, &c. They all receive a good english education, studying four hours per day... Work eight hours—some at shoe making, some at making cane-seat and flag chairs, some at tailoring, and others on the farm attached to the institution, and other work necessary for an institution that designs to have all done by the inmates which is required for their maintenance. All retire at eight o'clock and rise at five the year round, and have three hours per day for eating, play, &c. It is considered the model of its kind in the country. About two miles beyond is the State Agricultural College, where any boy can learn all of farming that can be taught, and also the necessary knowledge of chemistry, &c., to enable them to analyze different soils and give them a proper dressing. A fair english education is also obtained here, competent teachers residing on the farm. Some of the finest stock in the country may be seen here, and a daily account is kept of the feed of each, with changes often to give the most profitable diet. A fine hot house and good variety of flowers, together with a full line of vegetables are on the place, and nearly all kinds of soil are embraced in its limits.

Thirty-seven miles south of Lancing, is Jackson, a smart little place of some 6,000 inhabitants, which bids fair to double in the next ten years. Four or five miles east of this place is Michigan Centre, an unimportant place, but noted some years ago for being the head-quarters of a gang of miscreants, who threw off the track, and fired into many trains of cars on the Michigan Central Railroad. Here is a chain of small lakes, where on Saturday an old chum and myself had a day's fishing, capturing eleven pike, the smallest weighing three pounds and a quarter, and the largest weighing eleven pounds and a half, twenty-three Black Bass, ranging from three-quarters of a pound to six pounds, and a quantity of sun fish, one of which weighed one pound and three-quarters, making a day's sport the like of which I have not seen for years. Yesterday the Union Base Ball Club, of Morrisiana, played the Centrals, at Jackson, but my arrangements making me due here, I could not witness it. The score was 65 to 1 in favor of the Unions. To-morrow a party of four of us, fish at Sandy Lake, about nine miles from here, the result of which I will advise you of in due time. No pigeons have made their appearance here this summer and it is too early for most kinds of game, consequently can do nothing in that line.

Yours truly, K.

Letter from Lancaster.

LANCASTER, August 10, 1868.

MY DEAR SPY.—There is some very shrewd guessing among the *press*-gung thugs and rings as to who Timour, the Tartar, is. One of the wounded is rather bellicose; should he find out who struck Billy Patterson, he will no doubt issue a hostile proclamation, when I must cut and run, as a *casus belli* with a sharp shooter would not be pleasant. But I understand that during the war he was never very murderously inclined, for when the enemy approached, he seemed to admire that beautiful specimen of poetic inspiration:

"'Tis distance lends enchantment to the view,"

and kept as far off as courtesy would permit, preferring the intellectual society of the baggage wagons and the hospital. These minnie balls are nasty things, they perforate unpleasantly all persons of a nervous temperament. But *nous verrons*.

On taking an inventory of the Republican corps editorial, I find great truth in what you have said about them, with a great deal more of the same sort that has not been publicly said. Achilles was vulnerable only in one spot; the heel; but if all their political blurs and blots were shown, they would be as spotted as leopards. They have now completed an organization, which, if carried into effect, will make them supreme rulers of the political affairs of the county, and the people will be as completely stripped of power as if they were disfranchised. By means of a secret oath-bound society, (the members of which are scattered throughout the county, and under the management of an intriguing and unscrupulous politician,) they are to dictate and nominate to office such only as they find a *peculiar* interest in. The candidates or officers are no longer to be selected by the people, but to be raffled or bargained for by these brokers. Those who bribe to get office, must, when elected, take bribes for their votes as members; that they may raise money enough to pay those who elected them. Hence it is that rings are fortified in the Legislature, as well as in the county. In the Senate, seventeen are a majority, commanding the passage or defeat of any bill, and the action of that majority is controlled by the amount given to carry or defeat such bill. So also is it in the House of Representatives.

Let me give you a reminiscence of an event, not altogether applicable to the matter before us, but which may interest you. Some years ago, the County Convention met and nominated our members of Assembly, and instructed them, by resolution, which they accepted and approved of, to vote against the bills relative to the tonnage tax, and the Sunbury and Erie Rail Road. These resolutions were disregarded by two of the members, who were denounced by the *Evening Express* in strong and decided terms. The editors were prosecuted for libel, and both parties threatened vengeance on the other. But strange to say, in a short time the prosecution was withdrawn, without retraction, apology or explanation by the editors, and one of the members in a year or two afterwards was strongly recommended by the *Evening Express* for re-election, which was accomplished. Two questions now arise, first, if the charges published by the editors against the members were false, and their characters slandered, as they swore they were, why was the prosecution withdrawn? Secondly, if the charge was true, and the members culpable as the editors represented, why did the *Express* exert itself, and recommend the election of that member who, before was deemed unworthy? Will any body answer these questions, and state the terms upon which the parties became reconciled to each other?

If time permits, a few similar instances of very disinterested charity and benevolence may be adduced as evidence of editorial principle.

Yours respectfully,
TIMOUR, THE TARTAR.

Another Letter from Lancaster.

LANCASTER, August 13, 1868.

MY DEAR SPY.—I cannot but laugh when I read your daily. You pitch into the thugs, the rings and the cliques, and expose their corruption. You dab away too, at the leaders, Brubaker, Heistand and the modest gentlemen of the *Express*, who own the papers, and give them *jessie* for acting corruptly as they do, and then *very modestly* ask them to copy, and dare them to endorse or expose their own frauds. Some folks would call this pretty bold and evidence of great assurance. But it matters not, they deserve it all, and the people are all glad to see it, and the Spy, as you know, is daily increasing in popularity, because you dare to tell the truth and refuse to shut out the light. Honesty is the best policy, as you will find out—and they too, at a date too late for them.

The matter of most interest at present spoken of here is the squandering of money by the County Commissioners, who seem to think they are masters of their situation, and have a right to squander the county money by contributions to fire companies, and the election of George Brubaker, who rules them, and some other officers in the Court House.

If our elections are to be interfered with in this way, we ought to know it. A new duty truly has been originated in the Commissioner's office, if they can electioneer for their pets by spending the county money after this manner. By this conduct they hope to control the nominations, and elect their own creatures, who in return are to help plunder and divide. What were the Commissioners elected for? Was it to settle county tickets? It will be better for these gentlemen to know their business is of quite a different character, and that they may be called some of these days to an account, and hold personally responsible. They have not an unlimited discretion, and they can only pay out money when justified by the law. They are neither kings nor rulers, and it will be the interest of the taxpayers to convince them of that fact.

It is well known that they are determined to elect George, District Attorney, but it may be the dearest thing to them they ever undertook, for even if he should be elected, he cannot screen them; but I forget, he is such a splendid and interesting genius, such an elegant and accomplished lawyer, that I have no doubt he will require a deputy to prosecute for the Commonwealth in Court, where, as long as I have lived in Lancaster, I never knew he had a voice in Court, and few or none ever heard him make a speech, through *excessive modesty*. But this is not uncommon here, for we have a number of *dumb*, that is, silent members of the bar.

Yours,
TIMOUR, THE TARTAR.

The Public Debt.

Equally divided, the proportion of the debt to each person is $69.50, the interest on which amounts to about a cent a day.

The increase of property in the two States of Pennsylvania and New York, if continued at the present rate for three years, would be sufficient to pay the entire debt, with three hundred millions of dollars to spare.

All the hardship there is for the laboring men grows out of the inflation of the currency, and the repudiation schemes of the Democratic party. Well may the poor man say, from such friends "good Lord deliver us." C.

Book Notices.

FAMILY TREASURE.—This is one of the finest magazines published. The August number presents a table of contents of rare interest. "Journey of the Jews from Babylon to Jerusalem," "The Peddler of La Grave," &c., will be perused with great interest. Every family in the land should have this magazine. Published by Rev. Joseph Chester, 176 Elm street, Cincinnati, O. $2 a year in advance. Single copies 10 cents.

GRANT AND COLFAX.—Our friend Wm. B. Hall, professor of music, has turned publisher. He has just issued a very neat book, from the press of S. A. Wylie, Lancaster. It is entitled "The lives of Grant and Colfax." It is a neat and reliable work. Price 25 cents. Address Hall & Co., 329 Walnut street, Phila.

DIE MODENWELT.—The August number of this great fashion magazine is unsurpassed. It contains a colored fashion plate of rare beauty. Indeed, we never saw anything finer in this line. This journal is published in Europe, and gives yearly over 1,5000 beautiful fashion cuts, and some 200 valuable patterns, varying in style and size to suit all, and about 400 novelties for braid and embroidery. It is received monthly in advance, and put up at the astonishing low price of $3 a year; single numbers, 30 cents. Posted to subscribers by S. T. Taylor, 391 Canal street, New York, at $3 a year. Single numbers, 35 cents. W. U. Hess, Columbia, sells it.

THE LADY'S FRIEND, FOR SEPTEMBER.—In the September number of this great fashion book may be found a *spirited steel* engraving, called "The Attack." This is followed by the usual elegant steel Fasion Plate, and by a fine wood engraving, suited to the seaside season, called "On the Cliff." Then come numerous engravings of the Fasions, interesting to the ladies, with a piece of Music. The literary matter of this number includes the beginning of a Novelet called "Fleeing from Fate," by Louise Chandler Moulton, which is a powerfully written and deeply interesting story of love and marriage, &c., &c. "Masquerading," by A. M. Dana. Novelties for September, &c., &c. Published by Deacon & Peterson, 319 Walnut street, Philadelphia, at $2.50 a year (which also includes a large steel engraving.) Sample copies, 15 cents.

The Campaign.

A motto for the Blair family: "United we stand."

The Fort Wayne, (Ind.) *Gazette* announces that Gen. James B. Steedman repudiates Seymour and Blair.

The Republicans of Jersey city are to have a wigwam. One citizen offers $250, and another $100, to aid in the construction of the building.

A. J. Donelson is out for Seymour. We understand that Donelson claims that he *one* ran for Vice President with a man named Fillmore.

It doesn't become Frank Blair to prate about the carpet-baggers. There has been no time since the Blair family could crawl that each member of it has not been in Washington, carpet-bag in hand, clamoring and begging for office.

Seymour's physician says he is likely to become crazy within a year. Beware of Blair.

New rendering by Grant—"I propose to fight it out on this line if it takes all Seymour."

If the Democrats love the Union and the Constitution so well, how is it that they waged war on both for four years?

The Democrats are so deficient in arithmetic that in adding up Northern States they don't know how to "carry one."

General Buell, who wasted one of the finest armies in the West in a series of McClellanisms, naturally supports Seymour and Blair.

A Western paper says Mr. Seymour is said to be strong with the Democratic party; but unluckily the party is not strong with him.

SINGULAR COINCIDENCE—A singular case of death of two editors occurred at Albion, in Orleans county, in New York State, last week. Mr. Bruner of the *Republican* and Mr. Beach of the *American*, published at that place, died on the same day, of the same disease, and at the same age.

WHEN a man speaks to a lamp-post, and cautions it not to "bob round so," it snows that the post is getting irregular in its habits, and needs looking after.

Editorial and Miscellaneous.

Suicide ravages.
Epizootic is in Boston.
Hot weather is over.
Strangers in Chicago.
Tobacco is Cuba's staple.
—Victoria is to be sculpted.
—Too much rain in Japan.
—Olive Logan is sunburnt.
—Strielli, the tenor, is dead.
—Logan is stumping maine.
—The Swiss export glaciers.
—A "draw-back"—A blister.
—Wirt Sykes is able to be out.
—Cheyenne means female dog.
—Victoria is willing to re-wed.
—Grimes is visiting Fessenden.
—Potato juice kills equine bots.
—Disraeli wears an alpaca coat.
—Chinese do not play base ball.
—What worthless worms we are!
—Bustles are comming up again.
—Fish eggs are an Alaska dainty.
—Memphis wants a work house.
—Vox Pop—A cry for ginger beer.
—An order of Discharge—"Fire!"
—Chicago supports six synagogues.
—Fig trees will grow in Minnesota.
—The home of poet Morris for sale.
—Verdi's latest opera is on Falstaff.
—Safety matches—Early marriages.
—Secretary Schofield is in Newport.
—Wolves are eating sheep in Maine.
—Von Buest says Austria is at peace.
—At Parisian funerals women smoke.
—New York expects Planchette Kirby.
—Maine holds its election in six weeks.
—Fernando Wood's moustache is white.
—Tennessee craves an inebriated asylum.
—Bismarck gets $9,000 a year and found.
—Will the coming woman dance Cancan.
—The cattle plague of Illinois is harmless.
—Jeff Davis is going into trade in England.
—The smoke has cleared away from the lakes.
—Sumner will make but one speech this canvass.
—Two yellow owls were caught near Reading.
—Corn grows twenty-five feet high in Vermont.
—A Japanese newspaper has been started in London.
—Cheyenne has two daily and four weekly papers.
—The newest style in ladies' dress is the Chinese fichu.
—Lancasterians want singing in their public schools.
—Montana farmers are yoking and working buffalo calves.
—Iron ore mining is flourishing in Western Massachusetts.
—Pittsburg is to have a German musical festival next month.
—Bets are beginning to be made on the Presidential election.
—A man in Springfield wants to buy a pair of twins for $1,000.
—A female clerk in Washington has gone insane over planchette.
—The *Journal des Debats*, Paris, made but 20,000 francs last year.
—The Chief Justice has gone to Parkersburg, Va., to hold a Court.
—The General Government has but two detectives in New England.
—Brick Pomeroy displays pictures of Butler in his office windows.
—Late advices from Paris state that crinolines are worn with a bustle.
—Portland cat over a million dollars worth of molasses in six months.
—The ladies in Jan Isicho presented Gottschalk with a set of Mosaic buttons.
—Edwin Booth will begin his starring season in Cincinnati on the 14th of September.
—Samuel Lover's widow will continue to draw his pension, by direction of Dizzy.
—Robert Dale Owen is in his sixtieth year, and diligently engaged upon his first novel.
—Carter County, Kentucky, is cavernous. It has more than a dozen miles of caves underlying it.
—Two or three copies of the weekly SPY of August 1st, wanted at this office. Who will send them?
—Tom Brown Hughes is going to make a book out of the Jamaica massacre. He will impale Eyre.
—It is said that Judge Hamilton will vote for Grant and Colfax; but we don't believe a word of it.
—The excessive hot weather is killing the fish in ponds in Wisconsin. Like Job, they are afflicted with boils.
—Lord Earnest Vane Tempest, a Conservative candidate for the English Parliament, fought at Ball's Bluff in 1862.
—The Copperheads boast that their Presidential candidate is one "See-more." After the election it will be "See-less."
—Colfax denies emphatically that Grant is intemperate. He himself smokes, but says that Grant did not teach him the habit.
—The Democracy have been trying to raise the wind for a long time. They got a whole bag full when they secured Frank Blair.
—A Chicago lady, last Thursday morning, frightened away a burglar by drawing a revolver upon him and ordering him to leave.
—John Rowland says, West Hempfield will give a good account of herself for Grant and Colfax (we presume) in November next.
—On Friday last, a St. Louis sewer caved in, and flooded the streets and houses. Five steam-engines were employed in forcing off the water.
—The Vicksburg *Times* now includes among the "decent people" of that section the colored Democrats, or rather, the Democratic colored men.
—Baldness, grayness and other imperfections of the hair will be regarded as inexcusable after a trial of Mrs. S. A. Allen's improved (*new style*) hair restorer or dressing, (*one bottle*). Every druggist sells it. Price one dollar. aug1-4t
—Among the gifts to a newly married pair the other evening, was a broom sent to the lady, accompanied with the following sentiment:

"This trifling gift accept from me,
It is use I wish and not ornament:
In sunshine use the brushy part,
In storms the other end."

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—Mr. Alfred Speer the maker of the celebrated Port Grape Wine, says it is about the size of the Isabella, and that it is the finest on this continent. He has refused thousands of applications for the plant, as he requires all available cuttings for the extension of his vineyards. He has orders for his wine from Europe. Our druggists have procured some four years old.

From Washington.

(Special to the Daily Spy.)

WASHINGTON, August 13, 1868.

At a meeting of the citizens of Lancaster County, Pa., in Representative Hall last evening, resolutions deploring the death of Thaddeus Stevens were passed.

The remains of Thaddeus Stevens are lying in state to-day, and thousands of his friends and admirers in life, are taking a final look at him. To-morrow the body will be removed to Lancaster, and on Monday the burial will take place. The pall bearers will be, Secretary Seward and Attorney General Evarts, Senators Sumner and McDonald, Ex-Secretary Stanton, Generals Rawlings and T. W. Sherman, Surgeon General Barnes, and Major Bowen.

General Schofield went to West Point last night to visit his family, two of his children being unwell.

Mr. Rollins, Commissioner of Internal Revenue, will be here on Saturday.

Secretary Seward arrived here this morning. General Rosecrans, our Minister to Mexico, called on him and received his commission and instructions. General Rosecrans is directed to convey to President Juarez the request of the Government that the republic be at once placed upon a firmer basis, with ample security to life and property and encouragement to emigrants.

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