The Columbia Spy.

Saturday, May 28, 1870.

Advertisements to secure immediate insertion, must be handed in on or before Thursday evening each week.

PENNSYLVANIA. RAIL ROAD.

TRAINS LEAVE COLUMBIA GOING EAST.
Lancaster Train ..... 8.40 A. M.
Harrisburg Accommodation ..... 5.20 P. M.

TRAINS LEAVE WEST.
Mail Train ..... 11.50 A. M.
Harrisburg Accommodation ..... 6.35 P. M.
Lancaster Train Arrives 9.05
Marietta Accom. leaves Columbia, at 7.00 A. M.

COLUMBIA ACCOMMODATION.
Leave Columbia for Lancaster ..... 1.00 P. M.
Arrive at Lancaster ..... 1.55 "
Connecting with Erie Express for Phila.
Leave Lancaster city ..... 4.45 P. M.
Arrive at Columbia ..... 5.30 "

The Harrisburg accommodation will leave as before at 5.20 P. M.

WM. F. LOCKARD,
Superintendent, Phila. Div

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

Borough Items.

E. F. Seever has been appointed General Agent of the Huntingdon & Broadtop Railroad. The appointment embraces the duties of general freight and general ticket agent.

"Dummy," the deaf and dumb character, called at the office this week to tell us that somebody [illegible] a pocket book containing [illegible]. It was taken out of his side pocket, while sitting in a chair asleep. "Dummy's" interview with us was quite satisfactory, though somewhat protracted. "Dummy" has not specified the reward to be offered, but we suppose it will be liberal.

The Strawberry festival of the Reformed church will be held in Odd Fellows' Hall June 9th, 10th and 11th. Admission 10 cents. Tickets to festival 50 cents; Season tickets good for three evenings, $1.00. Children, half price.

[illegible] Fendrich's, Elephant smoking tobacco put up in 2oz. bags 7cts, sold elsewhere 10 cts.

A citizen interviewed us last week informed us that the post office [illegible] on Sundays from 8.30 to 9.30 A. M. [illegible] Sunday morning however the Deputy Postmaster informed us that the hours not been changed but that during the summer season the office would be open from 7.30 to 8.30 A. M. We cheerfully make the correction, [illegible] charity (!) [illegible]

The [illegible] open [illegible] Rare fractions exchanged.

The celebrated operas segars reduced at Jno. Rendsnigh's from 10 cigars 5 cts. each, to one for twelve cents. Cheaper than any other tobacco store made of same leaf tobacco under 10 cts.

The "Highville Cabalist" says that Highville has a fire company. The "machine" consists of a large hogshead filled with water and mounted upon a wheelbarrow. Each member of the company wears a dipper in his belt, and on an alarm of fire being given the hogshead is rapidly wheeled to the scene of conflagration; the members then surround the wheelbarrow, and detaching their dippers proceed promptly to extinguish the flames.

Lumps of ice may be seen any morning, lying on sunny door steps to dry.

A young lady from the country—bright, fresh and beautiful—spent the night at one of the hotels the other night, and—blew out the gas! We fact that the window was open accounts for the other pleasant fact that we are not called upon to attend the young lady's funeral.

The man who [illegible] too late for the train [illegible] of packages and cabbage stalks on Thursday morning just in time to see the rear car of the 8.35 train glide over Front street. He waited till 9.20 P. M.

At Mr. Fendrich's, May Queen smoking tobacco reduced 20 cts. per lb; this is the best smoking tobacco in the county.

There was an alarm of fire on Saturday morning. Both the engines were out, with steam up. A large crowd gathered at the corner of Locust and Second but soon after dispersed.

We hear that efforts are being made to organize a colored military company.

Nearly four hundred emigrants passed through *en route* for the West on Sunday morning—mostly Norwegians.

A man in Boston has actually been arrested for stealing a barn, for the construction of which the owner refused to pay him. If we could only induce this heavy larcenist to come here and steal the old Town Hall so as to expedite the building of a new one we would be willing to put the detectives on his track so as to secure his escape from arrest.

A Indiana county (Pa.) man recently [illegible] a [illegible] assault to injury by asking her, "How is that for High?" She sued him before a local magistrate for a high price of assault and battery.

[illegible] Havana segars for 25 cts. at Mr. Fendrich's, sold elsewhere 10 cts each.

It is estimated that 50,000 shad have been caught at the dam this year.

The funeral of James Bennett on Sunday was very large, being attended by the Fire Companies, Red Men and a large concourse of citizens.

BASE BALL.—The "Old Mutual" Base Ball Club will visit Lancaster to-day to play a match game of Base Ball with a picked nine of that place; a very interesting and exciting game may be expected.

— ON last Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock a very interesting and exciting match game of "Croquet" came off at the Dispatcher's office, between two ladies and two gentleman, which resulted in a very bad defeat for the "Females," we hope they will try again.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.—The sixty-[illegible] nual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Pennsylvania will be held in Williamsport, June 14th, 1870, to continue four days. The fair grounds near the city will be used as the camping ground. This occasion celebrates the 73rd year of the introduction of the order of Christian Knighthood into the United States.

The authorities of Williamsport have tendered the Sir Knights the hospitalities of the city, by public resolution. The railroads throughout the State will issue excursion tickets and delegations of Knights from neighboring states are expected to be present.

Through the courtesy of A. J. Kauffman, we have been furnished with a diagram of the encampment, surveyed and drawn by E. H. Burlingame, andjudging from these elaborate preparations, a grand time may be expected. The valiant Sir Knights will no doubt celebrate their annual reunion and conclave, with all the splendor known to the craft.

Cyrene Commandery stationed at this place will attend the conclave in a body. The following are the officers:

Sir A. J. Kauffman, Eminent Commander.
" A. M. Rambo, Generalissimo.
" Wm. H. Eagle, Captain General.
" E. K. Boice, Treasurer.
" Chas. H. Pfahler, Recorder.
" Chas. H. McCullough, Prelate.
" W. H. Pfahler, Senior Warden.
" S. B. Clepper, Junior Warden.
" C. A. Fondersmith, Sword Bearer.
" W. P. Cottrell, Standard Bearer.
" T. J. Clepper, Warden.
" T. B. Dunbar, Sentinel.
" W. W. Upp, } Trustees.
" W. P. Cottrell }
" F. Hinkle. }
" C. S. Kauffman, Past Eminent Commander.

John Fendrich's is the cheapest tobacco store in the state.

May & Erwin have the very best croquet sets for sale cheap.

"THE PILGRIM" is now in course of preparation by the Presbyterian Sabbath School. The Magic Lantern (one of McAllister's make) is already on the ground, and in a few weeks the people of Columbia will have the opportunity of witnessing this deservedly popular entertainment.

RARE OLD WINE.—Mr. Slaymaker shipped to-day to a retired gentleman of Philadelphia, fifty cases of old green and red seal Madeira wine. The vintage run from 1793 to 1829, some of the former having been in the establishment for nearly three-quarters of a century. The wine was sold at $75 $120 and $180 per case. Several cases were sold at $15 per single bottle, and the total of the entire 50 cases amounted to $3,500.—*Express.*

COME DOWN.—There is an evident necessity for a speedy and radical reduction in the prices of boarding in Columbia and other places. The decline in flour, as well as meats renders the cry of high prices for the "raw material," entirely unjustifiable and will allow it no longer to be used as an excuse for exorbitant rates. At the close of the war, when provisions of all kinds were very high, and when flour was $13.00 per barrel good boarding could be had at $5.00 per week. Now the best flour is quoted at $6.00 and $6.50 per barrel, ham and lard each at 16 cts. a pound, and beef at 16 to 20, eggs sell freely at 18 to 20 cents a dozen, and yet the price of boarding is the same.

One of two things is certain; either the hotel keepers of the country starved during the time of high prices, and are scarcely [illegible] now, or if they made money then, they are reaping a rich harvest now.

Prices of clothing, from the hat to the boot have come down. A whole suit can be bought at Wanamaker's for $5.00, and at other places for correspondingly low prices. It is but right that prices of boarding should fall in like proportion.

AT Mr. Fendrich's the best Michigan and Star fine cut chewing tobacco reduced to $1.00 per lb. sold elsewhere from $1.25 to $1.50 per lb.

LOCAL BRIEFS.—E. N. Gunnison has fitted up his shaving saloon, and added several desirable improvements.

The house corner of Locust and Fifth will soon be moved to the foundations now in course of construction—an event which will be hailed with delight by the Fifth street residents.

JOHN FENDRICH'S is the cheapest tobacco store in the state.

Messrs. Thomas & Mason are unloading large quantites of lumber daily. Their extensive wharf is nearly covered.

Hon. John E. Wiley, will accept our thanks for a copy of the Auditor General's Report.

A [illegible] head of hair, belonging to, and ornamenting a young dry goods salesman of our town has suddenly disappeared. If lost, his friends hope that nature will soon replace it, and if stolen, return it to Patton's store where a suitable reward will be paid, and no questions asked.

JOHN FENDRICH'S is the cheapest tobacco store in the state.

The Vigilant Fire Company's Fair will open, June 13th, and continue the whole week; our citizens should give it their liberal support.

DECORATION DAY.—The Decoration Day ceremonies will take place on Monday as announced before.

The ceremonies will take place between 4 and 5 o'clock, the procession moving at 4 precisely, from Odd Fellows' Hall. All orders and organizations must be on the ground at 3.30 as the column will move promptly at 4 whether all are in line or not.

Business men are requested to close *all* places of business at 3 o'clock and keep them closed during the remainder of the day. A resolution was passed requesting council to instruct the Chief Burgess to issue a proclamation [illegible] comply with the request.

But council declined acting according to the request, deciding that the matter was out of their jurisdiction. We can't see how a recommendation to the citizens can ever be out of the jurisdiction of council. Their timidity is certainly marvellous.

All soldiers are requested to meet in Odd Fellows' Hall at 3 o'clock, and to march in a body to the cemetery.

The Chief Marshal has issued the following order:

COLUMBIA, May 21st, 1870.

1. The honorably discharged soldiers and sailors will meet in Odd Fellows' Hall at 3 o'clock and be ready to take their place in line as designated below.

2. All organizations upon arrival will report to the Chief Marshal at Odd Fellows' Hall.

3. Line will be formed on Second street right resting on Locust at 3.30 and move *promptly* at 4 o'clock in the following order:

Chairmen of Committees,
Town Council,
School Board,
Band,
Honorably discharged soldiers and sailors,
Benevolent Societies in order of Seniority,
Fire Department,
Citizens,
Wounded Soldiers in Carriages.

4. Soldiers and Sailors will turn out in full black dress, slouch hats, and white gloves.

5. The following are designated as Assistant Marshals: W. H. Pfahler, E. A. Becker, S. B. Clepper. S. S. CLAIR,
Chief Marshal.

The decoration will be done by soldiers assisted by young ladies.

Other instructions from the Chief Marshal to Assistant and Division Marshals will be made known on the day.

During the services at the cemetery the following hymns will be sung to familiar tunes:

Wreaths we bring that n'er shall fade,
Greener with the passing years,
Brighter for our sorrow's shade,
Jewelled with our falling tears.

Dying that the truth might live,
Here they rest in Freedom's name.
Giving all that man can give—
Live for Glory's deathless fame.

Bend in love, O azure sky!
Shine, O stars! at evening time!
Watch where heroes calmly lie,
Clothed with faith and hope sublime.

God of nation, bless the land
Thou hast saved to make us free!
Guide us with thy mighty hand.
Till all lands shall come to Thee!

Blest are the martyred dead who lie
In holy graves for Freedom won,
Whose storied deeds shall never die,
While coming years their circles run.

Blest be the ground where heroes sleep,
And blest the flag that o'er them waves,
Its radiant stars their watch shall keep,
And brightly beam on hallowed graves.

Year after year our hands shall bear
Immortal flowers in vernal bloom,
Till God shall call us home to share
Immortal life beyond the tomb.

Our Father, all the praise be thine!
Thy grace and goodness we adore:
Bless our dear land with love divine,
And shed thy peace from shore to shore.

The following is a correct list of the names of the soldiers whose graves were decorated last year:

Gen. Thos. Welsh, Jno. Miles, Samuel B. Swartz, Maj. E. A. Kelsey, Peter Gardener, Geo. Lehman, Henry Wike, George Derrick, Jacob Meyers, Michael Collins, Capt. Edgar Eyde, Geo. Stape, Samuel Hinkle, Howard Vache, H. Peilis, all of the 45th P. V.

Harrison Bruner, Henry Mullen, Thomas Cooper, Milton Cowden, Jas. Cowden, Robt. Allison, Samuel Harris, S. Wilson, J. W. Goodwin, D. Jones, C. Fullerton, Jacob Tyler, Wm. Smith, L. Brown, Wm. Steiner, Capt. D. Herr, Jno. Wilde, Jno. Williams, Charles Hippey, N. Hogentogler, Corp. B. Fryberger, Jno. McLaughlin and Wesley Hinkle.

COLORED SOLDIERS:

Robt. Loney, Stephen Miller, Clay Sweeny, Wm. Mouton, John Jones and Henry Young.

CALL and see for yourself, at John Fendrich's, who sells as good segars 2 for 5 cts. as you can buy elsewhere 5cts each; the above segars are two years old.

MICHAEL LIPHART has secured the contract for the erection of the new Depot of Watts' Furnace, between Marietta and Chiques.

MOUNT JOY AFFAIRS.—Call at Hoffer's and see the Grover & Baker sewing machines at work. Instructions free.

All kinds of law blanks, as deeds, bonds, notes, leases, &c., at Hoffer's.

A new lot of children's couches at Hoffer's.

Mouse and rat traps at Hoffer's.—Mt. Joy *Herald.*

THE thrush is building on the thorn,
Among the whispering leaves,
The lark is busy in the corn,
The martin 'neath the eaves.

That will do for birds, but men and women, in the glorious spring-time, enjoy themselves and do a good work by visiting Bachenheimer's and looking at and buying his cheap spring and summer clothing.

GOLD SEEKERS.—We are informed that the Safe Harbor gold seekers are still engaged in searching for "Treasure Trove." Their investigations, which have hitherto been confined to the Manor township side of the Conestoga creek, have recently been transferred to the Conestoga township hills opposite the scenes of their former researches. On Tuesday night at a late hour a party were discovered digging for the hidden treasure. They were much annoyed at being disturbed, and left off their digging at the presence of the unwelcome visitors who so suddenly interrupted their mysterious labors. It is singular that these superstitious and deluded people should continue to hunt for buried gold, after the many assurances they have had their labor is all in vain.—*Intelligencer.*

YORK COUNTY ITEMS.—Grass butter sells at 35 and 40 cents a pound.

The ore bank situated in Manchester Township and owned by Denney, Hess & Co., caved in on Tuesday afternoon injuring Henry Benedict and two sons.

On last Friday evening the gravel train which runs between York and Baltimore ran over a strolling cow near Parkton, and was thrown from the track and Mr. Samuel Decker, conductor, and David Decker, flagman, both of York, so severely injured that the former has since died.

The engine of the Union Fire Company arrived on Wednesday.

On last Tuesday afternoon a little girl by the name of Tate, daughter of Alexander Tate, of York, was playing along the railroad track, near Webel's brewery, and while thus engaged, was struck by the cow-catcher of the afternoon train going south. The little innocent was thrown upon the hard ground with so much violence as to inflict serious and, it is feared, fatal injuries.—*True Democrat.*

COLUMBIA, May 22nd, 1870.

At a meeting of Chiquesalunga Tribe No. 39 I. O. R. M., *held on Sunday May 22nd* 1870, the follwing preamble and resolutions were passed in relation to the death of our late Brother James Bennett.

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Great Spirit the disposer of human destinies to remove from the Hunting Grounds of earth our beloved Brother, James Bennett, as we trust, to those blessed fields and pastures new in the presence of the Father of our Spirits the maker and preserver of the universe, and

WHEREAS, In our Brother we recognized and acknowledged a faithful citizen a true, kind, devoted, and affectionate Husband and Brother, and a brave Chief in our ranks, Therefore be it

Resolved, That in the death of our beloved Brother, this community has lost a worthy citizen, his family a kind, affectionate and devoted Protector, and this Tribe and its members a sincere friend and Brother.

Resolved, That as a mark of our esteem the Wigwam of this tribe be draped in mourning for the period of thirty days.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing Preamble and Resolutions be properly engrossed and sent to the Widow of our late Brother James Bennett as a token of our sympathy with her and the family in this sad bereavement.

Resolved, That a copy of these Resolutions be published in the Borough papers.

JAMES MCGINNISS,
[illegible]
B. F. MULLEN, Committee.

In Memoriam.

At the close of the Funeral services on Sunday last, the Columbia Steam Fire Engine Company assembled in their Hall and adopted the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, It hath pleased the Almighty in His infinite goodness and providence to remove from earth our late brother member, James Bennett, therefore be it

Resolved, That we deeply sympathize with the family and friends of the deceased in their sad bereavement.

Resolved, That in the death of our brother we are called upon to mourn the loss of an efficient member, and the community at large, a worthy and respected citizen.

Resolved, That as a token of respect the Hall and Engine be draped in mourning for the space of thirty days.

Resolved, That these resolutions be published in the borough papers and a copy transmitted to the family of the deceased.

D. F. GARVETTE }
J. W. YOCUM, } Committee.
W. H. GRIER, }

A SUBTERRANEAN LAKE.—A correspondent furnishes the *Express* with the following description of an underground lake in the southern part of this county:

About eight miles south of Lancaster city, near Pequea valley, on the farm of Jacob Good, in Pequea township, is a cave which was formerly known by the name of "Boyer's Hole." This place has been frequently visited by persons who described it as one of great interest and curiosity, not alone for its geological features, but also for a subterranean lake of clear sparkling water having neither inlet nor outlet, imbedded in the solid lime-stone rock, which it was said to contain. It was also said that in the lake were fishes devoid of eyes, and that the depth of this body of water had never been fathomed, being beyond the reach of the sounding line. On Saturday last a party from Willow Street headed by M. W. Harnish, jr., left early in the morning for the cave, taking with them torches, tar-poles, ropes, hatchets, &c., fully resolved to make a thorough exploration of the cave and a careful investigation of its contents, which had not before been accomplished. After approaching the place, the party examined the adjacent grounds and the hill in which the cavern is situated in order to find a stream or subterraneous passage of water that might possibly communicate with, or have access to the lake, existing within the cave. After a prolonged and diligent search, the party did not succeed in finding one. They now went to the cave, which opens at the top of a hill; the hole being funnel-shaped, or similar to the crater of a volcano. Ladders were suspenced to the bottom by the aid of ropes. The first distance from the surface of the ground to where the limestone rock commences is thirty feet, where the cavity contracts and assumes the figure of a parallelogram, being about two feet wide and eight feet long. From this point to the first offset in the cave is twenty feet more, or a perpendicular descent of fifty feet from the surface to the first offset. From here to the surface of the water is twenty feet more, in a gradual descent. Moving back about twenty feet you come to the edge of the lake, which is forty feet wide and sixty to seventy feet in length. Material was procured and a flat constructed in order to explore the lake and sound its greatest depth, which was thirty-five feet. The water is cold, clear and sparkling, a sample of which was taken to the city for analysis. The water is perfectly quiet, and has apparently no inlet nor outlet. There are some kinds of fishes or animals in the lake, but the party were not prepared to secure any of them, and hence were obliged to postpone it till some future day. The cave is from seventy to seventy-five feet long, fifty to sixty wide, and from forty to fifty in height. There is a firm arch of solid limestone overhead as well as on all sides, and it appears as if it had been shaped and fashioned by some plastic hand.

AT Mr. Fendrich's, you will get 4 cigars for 5 cts. as good as sold elsewhere 2 for 5 cts.

COUNTERFEITS.—Spurious issues of the $10 notes of the Central National Bank of Rome, New York, are in circulation in this vicinity.

THE GREAT HORSE FAIR.—The entries of the Great Horse Fair, are so many that we can but refer to them in our limited space. Upwards thirty of the finest trotting and pacing horses in the state have been entered as competitors for the several very liberal prizes offered by the association. Paris Haldeman of Chickies has entered three in his own name and the *Intelligencer* commenting on this fact, says that to "Paris Haldeman, Esq., the Association has special reasons for feeling itself greatly indebted for the moral and material support he has given it, in entering for its premiums at the ensuing Fair three of his horses and in entering them in his own well known and highly honored name."

The first day (Wednesday June 1,) there will be three set contests, between well known and well matched horses. The second day there will be two trials; first an animated contest between five county horses and second between five from abroad. On the third day there will be a contest between four first-class pacing horses, to be followed by a running race. If the weather proves favorable, there will no doubt be thousands of people in attendance at these races.

I HAVE reduced the price of everything in my line, and if I do not sell you tobacco, segars, pipes, &c., cheaper than you can buy elsewhere, I do not ask you to buy; call and examine for yourself at John Fendrich's.

THE LANCASTER CLASSIS OF THE REFORMED CHURCH.—The Lancaster Classis of the Reformed church met in Rev. F. Pilgram's church Friday evening at eight o'clock. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. J. W. Nevin D. D. after the sermon the roll of members was called, and the following Ministers answered to their names:

Revs. W. T. Gerhart, J. G. Fritchey, J. W. Nevin, D. D., A. H. Kremer, T. C. Barker, D. D., S. Kuhn, J. V. Eckert, E. H. Nevin, W. H. H. Snyder, D. W. Gerhart, F. Pilgram, N. E. Bressler, A. F. Zullig.

On motion of Rev. W. H. H. Snyder Rev. E. H. Nevin was chosen President by acclamation. Rev. A. H. Kremer was reelected Treasurer, and D. W. Gerhart, Secretary.

Saturday morning session—8 o,clock A. M. Opened with singing and prayer by the President. The roll was then called and a quorum was found present.

The President announced the usual Standing Committees, which are as follows, viz:

On State of religion—Rev T. C. Porter, D. D., Rev. W. T. Gerhard and Elder J. S. Stahr.

On Minutes of Classis—Rev. W. H. H. Snyder, Rev. J. V. Eckert and Elder Dan'l Helm.

On Minutes of Synod—Rev. J. G. Fritchey, Rev. A. H. Kremer and Elder Isaac Bushong.

On Overtures—Rev. Samuel Kuhn, Rev. Frederick Pilgram and Elder Wm. H. Seibert.

On Examination and Licensure—Rev. J. W. Nevin, D. D., Rev. W. T. Gerhard and Elder George Z. Kunkle.

On Finance—Rev. J. V. Eckert, Rev. D. W. Gerhard and Elder Henry Horst.

On Religious Exercises—Rev. Frederick Pilgram, Rev. A. H. Kremer and Elder W. Rapp.

The certificates of the brethren Stephen K. Kremer and Calvin S. Gerhard, from the Theological Seminary at Mercersburg, were presented, and the brethren referred to the Committee on Licensure and Examination, with a view to licensure.

The Rev. Mr. Witherow, of the Presbyterian Church, was announced and invited to take a seat.

The Parochial reports were next read, and the following are the statistics:

Rev. A. H. Kremer, First Reformed Church, Lancaster—Congregation, 1; members, 340; [illegible] received on certificate, 12; communicants, 275; deaths, 8; unconfirmed, 300; excommunicants, 2; dismissed, 119; collected for benevolent purposes, $106.27.

Rev. J. W. Nevin, D. D., College Church—Baptized members, 50; communicants, 48; deaths, 1; benevolent contributions, $208.50.

Rev. J. G. Fritchey, New Providence Congregation—Congregation, 1; members, [illegible]; baptisms, 6; confirmed, 3; dismissed, 3; communicants, 60; deaths, 3; Sabbath School, 1; benevolent contributions, $103.

Elizabethtown Charge—Members, 100; baptisms, 12; confirmed 1; certificate, 1; communicants, 65; deaths, 3; Sabbath School, 1; S. S. scholars, 50.

Rev. W. T. Gerhart, St. John's Congregation, Lancaster—Congregation, 1; members, 241; baptisms, 20; communicants, 130; deaths 2; Sunday School, 1; scholars, 142.

Rev. Samuel Kuhn, Hummelstown charge—Congregations, 3; members, 322 unconfirmed, 241; baptism, 22; confirmed, 10; certificate, 5; communicants, 168; deaths, 11; Sunday schools, 1; scholars 70.

Rev. J. V. Eckert, St. Paul's Congregation, Quarryville—Members, 70; baptized, 9; confirmed, 1; communicants, 56; deaths, 2; Sabbath schools, 1; scholars, 110.

Rev. E. H. Nevin St. Paul's Congregation, Lancaster—Members, 236; baptized, 14; confirmed, 17; certificate, 8; communicants, 100; dismissed, 2; deaths, 5; Sunday schools, 1; scholars, 200; benevolent contributions, $1,353.40.

Rev. W. H. H. Snyder, 1st Congregation, Harrisburg—Congregation, 1; members, 280; unconfirmed members, 175; baptized, 18; confirmed, 9; certificate, 12; communicants, 200; Dismissed, 9; deaths 17; Sabbath School, 1; scholars 250; benevolent contributions, $1,285.50.

Rev. D. W. Gerhard, New Holland Charge—Congregations, 3; members, 270; unconfirmed, 173; baptized, 35; confirmed, 18; certificate, 6; communicants, 236; dismissed, 1; deaths, 5; Sunday schools, 2; Scholars, 110; benevolent contributions, $157.50.

Rev. Fred. Pilgram, of Columbia charge—Congregations, 1; members, 78; unconfirmed, 40; baptized, 13; confirmed, 17; certificate, 21; communicants, 60; dismissed, 3; deaths, 5; Sunday schools, 1; scholars, 80; benevolent contributions, $41.00.

Rev. N. E. Bressler, 2; Church, Harrisburg—Congregations, 1; members, 72; baptized, 10; confirmed, 1; certificate, communicants, 68; deaths 10; Sunday schools, 1; scholars, 80.

Manheim charge—Congregations, 2; baptized, 37; deaths, 4; certificates, 5; members, 101; unconfirmed, 44; communicants, 85; Sunday schools, 1; scholars, 100; benevolent contributions, $33.00.

Confirmation services took place on Saturday evening, when six members were added to the church, Rev. D. W. Gerhard preaching the sermon, and Rev. F. Pilgram administering the rite of baptism.

Sunday morning communion services, Rev. A. H. Kremer filling the pulpit. In the evening Rev. Mr. Gast preached.

Monday's session was occupied in religious discussion, upon matters and business pertaining to the welfare of the church. In the evening the reports of committees were heard and received and addresses delivered.

The appropriation of $300 was continued to the Church in this place for another year, and Rev. J. S. Fritchey was continued as supply to the Elizabethtown charge.

The sum of $100 for contingent expenses, $500 for missions and $250 for beneficiary education, was apportioned among the different charges.

Classis adjourned at 10 o'clock Monday evening.

The reports from the several charges show a gradual increase of the church and an indication of further prosperity.

At the close of the session on Monday evening the following resolutions were unanimously passed:

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of this Classis are hereby tendered to the Pastor and members and friends of the Columbia congregation for their very kind and hospitable *entertainment during* its sessions in their midst.

Resolved, That this notice be read from the pulpit of said congregation and published in the news-papers of the town.

Now is your time to buy cheap at John Fendrich's tobacco store as he has reduced every thing in his line from ten to twenty per cent. Call and see for yourself.

DECORATION DAY.

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Respectfully Dedicated to Post 118, G. A. R.

BY E. NORMAN GUNNISON.

Strew flowers o'er the graves of our patriot dead,
Twine them fresh wreaths of immortelles,
Lying at rest in each narrow bed,
On northern hills and on southern dells;
Amaranths bring, and the buds of spring,
For our noble heroes requiems sing.

Soft on earth's breast, noblest and best,
Sleep in the land you have died to save,
Green be the willow over each pillow,
Bright be the turf of each patriot's grave.

Dark was the cloud with war's gathering thunder,
Black was the shadow which hung o'er our land,
Threatning to sever our Union asunder,
Treason and madness on every hand.

When from their homes at the call of the nation
Sprang these true heroes to battle for right,
Willing to die for the country's salvation,
God nerved each arm as it struck for the right.

Let them sleep on; they will heed not our coming;
Now while the spring time is ripe with its bloom,
Now while the wild bee grows loud in its humming,
Will brighten with flowers the long rest of the tomb.

Yet it is meet that the hand of the living
Yield them ovation; our heroes, our pride,
They who gave all; and who perished in giving
Battled, and suffered, and conquered, and died.

Green be their graves when the spring time returning
Brings loving hands, Flora's offerings to shed
Bright be the fire of their memory burning;
These, our undying ones—gone—but not dead.

Scatter bright flowers o'er the rest they are taking,
Wreath them fresh chaplets, and laurels entwine,
Till the arch-angel's dread trumpet awaking,
Shall marshal their hosts in the heavenly line.

For the best, easiest and most effectual Shoulder Braces in the world, go to E. J. Erisman, 413 North Queen St., Lancaster.

COUNCIL.—States meeting of Council was held on Friday evening, 20th inst. All the members were present, except Messrs. Arms and Hippy.

The Finance Committee reported as follows:

Received from Market Stands,		$ 883.95
Renewal of Note,		989.33
Balance in Treas. at last meeting,		2,297.39
		$4,175.67
Orders Paid,	$ 923.18	
Coupons of Borough,	30.00	
Note Paid,	2000.00	$2,953.18
Balance in Treas.		1,222.49

Road Committee reported the streets all cleaned, and recommended that the upper end of Walnut street be cindered.

The Sanitary Committee reported the streets, alleys, and slaughter houses in good condition; also reported that considerable complaint is made by the citizens in the neighborhood of Young's Brewery, in regard to the waste water and filth from said establishment, running through the streets.

The Burgess reported Albright's slaughter house, and Mifflin's private alley on Second street, as nuisances; also asked advice in relation to obstructions of pavements.

The Town Hall Committee reported progress.

On motion of S. S. Detwiler, it was

Resolved, That H. C. Fondersmith's application for a post in Bank Alley to enable him to lower Hogsheads, &c., be granted. Provided, said post does not extend above the curbing and shall be hollow so as to admit an iron bar, said bar only to remain there while in use, and Provided further, That said post shall be no obstruction in the alley.

On motion of Mr. Detwiler, it was

Resolved, That the Market Committee be instructed to re-publish the Ordinance in relation to throwing stones and damaging property.

Mr. Craig offered the following:

Resolved, That the Road Committee be instructed to have Cherry and Walnut streets from Third to Fifth, and Fifth from Locust to Walnut, properly graded and cindered, under the supervision of the *Borough Supervisor and that the work be* commenced as soon as possible.

Mr. Patton moved to amend that whenever practicable the work be done by contract. The resolution as amended was then adopted.

Mr. Craig offered the following which was adopted:

Resolved,—That the Chief Burgess be requested to enforce the Ordinance relating to the placing of boxes and other articles along the gutters and curbstones, and that bulletin and other sign boards, placed along the curbs be considered nuisances and be dealt with in accordance with the above mentioned Ordinance, except where said bulletin or sign-boards are placed parallel with the gutter, and on a line with the awning posts.

An invitation to participate in the Decoration services was presented, and on motion accepted.

Mr. Craig offered the following:

Resolved, That the yearly appropriation of three Hundred Dollars be made to the Columbia and Vigilant Fire Companies, payable in June of each year, to be placed in the hands of the Trustees of said Companies, to be expended ONLY for the maintenance of the Engine and apparatus connected therewith, to be used in fire service.

Mr. Patton moved to amend that the Fire Companies be appropriated $100,00 each instead of $20,00, for the present year.

The resolution as amended was then adopted.

The High Constable tendered his resignation as Lamp Lighter to take effect as soon as the Gas Committee can fill his place.

On motion of Mr. Craig, the Road Committee was instructed to inform Mr. Lockard, of the Pennsylvania R. R. Company to repair the sewers at the foot of Union street.

Mr. Craig moved that orders for the annual dues of the Vigilant and Columbia Fire Companies, for 1869 and 1870, be granted—Carried.

On motion of Mr. Craig, it was

Resolved, That the Finance Committee be instructed to receive proposals for the collection of Borough Taxes, up to June 4th, and report at a special meeting to be held that evening.

A number of bills were read and ordered to be paid. Council adjourned.

TAKE NOTICE.—At Fendrich's, you will get Box. Michigan, or Star fine cut chewing tobacco for 40 cts., and you will pay 15 cts. for the same weight elsewhere.

CONCERT.—The scholars of the High and Grammer Schools will give a Vocal Concert and Select Readings in the Public School Hall on Tuesday evening, May 31st. The proceeds to be for the benefit of the schools *taking part in the Concert.* Admittance, 25 cents. Doors open at 7 o'clock. Concert to commence at 8. Everybody should attend.

WILL BE IN TOWN.—Messrs. Trout, Eby & Co., patentees of the celebrated Eureka Washer, invented by Benjamin Hand will be in town on Monday morning, May 30th, to exhibit their machines. Messrs J. Rumple & Son are the agents of this place, and the patentees will operate with their machines at Rumple's store at 10 o'clock on Monday. The invention comes highly recommended by Lancaster parties, and from the character of the gentleman managing it, we can safely assert that it possesses advantages over all other inventions. The public are invited to witness the operations at Rumple's on Monday.

DEATH IN OUR MIDST.—There have been an unusually large number of deaths in Columbia during the past few weeks, six children were lying dead at one time, mostly from a dangerous fever, which has been committing serious ravages.

On Monday afternoon Michael Clepper, departed his life, in the 71st year of his age. He was an old citizen, having moved to this place nearly 30 years ago.

Thomas Jackson, another old citizen died at the residence of his son Jno. A. Jackson, on Tuesday last. Death knows no distinction, and in view of the ravages of fever, people should be very careful as to food, exercise, &c.

THE Ladies are invited to call and see the new styles of Hats and French flowers at Mrs. E. Spering's, 37 North Front street Columbia, Pa. Latest novelties.

MICHENER'S celebrated Excelsior Hams the best hams in the world at Hardman's corner Third and Cherry streets.

A *lot of the finest fresh teas 40 days from* China, such as English, Breakfast, Oolong, Fonge and Truskette Teas all very cheap at Hardman's corner of Third and Cherry streets.

DODGE'S Mower & Reaper is becoming a universal favorite with the farmers. Mr. Heise, who is the agent for this county, is meeting with very flattering success wherever he goes. A good Mower and Reaper has become a farm necessity, and whoever supplies this want confers a great favor on the hard working farmers.

THE Sunday School Convention in Lancaster on Wednesday was well attended. Delegates from 33 sunday schools were in attendance, who made statistical reports of the strength of their schools. The E. E. Lutheran was the only sunday school in Columbia represented. Miss Phoeba Mellinger, Miss Hettie Vache, Miss Alice Welsh, F. A. Bennet and G. T. Fobes were the delegates. They reported 325 scholars and 41 teachers. The sessions were devoted to religious exercises, discussion and addresses.

PROCLAMATION.—The following proclamation *should* have been issued by the Chief Burgess.

WHEREAS, Monday, May 30th, has been designated as the day for "Decorating the Graves" of those who died in defence of their country during the late war:

And whereas, It is eminently fitting that all due respect should be shown to the memory of those who died in that holy cause.

It is recommended that all places of business be closed after 3 o'clock in the afternoon of that day, as a mark of respect to the dead, and to give all who desire an opportunity of participating in the ceremonies.

JAMES SHROEDER,
Chief Burgess.

DONATION VISIT.—The Rev. G. M. Rhodes lately elected pastor of the E. E. Lutheran church having arrived with his family on Thursday evening last, was greeted by a large number of the congregation at the Parsonage, each of whom brought a basket loaded with many of the "good things of life." The tables and every available space in the dining room were literally filled with the gifts of the people and pastor and family received a most cordial greeting. These tokens of esteem and love must certainly be gratifying to the pastor and calculated to unite people and pastor in the work before them. The new relation thus entered into, seems to have begun under most favorable auspices. The church opens up a wide field of usefulness and is in good condition, being free from debt and embracing a large membership with material for increase. Mr. Rhodes brings to the work, a large and loving heart and energetic spirit and love for the Master's cause, and we predict for him a successful ministry among us.

[Communicated.]

EDITOR SPY:—It is a well known fact among brick-burners, that a hard burned brick is proportionally much heavier than one which has not been so much exposed to the fire. The reverse of this fact would seem more probable, but yet scientific observations, *conducted and made* under different circumstances and at different places, confirm our first assertion. Now why is it? Almost any substance that is dried by heat, either of fire or of the sun, becomes lighter—the only exception is *a brick.* Does the old saying about a "brick in his hat" refer to a hard or soft burned brick? Here is a subject of great interest for scientific men. Here is a fruitful source for learned dissertations and philosophical disquisitions, and if our literary *savants* will but give it the attention which the magnitude of the question demands, the reading public and the scientific world will be greatly blessed. Permit me therefore to refer this question to the consideration of our Professor [illegible] S. P. F., J. B. B., [illegible] Z. [illegible] G. Y. Jr., with hopes of an early reply. S.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.—Rev. G. W. Kirkland, Rector elect of St. John's Episcopal Church, has accepted the call and will assume his duties in September.

Rev. G. M. Rhodes preached his introductory sermon on Sunday morning to a large and attentive congregation. His prospects for accomplishing much good in Columbia are very flattering.

In the absence of Rev. B. J. Douglass, Rev. Mr. Berey, of Philadelphia, preached in the St. John's Episcopal Church.

The Lancaster Clasis of the Reformed Church being in session in Mr. Pilgrim's Church, the pulpits were filled mainly by the severe clergy of that denomination.

In the Trinity Lutheran Church, Rev. W. H. H. Snyder, of Harrisburg, preached in the morning, and Rev. J. V. Eckert in the evening.

Rev. J. W. Nevin, D. D. President of F. & M. College, preached an able discourse in the M. E. Church in the evening.

The officers and students of Columbia Classical Institute attended services in the M. E. Church in the morning.

Rev. W. Gerhard preached in the E. E. Lutheran Church in the evening.

A very fine choir in connection with the Reformed Church choir furnished the music during the meeting of Classis.

There will be no services in the Presbyterian church to-morrow.

GENERAL ITEMS.—There was a large attendance of Marietta Catholics at services in St. Peters Catholic church on