The Columbia Spy.

Saturday, June 18, 1870.

REPUBLICAN MEETING IN THE TOWN HALL.

WE, the undersigned Republicans of Columbia and vicinity, friends of Protection to American Industry, believing that the prosperity of our country, and the comfort and happiness of her citizens are endangered by the free trade move ment, and by the course which professed Republican journals in our midst are pursuing, unite in a call for a PUBLIC MEETING to be held in TOWN HALL, on MONDAY EVENING, JUNE **20**th, to discuss this important question, and adopt such measures as will secure a general expression of the sentiments of the Republicans of Lancaster county. [Signed by nearly two hundred Republicans.]

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

BACHENHEIMER has drawn a huge figure "5" in front of his store. It means that you can get your goods of him one-fifth lower than anywhere else.

NEW BOOT AND SHOE STORE.—James Shroeder has sold his store to A. S. Guiles, who has increased his stock, and will continue at the old stand, 148 Locust street.

INTERVIEW.—A Western gentleman has interviewed the Cardiff Giant, who is now travelling with a circus thro' Ohio. The account of the interview is given on the fourth page.

MOUNTVILLE ITEMS.—The corner stone of the church built by the United Brethren Congregation, will be laid on the 26 inst.

The Anniversary of the Mountville Sabbath School which was held on the evening of the 26 inst., was a perfect success. Although the weather was very inclement yet there was a good attendance, and all were gratified by a satisfactory entertainment.

SUNDAY EVENING.—The churches were well attended on Sabbath evening—Rev. S. H. C. Smith addressed the students of the Columbia Classical Institute in the Presbyterian church, before a large congregation.

The attendance at Rev. G. M. Rhode's Lutheran church was unusually large. Rev. B. J. Douglass held regular services at the Episcopal. The Reformed and Methodist churches were closed on account of the anniversary services at the Presbyterian church.

ONLY a few days more and hay making time will be here. Are the farmers all provided with mowers and reapers? If not, they should at once secure one of the best in the market—Dodge's patent mower and reaper, manufactured at Christiana and Harrisburg. H. H. Heise, No. 230 Locust Street, is the agent; orders left with him will be filled in six hours notice being given. We understand that Mr. Heise has received orders for five more machines since Saturday.

IT would be some advantage to the health of the upper part of our borough if the Sanitary Committee would visit the alley on Fifth street, below Union. The stench which arises from that point is almost enough to cause an epidemic in that section. As the warm weather is approaching it is necessary that the greatest care should be exercised to fortify ourselves against those summer diseases which arise from filthy and unclean places. It lies on the part of each family to see that the place which they use as a depository for ashes, filth, etc., is cleared away and in a good condition for the summer.

MILK.—A Reporter of the Philada. *Bulletin* has been interviewing the milkmen, and here is the conclusion:

And what is true of one is true of all—our milkmen friends might less patronize the hydrants at the depots of the railroads. The gentlemen at Ninth and Green streets, who fill their cans with water, and canter their horses for a square or two to make thorough the admixture, should remember that, in the next world they will be judged not by the inscriptions on their wagons, but by the character of the article they sold while sojourning in Philadelphia.

Let our milkmen think of these things, and when next they go to their hydrants do their watering gently. To find butter in a baby's stomach after churning it on your knee, from drinking the kind of milk served to our individual household, is an impossible problem.

BOY DROWNED.—On Sunday morning a boy named Jacob McNeal aged 8 years son of widow McNeal fell into the river from a raft lying along Bruner's wharf. The current was very strong, and before assistance could reach him, he was drawn under, and drowned. Search was immediately made for the body, and continued until late in the evening, but without success. On Monday morning however, search was renewed and mainly through the efforts of R. Beacham, the body was recovered about 11 o'clock.

Deputy Coroner Fraley summoned a jury consisting of J. H. Mifflin, M. M. Strickler, J. W. Yocum, Milton Wike, E. M. Seals James McGinnis, who rendered a verdict of "accidental drowning." The case is a sad one, and parents should be more careful in allowing their boys to go near the water alone.

NOTES ABOUT TOWN.—Fifteen members of Cyreno Commandry left on Thursday for the Grand Encampment, at Williamsport.

W. W. Upp has secured the contract for the new Passenger Depot.

The Columbia Cornet Band has leased the "Big Island," above the bridge, where they intend to hold one free promenade concert each week. Parties can also secure the island for pic-nics &c. It is a delightful spot, and plenty of room for enjoyment.

Messrs Geo. H. Richards and S. A. Bockius have been appointed Assistant Marshals for Columbia.

The "boss" editor of the *Herald* has a sarcastic cut for the managers of the Vigilant Fair, about squeezed lemons, orange peels and broken tumblers. The "rubbish" has ruffled his generally even, and lovely disposition to a remarkable degree. *Sic transit gloria mundi.*

The Vigilant Fair will be *free* this afternoon for the benefit of children.

The morning train for Lancaster leaves at 7:50 instead of 8:40 as heretofore. Good for the railroad company.

The Columbia Cornet Band received their new instruments on Monday evening. They cost $800. Now for good music.

A friend suggests that the "Old Columbia Public Ground Company" throw the Locust and Fifth street lot into a public park, and erect a stand and invite the Band to give us open air concerts.

The Columbia Bank has put an iron railing on the counter around the desks of the paying and receiving tellers.

Unseld's music room was the scene of a fine musical demonstration on Wednesday afternoon.

The Vigilant Fair will be open this afternoon and evening. The contests for the cane, bell, chair and tea sett &c. will then close, and the successful contestant be announced.

We counted twelve lads at the corner of Locust and Second streets on Sunday, just as people were going home from churches. Early practice makes perfect, the boy think.

The magnificent silver horns for the junior Fire company of Reading from the Columbia boys have been on exhibition in Breneman's window.

IF you want to save one-fifth of your loose change, stop at Bachenheimer's.

IF your eyes are failing go at once to Shreiner's and buy a pair of Lazarus & Morris' celebrated perfected spectacles.

PERSONS who live in the upper part of town can concentrate on Locust street, and wend their way to Guiles' Shoe store, 148 Locust street.

COLUMBIA has an Express wagon, and Guiles' a cheap shoe store, at No. 148 Locust street.

THE FALL OF BREADSTUFFS.—The joyful intelligence of the fall of bread became current in the streets yesterday and spread with electric rapidity throughout the borough, gladdening the hearts of many of our hard-working people. Soon hundreds of eager citizens were seen flocking to the spot where this valuable commodity was said to have fallen, when, lo! it was discovered to have been a barrel of flour which had fallen from a wagon bound for R. Hayes' Grocery and Flour store where can be had at the lowest price the best flour in the state. We advise all to give him a call at Corner of Fourth and Cherry streets.

KITE TIME.—As this is the season for that kind of amusement, you can see at almost any time of the day, and especially in the evenings, young America indulging in this sport. The other evening we noticed six kites, some of colored paper, let out from one point, one being almost a half mile distant from the holder. Quite a stampede was created the other evening on Locust street, among a score or more of the juveniles, by the breaking loose of one of the kites while at a great distance off. Their shouts and yells caused the people to come to the doors and almost raised an alarm of fire. The style, form and their steady appearance while floating through the air indicates the fact that the art has not been forgotten by the rising generation.

PERSONAL.—The first of the series of musical criticisms from "Musical" must be declined, as the notes are entirely too personal; even our *musical* readers would feel no interest in learning insignificant facts about Smith or Jones, whom even the rest of the Smiths' or Joneses do not know. To say that a "chorus was splendidly done," that the "Kyrie was carried through rather too *slow*" and the tenor solo we think have heard the Doctor do better," proves that the writer has not cultivated even a literary taste. "The Incarnatus was sang," and "done splendidly" are all expressions which should not mar a musical criticism, intended for publication. The production contains other unpardonable expressions, so that it would require thorough expurgation before we could admit it into our columns.

OUR RAILROAD FACILITIES.—We had the pleasure a few days ago of enjoying a delightful trip over the Reading & Columbia R. R. to Reading. The day was clear and pleasant, and the air cool and refreshing—just such a morning and evening as would be selected for a drive into the country. The quiet landscape scenery, here and there relieved by wooded mountain and hill, was very pleasing, affording refreshing rest and recreation from the cares of business life. The fields and meadows on either side of the road, and as far as the eye can reach, give evidence of thrift, and careful cultivation, and with here and there a dark green wooded patch, present a panorama of variegated beauty, peculiar only to Lancaster county.

The R. & C. R. R., have reduced their fares to such a rate, that any one, to escape the cares of business and the heat of town, can well afford to take a trip to almost any point along the road. Litiz, Ephrata, Millway and Sinking Springs offer extra inducements this summer. The two former have been fitted up in the finest style, and were formally opened to the public on Wednesday. The accommodations of the road are daily increasing, and as there is not the least dust to cloud the eyes, or soil the clothes, passengers can enjoy all the pleasures, and more comfort than by a carriage drive into the rural districts, and pleasure-seekers can not do better than taking the trip we have indicated. Excursion tickets good for three days are now issued by the Company, and they offer all the minor accommodations usually found on the great throughfares.

With obliging conductors and enterprising officers, the road will rapidly gain a still firmer hold on the public. Its summer travel must increase with each year, and especially when the beauty of the country through which it passes becomes more widely known.

Do not pay peddlers or traveling agents two or three prices for ordinary glasses when you can buy Lazarus & Morris' perfected spectacles at half the price at Shreiner's.

EXTENSIVE ART GALLERY.—Next to the Bible, no book is more useful than Webster's Dictionary. The Unabridged is *an extensive art gallery*, containing over three thousand engravings, representing almost every animal, insect, reptile, implement, plants, etc., which we know anything about. It is a vast library, giving information on almost every mentionable subject. It indeed has been well remarked that it is the most remarkable *compendium of human knowledge* in our language.—*Household Advocate.*

THE FRESHET.—The rains last week caused the river to rise nearly as high as during the April freshets. The showers were almost incessant, and besides the general damage to the crops, much loss was sustained by the lumbermen. The rise was unexpected, and hence lumber was more exposed. Messrs Thomas & Mason constructed a small boom, but as the water did not float any of their lumber away, it was not put to use. Small quantities of loose timber floated down with the current on Sunday, but the loss thereby could not have been serious.

The Williamsport *Gazette and Bulletin* of yesterday says that the unprecedented rains of Thursday, Friday and Saturday caused a rise in the river, which, for rapidity, has not been equaled for many years. The tributaries in this immediate vicinity were not much swollen, showing that the rains had spent their power along the main stream. On Friday morning the water had reached fifteen feet above low water mark, and so suddenly had it come up that large quantities of logs, which had been rafted out of the boom and not secured in basins or harbors, were broken away and swept down stream. The vacuum left in the Susquehanna room where logs had been rafted out was soon filled by the crowd from above, and many logs escaped at the bottom and passed down stream. The water reached its height about two o'clock on Saturday morning, when it marked nineteen feet nine inches, being several inches higher than the spring flood.

The loss to the lumbermen of Williamsport, will reach about 8,000,000 feet, amounting to $300,000, not counting the drawback for what they may recover below. The Loyalsock boom did not catch much of the timber, and it is estimated that 8,000,000 feet passed below that point. It was a blue day for many of the lumbermen.

We learn that the Lock Haven boom is all safe, and few, if any, logs escaped from it. The flood at that place was not near so high as the one at Williamsport.

The people of Mill street had to resort to the second stories of their houses to escape the water which took possession of their first floors.

Several rafts passed Columbia, down the river on Monday and Tuesday.

Shad fishing was totally suspended, as the islands and "batteries" were inundated. Our fishermen should hang up their nets now, as the fish are spawning. The destruction of every roe shad will rob our rivers of probably from five to ten thousand shad, and materially diminish next year's supply. There should be a law, with a severe penalty attached, prohibiting shad fishing after the 10th, of June.

MUSICAL AND LITERARY ENTERTAINMENT.—The Ladies of the Columbia Female Institute, gave a very interesting Musical and Literary entertainment in the Methodist church, on Wednesday evening last, before an intelligent and appreciative audience.

The programme was a very full one, and the selections both musical and literary, evinced much taste; the young ladies acquitted themselves in a very pleasant and composed manner, showing ample preparation and much progress during the past year.

The French Salutatory was pronounced, by those who understood it, to be fine both in composition and pronunciation, which is very creditable to the young lady orator as it is a difficult language to acquire.

The allusion to our Cuban relations in the essay, "A reunion twenty-five years hence," by calling that patriotic people a Cuban American Brothers" was a very happy one.

All the essays were interesting and appropriate, but "Little old men and Little old women" by Caddie Patton, contained many laughable references and some of our boys and girls, might derive many useful hints therefrom.

The vocal selection, "Six Cents a quarter for schooling" was participated in by all the young ladies, who were assisted by Messrs. Mifflin and Koonts, in which were given experiences in a district school under some old Curmudgeon," in ye olden time;" the incidents were very amusing.

Miss Ray Beiter proved herself to possess literary talent and culture, by the strength and clearness of her composition called "Silent Influences" and in a very happy manner called to the minds of the audience the many silent but very powerful influences at work upon our lives and characters.

The eve glided rapidly away, and we were surprised to find the hands of the church clock pointing to quarter of eleven when the entertainment ended, so pleasantly had the time been occupied.

We might dwell at length upon the execution of the vocal and instrumental performances, but space will not permit.

—The exercises of the Classical Institute (male department) took place before a very appreciative audience on Thursday evening. A voluntary on the organ by Prof. Unseld opened the entertainment, followed with prayer by Rev. S. H. C. Smith. The Greek salutatory by W. C. Alexander, though "all greek" to the audience, was well delivered. The Latin salutatory by A. P. Silver was pronounced in a pleasing manner, and showed thorough classical training. The English salutatory by A. H. Wilson was very good, the speaker being graceful and his oration clear and forcible.

The declamations by George Tille and Alfred C. Bruner, were very creditable, and were favorably commented on by many in the audience. The original oration by P. R. Koons was well written. A dialogue, "The Fatigued Travel," participated in by W. C. Alexander, J. R. Wier, J. R. Koons, S. B. Silver and E. S. Barber, afforded opportunity for fine display of speech and gesture. J. R. Wier, of Pittsburg in the character of "Lamont" rendered his part admirably and with real tragic effect.

George C. Jenkins, delivered an oration on Earnestness. He was followed by Lucius K. Fondersmith whose declamation was decidedly fine. He has a good voice, enunciates distinctly and showed a keen appreciation of proper emphasis. Christie C. Kauffman declaimed on the "Follies of Fashion," and made several hits which were favorably received by the audience. Christie told the ladies what folies they must renounce before they could win his hand, and left them understand that gentlemen generally think alike on that subject. J. C. Steans, the next orator on the programme possesses a good voice, but spoke too fast.

The performances of David T. Koons, E. S. Barber, and A. M. Fuller were all very creditable.

Geo. C. Cookman delivered the poem, The Polish Boy, in manly style. The exercise though difficult, was finely rendered. A Dialogue—The Usurpation Postponed between Houston Mifflin and J. M. Martin, representing a Roman incident of Nero's reign, showed study, appreciation of its spirit, as well as native ability.

The oration on William Tell, descriptive of Switzerland's struggle for liberty, by James R. Wier was a master piece. Mr. Wier is very graceful in his gesticulation, possesses a fine voice, and, we understand he devotes special attention to declamations and elocution. He possesses rare qualities for his chosen field; W. H. Bayles followed in a well delivered oration on Traffic in Spirits.

Houston Mifflin pronounced Lochiel's Warning in a clear and intelligent manner making the changes of address, and warning, so pleasingly and yet so forcibly, that we almost fancied two different persons were rendering it. Jas. M. Martin then closed in a well written and finely delivered valedictory.

Rev. H. S. Alexander, the Principal conferred the honors of the Institute on eight of the gentlemen, delivering a short address to the class.

The music (under the direction of Prof. Unseld) by Misses Jacobs, Wisler and Ray Beiter, Messrs. Cookman, Alexander and Mifflin was a pleasing feature of the evening. The entertainment was a success, and reflected favorably on the Institution it represented.

The intelligent audience was well pleased with the entertainment. The performances were creditable alike to the Institution, the teachers and students. The orations and declamations showed careful training, and many of them were fine examples of oratory. Mr. Alexander may congratulate himself upon the successful termination of the year's labors.

At the close of the entertainment, Mr. Alexander made a few remarks, refering to the work committed to his hands, and to the occasional want of sympathy of *some* of the citizens of Columbia for his enterprise, and concluded by saying:

It is said that ministers cannot pray for the Institute without qualifying their petition. Editors cannot notice it without qualifying the notice.

So far as we are concerned in this *say so* of the people, we are entirely misrepresented. We have never referred to the Institution except in the most favorable terms, and sincerely wish it good speed. Only last week we said:

This Institute has been in very successful operation in our midst for several years Possessing the advantages of location, surrounding magnificence of scenery, and healthfulness of situation, together with competent and efficient instruction, it offers facilities rarely met with. We strongly advocate the cultivation of the higher and classical pursuits and studies, and welcome every institution which offers facilities for obtaining them.

In connection with these remarks we referred to a long cherished idea of our own, of creating in every town and city a *public* Classical School department. in these words:

We have often thought that our public high school should be a stepping stone to a public classical department, to which boys and girls, ladies and gentlemen, under certain ages, and under certain regulations prescribed by law, should be admitted as freely as to any other department of public instruction. This of course would not interfere with the private enterprises, but would only increase educational facilities, and open to every class and grade of people, so far as wealth is concerned, the same advantages.

No part of these comments were intended to militate again the Institute. In short we are ready and willing to do anything in our power to cherish such very institutions as this one—a credit alike to the projector and the town. The patronage it enjoys is an unmistakable evidence of its success, and our favorable comments on its examinations and exercises reflect our fullest sympathy. We are pleased alike with its discipline and instruction, and are *not afraid* to speak unqualifiedly for its support. At the same time we are equally devoted to our fondly cherished idea of providing classical education for the children of all classes, even if it must be done, as in Lancaster city, at the expense of the Public Treasury.

Scraps from Kitchen Town.

J. B. lost his shoes—shoo fly.

Dickens was fifty-eight.

The *Express* is a tory paper.

Columbia in 1871 will be a great city.

The sting of a shoo fly is dangerous.

Kitchen town should have a scale balance.

Wives are purchased for a price hereabouts.

Fifth Avenue has another improvement going on.

The slaughter houses should be removed, out of town.

Lancaster County's "other Fulton" lives in Columbia.

Breneman is the Prince in gentlemen's furnishing goods.

"Put on your pyramid," has taken place of "Put your hat on."

Mary McGrow has returned to America. Welcome back Mary.

The fruit crop is said to be injured by the late wet weather.

We want a Boarding House in Columbia without the war prices.

Flowers worn in left lapel of coat or vest are not considered dandyish.

The new Vigilant Engine House will be a great improvement to West Second St.

Our ice monopoly has commenced and our people are monopolized by a monopolyogue.

The handsomest young man in Phila. was in town this week. He wears shoo fly boots No. 12's.

"Readers" communication in last week's SPY, in answer to a "desertation on bricks," was far-fetched.

The Street Commissioner's attention is called to the bad condition of many of our Streets and Alleys.

Rip Van Winkle is still drawing crowded houses at the Walnut, Philadelphia. Everybody should see it.

Rev. B. Witherow delivered an eloquent sermon, last Sunday, in reference to the "Bible in our Public Schools."

Notice should be given of the change of time on our railroads. Many were left on Monday morning, in consequence.

A few old fogies object to all town improvements, especially the proposed new town hall. We intend giving their names as a matter of history.

The following persons left this place on Tuesday to attend the Annual Conclave of Knights Templar at Williamsport. A. M. Rambo, M. M. Strickler, Wm. H. Eagle, S. B. Clepper, S. S. Child, J. H. Herr, A. R. Breneman, T. J. Clepper, J. L. Shuman, J. C. Bucher, Chas. A. Fondersmith, Dr. F. Hinkle and others, all valiant, courteous and magnanimous Knights of Cyrene Commandry No 34 Stationed at Columbia.

According to the arbitrary ruling of Grand Master Gibson, white linen aprons and white gloves must be worn by all. "Only this and nothing more" The glorious and magnanimous order of Knights Templar which gives zest, prominence and beauty to any parade, was excluded.

The lambskin or white leather apron has too long been recognized as the "badge of a Mason," to be abolished by a single stroke of the pen. White linen may be used as a substitute, or white cotton if convenient, but there can be no occasion upon which the badge of a Mason, which is more ancient than the Golden Fleece or Roman Eagle, more honorable than the Star or Garter, cannot with propriety be worn.

We may say here that this *lofty*, one man power of Grand master Gibson is not original with him. It originated with the eccentric and tyrannical Richard Vaux of Philadelphia. We do most solemnly and sincerely protest against any innovation of the sacred rights, privileges and customs of ancient Free Masonry.

NOTWITHSTANDING the decline in the prices of marketing generally, our rural friends who advertise for summer boarders do not appear to have been made aware of the fact. We understand from those who have been making inquiries, that last year's rates will be more than maintained. As a result of this, a number of families of our acquaintance have resolved that if they are compelled to pay first-class watering place prices, they may as well have the benefit of those privileges these fashionable resorts offer, and will, therefore, adjourn for the summer to Cape May, Atlantic City, Saratoga, etc.—*Phila. Star.*

That's right Mr. *Star*, let your people go to Saratoga, Atlantic City, etc., where war prices are still maintained as in your city. Your Continental, Girard and other hotels still keep up high prices. Let your city take the initiate step and the country will soon follow. RIP.

TOWN TALK.—All the talk up town now is the new Town Hall. Nine out of every ten citizens are anxious it should be built.

—Coroner Dysart was in town on Wednesday.—A man down the Country while out gunning in the rain, got his gunpowder wet. He dried it on a shovel over the coals in the fire place, and went off when the powder did.—Fred. Bucher says he can't give us a new advertisement this week as he is too busy in his store.—Every lady is expected to give her precise age to the marshals. No misrepresentation will be allowed. The girl of 14 must not jump suddenly to eighteen, and "sweet" thirty-one, cannot assert her hold on the "teens." Besides the usual statistics, United States Marshals should give number of deaths from coal oil explosions, tight lacing and the number who die of chignons.—One Rogers, who advertises himself as a "converted comedian," is lecturing on temperance in Schenectady. The *Union* of that city hopes he is converted sufficiently to call at that office and pay a little bill which has been standing against him several years.—Lancaster city has got an Enoch Arden, but he did'nt look in the window and catch the idea, and lie down under the fence and die. He jumped through the window and smashed up the household utensils, and punched the head of his successor. People are different about such things.—It will be interesting to base "ballers" to know that the Red Stockings of Cincinnati beat the New York Mutuals by a score of 16 to 3, in the presence of twenty thousand people. —A new gaiter boot was lost by J. B. Bachman Esq., on Saturday evening while carrying it home from the shop. As it cannot be of any use to the finder, the loser will be thankful for its return, and give a liberal reward besides. Anyone finding it is requested to return it.—The superior flour, manufactured at Bogle's mill is coming into universal favor.—The Vigilant Fair affords an opportunity for securing first class articles in almost every line.

THE NEW HOTEL.—During the past week a number of strangers have visited Downingtown for the purpose of getting a sight at the new hotel and the beautiful country surrounding. The place will be finished and open for boarders on the first of July, about two weeks later than was anticipated. A few days ago twenty-five more men were added to the mechaical force, and all the work is progressing finely. The slaters are now putting on the roof, and in a few days this immense structure will be under cover. The building is said to be the most substantial one of the kind in the country. The work of laying out the grounds is to be at once gone on with. Some idea of the size of the building may be had when we state that it will require three tons of tin for the spouting around the roof, besides some 2500 feet of conductor.

RELIGIOUS.—The Rev. George M. Rhodes lately elected pastor of the E. E. Lutheran church of this place, will be installed on Tuesday June 28th. The Rev. M. Rhodes of Lebanon will deliver the charge to the pastor at 3 o'clock P. M. assisted by the Rev. D. P. Rosenmiller of Lancaster. The Rev. P. Rizer of Hummelstown will deliver the charge to the congregation at 8 o'clock P. M. All are most cordially invited to be present.

AN exchange says: "Trying to do business without advertising is like winking through a pair of green goggles. You may know that you are doing it, but nobody else does.

Improvement's March.

Ever since creation's birth,
Improvement's march is on;
And every generation claimed
Its highest point was won.
But in what era are such grand,
Results of science shown
Or of the varied, arts as in
This period of our own!
All that can please the taste,
Or eye, or ear, the field
Workshop, and manufactory
In rich profusion yield.
Of labor saving articles
We have abundant store;
Yet inventive genius to our aand
Offers just one thing more.
The Anti Dusting Coal Wagon,
Housewives will surely say,
Is one of the comfortable things,
Peculiar to our day.
It injects the jetty mineral
Into cellars with great ease.
Call at THOMAS & MASON'S Coal Yard,
To see it, if you please.

THE Reading & Columbia Railroad, with important termini, east and west, with a road in perfect order, with a country on each side of its line unsurpassed for its beauty, and with two celebrated summer resorts, offers superior inducements and advantages for quiet summer travel.

THE STREET COMMISSIONER.—William Buckius, who has been confined to the house by sickness for some months past, resumed his duties as Street Commissioner yesterday. We congratulate our citizens on the fact, as our streets for weeks past has been in a most deplorable condition. —*Intelligencer.*

Will the *Intelligencer* be kind enough to state that Mr. Buckius was cured by Dr. F. Hinkle of Columbia, after the leading physians of Lancaster had given him up the case as hopeless. Oh! envious Lancaster, we don't want your muddy streets or your envious hearts.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—On Saturday night, June 11th, a sad and fatal accident took place on the farm of Mr. John Hastings, in Drumore twp., this county. Mrs. Henry Work was terribly burned while in the act of filling a coal oil lamp. The fire was accidently communicated to the oil can, which exploded and threw its entire contents over her, burning her clothes almost entirely off of her person, and roasting her entire body and upper extremities into a perfect crisp. Dr. H. E. Raub was called in soon after the occurrence took place, but all medical aid was of no avail. She lingered until Monday morning at 10 o'clock, when she expired. She leaves a family of three small children.—*Intelligencer.*

HEARTH & HOME for this week (dated June 25th) contains the first of a series entitled *Jethro Throop's Night Thoughts*, by John Thomas, who is no other than Petroleum V. Nasby. The great humorist will take an honest country boy to the city, conduct him through the usual experience, and restore him to his home a sadder and wiser boy, satisfied that the peaceful, honest and temperate life of the farmer is the best and safest life that can be lived. This is a lesson greatly needed at this time, and Nasby is the man to teach it.

CENSUS APPOINTMENTS.—Gen. E. M. Gregory, United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, has appointed the following Assistant Marshals to take the Census in this county:

1st District—1st, 5th and 9th Wards, city: David Hartman.
2nd District—2nd and 6th Wards, city: H. C. Swentzel.
3rd District—3rd and 7th Wards, city: John H. Barnes.
4th District—4th and 8th Wards, city: Jacob L. Hoffmeier.
5th District—Lancaster and East Lampeter twp.: John Johns.
6th District—West Lampeter twp.: J. D. Shiffner.
7th District—Paradise: G. D. Slaymaker
8th District—Strasburg twp. and bor.: S. D. Skeen.
9th District—Salisbury and Leacock twps.: Joseph Umble.
10th District—Bart and Sadsbury twps.: John M. Rutter.
11th District—Eden and Colerain twps.: H. Gilbert.
12th District—Drumore twp.: N. H. Hensel.
13th District—Little Britain and Fulton twp.: Enos Pennock.
14th District—Martic twp.: W. G. Wentz.
15th District—Providence twp.: Albert Thomas.
16th District—Pequea twp.: J. M. Fulton
17th District—Conestoga twp.: J. W. Urban.
18th District—Manor twp. and Washingborough: B. F. Bones.
19th District—West Hempfield twp.: Jacob Oberlein.
20th District—1st and 3d Wards of Columbia: S. A. Bockius.
21st District—2d Ward of Columbia: G. H. Richards.
22d District—Marietta bor. and East Donegal twp.: Theodore Hiestand.
23d District—Conoy and West Donegal twps.: G. W. Hackenberger.
24th District—Mt. Joy twp. and Elizabethtown and Mt. Joy bors.: C. H. Brady.
25th District—Rapho twp. and Manheim bor.: T. H. Hershey.
26th District—Warwick and Penn twps.: F. S. Stouter.
27th District—Elizabeth twp: Eli K. Hooker.
28th district—East Hempfield twp.: H. G. Kern.
29th District—Manheim twp.: J. Hostetter.
30th District—Upper Leacock twp.: H. C. Weidler.
31st District—West Earl twp.: S. L. Carpenter.
32d District—Ephrata twp.: W. H. Spera.
33th District—West Cocalico twp.: J. P. Hibshman.
35th District—East Cocalico twp. and Adamstown bor.: Nelson Wolfskill.
37th Dirtrict—Brecknock twp.: R. K. Laush.
37th District—Earl, including New Holland twps.: Abraham Settley.
38th District—Earl and Cernarvon twps.: J. G. Rogers.

THE VIGILANT FAIR.—The fair opened on Monday evening, with encouraging attendance, considering the inclemency of the weather. The hall was previously arranged and decorated with pictures, flags, &c. Tables stretch around the entire hall. Seats for the weary are placed in the centre. A lemonade fountain, representing Rebecca (or Margaret or Alice, just as the case may be) at the well, was placed near the door, while on the other side was the ice cream and strawberry table. The tables around the room are in charge of young ladies—friends and guardian angels of the "Vigil" boys. The Confectionery table is presided over by Misses Emma and Annie Patton, Annie E. Mifflin, Mazie Welsh, Mary Boice, Annie Breneman, Kate Oldwiler and Creacie Crane; the Fancy table, by Misses Ella Hess, Hettie Vache, Alice Welsh, Vema Peters, and Mrs. C. F. Young; the ice cream and strawberry table, by Mrs. E. Mason and Mrs. Geo. Rumple; Miss Alice Vache takes the part of "Rebecca at the Well."

Mrs. Thos. Welsh has charge of the different departments, and acts in conjunction with the officers of the company. The articles on exhibition and for sale embrace every variety of fancy and substantial needle work from a tiny boot well filled with pins up to magnificent quilts, crochet work &c.

On the gift tables we noticed a large bell for the "favorite milkman," a lamp for a conductor, a chair for your "favorite minister," and a splendid cane, for your "favorite cashier." There has been considerable speculation as to the result of these contests.

Prominent on one of the tables we noticed a very fine China tea set of 44 pieces valued at $15,00 labelled, "Presented by Tyndale, Mitchell & Wolf of Philadelphia." These are to be chanced off. The donation was a very desirable one, and speaks well of the liberality of the firm, who by advertising in our borough papers and by satisfactory dealings always, are establishing themselves in the confidence of our people.

The attractions of the Fair are numerous and we trust our citizens will not fail to give a good cause a liberal support. In times of fire and destruction, we look to these brave firemen for aid and relief. Now help them. The fund realized is all honestly and carefully devoted to their efficiency and better equipment.

The fair will close this evening; the strawberries, cream and cakes are all good, as we have tried them; the chances for drawing a prize are favorable, as we tried them and won, and the articles for sale are useful and substantial. Let there be a full attendance to-night.

VETERINARY SURGEON.—Dr. J. W. Walter, one of the most successful horse doctors in the country has located for a short time at Mountville, where persons having diseased horses are requested to call.

GOOD HEALTH.—This is is the title of one of the best magazines in the country. It is a monthly publication, edited with ability, by gentlemen, who stand high in the medical world, and is entitled to the encouragement of an intelligent public. We esteem it as one of our most valuable exchanges.

RAILROAD EXCURSION.—On Wednesday about sixty Southern Railroad officials, accompanied by general officers of the Penna. Central, P. & E. R. R., and N. Cen. railroad arrived in this place, from Philada. They left in special train for Altoona. They were carried in three special cars—models of beauty and elegance.

They contemplate a trip extending over 30 days, and will inspect most of the roads in the north.

ICE CREAM.—While we have no desire to spoil the business of our confectioners and ice cream men, we call attention to the opinion of Dr. Hall, on the use of ice cream.

In his *Journal of Health* he claims that the colder anything is, the more tasteless it is, and that "ice cream is fit only for the stomach of the brawny laborer. The leavings of one batch are often added by confectioners to the fresh preparation of the day following. The stale portion, if melted, would be not only nauseating, but pernicious; the coldness and the taste of the flavoring alone mask its rancidity.

FREE PASSES.—A Mr. Roberts has just obtained a verdict from the Toledo and Wabash roads for injuries sustained while he was traveling on a free pass. Judge Brady, however, distinctly charged the jury that whoever accepts a pass must expect to conform to its conditions. The verdict of the jury may be set aside in a higher court. This is a matter of interest to the million or more of people who are deadheaded hither and thither over the network of railways. In view of the frequent accidents on some thoroughfares the question presents itself whether it is not better policy in the long run to pay than to ride free.

JUDICIAL VISIT.—On Wednesday car a load of "members of ye bar" and jurors came to Columbia from Lancaster on the mail train. Among the former were Hon. I. E. Hiester, N. Ellmaker, S. H. Reynolds, G. W. Breneman, and the jury consisting of D. Hartman, Wm. Carpenter, Luther Richards, Hon. Geo. Sanderson, Webb Michael, John Dohner and Jacob M. Long. The party accompanied by H. M. North Esq. Solicitor for the Pennsylvania R. R. drove down along the Port Deposit Railroad to determine damages &c. claimed by parties through whose grounds the railroad passes. The afternoon was spent in the hearings, and the professional party returned to Lancaster in the 3:20 P. M. train.

THE REFORMED CHURCH FESTIVAL.—The Festival opened on Thursday evening under discouraging circumstances on account of the unpropitious weather. Friday evening was no better, and though Saturday gave signs of a pleasant evening, our festival friends were again disappointed. A heavy shower set in, and prevented many from going. There was notwithstanding a fair attendance, and a pretty liberal patronage. At the close, the cakes, bouquets &c. remaining unsold were disposed of at auction to the highest bidder. The cakes, voted for the favorite minister, and editor, were awarded to Rev. J. J. Russell, and Mr. J. A. Wolfersberger respectively.

The Festival was a pleasant social occasion, and netted the sum of $142.50 for the church. Had the weather been pleasant, the profits no doubt, would have been quite liberal.

THE INSTITUTE EXAMINATIONS.—The examinations at the Columbia Classical Institute were held on the 10th, 13th and 14th, inst., and so far as we observed and learned were very creditable. We had the pleasure of being present a part of the time, and cheerfully testify to the readiness, promptness, and accuracy with which all the students, male and female, with one or two exceptions, responded to the questions. The examination in the English branches was thorough and searching, and as a test gave evidence of careful and patient training. Our space will not permit us to go into detail but we have seldom attended examinations which showed such preparation and training as those on Monday and Tuesday.

The classics too were well sustained during the test; several of our citizens, friends of education were present, and manifested much interest in the examinations. On Monday afternoon Rev. B. J. Douglass examined the class in languages, and expressed himself well pleased with the result.

Several of the misses and boys were exceedingly bright in mathematics and were warmly praised by the visitors.

The mysteries of Cube and Square Roots the most difficult problems in interest by the shortest method, and the beauties of mensuration &c. were mastered by these seemingly youthful Tyros.

COUNTY ITEMS.—Mr. Joseph Hoar of Salisbury township, was kicked severely by a horse in his stable, on Tuesday of last week. His injuries in the ribs and side are very serious, and he may not survive.

Lancaster has a Strawberry Festival.

The *Intelligencer* on the authority of Bro. Johnson (not Andy) says that the firing of a pistol in the house or out house will scare away mice and rats.

The Horticultural Society held its seventh semi-annual exhibition in the Court House on Monday. The display of strawberries was slim.

The Penna. R. R. have removed their switches at Leamon Place far enough from the water tanks to allow the Engineer to hold his train, if he should discover a misplaced switch.

Three mad dogs were killed in Lancaster on Tuesday,

The crops along the line of the Reading & Columbia R. R. look well, wheat a little too strong for a perfect crop.

Ex-Sheriff Fred. Myers, of Conoy, was badly hurt on the railroad, near Bainbridge, a few days ago.

Fifty shares of Farmers' Bank stock, belonging to the estate of John Weidler, deceased, was sold at public sale, on Monday, at from $76 to $77 per share, Job Miller, purchaser.

Col. David Hauk, of Clay township, had several of his ribs broken, and was considerably bruised by a railroad collision on the Penna. railroad, near Blairsville, last week.

John Sweigart, an aged citizen of New Holland, committed suicide by hanging himself on Thursday last. He was laboring under temporary derangement at the time.

An adjourned meeting of the stock holders of Peach Bottom Railroad was held at Unicorn Hotel on Friday.

The opening hop at Litiz was a success.

Another coal oil explosion. A lamp in the hands of a boy in Shenk & Ruth's cellar, Lancaster, went off, and the boy was out in the hand with the broken glass. One more name for the assistant marshal's, new column.

"Boaster" and "Jubal" will race at the Park on Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The *Intelligencer* having learned from exchanges that "Lancaster was putting up drinking fountains" sent out a local to hunt them up. "Jack" we suppose was the "local"; he found the fountains, after much search in the beer saloons. Five cents a glass.

A number of robberies were committed in Rapho twp. a few nights ago. The articles stolen were principally provisions. Among the premises invaded were those of Samuel Taylor and a Mr. Amwake. An attempt was also made on the same night to break open the smoke-house belonging to Washington Hershey.

FROM eight o'clock this morning, until nine o'clock this evening, Buchenheimer's store will be open.

LAZARUS & MORRIS' perfected spectacles reduce 20 per cent. in price at Shreiner's Jewelry Store, No. 12 Front Street.

Two men had a controversy on Monday as to what shoe store was, the cheapest. They settled it by deciding in favor of Guiles'.

SHREINER'S store is permanently located in Columbia and you can at all times procure the best spectacles, and if not suited at once can exchange them. By buying of peddlers you pay two prices and cannot exchange if not suited.

FRED'K BUCHER still continues to sell groceries and provisions at unusually low prices, at corner of Locust and Fourth sts. It is still a mystery with the community how he can afford to sell good goods so amazingly cheap; but Fred understands the business and he knows. Give him a call.

Shoulder Brace Suspenders at Breneman's.

New style of Hats for summer wear at Breneman's.

A fine assortment of summer under wear at Breneman's.

Buy the album collar at Breneman's.

Something new, the album collar, at Breneman's.

New Ties & Bows at