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J. W. FISHER.

The Intelligencer of Tuesday last week, does injustice to General Fisher, one of the Senators from this county, in saying that had he seconded Mr. Billingslet's motion, the proposition of Messrs. Rauch & Cochran, to contract for the pasting and folding for the Legislature would have been accepted, and this would have saved thousands of dollars to the State.

AN OUTRAGEOUS CHARGE.

The Scranton Republican has the boldness to insinuate that money is used in procuring legislation and offices at Harrisburg. Were it necessary we could easily disprove this assertion, by gentlemen from this very town—men who were never known to lie, or do any other dishonest act.

OUR MEMBERS ON STATE TREASURER.

In caucus, Senators Billingslet and Fisher were favorable to the nomination of that faithful public servant, Gen. W. W. Irwin, as the State Treasurer.

HON. HANNIBAL HAMLIN.

The nomination of Hon. Hannibal Hamlin for United States Senator from Maine, by the Republican Legislature of that State, will give general satisfaction to his hosts of friends in the "Old Guard."

The Lehigh Register, having passed into the hands of Messrs. Mill & Iredell, has just made its appearance in a beautiful new dress. It is now one of the leading Republican institutions of the State.

REPORT OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL.

This document is one of particular interest to every tax-payer in the State. It contains nearly two hundred pages, and was prepared with considerable care and accuracy.

The total public debt, on the 1st of December last, being the close of the fiscal year, amounted to \$33,286,916.13. The total amount of stocks held by the Commonwealth, in sundry incorporated companies, on the same date, amounted to \$10,754,321.92, which, if converted into cash and used towards the further liquidation of the State debt, as recommended by the Governor, will reduce the debt to \$22,532,594.21.

The receipts at the State Treasury, during the year, from all sources, including balance on hand at the commencement of the fiscal year, of \$4,661,836.46, amounted to the sum of \$9,918,918.01.

The principal items of revenue were as follows: Tax on corporation stocks, \$1,061,668.08; personal property, 277,337.66; loans, 354,407.49; net earnings or income, 422,803.74; gross receipts, 384,161.96; tonnage, 307,537.78; on coal, 192,433.80; on bank stocks, 216,933.76; on other stocks, 309,000.00; collateral inheritance tax, 274,818.97; Tavern licenses, 279,532.72; Retailers' licenses, 335,219.03; Foreign Insurance Agencies, 320,392.76; Penna. R. Co. bond redeemed, 100,000.00.

The expenditures during the year amounted to \$8,864,960.64, leaving a balance in the Treasury of \$1,053,957.37.

The principal items of expenditures were: Expenses of Government, \$845,539.89; Military, per acts of assembly, 122,418.68; Pensions and gratuities, 28,984.84; Charitable institutions, 772,066.26; Common Schools, 343,866.99; Loans redeemed, 4,430,263.64; Interest on loans, 1,979,690.64; Public buildings and grounds, 53,963.42; Office of Bridge, 50,500.00; Penitentiaries, 76,837.50; Miscellaneous and other items, 1,224,718.81.

Among the expenses of the Government we find the following items:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes SENATE—Pay and mileage, \$36,547.40; Clerk's Department, \$10,313.80; Other Officers, \$15,973.80; Postage, \$13,125.73; Stationery, \$3,905.25; Contingent expenses, \$1,000.00; Investigating Committees, \$3,620.25; Witness fees contested election, \$4,836.86; Committee and Clerk, same, \$3,265.00; Sgt. at Arms, fees, same, \$3,437.50; Pages and women, \$2,109.00; Distributing documents, indexing, &c., \$1,052.35; Purd. Digest and Ziegler's Man'l Chaplain, \$300.00; Librarian and Assistant, \$3,837.50; Marshals of Rotunda, \$1,468.59; Engineers, Firemen (and Paper-Twisters) in basement, \$2,488.20; Coal and wood, \$752.00; Case for Library, \$1,316.00; Work and material, \$1,516.00; Carpenter, \$221.15.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Pay, mileage and stationery, \$107,308.80; CLAUDING \$22.80 EXTRA TO ANDY ARMSTRONG, NOT YET REFUNDED; Clerk, Assistants and Transcribers, \$12,542.70; Sergeant at arms, Doorkeepers and Messengers, \$27,201.90; Pastors and Folders (INCLUDING \$700. PD. MR. ILLYUS FOR HIS SERVICES AT FIDDLER'S GREEN), \$37,723.10; Postage, \$19,850.04; Contingent expenses and pages, \$2,298.00; Packing and distributing doc'ts, \$60.00; Women, \$1,923.00; Postmaster and Assistant, \$300.00; John A. Small, forwarding documents, \$1,300.00; Purden's Digest and Leg. Man'l Stationery, \$7,265.00; John A. Small, revising book, \$300.00; W. L. Cooper, "Librarian", \$1,000.00; Marshal of Rotunda, No. 3, \$804.10; Fireman and 2 assistants, \$2,121.00; W. L. Cooper, for service, (about DURING RECESS), \$270.00; Coal and Journals and Printing, \$336.00; Coal and ice, \$980.88; Work and material, \$1,921.30; Carpet, wood, merchandize and work, \$1,577.52; Expenses of committee, \$172.03; PUBLIC PRINTING—John A. Small, singly, to June 30, 1868, \$63,709.81; John Youngman, superintendent, \$1,000.00; Geo. Berger, Leg. Record, \$27,745.00; Paper mill, Lancaster, for paper, \$6,126.06; John A. Hiestand, for paper, \$17,425.00; Paper for military history and reports, \$18,025.00.

THE DEPARTMENTS—Salaries of Governor, Secretary, Clerks, Stationary and contingent.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Auditor General's do, \$21,189.61; Treasurer's do, \$11,950.00; Surveyor General's do, \$24,375.00; JUDICIARY—Supreme Judge, Supreme Court, Courts of common Pleas, Associates, Special Courts, &c., \$260,879.52; Attorney General's Department, \$5,939.05; Miscellaneous, \$1,238.85; Penn's Agricultural Society, \$2,000.00.

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

The annual report of the State Superintendent of Common Schools, Col. J. P. Wickersham, for the year ending June 1, 1868, has just been published. From it we extract the following items of importance:

Total expenditures for the year, \$4,617,066; Balance on hand, 287,666; Debt of Districts, 757,541.

The value of the school property of the State is over ten millions of dollars. This is an interesting fact, not before reported.

APPROPRIATIONS NEEDED FOR 1870.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes For common schools, including those of Philadelphia, \$800,000; For Normal schools, to be appropriated on the same condition as those imposed by appropriation act of '68, \$15,000; For salaries of county superintendents, \$5,000; For expenses of the principals of State Normal schools, incurred in attending the annual examinations of teachers, \$250; For Normal school of Third district, \$5,000; For Normal school of Sixth district, \$5,000; For Lincoln University, \$2,500; "The Legislature," says the report, "did a noble act last year in increasing the general State appropriation from \$355,000 to \$500,000. An addition of only another \$100,000 is asked for this year."

GENERAL W. W. IRWIN.

This gentleman, the present able and deservedly popular State Treasurer, has just published his annual report, which contains much valuable information. We regret that we cannot well find space to publish it. We will refer to a few items and suggestions contained in the document.

The receipts for the fiscal year, exclusive of loans, amounted to \$5,070,071.95, being an increase of \$114,795.66 over the preceding year. The payments, exclusive of loans, amounted to \$4,387,417.19, being an increase of \$3,122.00. The amount of balance in the Treasury at the close of the year, was \$1,012,925.36, from which deduct \$487,159.79, which is pledged for the redemption of over due loans, leaving an available balance of \$525,765.58.

The amount of State debt due in July, 1870, is \$1,642,128.20; the receipts in excess of expenditures, last year, was \$822,328.42. There is an increase in the appropriation to schools, for the coming year, amounting to \$150,000.00 and for the erection of the Northern Hospital for the insane, \$150,000.00. These figures show the necessity of the strictest economy, and a deduction instead of increase of State bounties. After fully and ably discussing the subject of State Finances, the Treasurer says in conclusion:

"It is for you, as the representatives of the people, to enact the policy that will best accord with their interests and wishes. If our obligations are to be paid as they become due, IT CAN ONLY BE DONE BY ECONOMY IN OUR EXPENDITURES, OR BY AN IMPROVED SYSTEM OF TAXES. Whichever of these will best suit the people you represent it would be best to adopt."

Here we have another leading State official squarely on the side with GRANT and GEARY, in favor of Retrenchment, Reform and Honesty in public affairs. Although General Irwin has been over-slaughed by the "Ring," the people will honor him the more for his frank and manly statement of their financial affairs. That he was over-slaughed by a Legislature made up, in part, of men notoriously bought, paid for, and owned by a set of politicians, jobbers, gamblers, brokers and middle men, can have no other effect than to raise him still higher in the estimation of all honest men.

The lines are being distinctly drawn between the friends of Retrenchment and Reform on one side, and of public plunderers and political camp followers on the other. Among those who lead off on the right side of this question are GRANT, GEARY and IRWIN. The leaders among the plunderers need not be named—everybody knows them. It will be for the people to determine which of the two shall prevail in future.

BAD NEWS FROM HARRISBURG!

According to our Harrisburg correspondent it would seem that notwithstanding all that has been said about the wholesale extravagance and most barefaced system of speculation which characterized the House of Representatives last year, the same outrageous system, as far as the House is concerned, has already been consummated, by the passage of a joint resolution to appoint twenty-seven additional "Pastors and Folders," at an expense of not less than \$600 each, making an extra grab into the people's treasury of not less than sixteen thousand two hundred dollars! These twenty-seven additional Pastors and Folders and the twelve previously appointed by virtue of the law of 1868—ten at a salary of \$600 each and two at \$800 each, making \$7,600, which added to the \$16,200 extra grab, foots up a total of \$23,800, for doing the work which we offered to do, under heavy bond, for \$5,000, and make money even at that. Thus have our Representatives deliberately, recklessly and defiantly decided to squander, by this item alone, the sum of \$18,800! And for this public outrage Messrs. J. C. Gatchell, W. W. Hopkins, Jacob G. Peters and Aaron H. Summy, elected and solemnly sworn to represent the interests of the people of Pennsylvania in general, and of Lancaster County in particular, all voted an emphatic AYE! On this we make no comment, preferring to leave them in the hands of their outraged and betrayed constituents! We doubt whether the resolution will pass the Senate, without the aid of the Democrats.

A REGISTRY LAW.

We notice with pleasure that the Governor, in his message, calls the attention of the Legislature to the importance of the passage of a registry law. There should be no postponement of this subject—no shrinking of responsibility by our Legislature—for the evil of illegal voting is growing to an alarming extent. The Governor well remarks:

"Every proper facility for the naturalization of citizens of foreign birth should be afforded; but the legislature, in its combined wisdom, can surely enact some mode to prevent the possibility of a single vote being cast upon spurious naturalization papers, and thus fully secure the purity of the elective franchise."

RETRENCHMENT.

We again call the attention of our readers to the "short, sharp and decisive" paragraph in the Governor's message on the above subject. It will be well for our Legislators to keep it before them. The people are in no humor to be deceived in this matter, and they will not be:

"Retrenchment is emphatically demanded by the people, in the legislative expenditures, as well as in every other branch of the government. Their eyes are turned to investigate every transaction, and by their ballots are ready to strike down those who will not take effective action in favor of positive and radical reform. The money paid into the Treasury is the property of the people, every one of whom has a just right to hold his representative to a strict accountability for every dollar that may be appropriated or expended."

CONGRESS.

We have little to report from Congress this week. The wheels of legislation move slowly, and the opinion seems to be very generally entertained that but little else than the passage of Appropriation bills will be done before the 4th of March, when a new President and a new Congress will come into power.

The State was mainly engaged in discussing a claim of Sue Murphy, of Alabama, for property destroyed during the war. A conclusion had been arrived at, and the members would like to have the Uncle Sam's Treasury.

In the House Appropriation bills for the West Point Military Academy, the Army, &c., were discussed, and the first named was passed. A petition was presented by Mr. Fessenden in the Senate, signed by a large number of Episcopal clergymen, for the passage of a law to prevent the transportation of Petroleum in passenger vessels. This grew out of the terrible accident on the Ohio river a few weeks ago, when one of the most distinguished clergymen of that denomination lost his life.

On Monday last there seemed to be more disposition to go to work. A large number of bills and memorials were offered and referred. The Sue Murphy relief bill was debated until after 3 o'clock, when the Senate adjourned. In the House, bills and resolutions were read and referred. A bill was passed repealing the Tenure of Office law, under the operation of the previous question, by a large majority, the Cops. voting for the repeal. It is thought the Senate will be slow in passing the bill, but, as it is the wish of Gen. Grant that it should pass, it will no doubt go through at so late an hour as to prevent A. J. from doing mischief. Some discussion was had on the Naval appropriation bill, and the House adjourned.

On Tuesday, the time of the Senate was chiefly occupied in considering the Miss Murphy claim. She is said to be a loyal woman, and wants pay for property taken by our troops in Alabama. Her father, it is said, was not so loyal, therefore the claim is presented in her name—a dodge that would do credit to Yankee. In the House, Gen. Butler made a long speech in support of his financial views. A good deal of other business was transacted. Among others a resolution was passed to give the use of a part of the Capitol building for an inauguration hall.

LETTER FROM HARRISBURG.

Standing Committees of the Senate—Fisher and Billingslet—Bills in Place—The House—Joint Resolution to report last year's Extravagance and Corruption—Prospect of its defeat in the Senate or by the veto of an Honest and Independent Governor.

HARRISBURG Jan. 12, 1869.

DEAR FATHER ABRAHAM:—The Speaker of the Senate was particularly fortunate in the appointment of the Standing Committees for the present session. The Lancaster Senators are appointed as follows: Gen. Fisher, Chairman on Judiciary Local and on Pensions and Gratuities, and member of committee on Military affairs. Mr. Billingslet is Chairman on Retrenchment and Reform, and on Roads and Bridges, and member of committees on Elections, Districts, Agriculture and Domestic Manufactures, and of Private Claims and Damages. The Chairman of the other committees are as follows: Mr. Lowry on Federal Relations; Connell on Finance; White on Judiciary General; Kerr on Accounts; Stinson on Estates and Escheats; Graham on Corporations; Osterhaut on Banks; Robinson on Canals and Inland Nav.; Coleman on Railroads; Stutzman on Election Districts; Brown (Mercer) on Education; Stutzman on Agriculture and Domestic Manufactures; Taylor on Military; Jackson on Compare Bills; Kerr on Vice and Immorality; Henszey on Private Claims and Damages; Olmstead on Library; Errett on Printing; Coleman on Public Buildings; and Brown on New Counties.

For thus constituting the several committees, Speaker Worthington deserves much credit. Judging from my own knowledge of Senators personally, I have no hesitation in saying that in almost every case, the right man has been selected for the right place. For instance, no one will question the peculiar fitness of Lowry for Chairmanship on Federal Relations. Mr. Coleman, on Railroads, will give the brokers and jobbers, about these Halls, considerable difficulty in "setting up" their "bleeders" and "pinchers." There isn't money enough in all Pennsylvania to bribe J. Dawson Coleman. Brown is an excellent man on Education, and so is Errett on Printing. The constituents of Mr. Billingslet will hail with much satisfaction his appointment to the Chairmanship on Retrenchment and Reform—a most responsible position, and with such Senators as Errett, White, Miller and Davis as the remainder of the committee, some very wholesome reformatory measures may be looked for. The two latter named gentlemen are Democrats—Miller from the York district and Davis from Berks. Mr. M. is a new man, and, as yet, but little known. Mr. D. is a fair man, of considerable ability, and will go as far as any Democrat can be expected to go, in legislating for the good of the people.

The Standing Committees of the House have not yet been announced.

Mr. Fisher presented a petition of citizens of Providence township, for a change in their road laws, which was referred. Also, a resolution instructing the committee on Library to examine bound volumes of certain papers, including the Lancaster Express, belonging to J. E. Barr & Co., embracing a history of the entire war, and to report by bill or otherwise. Also, bills to transfer part of Moses M. Brubaker's farm from Lebanon to Lancaster county; to incorporate the Lancaster county Insurance, Trust and Safe Deposit Company; to change the time for holding elections for municipal officers in the Commonwealth, and a supplement to the act dividing the city of Lancaster into nine wards. Mr. Billingslet introduced a bill authorizing the Cornwall R. R. Co. to extend the time for the commencement of the work, allowing the building of a branch to Lancaster, &c.

In the House, only one important item of business has been transacted, and I regret to say, that it was the passage of a resolution to repeat the last year's extravagance and corruption, by appointing, over and above the needs of the House, twenty-seven additional Pastors and Folders, and

thus deliberately taking \$16,200 from the State Treasury, to be distributed among them. The joint resolutions were offered by Mr. Straug, of Tioga, but a different course was expected. That his infamous measure will pass the Senate, I do not believe. But even if it does, it is confidently expected that the Governor will veto the act.

STATE NEWS.

DAUPHIN COUNTY.—The Pennsylvania Steel works on the hill are now in full operation. . . . Rev. Dr. Tyng will lecture at Harrisburg on the 28th inst. . . . Augustus F. Armstrong, for six years a clerk in the Surveyor General's office, died at Harrisburg last week. . . . The Schuylkill and Susquehanna District Convention of Good Templars will be held on the 24th of February next at Middletown. . . . W. W. Hays, Esq., the new Mayor of Harrisburg entered upon the duties of his office on Monday.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY.—Mrs. Martha G. Huddleson, of Norristown, died week before last in the 92d year of her age. . . . A muss was kicked up in a drinking saloon at Conshohocken recently, resulting in the shooting of one man in the shoulder, inflicting a dangerous wound. . . . The new Stony Creek Railroad Company will elect officers on the 18th inst.

BUCKS COUNTY.—Glennings from the Democrat: On Tuesday before last, Jacob Roth, a German, residing at Bethlehem, was arrested by detective Wm. Y. Lyon, of Reading, and taken to Doylestown, where he was committed, on the charge of having received a horse, wagon and buffalo robe, belonging to Tobias Wornad, at Regoletville, where they were stolen last September, and were finally traced to the possession of Roth. . . . A Jew peddler named Sellers, residing at Fort Washington, recently committed suicide by drowning himself in the Perkiomeno creek. . . . A German named Kauning, residing at Fitzbertown, procured several cases of lager beer to be used on hog killing day. He partook freely of the beer, proceeded to a room up stairs and committed suicide by shooting himself. . . . A party of three kids, on Tuesday of last week were enjoying themselves in skating upon the surface of the Delaware and Raritan feeder, opposite Centre Bridge, and on approaching the edge of the ice their weight broke it in. The older boy, Chs. Meginius, was the first to fall into the water; and his younger brother hurried to his help, accompanied by their other companion, when they fell in. Both the Meginius boys were speedily carried under the ice by the current—the other one managing to keep his hold on the ice, and thus hold his head above the surface of the water until he was rescued from his perilous situation. The lifeless bodies of the two Meginius brothers were taken out about ten minutes afterwards. The fatal occurrence created a startling sensation in the neighborhood. They were both boys of unusual intelligence, sons of James Meginius—Charles, the elder, was about eleven years of age, and his younger brother near nine years old.

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY.—A friendless wandering woman, during a very cold night, recently gave birth to a child in an open shed, at Levers brick yard, on the road leading from Bethlehem to Easton, and near the former place. When the woman was found the child was dead. . . . Samuel R. Rutter, of Mauch Chunk, was appointed paymaster of the Lehigh and Susquehanna Rail Road. The late disaster near Bethlehem, on the North Pennsylvania Railroad, cost the company fifteen to twelve thousand dollars. . . . William Lackawack, whilst driving cars in the Lehigh and Susquehanna R. R. at Walnut Port, met with an accident, resulting in the loss of a leg.

LEHIGH COUNTY.—The Lehigh Slate Co. have declared a dividend of three per cent. . . . The passenger travel on the Lehigh Valley Railroad is unusually large this season. . . . Barnum lectured on money getting last Tuesday evening in the Court House. . . . Seth Bernard, a tinsmith, while at work roofing a house at Allentown, fell to the ground and broke several ribs.

BERKS COUNTY.—The Republicans have now two excellent newspapers—the Berks and Schuylkill Journal, English, and the Republican von Berks, a very neatly printed and well conducted German. A good and respectable republican daily is also needed in Reading. . . . Five per cent dividend declared by the Reading Gas Company. . . . The Reading Advertiser entered upon its 73d year on Jan. 1. . . . The Reading Eagle tells its readers what ought to be done with a fellow who bites off another one's ear. . . . There are now about twelve thousand inhabitants in the town of Fleetwood, on the line of the East Pennsylvania Railroad, eleven miles east from Reading. . . . A lot of clothing valued at \$450 was stolen at Rothrockville from a pedler wagon, belonging to Messrs. Herzfeld & Hagerton, of Reading. . . . Mr. John D. Buck has just been elected Chief of the Fire Department of Reading. No better man could have been elected for the responsible position. . . . There are fifteen hundred children belonging to the several German Reformed Sunday Schools of Reading. . . . The Reading City Lock-up is crowded every night by tramps and inebriates. . . . Goods and means were donated last week to the Wemelsdorf Orphan's Asylum, to the value of \$428. . . . Officers of the County Agricultural Society will be elected on the 2nd of next month. . . . A new masonic Lodge in Reading is talked of—three existing already. . . . The Reading Eagle says, "Religion has never made more progress in the city than this winter," and that the good men to warn the people against numerous thieving stragglers; attempted burglary at the residence of Charles Byrle in Penn street; William S. Smith gloriously drunk; and before the Mayor; Charles Nobleneck ditto; twenty-three lodgers and bummers in the station-house on Saturday night; fourteen ditto on Sunday night, &c. &c.

CHESTER COUNTY.—The proposed Pickering Valley Railroad will doubtless be constructed, as the Philadelphia and Reading R. R. Comp. offer to take three fifths of all the stock. . . . J. W. Martin, of Coatesville, had his pocket picked at West Philadelphia, a few days ago, becoming minus \$100. . . . James Wier, aged 16, on Tuesday of last week, stabbed John Thomas, aged 14, with a pocket knife, killing him instantly. They were both em-

ployed in the Patterson Mills, near Chester, and had a quarrel during the day, and after the mill was stopped Wier waited on his victim and murdered him. He is now in prison at Media. . . . The Village Record says night prowlers are getting to be very numerous throughout Chester County. An attempt was made to rob the house of Abraham Hickman, in East Goshen, one night last week. Same night the barn of Worrell Garret was visited, same township; meat stealers visited the premises of Isaac Meredith, same neighborhood, but they did not like the crack of his gun, and left in a hurry. . . . The dwelling of Joseph H. Osborne, in West-town was entered last Friday night and \$280 stolen. . . . An attempt was made on Friday night to rob the flour and feed store of Marshall Smith, West Chester. . . . Scarlet fever prevailing in West Chester.

MIFFLIN COUNTY.—The tannery of George Saylor, of Decatur township, was totally destroyed by fire. . . . Turkey stealers doing well in various parts of the county. . . . Two fast young men were arrested last week at Lewistown, for breaking into Mann's store and stealing brooks.

FRANKLIN COUNTY.—On Wednesday before last, as we learn from the Depository, an aged woman named Nancy Toms, residing on the road from Mercersburg to McConnellsburg, was found dead in her bed under suspicious circumstances. She possessed eight acres of land and a log house, and was supposed to have some money. With the old lady lived a girl by the name of Swank. A man by the name of William Jones, now in jail, implicated in the robbery of Fallens store, had been living with this girl, having sent his family out West, for a year or more. . . . Some time ago the nephew of Nancy Toms died suddenly, and suspicions were excited at the time that his death did not result from natural causes. An inquest was held, but no thorough investigation made, and there the matter dropped. The old lady was found dead in her bed, one day last week, and it appears that but a few days before her death she had made over all her property to this man Jones, upon the condition that he would support her during her remaining days. . . . Dying so shortly, and so mysteriously, after this transaction, naturally excited suspicions that she had been put out of the way. . . . The citizens of Mercersburg brought it to the notice of the District Attorney, who ordered an inquest, and on Wednesday last sent Drs. Senseny and Boyle to the place where the body was buried to make a post mortem examination. The body was disinterred and a Coroner's jury summoned, while the physicians made a very thorough dissection, bringing away the stomach and its contents for chemical analysis. We understand there exists evidence enough to send the matter before the Grand Jury.

WAYNE COUNTY.—A new Division of Sons of Temperance was organized at Honesdale. . . . J. W. Wells, Esq., has withdrawn from the editorial chair of the Wayne Citizen, which is owned by a company and published under the direction of a committee. . . . The Delaware & Hudson Canal Company will next week commence the shipment of coal over the Honesdale branch of the N. Y. and Erie Branch Rail Road.

YORK COUNTY.—Coal fallen in price \$1 per ton in York. . . . Mrs. Metzler, the attendant at most of the funerals in York, reports that in 1858, she officiated at 140 funerals—109 adults and 31 children. . . . Two old ladies fell on the 31st last week, and broke an arm each. . . . The True Democrat has a long article on the Bible in its lead column. . . . Zion's Lutheran Sunday School, at Gl. Rock, held its annual meeting on New Year's day. It is in a flourishing condition. . . . Mr. John Zinn was badly injured while working in an ore mine near Hanover. The bank caved in on him, and broke one of his legs, and another injured him. . . . The store of Mr. Metzler in George street, York, was entered by burglars last Friday night, and some butter stolen. He could not afford to pay the price. . . . A fellow "done" a boarding house in York last week. . . . He was well-dressed and came altogether a love of a looking man. He retired to his room, and got his hands upon one hundred dollars and a gold watch belonging to a boarder, and decamped. . . . He travelled on—his good looks. . . . The Court of Quarter Sessions was held in York last week. The business as reported in the Republican was of a trifling character; though the Court sat all week. . . . Markets in York—Butter 30 to 40 cents; Eggs 35 to 35; Chickens 40 cts. to 50 per pair; potatoes \$1 to 1.25 per bushel; Beef, in cuts, 12 to 25 cents per pound; from wagons \$8 to 15; Pork from wagons 8 to 12; Lard 12 to 20.

SCHUYLKILL COUNTY.—There were 381 inmates in the County Almshouse on the 1st of December last. . . . Pottsville water company declared a dividend of 4 per cent. . . . Revivals in the Meth. E. church of Port Carbon. . . . George B. Sessinger, freight Agent on the P. & R. R., at Palo Alto, was arrested and held to bail on the charge of embezzlement. . . . Total number of arrests made by the police of Schuylkill and Northumberland Counties during the year, 560. . . . Post No. 43 G. A. R. is in a very flourishing condition. The present officers are: Post Commander—A. P. Wenrick; S. V. Com.—Joel Metz; T. V. Com.—Isaac Jones; F. Adjt.—R. H. Phillips; P. Qr.—Thomas Humble; P. Surg.—R. M. Lashall; P. C.—Aaron Yoder; Sergt. Maj.—Daniel Powell; Q. M. S.—Jos. Morris; Musician—Geo. W. Daniels. . . . Delegates to the Department Convention—M. M. L. Velle, A. P. Wenrick, T. Humble, David Powell. . . . A ladies' Fair and Festival in the interest of Post 43, and for the purpose of raising funds to aid the widows and orphan of dec'd soldiers and sailors of Ashland, will be held at the Odd Fellows Temple, commencing on the 22nd of February 1869. . . . A number of the most enterprising and public spirited ladies have already enlisted in this good work, and a splendid and in every way a successful Festival may be expected.

SNYDER COUNTY.—A bear weighing 130 pounds was killed on the 28th ult. in Washington township, by Charles Boush, and his father and brother. They succeeded in tracing the bear, and then brought him down by means of powder and ball. . . . The Snyder County Teacher's Institute, recently held at Freeburg, was well attended and the exercises were highly interesting.