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OVER THREE THOUSAND!

FATHER ABRAHAM, as a "permanent institution," is only a little over two months old, yet, without any other effort on our part than simply getting up a live and original newspaper, we have now a circulation of over three thousand regular subscribers, and since the Holidays new lists come in upon us more rapidly than ever. According to present indications, we will have a circulation of at least five thousand before the first of April next, and if so—judging from our remarkable success during the late campaign—we will reach fully fifteen thousand before the second Tuesday in October next. "Everybody reads FATHER ABRAHAM."

THE MAN!

The Bedford Inquirer, in a pointed article on the performance of the members of the House at Harrisburg, on "pasting and folding," exclaims:

"Oh! for just one man who could forget policy and devote himself to the promotion of honesty and economy—who would dare to stand up for the right and leave his chances of re-election with his constituents?"

Lancaster county has just such a man in the State Senate, and fortunately he is Chairman of the Committee on Retrenchment and Reform. We allude to the Hon. E. Billingsfelt, and as long as he is Chairman of that Committee, all projects to deplete the Treasury, that come under its jurisdiction, will receive their quietus, just as the "pasting and folding" dodge did last week.

COP. REPEATERS.

The committee on the case of Brown vs. Witham, contestants for a seat in the House at Harrisburg, examined five witnesses on Tuesday evening. Michael Slavan and Christian Lamb testified to having voted the Democratic ticket twenty times, generally under assumed names. Daniel Redding testified to having voted the same ticket ten times. Henry Mitchell testified that he followed a party of men to several precincts, who voted the Democratic ticket a number of times. He attempted their arrest, but failed for want of a warrant. Alfred M. Fields, who accompanied this witness, corroborated his evidence in full. This is a sample of the scoundrelism of Copperheadism, under the lead of Wm. A. Wallace.

WHAT OTHERS SAY.

The Lewisburg Chronicle talks of the pasting and folding job in this wise: "Hear ye him!"

"Well, Messrs. Rauch & Cochran, who offered to do the pasting and folding for the House of Reps. at Harrisburg at a figure that would save thousands of dollars to the State, are, in popular (and undoubtedly Penn's Legislative) parlance, "euchred," and the job farmed out to a lot of fellows for a much higher figure. In conversation with some who know all about such matters, we are told that we don't understand why it is so. Very good; we confess to a reasonable amount of stupidity, and in a case of this sort, a very large amount. There are so many ropes and strings and wires to pull, and axes to grind beneath the Harrisburg town clock that we become mystified. They can, too, advantageously to the State to pay \$7,500 instead of \$5,000 for the same services; but, owing to the thickness of our "crust," we can't quite "see it." The members of the Legislature perhaps think that they can do as they please in regard to squandering the money paid by the tax-payers. They can, too, while their terms last; but when those who vote in favor of such measures go home, they go to stay. A number of them voted for Rauch & Cochran's proposition, and are doing all they can to reform things about the Capitol. These men should be carefully noted and returned by their constituents. Let the other sort look out for themselves!"

UNITED STATES SENATORS.

It is with great satisfaction we announce that General Carl Schurz, one of the most gifted orators of the country and sound patriot and statesman, has been nominated by the Republicans of Missouri as the successor in the United States Senate of that renegade and traitor, John B. Henderson. By this nomination the Republicans being in the majority in the Legislature, his election is secured. Thus another of the recreants has received his deserts.

James Dixon, of Conn., another of the seven Judas Iscariots, vacates his seat on the 4th of March next to ex-Governor W. A. Buckingham, a Radical of the right stamp.

Governor W. G. Brownlow, the war horse of Tennessee, succeeds that traitor D. T. Patterson.

That sneaking conservative, Jos. R. Doolittle, of Wisconsin, will retire next month to give place to a Republican to be elected from that State.

West Virginia, another of the States so shamefully betrayed, will reject her betrayer, Peter G. Van Winkle.

On the other hand, nearly every one of the faithful Senators in that fearful struggle, will be returned by his constituents. Zachariah Chandler, of Michigan, Alexander Ramsey, of Minnesota, Wm. M. Stewart, of Nevada, Wm. Sprague, of Rhode Island, have already been designated as the elect. They have received their reward as faithful servants.

TERROR IN TENNESSEE.

Letters have been received in Washington by a Southwestern member of Congress, detailing outrages in the State of Tennessee. It is stated that two loyal men were killed in Franklin county on the day of the election, and another taken from jail and hung in the court-house yard. Nobody knows who committed these acts. A letter from Shelbyville, dated January 11th, says:

"In a recent fight the Kuklux were badly whipped, but they threaten to come in thousands from Lincoln and Marshall counties. They were about thirty in number, mounted on horseback and drove into the public square, blowing whistles and yelling like devils. They then moved down the Murfreesboro pike, and as they appeared near Dunlap's they were fired into and six of them wounded. Just after the Kuklux ran off, and during the excitement a barn was set on fire."

Another letter says:

"If the Kuklux organization shall not be suppressed, loyal men cannot live in Tennessee," and the writer adds: "If in this State, with a loyal element and a Brownlow Governor, you are not safe, what would you look for in other rebel States? We have no security for life and property, and no exercise of liberty. These are facts, and Congress must do something to protect loyal citizens, or they will be murdered by thousands."

The Kukluxers were the associates of the beautiful specimen of humanity, Andrew Jackson Steinman, junior editor of that paper of Brick Pomeroy, the Lancaster Intelligencer, on his recent trip down South. He regales his readers occasionally with "Editorial Notes," in which he lauds the rebels and cut-throats to the skies, pitches into Gen. Sherman because he punished the scoundrels on his "march to the sea," and shows his rebel heart in every line. Of course, nobody accuses Steinman of writing these "notes," as his brains are not located in the region that produces such things. They were doubtless prepared by his Kuklux associates, and go far to show of what kind of material he and they are composed.

GOOD NEWS FROM HARRISBURG.

We last week referred to the outrageous attempt made by our representatives to repeat last year's pasting and folding grab, by passing a joint resolution appointing twenty-seven additional "officers"—Pasters and Folders—over and above the number authorized by law. We then expressed the hope that this most iniquitous scheme would receive its quietus in the Senate, or, if necessary, a prompt veto from our honest and faithful Governor.

We were not disappointed. Thanks to the Republican Senate, the honor of the Republican party of Pennsylvania has been preserved, and the interests of every tax-payer protected. The bill which passed the House, after having been referred to the appropriate committee of the Senate—on Retrenchment and Reform, of which Hon. Esaias Billingsfelt, of the Old Guard is chairman—was promptly reported with a negative recommendation, which ended the matter for that time. By this result, the Pasting and Folding leak has been stopped—the item being reduced to a fair and reasonable figure—\$7,600, against \$37,723.10 last year, being a saving of \$30,123.10. So much for the little ventilation of this subject, started and followed up by FATHER ABRAHAM, and vigorously backed by such staunch Republican papers as the Lancaster Express, Columbia Spy, West Chester Village Record, Scranton Republican, Lewisburg Chronicle, Bedford Inquirer, Miners' Journal, Norristown Free Press, Gettysburg Star, several leading papers of Pittsburg and others we might mention.

The resolution which passed the House since, (see our Harrisburg letter) being clearly in violation of law, is, of course, void, as the State Treasurer has no authority to pay any money on such a proceeding, unless by the concurrence of both Houses and the signature of the Governor.

DEMOCRATIC ELECTION FRAUDS.

The contested election cases of Philadelphia are progressing, and with such results as to leave no doubt about the final success of the Republican candidates.

Hon. Leonard Myers, Republican Congressman, has already proven more than enough of fraudulent votes to overcome the majority returned against him. In a single precinct which returned 627 ballots, only 572 votes were polled, and the return made to read 674 votes. The fraud was committed very bunglingly, however, for in adding names to the list, so as to correspond with the stuffed ballots, they wrote the names down in alphabetical order, one commencing with A, 5 with B, 9 with C, 15 with D, and so on.

The mere ultimate success of the Republican candidates, who were counted out by these frauds, is not sufficient. The perpetrators ought to go to the Penitentiary, each for ten years at least. This would perhaps assure us honest elections in the future.

A ROOSTER.

Col. Kleckner, one of the members of the House of Representatives from Philadelphia, on Monday last, in his usual classic way, pronounced Mr. E. H. Rauch a "Rooster."

Last year, when Mr. Kleckner conceived the idea of introducing a resolution (for buncombe) complimenting the United States Senate for reinstating Hon. Edwin M. Stanton as Secretary of War, and not having brains enough to write it, he called on "the same rooster" to do it for him, and he did. See Legislative Record, 1898, page 79. If Col. K., or Mr. Strang, or any other "feller" of the paste ring want some stories told out of school, this "Rooster" will cheerfully accommodate them.

MR. GATCHELL'S SPEECH.

Our Harrisburg letter contains a brief abstract of Dr. Gatchell's speech on the resolution favoring the pasters and folders laid on the treasury. We have since received an official copy of the speech in full, which we give below, together with questions, &c., by Messrs. Hong, Brown and the classic Col. Kleckner. The speech is Dr. Gatchell's own!

MR. GATCHELL. Mr. Speaker, I do not rise for the purpose of making a speech. I suppose, however, this difficulty in which these different gentlemen have been participating has been caused in a great part in consequence of the proposition that I had the honor to present at the Republican caucus of the members of this House, previous to the organization, from two individuals of the city of Lancaster, known respectively by the names of Rauch and Cochran, proposing to do the pasting and folding of this House for the large sum of five thousand dollars.

MR. HONG. I would ask the gentleman from Lancaster (Mr. GATCHELL), if one of the gentlemen named (referring to Mr. Rauch) did not formerly occupy the desk as Chief Clerk in the House?

MR. GATCHELL. I am informed that this is the same identical individual.

MR. KLECKNER. The very same "rooster" (Laughter).

MR. GATCHELL. I have only to state, Mr. Speaker, that this matter has created some little sensation—has created a considerable fire in the district which I have the honor to represent, and the fires are still burning, and no doubt will burn until they are thoroughly quenched; but in order to set myself right on this record, I am making these remarks. My worthy colleagues here can speak for themselves. I was requested by this individual to present this proposition to the caucus.—That individual said to me on that occasion, "As for yourself, you can either vote for or against it. I do not expect it to be accepted by this House. I only ask you to present it." And I believe I did. Certain papers in this commonwealth—among others, one published in this city, and several elsewhere, and the Lancaster delegation—are fighting against it.

Now, I think in that caucus, that that proposition was unanimously agreed to be laid under the table. So far as that proposition is concerned, I have nothing to say. I suppose, and I presume, although I may be wrong, that the resolution before this House is on the increase of its officers—that is, provided that this House absolutely needs them. I have made it my business to inquire of the Resident Clerk of this House and of the Speaker, and other gentlemen who have been members longer than I have, in relation to this matter, and they have informed me that the number of officers now employed is insufficient—that the number of officers last year was more than absolutely required.

Now, the resolution is, so far as I understand it, to increase the officers of the House to a sufficient number, just enough men to do the work of this House; if that is the resolution I am willing to vote for it. I do this publicly not because of what a paper has said in our county, or what the delegation from Lancaster county says, about our putting our hands into the public purse and our taking out money and giving it to the gentlemen in this way, while they do not know where it goes.—I do not believe that ought to have any influence upon me. Therefore, as to giving my vote to take one dollar from the public treasury of the State, I have only to say that I would not do it. I have been informed through gentlemen in this House from different counties of the State who were here years and years ago, that more men are absolutely necessary, and upon their recommendation, and that of the Resident Clerk of the House, I intend to vote for the increase, and let my constituents settle the matter with me next fall. I do not care whether I come back or not; it makes no difference to me. If we need more men, I will vote for them. If we have enough men, I shall vote against the resolution.

I remember only a few days ago hearing a gentleman from the other side of the House say that he had not been able to get a document folded for two or three days. I believe all that, because I do think, although I have very little experience in this House, that we have not at this hour enough men to do the business of this House. Therefore, I shall vote for this resolution, although I offered that contract from Rauch and Cochran. I did that out of respect to them, not voting either for or against the resolution in caucus. But I intend to vote here to-night, and on this occasion, for an increase of men, because I think it is absolutely necessary. I do not wish it understood that I am voting to take money out of the treasury.

MR. BROWN (Clarion). I would like to ask whether his man is in or out?

MR. GATCHELL. I think he is down at Lancaster; I think he is neither in or out. I do not understand what the gentleman means, whether he is in doors or out, or whether he is in the ring or out of the ring. This I cannot say. I have reason to believe that at this hour he is in the city of Lancaster.

MR. BROWN (Clarion). I would ask whether Mr. Illius was here last winter?

MR. GATCHELL. I would say that I know nothing about Illius; probably the gentleman (referring to BROWN) was a member of the House last year; if he was he has more to do with Mr. Illius than I have, because I was not here.

MR. BROWN (Clarion). Neither was I. MR. GATCHELL. I have nothing to do in the way of marking old members.—I am here to make a record for myself.—I vote because it is absolutely necessary, leaving Mr. Illius to be taken care of by the gentleman who was to take care of him. I heard, on one occasion, there was a Mr. Illius. Now, what the gentleman of this House did with that man I do not know—at least I cannot swear to it. I cannot swear to anything I do not know positively. I vote for that resolution simply because it is absolutely necessary.

SEVENTY-TWO railroad projects have already been introduced in Congress, a Congressman or two being privately interested in each, by grants of public lands. Better divide our domain among our Union soldiers by equalizing bounties, and prevent this Congressional squabble for Uncle Sam's acres.

OUR HARRISBURG LETTERS.

Matters in General—Local Legislation—The Cattle Bill—The U. S. Marshals—Pasting and Folding—Defeat of the Scoundrel in the Senate—Its Revival in the House in Defiance of Law—Remarkable Speech of Mr. Strang—Gatchell also Spoke into Them, Saying but Little, but Voting Much More and Greenbacks, &c., &c.

HARRISBURG, Jan. 19th, 1899.

DEAR FATHER ABRAHAM: Your numerous readers will be glad to learn that the resolution which passed the House last week, to appoint twenty-seven additional pasters and folders after having been referred to the Senate Committee on Retrenchment and Reform, of which Mr. Billingsfelt is chairman, has been reported with a negative recommendation, which disposes of the matter, unless specially called up by a majority, which is not at all probable, as eight Republican Senators, and probably more, are well known to be squarely opposed to the swindle. But the corruptionists of the House, it would seem, have not yet given it up. One of the twenty-seven "extra" men has sold out his chance to a well known Legislative broker for \$60 cash down, and the further sum of \$340 deposited in the hands of a member, to be paid over in case of the passage of the resolution. The fact that this extra "stock" is not yet out of sight, and commands ten per cent. cash down, shows that the serpent is not quite dead yet. I will keep an eye on these fellows all the time.

The standing committees of both houses have been named, and the wheels of legislation are now in motion. Your members in the House have not been placed on many important committees. On the Ways and Means Lancaster county is not represented, while Dauphin county is represented by both her members. The attention of the Speaker was called to this apparent oversight and unfairness, but he blandly remarked that Dauphin county was thus favored on account of the superior ability of her representatives! I can hardly think it was intended as a reflection on the ability of your members, but to those not intimately acquainted with them it might be so understood. Perhaps the Speaker knows something. I have not a list of the committees before me, and cannot give them.

The contested judicial election cases in Philadelphia took up considerable time of the Legislature last week. Judge Greenbank, of the District Court, at the last election, was returned as having 60,748 votes, while M. Russell Thayer, the Republican candidate and contestant, was returned as having but 60,623 votes, leaving Greenbank 125 majority, which return is alleged to have been fraudulent, and should have been not more than 59,603 legal votes for Greenbank, and not less than 60,623 votes for Thayer, leaving Thayer a majority of 1,007. The following committee was selected to investigate the matter: Senators Miller, Brown of Northampton, Stinson and Lowry, and Representatives Nelson, Ames, Beatty, Hunter, Robinson of Mercer, Goude, Marshall, Joseph and Webb. As an off-set, the Democrats have "trumped up" charges of fraud in the election of J. I. Clark Hare, President Judge of the District Court. Senators Stinson, Taylor, McIntire and Brown of Northampton, and Representatives Ames, Clark of Warren, Stephens, Miller, Meredith, Nicholson, Peters, Robb and Place, is the committee to try the case.

It is understood that large monopoly, known as the "Cattle Bill," which caused such a flutter two years ago among the cattle dealers of the State, will be "urged" this winter and may probably pass. "There is money in it," I heard it remarked to-day, and that means a great deal here. Some of your readers are still acquainted with its provisions, and when it comes fairly up for action I may explain them in full.

An effort will be made to pass a general bill, changing the time of holding the municipal elections in this State from spring to fall, and a bill to that effect has already been introduced. A similar measure met with the determined opposition of the Democrats last year. It will probably pass.

HARRISBURG, Jan. 19th, 1899.

DEAR FATHER ABRAHAM: Since writing my letter on Saturday, there has been a new movement on the part of the corruptionists of the House. Yesterday, in open defiance and disregard of the law of 1868, a resolution was adopted without the concurrence of the Senate, and without the signature of the Governor, to appoint the twenty-seven additional "officers" to be labeled pasters and folders! The resolution was offered by Mr. Strang, whose speech in support of it needs some ventilation. For instance, he says: "There are but two officers of the Rotunda." A few years ago there was but one. "A man is needed in the coat-room—"no member wants his coat stolen," says Mr. Strang. Coat-stealing in the House of Representatives, eight and ten years ago, wasn't considered parliamentary, and none were known to be stolen. Now, I infer, there are also coat-stealers, as well as other kinds of thieves, about the House, and that is just what's the matter. But to watch, spot, detect, arrest and jug the coat-stealers, it seems to me, is the duty of the Harrisburg municipal police. Be this as it may, twenty-seven abled-bodied men is entirely too big a force to watch the members' coats, and as members, officers and ex-members only are permitted inside, as far as the coat-room, Mr. Strang's extraordinary insinuation is anything but complimentary to his fellow members. But, "there are only six assistant Sergeants-at-Arms," says Mr. Strang. Well, how many do you want? There were only four, eight and ten years ago, and then there were about two more than necessary. "There are only ten pasters and folders in the cellar, and the duties of the folding room have never been performed by less than twenty," says Mr. Strang. To answer this I must call for a division of the question, and on the first division I would say that if Mr. Strang means that there are only ten on duty, "in the folding room," he makes one truthful assertion, because more than that number would only be in each other's way, and cannot be actually employed. Five or six men can easily do all the work, and Mr. Strang ought to know it. On the second division of the question, I answer that, instead of ten, there are twelve pasters and folders authorized by the law of 1868, and this extra batch of 27 more, will make in all, thirty-nine, at an expense of \$23,800, exclusive of extra grubs, mileage, &c., for work which Rauch &

Cochran proposed to do for \$5,000, under heavy bond and security! The most stupendous whopper uttered by Mr. Strang is that "the average daily pasting and folding amounts to 45,000 to 50,000 documents." The fact is, and Mr. Strang ought to know—Mr. Strang does know, that the daily average is less than four thousand documents—36 allowed to each member per day, being only 3,600, with about 100 allowed the clerks, and extras, all told, not over 4,000!

Now, notwithstanding my previous good opinion of Mr. Strang, as a light-toned and truth-loving gentleman, I am forced to the very unpleasant conclusion, that his assertion is either a most outrageous, barefaced and deliberate misrepresentation, equalled only by the unblushing and persistent manner in which the Treasury robbers are playing their profession, or, Mr. Strang is notoriously ignorant, and unfit for a seat in any deliberative body chosen to represent respectable and intelligent people! But, as I know him intimately, I must say, he is not an ignorant man.

In a word, the true secret is, they have just twenty-seven men here to whom members have promised places in the House—twenty-seven more than are authorized by law. To help themselves out of a dilemma, they go together, form a ring, open the State Treasury and deliberately grab \$16,200 therefrom, to be "divided" round! To pretend that these additional "officers" are needed, and to back up this pretense by such a speech as that of Mr. Strang—full of misrepresentation and sophistry—is only adding insult to injury.

The four members from Lancaster county—Messrs. Gatchell, Hopkins, Peters and Summy voted as a unit for the iniquity. One of these worthies also made a speech, which is reported in the State Guard, as follows:

Mr. Gatchell, of Lancaster, said that this matter had created considerable feeling in his county. He was requested by Messrs. Rauch & Cochran to present their offer to do the pasting and folding for \$5,000 by contract. He presented the offer in the Republican caucus without remark. It was proposed to appoint just such additional number of officers as was necessary, and he would vote for it. He would vote for the increase and let his constituents judge for themselves. He believed that more assistants were absolutely necessary.

Dr. Gatchell's memory is very defective. He did remark, in caucus, when he presented the offer of Rauch & Cochran, that he merely agreed to present it, and clearly intimated that he was opposed to its acceptance. But, as these four representatives had already professed the confidence of their constituents, and probably voted for this iniquity because they had nothing more to lose, I have nothing further to say in regard to them. Doubtless the people will properly dispose of them when the time comes.

But very little of local interest to your people has been acted on since my last. Senator Fisher has introduced a bill authorizing the school directors of Lancaster city to sell real estate. Also, one authorizing the Columbia Water Company to borrow money. Both have been referred to the appropriate committees.

I noticed a number of Lancaster county politicians on the street to-day—John A. Hiestand, Ellwood Griest, Ex-Sheriff Boyd and Nathaniel Mayer, a former member. I learn Mr. Hiestand is after the Marshalship of the Eastern District, and is urged by some of the best men of this section of the State. Mr. Boyd is also an applicant, but the chances are in favor of the former gentleman.

The formula of electing a United States Senator was "gone through with" to-day. The Democrats supported State Senator Wallace, of Clearfield. The vote stood as follows: For Mr. Scott, 17; for Mr. Wallace, 13; for Mr. Clymer, 1. Senators White and McCandless were absent. Mr. Wallace voted for Mr. Clymer. In the House—Mr. Scott had 61 votes, and Mr. Wallace 50. Mr. Scott's majority in both houses, 28. The joint convention will be held to-morrow.

CONGRESS.

The Senate was engaged till Friday in discussing the Sue Murphy claim, occupying all the time, except what was taken up by current business, such as receiving and referring petitions, resolutions, &c. Miss Murphy was referred to the appropriate committee, where she will be likely to stay for this session. But let her hold on. She will triumph after a while, as the woman did some years ago with a horse claim. The Senate refused to allow the capitol building to be used for an Inauguration Ball. Right. A bill was introduced to pay the widow of President Lincoln a pension, which was referred. One was also introduced to amend the Tenure of Office act. They will be apt to pass the House bill to repeal it.

The House has been occupied in discussing various appropriation bills, and one to authorize (which means pay for) the construction of a ship canal around Niagara Falls. Mr. Washburne, of Illinois, who is the "watchdog of the Treasury," and is supposed to represent the views of Gen. Grant, is down on all projects for getting money to aid certain private Pacific and other Railroad speculations. This Niagara bill is one of the same kind and went by the board.

On Monday, in the Senate, memorials were presented praying for amendments to the naturalization laws. Also recommending that government sales of gold, and loans and bonds, be made at auction. A large number of bills and memorials were presented on various subjects, and some Senators, who had been handed pretty severely by newspaper correspondents relative to their course in railroad jobs, "ventilated."

In the House, bills and petitions were presented almost without number. Information was asked as to the substitution of Pacific Railroad bonds, by some banks, in lieu of the 5-20's deposited to secure circulation. Gen. Butler said some severe things about this matter. A resolution, that grants of public lands to corporations should be discontinued, was laid on the table. After considerable debate on the Legislative, Judicial and Executive appropriation bill, the House adjourned.

JUSTICE TO ARMSTRONG AND ILLIUS.

The speech of Honorable B. B. Strang of Tioga, on Monday last, in the House of Representatives, has made Mr. Illius' career as an "officer" of the House in 1868, a highly honorable one. The speech of Mr. Gatchell, on the same occasion, has entirely restored Andy Armstrong to good repute for honesty and political respectability.

HON. EDWARD McPHERSON, Clerk of the House, Washington, D. C., is actively engaged upon the Life and Times of Thaddeus Stevens for early publication, and will be glad to receive copies of letters of the deceased on political topics from 1828 to 1868, and any personal incidents illustrating any point in his career or any feature of his character. Original letters or other documents, if sent to him, will be returned after use.

Local News.

ITEMS: The citizens of Terre Hill, (Fairville) East Earl township, will take all persons from the Philadelphia Station to the Sunday School Convention, to be held on the 29th and 30th inst., and return them to that point after the Convention is over, free of charge. They will also entertain persons who attend.

"Nasby's" lecture at the Court House, in this city, on Friday evening last, was quite a success, both as to numbers in attendance, and the approbation expressed of the lecture. The evening was unfavorable, otherwise the attendance would have been very large. About \$70 were realized over and above all expenses.

Cyrus Schwanger, of Mount Joy township, has received a patent for improvement in plough cultivation.

The two-story brick house in North Queen, between Walnut and Lemon streets, of Herman Miller, has been sold to Francis Hayman, for \$5,800, and the latter has sold to the former his house in West King, for \$2,600.

House of Levi Coates, in Christiansa, sold to Geo. Fowall, for \$2,975.

Benj. Mishler, of this city, has sold to the poor of this city, on Saturday last, 600 lbs. of beef, and 600 loaves of bread, at his garden in Middle street. Between four and five hundred persons were supplied.

The dead body of a German man, named Edwin Derr, was found by Calvin Cooper, in Mill Creek, near the railroad bridge, about six miles east of this city. The cause of his death is unknown. The verdict of the coroner's jury was that he came to his death either by accident or at the hands of some person unknown.

The County Commissioners of this county, Messrs. S. W. P. Boy and Wm. A. G. Kaufman, are modest men, truly. They wanted the County Commissioners to pay them only \$2.50 per day for every secular day in the year, for their onerous duties, requiring their services not more, we are told, than thirty days! The County Commissioners very properly would not allow for the increase of \$5.00 per day actually employed. The modest individuals above named, appealed to the Court, who refused the demand. Right—very right. Boyd would be a model Marshal of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

A correspondent of the Express advocates the appointment of Police Commissioners for this city. Some change in our police arrangements is very much needed. The occurrences of last fall ought not to be repeated, as they doubtless will be under the imbecile management of the Mayor and his Chief of Police. By-the-way—can anybody tell why the trial of the cowherd, guilty of the riot last fall, has been postponed? Has our District Attorney anything to do with it?

A handsome clock has been placed in the court room by the County Commissioners, furnished by H. L. & E. J. Zahn.

Mr. Emanuel E. Miller, near Landsville, raised 5,386 lbs. of leaf tobacco (fillers not included) on one and a quarter acres, receiving for it \$1,346.50.

Edward Stevenson, a colored man, aged 54, was found dead in Washington borough, a few days ago.

The following are the officers of the Susquehanna Ferry Company at Columbia: Geo. Beale, E. Hershey, John Q. G. Kaufman, Robert Crane, Wm. Patton, M. Strickler, John Paine and J. G. Hess.

A skeleton of a human body was found while digging a trench near Hershey's mill, below Columbia, on Thursday. A pipe filled with tobacco, in good preservation, was found with it.

The citizens of Manheim are building a fine new school house. All the villages and towns around us, outstrip Lancaster in the excellence of their school houses. The accommodations of that kind in this city, are positively disgraceful.

The Manheim National Bank elected the following Directors on the 1st inst. A. Abraham Kauffman, A. Bates Grubb, John Rohrer, Jr., Jacob L. Stehman, E. B. Bomberger, John Stauffer, Samuel Wolf, John M. Dunlap and Philip Arndt.

M. H. Kreider has sold his store property at Lampeter Square, to Geo. Dietrich, for \$8,000.

The Directors of the First National Bank of Columbia are as follows: E. K. Smith, Robert Crane, John Fendrich, Benj. Herr, John J. McTague, H. N. Kehler, Jacob Seitz, John Forry and Schubert Watts.

Somebody writes to the Lewisville Star that the prospect for a large supply of lumber and timber next spring, from the Upper Susquehanna regions, is not very promising. The Clearfield Journal also says about the same. Well, maybe so, but as money is scarce, we guess it will have to come down in price anyway, in spite of such a prospect.

A little son of Capt. Beltz of the Army was gored by a cow, while playing in the stable yard, on Friday last. The horn penetrated the roof of the mouth and passed out under the left eye, tearing away part of the cheek. The child is doing well.

The Court has refused a new trial in the case of Merritt Smith vs. The Lancaster County National Bank.

The post-office at McCall's Ferry, York county, has been discontinued, for the present. Mail matter for that office will go to Castle Fin F. O.

Amos G. Wilson has been appointed postmaster at Parkersburg, Chester county, vice A. Vandarsal, resigned.

The Mechanics' Library, of this city, is in a flourishing condition, having a very large library, to which is constantly added choice books and a fund of \$4,400 at interest. Officers were elected on Monday last, the evening of the 18th inst., as follows: President, Wm. A. Diller; Vice President, Chas. Gillespie; Treasurer, Chas. Grant; Secretary, H. A. Rockafeld; Committee on Library, S. B. Rathvon, Joseph Preston, A. E. Roberts, Wm. F. Duncan, A. H. Rockafeld; Committee on Property, Frank Diller, D. A. Aldis, W. A. Morton, B. Yecker, A. E. Witzner. Peter McCoomy was re-elected Librarian.

The Athenaeum Association elected officers on Tuesday evening last, as follows: President, Hon. A. L. Hayes; Vice President, Hon. Geo. Sanderson; Secretary, J. B. Kevinski; Directors, A. Harris, W. A. Aldis, A. E. Roberts, S. B. Rathvon, D. G. Baker, H. Carpenter, G. K. Reed; Treasurer, James Black. A committee was appointed to solicit subscriptions, with a view of opening a Reading Room—"a consummation devoutly to be wished."