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REPUBLICAN PRIMARY ELECTION.

The Republican voters of the several election districts of Lancaster county, are requested to meet at the places where the last primary meetings were held on Saturday, September 12th, 1868, (except in the district named) on

SATURDAY, MAY 29TH, 1869,

and hold primary elections, subject to the rules adopted by the Union Republican County Committee, to elect SIX DELEGATES to represent Lancaster county in the State Convention, to be held on the 23d of June.

The election in Manheim township will be held at Stauffer's Hotel, Neffsville.

The polls will open at 3 o'clock, p. m., and close at 7 o'clock, p. m.

By order of the County Committee.

MARTIN S. FRY, Chairman.

E. C. REED, S. A. WYLIE. } Secretaries.

A HINT.

We call the attention of the Republican State Senators, who voted against the Philadelphia Police bill last winter, to the list of appointments now being made by Mayor Fox. The O'Flahertys, Murphys, O'Bryans, Maguires, Reillys, O'Gormans and "sich like," ought to be thankful to the good-natured—to be mild—Senators who have helped them to positions, over good and true Republicans. Probably some of these same Republican Senators will want to be sent back to the Senate. We'll see.

SPITE!

The latest and smallest specimen of Copperhead sore-headism and spite is in the objections made by journals of rebel intincts in the North, to an accurate measurement and survey of the Gettysburg battle-field, ordered by the Government. It is easily understood why Copperheads should be unwilling to have the remembrance of this battle-field preserved. It is *a daily offence to them.* It reminds them of a pro-Slavery Democratic Rebellion defeated. It reminds them of a National Democratic Party beaten and disgraced. It is prophetic of the progressive growth of the cause of Liberty here and everywhere. And it is a perpetual monument to the faithlessness and treason of the Democratic Party, to whom the people blindly committed their government.

"Father Abraham will deliver a temperance lecture at the Hamburg battalion."—*Reading Eagle.*

☞Better be careful, Mr. *Eagle*, how you poke fun at temperance men. Worse places than Hamburg, and more formidable gatherings of the ungodly than those attending the Hamburg battalion, have been reclaimed and reconstructed by means of the pledge. And in every district of old Berks in which temperance and religion gain foothold, democratic majorities become beautifully less.

LIGHT BREAKING!

The Republicans of Cumberland, Md., on Monday last, elected Lloyd Dowe, Mayor, by ninety-two majority, and two Councilmen. Last fall the rebel majority was nearly four hundred. Maryland will come round all right in time.

☞The *Miners' Journal* commenced its XLIst year on Saturday week. The paper was established by Benjamin Bannan, Esq., who has continued to conduct it up to the present time. The *Journal* is an able and independent Republican newspaper, among the very largest and best in the State and one of the most successful.

THEY WILL!

"A nigger will steal."—*Columbia Herald.*

And so will a Copperhead—especially a "Saur-Kraut guerilla."

THE SOUTH.

The party of Southern tourists who accompanied Col. Forney, has returned to Washington, and had an interview with the President on Friday last, and talked with him upon the state of affairs down there. One of them gave as an instance of the manner in which the Southerners are developing their own resources, that in Florida, where oranges, strawberries and other fruits were now in season, the travelers were given stewed dried apples, which, on inquiry, they found had come from New York, and only twice were strawberries found at the hotel tables! They are unanimous in the opinion that the time has not come when Northern men can go down there to live, unless they go in colonies large enough to be independent of all but their own circle. They concur, also, in the belief that the day has not yet arrived for an indiscriminate removal of political disabilities, and that years will have to pass away before thousands of them will be restored to loyalty. Well, let them wait until they learn how to behave themselves.

OFF FOR THE PACIFIC.

The last rail has been laid, and the iron track now traverses the continent from the Bay of Fundy to the Pacific ocean. From Pittsburg to San Francisco the time table and distances are calculated as follows:

	Miles.	Hours.
Pittsburg to Chicago, Ill	468	19
Chicago to Omaha, Nebraska	491	24½
Omaha to Bryan	858	43
Bryan to Ogden, Utah	233	10½
Ogden to Elko, Nevada, via Central Pacific Railroad	278	12½
Elko to Sacramento, Cal., via Central Pacific Railroad	465	31
Sacramento to San Francisco, via Western Pacific Railroad	117	3½
Total	2,910	144

At San Francisco the traveler may take the steamship lines on the Pacific, reach Japan in nineteen days, and in six more place himself in communication with the Celestials at Hong Kong or Shanghai.

THE MARSHALLSHIP.

Gen. John Ely, the recently appointed United States Marshall for the Eastern District of this State, died suddenly at his residence in Philadelphia, on Tuesday night of last week. The breath was hardly out of the man's body, before the "old stagers," who had such an interesting time of it before, were at Washington, with their friends, to *bore*—that's the word—for the vacancy. Gen. Grant cut the matter very short on Friday last, by appointing Gen. E. W. Gregory, of Philadelphia, to fill the place. The question every where was: "Who is Gen. Gregory!" The "politicians"—that means, in this instance, politicians by trade—didn't know him, but the President *did*, and that was enough. 'Rah for Gregory!

A TRUE PICTURE.

Brick Pomeroy seems to know the leading Democrats of New York as he himself is known. He says: "If buying and selling, if fraud and corruption, if double dealing, trickery, dishonesty, and nothing but a love for gain is to mark the course of the leading Democrats of New York, I just ask God to spare my life for the next two years." Brick might with great propriety have included in his description the leading "Democrats" of Pennsylvania, especially those of Philadelphia. The election rascality practised by that party in the "city of brotherly love" is now being unearthed, and presents a series of frauds and perjuries unequalled in the criminal calender even of New York.

AN ENEMY'S OPINION.

The Boston *Courier*, one of the bitterest Democratic papers in the country, says:

"Two things are observable in President Grant—*his power of holding his* tongue and his grateful remembrance, in his day of prosperity and supreme power, of those early friends who gave him a start in life when he was poor, seedy, unknown, unnoticed and of no account socially, politically, or professionally. Call it nepotism or what you will, much worse traits than this have been exhibited by ruling men."

After this, from a political opponent, one would think that the fault-finding Republicans whose party fealty is measured by their success in obtaining office, would hide their heads in shame. If they don't, they ought to.

DELEGATES.

In connection with the election of delegates to the State Convention, the names of the following gentlemen have been mentioned:

JOHN B. LIVINGSTON, City.
Col. EMLEN FRANKLIN, City.
Capt. J. K. RUTTER, City.
Hon. JOHN STROHM, Providence.
Col. JAMES MYERS, West Hempfield.
A. J. KAUFFMAN, Esq., Columbia.
W. H. H. KINZER, East Earl.
PETER S. REIST, Manheim twp.
NATHANIEL MAYER, Drumore.

The names of candidates for delegates should be handed in by WEDNESDAY, MAY 19TH, under the rules, in order to have them printed on the slips.

GO FOR THEM!

"NEW YORK, April 24.—A white man named Kennedy, was to-day held to bail in $2,000 for raping a negro girl in a stable last night."

☞There's a text for the Lancaster *Intelligencer* to grow eloquent over. Wouldn't it be a good thing for it to argue that the entire white race should be disfranchised because of Kennedy's act? Come, "it's a poor rule that won't work both ways." Go for them!

FLOORED AGAIN!

George Brubaker, District Attorney, Chief of Thuggery, Ring Manager and Political Broker General for a number of years, was again badly beaten on Monday last, in County Committee meeting. The attendance was larger and everything was set up and fixed by George to proceed to the election of delegates to the State Convention, by the committee. Even up to the hour of meeting, George believed he had a sure thing—the vote of Lancaster county in his own hands, to be disposed of and sold out to the highest and best bidders. But, "es is a muck nei g'folla." Immediately after the calling of the roll, and the reading of certificates of substitutes, including one constituting George a member of the committee, Senator Billingfelt offered a resolution fixing the time for the election of the delegates *by the people*, and under the rules governing t[illegible] nominating elections. George at on[ce] took the floor and made a characteris[tic] speech against the resolution, and in fav[or] of electing the delegates by the comm[ittee]. He pronounced the so-called Cra[wford] County System a failure; said t[he] people have already been *over-dosed* wi[th] it; that the *dose* which this system admi[nis]tered last year had already sicken[ed] them; that if it should be adhered to th[is] would have yet more such *doses;* tha[t a] *big dose* is being prepared for the pa[rty] during the coming campaign for local [of]fices. His speech was full of "doses" and, as a whole, as the sequel proved, w[as] too nauseous a "dose" even for the co[m]mittee which George had the audacity [to] claim as his own.

Mr. Billingfelt briefly replied, and wh[ile] defending the popular vote system as [a] true one, he admitted that last year [the] result did not entirely satisfy its frien[ds] as the nomination of Mr. George Bruba[ker] to the District Attorneyship, and othe[rs] was a very big "*dose*," and hard to sw[al]low! But as such a result could only [be] brought about by ballot-box stuffing, fraudulent counting and other disregard of rules, the republican people need only to have proper safeguards against such frauds and outrages in future, to make the system in question entirely acceptable. After some further debate in which Col. Dickey, Capt. McPhail, Mr. Kauffman, Mr. Houston and others participated, Mr. Billingfelt's resolution was adopted by a vote of 42 to 9.

George is about played out. Nobody is afraid of him now, simply because his boat is in deep mud. His support is certain defeat; his opposition calculated to insure success. He is among the leaders and dictators of the past, and nobody, except his immediate body guard, is sorry for it. His many pledges remain unredeemed, *and scores of politicians who have* heretofore followed and confided in him, acknowledge themselves badly sold—and so are the politicians abroad with whom he had contracted for the coming delegates to the State Convention. Well done!

RATS DESERTING!

It is amusing to see how fast some people who have been willing tools of the great defunct—George Brubaker—are deserting him since he was beaten in his attempt to elect a tool as County Superintendent, and to "set up" the Old Guard for Governor. The County Committee settled the latter matter on Monday. It would be as well, perhaps, for candidates for the Gubernatorial nomination not to make promises for Notary Public, &c., so early in the race. And it would be just as well for candidates for local nominations to be careful in "fixing up things" about home. Thuggery is demoralized, and the "Barbary Coast" is in great tribulation. More than a month ago we advised candidates to "be cautious," and recent developments ought to influence them to watch the progress of events closely. There is "luck in leisure." "Make haste slowly." Don't "tie to" any body, but "go it alone." This advice is given "free gratis for nothing."

THAT'S HIM.

Gen. Stokes, in his recent speech at Nashville, Tenn., complimented Andy Johnson as follows:

"Now, I'll tell you what's a fact: There isn't a man nor a party that Johnson hasn't deceived. If there is a man in this crowd who can say that Andrew Johnson never deceived him, I should like to see him step forth. He has been a popular man in his day, for he has been with and deceived all parties in turn. He is full of deceit and demagogueism. He is like the old sow. You might take her up, put her in a bath tub and scrub her perfectly clean, turn her out and she would run five miles in a hot summer day in August, through clean water, to reach her wollowing place in an old peach orchard. That's Johnson."

REGISTRY LAW.

The new Registry Law requires the assessors to commence the work of revising the list of voters appearing upon the transcript received from the County Commissioners, on the first Monday in June. They must strike off the names of all voters who have died or removed, and add such as have moved into the district, or have become voters, so as to provide a complete alphabetical list of voters, with the street and number of those who reside in towns. Let Assessors procure a copy of the law, and prepare to commence their work at the proper time.

JAMES M. WEAKLEY, Esq., of Carlisle, has been appointed Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth, in place of I. B. Gara, resigned.

THE NEXT LEGISLATURE.

The Pittsburg *Commercial* of Wednesday last says that the Republican press of Pennsylvania is waking up to the importance of steering clear of the old Legislature and nominating new and better men. In this matter the press has an important duty to perform in leading the masses, and giving public opinion an effective support. Last winter it had but one voice, which was raised in repudiation of extravagance and corruption at Harrisburg. It did its whole duty then in awakening public sentiment to the alarming evils attending every stage of the legislative proceedings. It is no less its duty now to lead in the work of reforming these abuses; and this can be accomplished in no way but by electing true men. There is all the greater need of commencing the work early, because leaders who [illegible] a colored man Postmaster, at Andersonville, Ga. Retribution!

THE proposition to dispense with the use of text books by scholars out of school hours, is being enthusiastically accepted all over our State.

SAM SIMPLE, in allusion to the practice of buying and selling wives, says his Jerusha Ann did not cost him a cent—yet he was awfully cheated when he got her.

SORROWFUL stories of the damage done to the peach crop, by the recent cold spell, are being wafted to us by speculators to pave the way for higher prices.

THE running time on the Pacific Railroad from New York to San Francisco, 3353 miles, is six days seventeen and a half hours.

THERE is an organ-grinder at Novara, who recently returned from the United States with $20,000 in gold, an amount he had collected in the streets during the last ten or twelve years.

THE work of discharging useless clerks is still progressing at Washington. Thirty were discharged from the office of the Auditor for the P. O. Department on Tuesday last.

A MAN living near McConnelsville, Fulton county, is said to have died some days with the glanders. It appears that he had been dealing for some years with horses afflicted with that disease.

THE Jersey Shore *Herald* man says that he went the other day to Williamsport on a collecting tour. He was unable to collect anything, and, worse than that, every man asked him for a chew of tobacco.

EVERY newspaper we see is emphatic in expressing the opinion that never, probably, in the history of this country, has the wheat crop presented, at this season of the year, such a promising appearance.

MISS MARTHA J. CAIRNS, who shot and killed Nicholas McComas at Jarrettsville, Md., last month, has been tried and acquitted, the jury being out but five minutes.

PARTIES from Tennessee say that President Johnson has completely fizzled out, and no longer possesses any power to seriously annoy the Republican party in that State.

TO sell a yard of tape for six cents, is designated by foolish fashionables as dignified—while to sell six apples for six cents is, as the late Abraham Morris expressed it—something mighty low.

HON. DANIEL W. SMYSER, formerly of Adams county, has been appointed Associate Law Judge of the Seventh Judicial District—Bucks and Montgomery counties. He was formerly President Judge of the same district.

DANVILLE has a little girl who, several weeks ago, was run over by two carriages. After she had recovered from that accident she fell into a stream, and was restored to consciousness the next day. What other mishaps are in store for her we must wait for the future and see.

THE Mount Vernon estate originally consisted of 1200 acres. The ladies, with the aid of Mr. Everett, some years ago bought two hundred acres, including the Washington House, and the remaining one thousand acres is advertised for sale at auction next week.

DISSATISFED married folks cannot now rely upon Indiana divorce courts for articles of separation with no trouble and little cost. Persons must reside in that State for one year before they can make application for divorce. Let them go to Harrisburg, with the "tin."

BANISHING BED BUGS. — Take the whites of four eggs and ten cents worth of quicksilver; put them into a bowl and beat to a perfect froth. Take a feather and dip into the preparation, and apply to every part of your bedstead where bugs conceal themselves; do this once a year, and you will never see a bed bug in your house.

A STRIKE in the anthracite coal region commenced on Monday, and work is entirely suspended in Lehigh and Schuylkill regions. Nothing has been received from Wilkesbarre, but it is supposed the same state of affairs exists there. This is doubtless a combination between operators and wholesale dealers to advance the price of coal.

STRICKLAND KNEASS and Jas. Worrall have been appointed by Governor Geary Commissioners to settle, determine and locate the southern boundary line of this Commonwealth.

JOSEPH ATKINS, a Republican member of the Georgia Senate, was assassinated by Ku-Kluxers the other day while returning home, and when within three miles of his residence.

THE Pennsylvania railroad is said to have obtained control of the railroad from Covington, opposite Cincinnati, to Louisville, Kentucky. This is with a view to Southern business.

A HARDSHELL Baptist preached in Harrisburg lately, and took for his text, "God made man in his own image." He then commenced "An honest man is the noblest work of God." Then he made a long pause, and looked searchingly about the audience, and then exclaimed, "But I opine God Almighty hasn't had a job in this city for nigh on to fifteen years."

"GOV. CURTIN is the fourth Minister to Rus-sia from Penn'a. His predecessors were William Wilkins, James Buchanan and George M. Dallas." To these ought to be added the name of Hon. Simon Cameron, who was appointed by President Lincoln. He remained in Russia but a few months.

BRICK POMEROY is still severe upon the leading Democrats of New York. He says: "If buying and selling, if fraud and corruption, if double-dealing, trickery, dishonesty, and nothing but a love for gain is to mark the course of the leading Democrats of New York, I just ask God to spare my life for the next two years."

POTATO speculators in some sections of the country have been badly bitten, and are unloading their stocks at a sad sacrifice. A Michigan paper says that farmers in portions of that State are obliged to sell potatoes at fifteen cents per bushel, for which they refused $1,50 last fall, and that they have a very large stock on hand.

THE General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, which convened yesterday in St. Paul's Church, in Washington, will be composed of some two hundred or more members, clerical and lay delegates. These gentlemen come from as far west as Kansas, and represent the Northwestern and Middle States chiefly. The churches of this denomination in the Southern States have withdrawn from the General Synod and organized a Synod in the South. This large body represents largely the progressive and liberal school of Lutherans, so rapidly growing in the United States.

STATE NEWS.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY.—The anniversary address of the Xi Rdo Delta Society, of Freeland, will be delivered by J. G. Ralston, D. D., of Norristown, to-morrow (Saturday) evening. Subject—The Mistakes of Young Men.....Charles Wood, of Marble Hall, whilst driving a team on his way to Philadelphia, with a load of marble, fell under the wagon which passed over his body, and received injuries that terminated in death on the following night.....The Perkiomen Railroad is being constructed to Schwenksville.....Robert Iredell, the new Post Master, entered upon his duties on Monday.....The County Court will commence at Norristown next Monday.

LEHIGH COUNTY.— The Allentown *Register*, a very good and ably conducted paper, by the way, came to us this week, with an "Extra" enclosed, giving a long list of prizes drawn in a lottery at Allentown recently—a notorious Gift swindle. The publishers appear not to know that sending such an "Extra" is a clear violation of the post office law, and if prosecuted, would be "struck" to the tune of five dollars for each copy of the paper containing the bogus Extra. We believe there is also a State law intended to prohibit such gambling publications altogether.....Rev. J. F. Crouch delivered a temperance lecture in the Allentown Presbyterian church on Monday evening.....E. J. Young was elected County Superintendent.

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY.— The old Lehigh Valley Railroad depot, at Bethlehem, was totally destroyed by fire on Saturday last. As the company have recently erected a very beautiful and extensive depot, at the junction of the North Penna. and L. V. Road, the removal of the old one, even by fire, is a decided improvement.....A company has been organized to erect extensive iron works at Freemansburg, three miles below Bethlehem.

SCHUYLKILL COUNTY.—A Borough election was held at Pottsville, on Tuesday last week, and the democrats came out victorious. But, unfortunately for them, the election amounts to nothing, as a general law was enacted by the last session of the Legislature, that *all* municipal elections throughout the State shall hereafter be held on the second Tuesday in October, and in consequence of this law, hundreds of Republicans refused to vote.....B. F. Patterson was re-elected County Superintendent, at $1500 salary.....The Schuylkill District Convention of Good Templars will be held at St. Clair on the 25th inst. Rev. D. Hartman, Grand Lodge lecturer, will address a public meeting in the evening..... On Wednesday last week, Mr. McDivitt, of Gilberton, had his head almost severed from his body by a circular saw, while at work in his mill.....Joseph Meryan, a soldier of the war of 1812, died at Pottsville, in the 75th year of his age.....The G. A. R. will give a grand entertainment at Schuylkill Haven on the 30th inst. A committee of ladies will superintend the decoration of graves.....James Daughney, aged 13 years, lost a leg at Middle Creek breaker, by being caught in the machinery .....There were 345 inmates in the County Alms House on the 30th ult.....The cops of Schuylkill don't like the new Registry Law. The *Standard* is very wrothy. Cause—it is designed to prevent their naturalization frauds by means of which hundreds of bogus Democratic votes were polled every year in the mining districts .....The Miners' *Journal* is the largest weekly newspaper in the State, and one of the best in the country.

BERKS COUNTY.—The City of Reading contains only one "Christian Association," holding monthly meetings in the Baptist Church.....Sixty-one licenses were granted by the Court on Monday last, for lager beer drinking saloons in Reading.... The Kutztowners are in a state of intense excitement on account of a number of stakes having been driven along a proposed Railroad route near their town. Some even go so far as to predict that the iron horse will soon be along there.....The United American Mechanics of Sinking Springs, will have a public parade, in regalia, on Monday.....The Hamburg battallion will take place next Monday. We learn from the Reading *Eagle* that there will be an abundance of Lager beer, whiskey plain, Limberger Kæs, pretzels, Berks county schnitz and other delicacies on hand by the hucksters, upon which men and women may become refreshed and invigorated. The battallion will be intensely democratic—judging from the *Eagle's* efforts to make it a success.....A man calling himself Mortimer L. Dewoody hired a horse from Thomas High, at Reading, and failing to return at the proper time, Mr. H., on ascertaining the route he took, followed him as far as Palmyra, Lebanon county, where he succeeded in arresting him and also recovered his team. The thief is in jail.

CHESTER COUNTY.—On Wednesday morning last week the roof of the Orthodox Friends' Meeting House at West Chester was considerably damaged by fire, originating from a pile of burning brush in the rear of the building.....Two barns belonging to Joseph Miller, in Caln township, were destroyed by fire on Wednesday last week, and the dwelling was also damaged, but saved from total destruction by hard work. A young man named Gilbert was arrested on suspicion of having fired the buildings.....Benjamin Hickman of East Goshen drove a pair of oxen to Philadelphia market, weighing 4740 lbs .....On Tuesday night last week the carriage house and hog pen of Susan Skiles was destroyed by fire.....The Republicans of Chester county will elect delegates on the 5th of June to meet in county convention on the 8th, in West Chester, to nominate a county ticket and elect delegates to the State convention.....George L. Maris was elected County Superintendent by a vote of 179 against 95 for Miss Maria L. Sanford and eighteen for George Webb. The salary was fixed at $1200.

DAUPHIN COUNTY.—The Harrisburg *State Guard* says that it is a lamentable fact that a great proportion of the most serious crimes in that town are committed by boys of fifteen to seventeen years of age .....Building and improvement is going forward rapidly in Harrisburg.....The Police of Harrisburg are going to be uniformed.....A new camp of the P. O. S. of A. was organized at Harrisburg last Thursday evening.....A new Lutheran chapel was dedicated in East Harrisburg last Sunday.....A series of out door religious meetings will be held in the city of Harrisburg under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association..... Elizabeth Robinson, whilst intoxicated, attempted to commit suicide last Monday by jumping into the canal at Harrisburg, but was rescued by a police officer who conducted her to the stone castle for safety against whisky.....Gen. Longstreet passed through Harrisburg on Monday, on his way to New York, stopping a short time at the United States Hotel.

Sam Matt Friday, of the State Department at Harrisburg, will please accept our thanks for a pamphlet copy of the general laws passed at the last session of the Legislature.

Local News.

JOB PRINTING.

Handbills, Cards, Bill Heads, Programmes, Posters, &c., &c., printed in the best style and at reasonable rates, at the FATHER ABRAHAM Job Printing Office. Orders by mail promptly attended to.

ITEMS: The 28th anniversary of the Gerthian Society of Franklin and Marshall College, was celebrated on Friday evening last. A large audience greeted the young gentlemen, and the speakers acquitted themselves admirably.

The barn of H. S. Landis, the keeper of a hotel at Petersburg, this county, was destroyed by fire on Friday evening last, together with a horse, two buggies and a sleigh. Loss about $1,200.

Ladies of this city presented a handsome banner to Metamora Tribe, No. 2, Red Men, on Friday evening last. It was in the grand procession at Philadelphia, on Wednesday.

The Manheim National Bank, and the First National Bank of Lancaster, have declared a dividends of five per cent. for the last six months.

The hotel at Ephrata Mountain Springs, will be thrown open to guests about the middle of June. It will be under the superintendence of Mr. John Frederick.

The number of scholars on the rolls of the public schools of this city for April, is 2,462; average attendance 2,087. The Finance Committee of the School Board estimate the expenses of the schools for the year commencing on the 1st of June, at $34,728.49, which includes the cost of altering several school houses. The rate of taxation will be 7 mills on the hundred dollars—an increase of one mill.

The Columbia *Spy* of Friday last says that the river is in excellent rafting order and many rafts are passing down. The river along the shore is lined with lumber of all kinds. There has been but little lumber purchased, as yet, in comparison with other years.

The law in regard to the destruction of insectiverous birds should be rigidly enforced. Farmers and horticulturists especially are interested in having it observed.

Isaac Bradley has been appointed Post Master at Wakefield, this county, in place of Geo. W. Zook, resigned.

A chap up town is riding a hog in the alley preparatory to trying his skill on a velocipede.

The Lancaster County Quarterly District Convention of Good Templars will meet in this City to-day, in the American Mechanics Hall, Inquirer Building.

Hon. W. W. Ketcham, who is again a candidate for Governor, was in this city for several days during this week. He was the guest of his friend, Gen. J. W. Fisher.

Samuel P. Sterrit has been appointed by Gov. Geary, a Notary Public at Marietta.

The Northern Central Railroad Company announces a quarterly dividend of two per cent., free from all taxes, payable on the 20th inst.

The Pennsylvania railroad company announces a semi-annual dividend of five per cent., payable in cash, free of tax, on the 30th inst.

Almost everything in the way of eating is inclining downwards—we mean in prices. Flour is lower, wheat is falling, sugar has come down, beef and pork, also, but our butchers and bakers seem not to be aware of it. Who will jog their memories and remind them of the fact?

There are a number of howling curs in Lancaster who had much better be in dog heaven than barking here on earth. Judgment on that!

Wm. B. Wiley, esq., proposes shortly to commence the publication in this city of a paper called the *Lancaster Bar*, which will be devoted exclusively to legal advertisements, Court proceedings, and business transacted in the offices in the Court House.

A disgraceful riot in this city, on Saturday night, participated in by members of the Humane, ("Hill Boys") Friendship and