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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, A. A. WYLIE, } Secretaries.

☞ We would remind those few persons who subscribed and paid for FATHER ABRAHAM for six months from the 20th of November last that their subscription expires with this number, and unless renewed within a reasonable period, according to our rules, their names will be stricken from the list.

DELEGATES TO STATE CONVENTION.

The following named persons have been announced as candidates for delegates to the State Convention, to be voted for on Saturday, the 29th inst:

Hon. John Strohm, Providence-twp.
John B. Livingston, City.
Capt. John K. Rutter, City.
Jacob S. Shirk, E. Lampeter-twp.
Andrew J. Kauffman, Columbia.
Theodore A. Kinzer, East Earl.
Benj. M. Stauffer, Mount Joy-bor.
Fred. Smith, Conoy.
Jacob F. Frey, Lancaster-twp.
Stuart A. Wylie, City.

ANOTHER DEMOCRATIC VICTORY.

The copperhead authorities of the town of Frederick have lately torn down the old house in which Barbara Fritchie lived, and from the attic window of which she threw forth the Stars and Stripes full in the face of Lee's invading legions. Bring out your big rooster, Mr. *Intelligencer*.

GETTYSBURG DEDICATION.

The dedication of the Soldiers' National Monument at Gettysburg next July will be one of the largest gatherings ever convened in the United States. Every State of the Union will be represented—the South as well as the North. Senator Morton, of Indiana, is to deliver the address; Mr. Beecher to offer up a prayer, and Bayard Taylor write an ode. President Grant, General W. T. Sherman, General Meade, General McClellan and an immense number of officers and soldiers will be present.

THE BOOT ON THE RIGHT LEG.

"*The Imperialist*" newspaper has come out against the "Radicals" and in favor of the Democracy. What is *called* Democracy, and what *is* Imperialism, thus at last "lie down together." Hear the new pronunciamento against Radicalism:

"Congress is the Dictator. Give us a form of government like England's and a man like Gen. Lee for a Monarch. We want no trash to rule over us, as it has ruled and continues to rule."

What say our copperhead neighbors of the *Intelligencer*, now? A few weeks ago, nearly two columns of that paper were occupied by an article vainly endeavoring to prove that the object of that noble organization—the G. A. R.—was the overthrow of our Republican institutions, and the substitution of a monarchy; alleging also that *The Imperialist* was their organ, established to further that end. What say you now, gentlemen?

OUR FALLEN BRAVE.

The General Order of the Grand Commander, designating Sunday a week, the 30th inst., as the day to be dedicated to the ever precious memory of those who fell during the Rebellion, commends itself to the instinctive sentiments of the whole community. The outward and visible effects of that bloody strife are becoming rapidly effaced. Commerce has resumed its accustomed channels; new issues have arrested and occupied the public mind; and there is every reason to hope that under the guidance of intelligent and patriotic statesmanship, the political relations so needlessly and ruthlessly severed, will soon be restored. But there is one part of the bitter purchase of liberty and union that cannot be replaced. The dead come not back. The sons and brothers, whose young lives were poured out on Southern battle-fields, or wasted in Southern prisons, are not with us to share in this returning prosperity, and drink of the cup of this great and increasing triumph. Their familiar seats by the fireside and around the table remain vacant, the places that knew them know them no more. Many, alas, lie where they fell, amid the undistinguished carnage of the strife, or where their weary spirits found rest from sufferings that were far worse than death. But many have found their last resting places amid the lovely scenes which, at the call of duty, they left with such alacrity. With pious care they were laid among kindred and friends, and returning spring is now decking their graves with a freshness and beauty that are emblematic of their holy memory. Let affection vie with nature; let the precious remembrance of the heroic dead be ever green and fragrant as the unfailing seasons. This custom which has been inaugurated by the Grand Army of the Republic, is touching and impressive as it is appropriate, and will be observed, we doubt not, with each return of May, as long as one survivor of the great rebellion remains to totter to the grave of a comrade, or one widow or orphan to recall the dark day of anguish and distress.

AN INTERESTING LIBEL CASE.

Some of the Pittsburg lawyers have an interesting little libel case to try one of these days, the result of which will be looked for with considerable anxiety. The case is substantially as follows: William R. Ford, an ex-member of the Pennsylvania Legislature, and candidate for re-election, brought suit against John W. Pittock, publisher of the Pittsburg *Leader*, for libel—accusing him of having received bribes during the session of 1867. Unfortunately for Mr. Ford, the defendant, at the preliminary hearing, called Benjamin Singerly, esq., the State printer, to the stand, who testified that during the session of 1867 Mr. Ford had repeatedly approached him in a manner that clearly indicated that he was after a "dividend" for his (Ford's) influence in preventing the proposed investigation of Singerly's account as State printer. Mr. Ford denies the charge, and the case will go to court for trial. But Singerly's testimony will be very difficult to overcome. Members of the Legislature, before appealing to the courts for protection against public criticism by independent newspapers, should be very sure that no such witnesses as Mr. Singerly are likely to turn up.

PREPARING FOR ACTION.

The Republican State Executive Committee of Ohio have called a State Convention, to be held at Columbus on Wednesday, the 23d day of June next, to nominate candidates for Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Judge of the Supreme Court, Attorney General, and Member of the Board of Public Works. The following other State Conventions will be held at the places and times specified: The Pennsylvania Republican Convention, Philadelphia, June 23; Kentucky Republican Convention, Lexington, May 27; Maine Republican State Convention, Bangor, June 24; Pennsylvania Democratic State Convention, Harrisburg, July 14; California Republican State Convention at Sacramento, July 21; Texas Republican State Convention, June 24. In addition to these there will be a State Temperance Convention held at Syracuse, New York, on the 1st of June.

THE DELEGATE ELECTION.

From the list of names given in another column, as candidates for delegates to the State Convention, the Republicans of Lancaster county will have no difficulty in selecting six good, true and faithful men, who will honestly represent the Republican party, and not a mere ring of brokers and traders to be peddled round in and about the convention. Whatever may be done by the State Convention at Philadelphia, let Lancaster county be represented by true and staunch men, so that we may be free from all responsibility, should the convention seriously blunder either in the selection of candidates or the construction of the platform.

COMPLIMENTARY.

The Philadelphia *Sunday Republic* of the 16th contains the following:

"We are glad to hear that there will be no opposition to the renomination of Senator Billingfelt, of Lancaster, save from a few corrupt and discontented individuals who could not use him. His name is a synonym for honesty, and the people of the entire State ask that he shall be sent back. The sentiment is not so unanimous in regard to his colleague, Mr. Fisher."

LOCAL LEGISLATION.

Some of the evils and corruptions at Harrisburg during every session of the Legislature have been very thoroughly discussed by the honest and independent Republican newspapers throughout the State, and a large majority of the people of all parties are ready for any movement calculated to bring about radical and positive reform.

The system of special or local legislation demands particular attention and consideration. Fully nineteen out of every twenty legislative enactments are of a local or special character, in many cases granting extraordinary privileges to individuals and local corporations, and very frequently at the expense of the tax-payers and people generally. If, for instance, the members of the Legislature from Lancaster County and some local official, individual or combination of individuals, desire to get their hands into the County Treasury, and need a special enactment for this purpose, they have only to secure or bribe their members, prepare their bill, read it in place and put it through without having its character at all inquired into by the General Assembly. All the numerous bills of this character are put through without the least consideration on the floor of either house; they are put on the calendar as local bills, and no one thinks of ever questioning the right of the members of the county or district immediately interested to enact the iniquity and make it a law, as fully and effectually as if it were passed, after due consideration, by the General Assembly of Pennsylvania.

To cure this growing evil, and secure wholesome legislation for the people, we must amend the Constitution of the State so as to prevent all mere special or local enactments. This can safely be done by simply giving the Court the same power which is now exercised by the member of the Legislature from the particular district interested. That such business would be much safer in charge of the Court, where all parties concerned could be heard, and represented by counsel, after due notice, than in the hands of the mere political adventurer who goes to the Legislature as the tool of a corrupt ring, to be bought and sold almost every day during the session by the brokers, middlemen and lobbyists, no one will question for a moment.

The only way to secure radical reform is by means of such a constitutional amendment, and if the Republican press and people will move in this direction, and demand it, we will soon see the last of the abominable system referred to. If not, the probability is that the tax-payers will continue to suffer a little while longer.

Father Abraham's Chips.

THE New York *Tribune* made $200,000 last year.

GEN. GRANT has recently bought a Hambletonian colt for $1,000.

THE Legislature of Connecticut last week ratified the suffrage amendment.

PRESIDENT GRANT has presented his war saddle to Mr. Washburne, father of the Hon. E. B. Washburne.

TAMMANY'S DAY, the 12th of May, was celebrated by the Order of Red Men with a grand parade at Philadelphia.

CUBAN ladies are holding a fair in New York to assist the sick and wounded of their army.

A 75 YEAR old goose is still living in Kent county, Maryland. She has raised goslins annually until within three years.

HON. B. F. WADE, of Ohio, has been appointed one of the Government commissioners to examine the Pacific railroads.

BARON ROTHSCHILD'S estate, which has just been settled up, amounted to $340,000,000 in gold.

THE Philadelphia City Councils have decided that the Lincoln Monument shall be placed at Broad and Girard Avenue in that city.

THE Philadelphia Sunday *Dispatch* wants the whole Legislative delegation—both Republicans and Democrats—from that city left at home next winter.

GOV. CURTIN was serenaded at the State Capitol Hotel, Harrisburg, on Monday evening last, and delivered an eloquent speech.

THE Massachusetts Legislature proposes to prohibit card-playing on railway trains, and give the conductors power to eject all players. This is to prevent gambling and confidence swindling.

VIRGINIA F. TOWNSEND, the authoress, is said to be rich, while she leaves her old father in the poor house, at New Haven, Conn. Her books excel in sentiment over poverty and suffering.

J. Y. McLaughlin, Esq., of Allegheny county, announces himself as a candidate for the office of Sheriff, at the same time promising to donate one-half the fees for the benefit of soldiers' widows and orphans.

THERE is another candidate for the dame in Whittier's poem of Barbara Fritchie. Mary A. Quantrelle insists, in the Washington *Star* of Saturday, that it was she who waved the old flag at Frederick, Maryland.

THE extremes of climate in California are well illustrated by the editor of a paper in Alpine county, who rides to his office in a sleigh, the snow being five feet deep in some places, and writes behind a bouquet of flowers plucked in the open air, within sight of his office window.

AT a recent meeting of the stockholders of the Atlantic Telegraph Company, it was officially announced that the income from the messages averaged £700 or $3,500 in gold per day. The receipt of this amount shows that 2000 words pass over the cable every day.

DELAWARE, with the eyes of all the world upon her, erects and inaugurates a bran new whipping post. Ten persons were publicly thrashed at New Castle on Saturday.

AMONG the solid men of Pennsylvania are Asa Packer, a prominent Democratic candidate for Governor, worth $20,000,000, and A. Pardee, of Hazletown, whose property is estimated at $25,000,000.

GENERAL JOHN A. LOGAN has been elected Commander-in-Chief, Gov. Fairchild, of Wisconsin, Senior Vice Commander, and Dr. S. B. Wylie Mitchell, Surgeon-General of the Grand Army of the Republic.

THE Pennsylvania Reserve Corps Association will hold their annual meeting at West Chester on the first day of June next, at which the usual business of the Association will be transacted. The annual oration will be delivered by Colonel R. Biddle Roberts, of Pittsburg, late Colonel of the First Reserves.

GEN. G. H. THOMAS' army comrades, at Louisville, on Wednesday a week, made arrangements to present him with a magnificent Silver Service, but the General declined its acceptance, on the ground that he had determined never to receive a donation under any circumstances.

SERGEANT ROBISON, the soldier who saved the life of Secretary Seward at the time of Payne's assault, has received a gold check for $500 from citizens of Nevada. He is at present a clerk in the Quartermaster's Department.

A SOAP and stationery vender in Philadelphia rings at the door bell, sends up his card to the lady of the house, waits in the parlor till she appears, when he greets her warmly, like an old acquaintance, and asks her to buy a cake of soap or a box of stationery. Cool.

A NEW YORK paper tells of a cat that every morning wipes his paws upon the hall mat before entering his mistresses bedroom. If his feet leave a mark on the white coverlet of the bed, he is told of the fact, and again resorts to the mat, and then if not satisfied that his paws are clean, he dries them by the stove.

PERSONALITIES are a dangerous game to play with Prentice. Thurlow Weed's paper having ventured to say that "the Louisville *Journal* has a chip on its shoulder which it dares any one to knock off," Prentice responds, "The editor of the New York *Commercial* has a block on his shoulder which ought to be knocked off."

IN a printing office in Gosport, Ind., is a blind compositor. His average day's work is 5000 ems, and on several occasions he has set from 7000 to 9000. His letter is distributed for him, and his copy is read by his partner, his memory being so perfect that he can retain from four to six lines; when this is finished, he cries the last word set, when another sentence is read, and so on.

WASHINGTON NEWS AND GOSSIP.

[CULLED FROM VARIOUS SOURCES.]

Gen. Sickles has been appointed Minister to Spain, vice Minister Hale, whose resignation takes effect on July 1.

The State Department on Monday last completed the somewhat voluminous instructions of Mr. Motley, and will send them to him at New York. Although their precise nature upon the *Alabama* claims has not leaked out, it is well known here that Mr. Motley agrees entirely with Mr. Sumner, and that the President has read Mr. Sumner's speech, and finds no fault with it. The first business of Mr. Motley will be to negotiate a Naturalization treaty upon the basis of the protocol which the Senate confirmed last winter.

The State Department has not, within the last week, received any official advice from Havana, relative to the insurrection.

The rumored tripple alliance between Great Britain, Spain, and France, against the United States, proves to be, a foolish canard. A private despatch from a reliable friend of this Government in London, whose position gives him opportunities of knowing, was received here to-day, denouncing the story as sensational in the extreme, and without foundation in fact.

The preparations for the decoration of soldiers' graves in the numerous cemeteries adjacent to this city, on the 29th instant, are quite extensive. The ceremonies at Arlington particularly will exceed even the display of last year. Gov. Harriman, of New Hampshire, will be the orator of the day, and Francis De Haes Janvier, author of the "Sleepidg Sentinel," "Widow's Son, a poem of Antieoriginal poem, which he will deliver on the tam," and other odes, is now writing an occasion. The vocal music will be supplied by the different choirs and musical associations of Washington.

General George B. McClellan, accompanied by Gov. T. F. Randolph, of New Jersey, arrived here on Wednesday, 12th. They called on the President and were immediately admitted to a pleasant interview, which lasted three quarters of an hour. They also visited the Navy Department and had an interview with Vice Admiral Porter. It is said the visit of these gentlemen is for the purpose of obtaining the consent of the Government to put the Stevens floating battery, of which Gen. McClellan is the engineer in charge, in use for the defense of New York harbor.

President Grant has appointed Hon. J. B. Edmunds as Postmaster at this place.

Secretary Boutwell has appointed Miss E. Ketchum (colored), of Philadelphia, to a clerkship in the Treasury, Third Auditor's office.

Mr. Clapp, the Congressional printer, gave a situation to a colored man, a son of Fred. Douglass. He came from a town where there was no "Printers' Union." On Saturday evening last, at a meeting of the Columbia Typographical Union, his application for membership was refused. Trouble is anticipated.

The General Synod of the Lutheran Church of this county in session here, numbering over 200 ministers, paid their respects to President Grant on Saturday. They were received in the East Room.

The President has issued a proclamation designating the 6th day of July next as the time for submitting the new constitution to a vote of the people of Virginia. Appearances indicate that the whole Democratic and conservative vote will be thrown against it, and may secure its defeat.

About one-third of the clerks employed in the Secretary's office, Treasury Department, will be removed in a few days, and new appointments made to fill the vacancies. The force of this office consists of about one hundred and fifty male employees, a majority of whom were appointed by Secretary McCulloch, and one-third of whom have enjoyed perfect sinecures for the past two or three years.

STATE NEWS.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY.—Last Thursday night a horse, harness and carriage were stolen from the barn of Mr. Daniel Springer, near Royers' Ford, Montgomery county. The carriage was owned by Mr. Amos Haycock, Mr. Springer's assistant. The horse was found by the Horse Thief Detectives on Friday, on Chestnut Hill, about five miles from Pottstown. The carriage and harness were found on Saturday, near the same place, in a heavy thicket. No trace of the thief.....On Saturday night a horse was stolen from the stable of Mr. Joseph Godschall, near Royers' Ford, by two boys, aged respectively twelve and fifteen years, and taken as far as Limerick Station. In the morning Mr. Godschall tracked the horse to the above place, and also got the boys, and put them in safe keeping. They say that they are from Reading and their parents live there, that their names are Bruder. They intended to sell the horse, and expected to "get a thousand dollars for him." Word was sent to their father. They were taken to Norristown jail. They also got into the Royers' Ford Foundry, and took some moulder's tools.....The Pottstown *Ledger* says: While James Ludwig, of Pottstown, was driving across the Hanover street crossing, on Wednesday of last week, seated in a skeleton wagon and leading a horse behind, an engine commenced blowing off steam, a short distance from the crossing, which caused the horse in the rear to jump upon the wagon, thereby breaking the hind axle, which threw young Ludwig to the ground. About this time the horse attached to the wagon took fright and commenced running, dragging the body of Ludwig some distance over the stones, before he became detached from the vehicle. When picked up he was found to be apparently lifeless, his head being literally covered with cuts and bruises, and blood flowing from one of his ears. He was conveyed home, and it was found that in addition to the bruises on his head, he had sustained severe sprains to both his arms, and was otherwise severely injured.

YORK COUNTY.—On Friday night the office of Messrs. Cook & Co., at Wrightsville, was entered by burglars, and robbed of about $30.....On Monday night, says the Wrightsville *Star*, Mr. Jacob Wagner, jr., of Hellam, while asleep, swallowed several artificial teeth attached to a silver plate. He waked up and experienced great difficulty in breathing, when a doctor was sent for who succeeded in removing them from the throat.....York Commandery Knights Templar will visit Erie on the 7th June.....A committee of Methodists are about making arrangements for an extensive camp meeting during the ensuing season at Shrewsbury. The locality is in every respect favorable—only objectionable on account of the numerous dram shops in the neighborhood.....The store of Mr. Daniel Gulden, at his station on the Gettysbury railroad, was burglariously entered on the night of Thursday last, and robbed of some goods and some cash to the amount of fifty dollars.....The corner-stone for the new church of the United Brethren, will be laid at York on next Sunday, 5½ o'clock, p. m.

BERKS COUNTY.—They have a new kind of beer in Reading called "salvator." The drunk lasts longer than on lager, and generally puts the subject to sleep.....The new tailoring establishment just opened at 531 Penn street, Reading, by Buch & Bro., is the most perfect and extensive in the State, outside of Philadelphia.....A church was dedicated at Leesport on Sunday last, on which occasion a considerable quantity of whisky was punished. Among other incidents on the occasion, was the following, which we obtain from the Reading Daily *Eagle*: "We noticed a man at the church dedication at Leesport, yesterday, engaged in a most brutish act of clubbing a mule. It seems that the animal stepped over the tongue, and the driver being unable to get the mule over without unhitching him, flew into a passion and secured a heavy club, about three feet long, and began to pound it, and several times struck it over the head and caused it to stagger. This brutal exhibition brought together a large number of spectators, and no one saying anything against it, he continued, and only quit abusing the animal when he was too tired to handle the club. This man should have been arrested, and we are only surprised that the trustees of the church did not take such steps..... A correspondent of the *Eagle* gives a full account of the Hamburg Battallion on Monday. The attendance was large, but every one disappointed at not seeing either soldiers, Father Abraham, or the circus. Dancing commenced in the several hotels at 8 o'clock, A. M., and continued until after the correspondent left—late in the night. He "saw a woman coming out of the dance with perspiration rolling down her face, her waterfall hanging on her back, and she sank down in a corner," when some one aroused her by the encouraging wards, "gea nei Sal," and in she went for another dance, as good as new. The exercises during the day were dancing, drinking whiskey and lager beer, ealing oranges and peanuts, and every now and then taking a little more lager beer.

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY.—James Kohler, aged twelve years, of Milton, was severely burned by the explosion of a flask, from which he was pouring powder on a fire, just to see whether it would go off.....The boiler of an engine on the Shamokin Division, N. C. R. W., exploded on Saturday, whilst pushing some cars at Locust Gap Junction. Jacob Peifer, the engineer, and Daniel Baldy, the fireman, were instantly killed, and three or four others were severely scalded.....Mrs. Anna Maria Fowler, at Sunbury, after six weeks' suffering, died from the effects of poison on Saturday last.

DAUPHIN COUNTY.—A Harrisburg Alderman was before the Mayor the other day and fined $5 for violating an ordinance.....An exhibition by the Free Temperance Union will be given in the First Free Baptist Church of Harrisburg on the evening of the 27th and 28th.....Nine fire companies from abroad have formally accepted invitations to participate in the Firemen's parade at Harrisburg on the 26th inst. The localities are classified as follows: Two companies from Altoona; two from Columbia; one from Carlisle; one from Reading; one from Lebanon; one from York, and one from Lancaster. Two or three other companies are expected to accept the invitation, and some fifteen hundred or two thousand firemen will probably be in line.

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 smoke house of Daniel Forney, who resides in Manor township, four miles southwest of this city, was entered on Tuesday night of last week and a lot of bologna sausages, hams, and nine shoulders taken therefrom. The thieves escaped.

The shad fisheries at Columbia continue to do a thriving business, and the shad, of course, command a high price—selling at from $1 to $1.25 per pair.

A Colerain (Lancaster county) farmer says we will not have a good crop of apples this season, because the trees blossomed in the dark of the moon. Wonder if he tells the truth. Perhaps he was born on Friday.

A patent has been granted to Henry S. Shissler, of Neffsville, this county, for an improved Gate Spring and Holder. Martin Weaver, of East Earl twp., has also received letters patent for an improved Feed Regulator for mills. Both were obtained through the agency of Mr. Jacob Stauffer, of this city.

The different Orders of Red Men of this city and county returned from Philadelphia last week, whence they had gone to participate in the celebration of St. Tammany's day. All pleased with their trip.

A violent rain and hail storm passed over this city on the evening of the 13th, doing considerable damage to fruit trees hereabouts. We have not heard of much injury done to the fruit outside the city.

Harry C. Hopkins, of this county, son of Hon. James M. Hopkins, has been appointed an inspector of the Postal Service for the Second District—composed of New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware and the Eastern shore of Virginia. Lucky boy.

The letter-carriers of this city are about to don their summer uniform.

The Lancaster County Park will be inaugurated on the 13th and 16th of next month by holding a horse fair, horse and velocipede racing and the like.

Lancaster is to have a *decent* post-office—thanks to the generosity of our City Fathers. The plan proposed will considerably enlarge the room now occupied as the post-office, as well as add to the convenience of our citizens. Let the improvement be made without delay.

We learn from *The Guardian*, published at Bernard City, California, that John Hasler Keiser, a native of this county, committed suicide by means of a pistol. His mind was deranged.

The parties charged with rioting on Saturday night, 9th inst., had a hearing before His Honor, the Mayor, on Saturday last, and were discharged, there not being sufficient evidence to sustain the charge.

Burglars effected an entrance into the residence of Mr. B. B. Martin, in Prince street, this city, on Saturday night last, by cutting out a pannel in the door leading to the dining-room. The noise awoke Mr. Martin, who gave the alarm, when the thieves skedaddled. Fortunately nothing was taken.

On Monday last (Whit-Monday) our streets were crowded with our young country friends, as well as strangers from abroad who visited Lancaster to see how *we* celebrate Whit-Monday. Councils having prohibited the sale of patent medicines and "sich like," Centre Square was free from the crowds that were in the habit of gathering there. Excepting a few slight disturbances by those having too much *benzine* aboard, which were promptly quelled by the police, everything passed off quietly. The drummer Boy of Shiloh was exhibited in the afternoon to a crowded hall.

Frequent attempts at burglary have lately been made in the village of Ephrata, and the residents are considerably alarmed in consequence.

Another mad dog was killed in one of the principal thoroughfares of this city on Tuesday. The Mayor has very properly extended his proclamation of the 30th ult., requiring all dogs to be muzzled, for twenty days longer from and after the 13th inst.

Several young bloods from York made an attack with pistols and billies on Mr. Lawrence Knapp and his bar keeper, at his beer saloon in East King street, on Monday last, and after a hearing before the Mayor on Tuesday, were bound over to appear at Court to answer the charges preferred against them.

The officers of the Grand Lodge of the Knights of Pythias of Pennsylvania are expected to visit Lancaster this evening.

As Mr. Christian Herr, of Manor township, in company with a Miss Funk, were starting from Christ Shenk's Hotel, this city, on Monday evening last, the front wheel of the buggy came off, throwing out the occupants, and dragging the lady some distance. The horse was stopped before he had gone a great distance, and Miss Funk rescued from her perilous situation. Both escaped with slight bruises.

The Columbia *Spy* states that one Zeigler, a conductor on the Harrisburg accommodation train, is in the habit of taking a passenger's hat if he does not promptly produce his ticket or pay his fare. We agree with that paper that "it is well known that Zeigler is not the most popular conductor on the Pennsylvania Railroad."

The *Herald* says the borough authorities of Columbia are at work enlarging their supply of water.

The Diagnothean Literary Society of Franklin and Marshall College will celebrate their 34th anniversary at Fulton Hall this evening. The speakers are Walter M. Franklin, Lancaster; D. B. Lady, Arendtsville; Will Uhler Hensel, Quarryville; James R. Patterson, Lancaster; Joseph A. Reed, Bedford; Geo. F. Rosenmiller, Lancaster; Dan. H. Wingerd, Greencastle; N. Z. Snyder, Milford.

Coroner Leonard on Wednesday held an inquest on the body of an unknown man found dead on the Harrisburg pike near Landisville. $195 in money, a silver watch, a key and several other articles were found on his person. No marks of violence were visible.

Mr. Amos McCartney and lady, formerly of this city, reached Lancaster on Tuesday from San Francisco, California, having made the trip over the Pacific Railroad to New York in about nine days.

The Lodge Room of the Odd Fellows, in the third story of their hall, in South Queen st., is being refitted in handsome style, and when finished will be one of the handsomest and most convenient lodge rooms in the State.

The anniversary of the Page Literary Society of the Normal School, Millersville, takes place this evening.

MECHANICS' PARADE AT SINKING SPRINGS: The Order of United American Mechanics had a parade at Sinking Springs, Pa., on Monday, at which Councils from Sinking Springs, Reading, Harrisburg, Mahonsville and Leesport, Berks county, and Ephrata, Reamstown and Manheim, in Lancaster county, participated. Speeches were made by Hon. J. Lawrence Getz, of Reading, and E. H. Rauch and E. E. Snyder, of Lancaster. E. H. Rauch, in behalf of the ladies, presented a Bible to Charter Oak Council, No. 48, of Sinking Springs, which was received on behalf of the Council, by E. E. Snyder,

SACRED CONCERT: Philip Phillips, Esq., of New York, the popular and effective singer of sacred music, will give a concert in St. John's Lutheran Church, this city, on Monday evening, 31st inst., for the benefit of the Mission Sunday School attached to said church. The Chicago *Republican*, alluding to his entertainment in that city, says: "Philip Phillips' Concert last evening was one of the most delightful entertainments of the kind that we have ever had the privilege of attending. No man can hear Mr. Phillips sing without being not only entertained, but made better, as there is not only music but gospel in what he sings."