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THE RESULT.

The following is the result of the election held on Saturday last for delegates to the State Gubernatorial Convention, to be held in Philadelphia on the 23d inst. The six first named were elected:

John K. Rutter	3,084
Theodore A. Kinzer	2,986
Emlen Franklin	2,659
John Strohm	2,648
Andrew J. Kauffman	2,644
Jacob S. Shirk	2,554
Jacob F. Frey	1,483
Stuart A. Wylie	1,044
Frederick Smith	924
Benj. M. Stauffer	910
Andrew L. Lane	772

So Thuggery, and all tainted with it, have been most effectually used up, and THE PEOPLE have given an idea of what they will do at the nominating election next fall. Stand from under, "Rings" and Ring-masters.

SHAME!

The colored people of Gettysburg were not allowed to participate in the decoration ceremonies at that place on Saturday last. Shame! Gettysburg, of all places in the world, should not thus stultify itself, and ought not to get back into your "Rip Van Winkle" sleep. One would suppose that the noble spirit of Thaddeus Stevens lived there, if anywhere in the wide world.

THEY'LL DO IT!

It will be awkward, at first, for the copperheads hereabouts to lovingly lead their "colored brethren" to the polls, but then when the party is to be served by any sacrifice of principle, have they not always been in haste to sacrifice it? And can't they be again trusted to go down deep and come up dirty, as they loved to do in old Slavery times?

CHEAPER STILL.

"At Albany the price for a legislator, fair to middling, has fallen from $500 to $300.—*Exchange.*

Copperhead members at Harrisburg, have been bought for a V.

JUST LIKE THEM.

"The late Legislature (Democratic) of Ohio, cost the State $250,500, whereas its predecessor (Republican) cost but $118,-[illegible]. The former also raised the rate of interest to 8 per cent."

And that will be the case if the hungry crew get a majority at Harrisburg. How they would lap up the goodies!

COMING!

The "Democracy" of Virginia, have accepted colored suffrage, and there is a like movement among the rebel Democracy of Maryland. They are coming, because they do not intend to "butt out their brains against *that* stone wall." The Democracy hereabouts will persist in butting, but then *their* brains are out.

NO WONDER.

The Copperhead papers here and elsewhere are very bitter against the Registry Law. Why? Because it guards against false naturalization papers, repeating, ballot-box stuffing and cheating of all sorts. The Registry Law, properly carried out in Philadelphia, Luzerne, Schuylkill and other parts of the State, will stop at least ten thousand fraudulent votes from going into the ballot-box next October, which will be that much taken off of the Copperhead vote in the State. No wonder the Copperheads growl about it.

☞ The Adjutant General's Office at Harrisburg will be closed during the ensuing three months. General McCreary will rusticate during this period at Erie—on half pay, of course.

HON. E. BILLINGFELT.

The Lancaster *Daily Express*, of Thursday last, contains an able article on the importance of the coming contest in the Republican party of the Old Guard, for the choice of Senators and Representatives. It urges the renomination and election of the well-tried and deservedly popular gentleman whose name heads this article, in the following language, to every word of which we give our most emphatic endorsement, as will the people when the time arrives for them to act:

"There is one point, however, on which it is evident that the honest voters of the county are agreed with singular unanimity, and we believe the time has come when it is our duty to give expression to that sentiment. We refer to the re-nomination of HON. ESAIAS BILLINGFELT as a candidate for the State Senate. True, Mr. Billingfelt has not announced himself as a candidate. He does not seek the office; and hence the greater propriety of the grand spectacle everywhere witnessed in his case of the office seeking the man. The people are determined that he shall return to the place in the Senate he has so highly honored for the past three years, and we are confident that he will not now, as he has never done before, disregard the interests and expressed wishes of his constituents. He is in the hands of the people. He will not seek the office; but if it is tendered to him he is not the man to shrink from the responsibility or to prove ungrateful for the confidence thus reposed in him.

"The great secret of Mr. Billingfelt's popularity is to be found in the fact of his unquestioned HONESTY. So manifest has been his integrity and conscientious adherence to his convictions of right, that not even his political opponents have ventured a word in his disparagement. On the other hand, we know that many of them have voluntarily complimented him for his firmness in resisting all the inducements held out for him to swerve from the path of his duty as a faithful representative of the true interests of his constituents and of the people at large. When others were denounced as corrupt and mercenary, ESAIAS BILLINGFELT was proudly singled out as *an honest man.* It is such men we need and must have in our legislative councils. Lancaster county cannot afford, in this crisis, to allow him to remain at home, much as his personal inclinations and the claims of his private business affairs may tend to influence him to do so. He is worthy even to fill a higher trust of honor, but we feel now that the honor and reputation of Lancaster county at our State capital are in a great degree centered in him, and, as before remarked, we cannot afford to lose his services in the Senate now that the legislative experience of years has added so much to his other acknowledged qualifications.

"We, therefore, in the name of the Republican voters of Lancaster county, nominate Hon. Esaias Billingfelt as a candidate for re-election to the State Senate, confident that the nomination will be ratified by a vote which will be as complimentary as it will be decisive."

HEAVY ON FOX.

The Philadelphia *Sunday Mercury*, an intensely "Democratic" paper, is very "heavy" on the copperhead Mayor Fox, of that city, and makes him out a very "bad egg" in the matter of appointments on the police force. After saying that Mayor Fox is "a failure"—"a palpable mistake"—that he is guilty of "double dealing and deception"—that he has "lost his manhood"—the *Mercury* says:

"Men guilty of every imaginable crime have been appointed to places on the police force. In fact, Mayor Fox has so completely given himself away to rogues of every grade—from the common "Tommy Dodd" to the magnificent and diamond-decked gambler, from the ordinary street rowdy to the professional 'P. R.' champion, from the seedy inebriate to the drunken, brutal wife-beater—that his best and oldest friends scarcely recognize him."

We submit that considering the material of which "the Democratic party" is composed, taking Lancaster and other large towns and cities as a criterion, Mayor Fox could not do otherwise than he has done. By-the-way, we would advise those Republican Senators who so *magnanimously* voted against the Philadelphia police bill last winter, to reflect on the above, and to read the list of names daily published in the Philadelphia papers, of the appointees on the police force, and then ask themselves whether Republicans can again trust them.

A FOUL MOUTHED IMPOSTER.

An individual, about fifty years of age, appeared at the *Examiner* office on last Saturday evening, after it had been ascertained that the Brubaker candidates for delegates—Messrs. Sheriff Frey, ex-Sheriff Smith and S. A. Wylie, were badly beaten, and commenced using some very naughty words, such as repeatedly calling FATHER ABRAHAM and the *Daily Express* "G—d—s— —s." This low-bred blackguard, although supposed to have been excited at the time, so successfully personated Jacob F. Frey, esq., High Sheriff of Lancaster county, as to deceive quite a number of the Sheriff's most intimate personal friends and acquaintances. It so happened, also, that he resembled Sheriff Frey *very* much, and wore clothes *exactly* like him, but upon reflection, knowing that a High Sheriff ought to be in every respect a well-bred gentleman, of course it was evident that the fellow was an impostor. Sheriff Frey owes it to himself to have him arrested and severely punished for thus trying to injure him.

☞ The Harrisburg *State Guard* claims that a sufficient number of delegates have been elected throughout the State to assure the re-nomination of Governor Geary, and in its count, *Lancaster county is put down for him.* If the editor of the *Guard* is as far from the mark in other parts of the State as he is here, then the re-nomination of Geary may be regarded as *very* doubtful at least.

☞ The *State Guard* perpetrates a very huge joke in placing the Lancaster *Inquirer* on the list of papers opposing Legislative corruption. To enable any one to see the point of the joke we need only mention the fact that the *Inquirer* is the organ of the Lancaster Thugs.

THE OLD GUARD.

As we expected and predicted, the Republicans of Lancaster county, on Saturday last, by popular vote, elected an independent delegation to the State Convention to nominate candidates for Governor and Supreme Judge. These delegates are entirely free to exercise their own judgment, and vote for the best interests of the great Republican party without regard to any clique, wing or faction. And the overwhelming majority by which these delegates were elected is hailed by all honest Republicans as a most emphatic popular verdict against local Thuggery and barefaced Legislative corruption, which, unless promptly crushed, will lead to inevitable and disgraceful defeat.

Four of the defeated candidates were placed before the people as "pledged to support Governor Geary," whilst the successful candidates, as already intimated, are entirely free to vote for or against Geary, as the best interests of the party may require. The Governor was certainly placed in a very unenviable position, by being publicly announced as the candidate of the Thugs, brokers, bridge contractors and political bummers of this county, who did all in their power to elect their delegates. Taint a candidate with Thuggery in this county, and he "goes up." The end is not yet. This glorious triumph of the people over the corruptionists will be followed up by the nomination of a ticket, next August, in which every Republican can safely confide, and under which the entire strength of the party will be brought to the polls, and roll up seven thousand majority on the second Tuesday in October.

LISTEN!

"Give us a Democratic Legislature next winter and we will ensure honest legislation. With the honor of the party at stake no Democrat would dare to be guilty of the rascality into which a few were drawn last winter. * * * If any corrupt men should be elected by the Democracy they would be compelled to put on at least a semblance of honesty."—*Lancaster Intelligencer.*

Yes, and the "semblance" would be all of it. A pretty thing would be made by the people by electing demagogue devils of that satanic organization in sufficient numbers to control public affairs. They would do as they have always heretofore done when in power, pander to ignorance, and vice and iniquity, as the only securities for their ascendency. No, no—there is no help for the people in a party that, like moral lepers, cling in clusters about the purlieus of our large cities, and are noted for their support of all the vile dens of infamy to be found in the Five Points, Bedford street, and the like—which elects a notorious prize fighter and gambler, the leader of the creatures who exist—not live—in such localities, to Congress. It is wonderful that any newspaper having any semblance of respectablility, would intimate that *such* a party could ensure honest legislation where it was in the majority. The idea is preposterous. The Harrisburg *State Guard* says, in noticing the above extract from the *Intelligencer*, that

"There was not a scheme of fraud, not a plot of wrong, not a high-handed outrage perpetrated in the shape of legislation, but what was shared equally by Democrats and Republicans, *while in the acknowledged Democratic Headquarters of Harrisburg, on the eve of the adjournment of the Legislature, a Democratic Representative openly drew checks to pay the bribe money earned by his colleagues.*"

SPEAK OUT!

"Why are you so anxious to have us "shut up?" Is it wrong to pursue a thief? Is it unfair to tell the people that an act of legislation passed at the earnest solicitation of a convention of physicians was stolen by some adroit thief, and thus prevented from becoming an effective law? Say what you mean!—*Abraham!* We mean this bill was stolen. That's plain enough."—*State Guard.*

No—it is not "wrong to pursue a thief." *Don't you know who the thief is?* Being on the ground and judging from numerous inuendoes in your daily denunciations, we supposed you knew who you were after. The Scranton *Republican* well says:

"Talkee talkee is useless, and daily denunciation, in vague general terms, by a paper, which, like the *Guard*, knows who the responsible custodians of the stolen bill are, is disgusting dissimulation."—Jes so!

"The Auditor General's report will show that the expenses of the Legislature were a good many thousand dollars less than those of the same body in 1868. We hold that this fact is due to the independence and boldness of a few Republican organs which confronted the Legislature and demanded economy. It was the press which saved the people's money, and they know it."—*State Guard.*

That's so. But the *State Guard* was as dumb as an oyster until the mischief was all done. It can claim no part of the credit. Several articles appeared in that paper while the mischief was being done by the Legislature, remonstrating against the "boldness of (not) a few (but many) Republican organs which confronted the Legislature and demanded economy," one of which we have under our eye while we write. It was not until near the close of the session that the *Guard* joined our ranks.

Mr. Ulysses S. Grant's sister Jennie married a widower with an unlimited number of children. Happy children!—*Lancaster Intelligencer.*

☞ Such are the coarse ribaldries indulged in by the blackguards who control the columns of the rebel organ in this city. Nothing better can be expected from such burlesques on manhood.

Father Abraham's Chips.

A. T. STEWART'S income is $8,500 per day.

GOUGH talked to some purpose last year, and returns an income of $14,500.

THE anxiety of the Southern people to get possession of "Northern capitalists," just now is remarkable.

CHICAGO claims to have the most valuable horse in America, "Bashaw, Jr.," for which $35,000 has lately been refused.

IT is said that the statement of the public debt for May will show a decrease of $[illegible],900,000.

GRANT is collecting more of the revenue than ever before. Hence, all the whisky thieves abuse him; and their newspaper organs overflow with hate.

THE New York *Express* says that in the incomes of business men of that city, "those who advertise made the largest returns."

THE report of the Adjutant General of the Grand Army of the Republic shows that there are in the United States 37 departments and 2,050 Posts of that Order.

THE erratic Sprague and his brother are said to be worth upwards of $30,000,000. The Senator is the business manager.

AN eminent naturalist tells us that without birds, successful agriculture is impossible. Think of this ere you shoot one of our sweet songsters, or kill any of our insect eradicators.

JAMES M. MASON, the great Virginia traitor, who "left his country for his country's good," being a malignant traitor, has returned to Winchester, Va., where he will reside.

A COLORED LAWYER, Mr. James H. Piles, has been admitted to practice in the United States Courts in New Orleans. He was admitted to practice at the bar of the State of Ohio some time ago.

"NEVER was more promising"—"never looked better"—is the wheat news from all over Missouri, with the addition from some counties of "twice as much as usual in the ground."

THE peach-growers of Delaware are expecting a larger crop this season than ever was gathered in the State. It is expected that 2,000,000 baskets will go to market by the Delaware railway against 1,500,000 baskets two years ago.

A CONDUCTOR of a newspaper, speaking of a cotemporary, says: "He was formerly a member of Congress, but rapidly rose until he obtained a position as editor—a noble example of perseverance under depressing circumstances."

THE general good character of Grant's revenue appointments is shown by the fact that the revenue for April and May is much greater than collected in the same months last year. Still the disappointed office-seekers will growl.

FIFTEEN thousand colored persons in the South have at the present time on deposit with the National Freedmen's Saving and Trust Company, and twenty-three branches in the Southern States, $1,150,429.92.

A GENTLEMAN of Rochester, N. H., saw an advertisement that a receipt for the cure of dyspepsia might be had by sending a post-stamp to the advertiser. He was a victim, and sent his stamp. The answer was, "Dig in your garden, and let whisky alone."

IT is a noticeable fact about the miners' "strike," that only the great companies, with large stocks on hand, were in favor of a suspension of work. The numerous and smaller companies were opposed to it. The latter, with scarcely an exception, obtain sales for all they can produce.

THE old Pennsylvania Synod of the Lutheran Church which held its annual session in Reading during the last few weeks, elected, among other delegates to the General Council, Mr. Frederick Lauer of Reading, of lager beer, Brewers' Congress and Brewers' Union notoriety!

DECORATION DAY on Saturday and Sunday, was generally observed in all the States in the Union, North and West, and in many places throughout the South. The ceremony was more general and more extensive than last year, and this promises to be the case at each recurring anniversary.

LITTLE Delaware has got so far behind the age that it has resolved to *stay* behind. A new whipping post and pillory has just been put up at New Castle in place of the old dilapidated concern. It was used for the first time last Saturday, when some dozen convicts were publicly whipped and pilloried. Delaware is safe for the Copperhead ticket.

A CUP of coffee is a sure barometer, if you allow the sugar to drop to the bottom of a cup and watch the bubbles arise without disturbing the coffee. If the bubbles collect in the middle, the weather will be fine; if they adhere to the cup, forming a ring, it will be rainy; and if the bubbles separate without assuming any fixed position, changeable weather may be expected. Try it.

EX-GOV. CURTIN, Minister to Russia, has accepted an invitation from a large number of leading citizens of the State, for a complimentary banquet at the Academy of Music, at Philadelphia, on June 12. The affair is expected to be the finest of the kind ever given here. Both branches of the City Councils on Thursday last offered Gov. Curtin the use of Independence Hall to receive the citizens previous to his departure, and this reception will also take place on June 12.

A MAN has lately died in New York, in the position of an ostler, at the age of seventy, who in early life was a wealthy Irish squire, keeping horses and hounds and dispensing magnificent hospitality. Fast and reckless habits ran through his large inheritance, and he came to this country to go down from bad to worse. For years he was carver at the St. Nicholas Hotel, but dissipation lost him even this position, and he died of apoplexy in an oat bin.

WE have heard of an amusing instance of how General Grant was flanked by an applicant for a position a short time since. A gentleman called on him—asked him for an office—was desired by the President to produce his recommendation—and drew from his pocket a letter sent some three years ago to President Johnson strongly urging him for a place, with the significant signature at the bottom, "U. S. Grant." The result we do not know but can imagine.

OUR PHILADELPHIA LETTER.

Hot Weather—Decoration Day—Excursion of the Ledger Employees—More Suicidal Performances—the Rebel Ram Atlanta—Handsome Bequest, &c.

PHILADELPHIA, June 1st, 1869.

DEAR ABE: Summer is upon us at last, and makes itself felt too. The thermometer is away up among the nineties, and reminds all that it is time to look up cooler quarters than we are blessed with in the city. Just such weather as we are now having, is what is most admired by our neighbors at Cape May and Atlantic City, for no sooner does old Sol make himself felt than thousands of our citizens, young and old, great and small, stampede for the seaside, where you pay from fifteen to forty dollars per week for the privilege of being worried day and night with Jersey musquitos, with as much salt water as can be swallowed at the daily baths into the bargain. Many improvements, by the way, have been made at the seaside, among which may be mentioned the erection of a new hotel at the Cape called the Stockton House, the largest hotel of the kind in the country.

The ceremonies attendant upon the decoration of the soldiers graves on Saturday and Sunday last, were participated in by the different Posts of the Grand Army throughout the City. On Saturday we had the soldiers' orphans from West Chester, as the guests of the Lincoln Institute, and interesting ceremonies in memory of the brave dead at Concert Hall and at Independence Square, where patriotic addresses were delivered by Gov. Curtin, Mayor Fox, Maj. Calhoun and others, whilst Sunday was spent in the beautiful ceremony of strewing flowers upon the graves of the dead heroes. Everybody appeared anxious to contribute both funds and flowers, and the florists, of course, reaped a rich harvest. Post No. 71, sent agents along the entire line of the Philadelphia and Baltimore Railroad, commissioned to purchase flowers for the use of the Post, and by this method succeeded in securing as many as they could use, passing the grave of no comrade without literally covering it with their floral offerings. A feature of the day was the decoration of the grave of Miss Anna Ross, a lady whose name has become historic for her untiring efforts in behalf of the soldiers at the Cooper Shop Refreshment Saloon. She contracted disease at the Hospital of the Saloon, from which she died, and no soldier passes her grave now but can tell of some good deed done by this noble lady during the great rebellion.

Childs, the Public *Ledger* man, gives his employees a free Excursion to Atlantic City, on the 4th of July. All in any manner connected with the paper, with their families, are to participate, and it promises to be a big thing. Mr. Childs will pay the expenses of one of his agents at Pittsburg, with his entire family, to the city, in order that they may participate. Here's a chance for Schweffelbrenner to enjoy a ride free gratis, provided he is one of the *Ledger* agents.

The public press throughout the city for a while past have been coming down on the theatrical managers, who allow break-neck performances at their establishments, but evidently with little effect. Our people no longer have any taste for women turning somersaults and making "Niagara Leaps" in mid air, and want something more exciting, so this week we are having a couple of athletics, with more wit than brains, who make an ascension to the top of one of our Theatres by means of a velocipede on a tight rope. Undoubtedly it draws well, as it is a new act, and as there is a prospect of some one breaking his neck, the "enterprising" manager, financially speaking, will reap a rich harvest.

The last bit of a sensation we have had is in relation to the rebel ram Atlanta. You will remember the Atlanta was, during the war, a blockade runner, and after making a successful trip into Charleston, was re-modeled into a sort of Merrimac, and at one time the Rebels were in strong hopes of being able to get her to sea, and demolishing all our seaboard cities, but unfortunately for the Confederacy, she fell into the hands of one of our Monitors and was captured. She was brought to this port and lately advertised at public sale, but before the day of sale was disposed of to private parties for $29,000. The purchasers at once began making extensive repairs and alterations, and now it is a current report on our streets that she is destined for Cuba. Should the vessel make its escape and safely arrive there, it will prove a strong auxiliary to the patriot army, and cause sad havoc among the wooden vessels of the Spaniards, as it is almost a solid mass of strong white oak and iron, mounted with six guns, and a ram, by which she would be enabled to demolish any wooden vessel.

Dr. Rush, who died lately here, has left the bulk of his property, amounting to over half a million dollars, to the Philadelphia Library, with the exception of a few small legacies to servants. His will provides for the erection of a new Library building. And so we go.

Yours, WARWICK.

STATE NEWS.

LEHIGH COUNTY.—Robert Iredell, Jr., has become sole proprietor of that excellent paper, the Lehigh *Register*.....Hugh Gallagher had both legs broken by accident, on the Lehigh Valley Rail Road, at Allentown.....The decoration ceremonies at Allentown were interesting. Addresses by Rev. Crouch, Dr. Romig, Rev. Gries, and J. W. Wood....Charles Desh, of New Texas, fell from the roof of his house and broke three of his ribs....A temperance meeting was held in the Salisbury Evangelical Church on Sunday afternoon last.. ...Engineers are engaged re-surveying the route of the Allentown and Auburn Railroad, which starts from Allentown and runs parallel with the East Pennsylvania Road to Topton, and from thence direct to Port Clinton and Auburn.

BERKS COUNTY.—The old Lutheran Synod which held its sessions in Reading, adjourned finally on last Friday..... The total amount of internal revenue for the year 1869, in the county, is $111,502,48.....The decoration ceremonies at Reading and Hamburg, on Saturday and Sunday last, were highly interesting and well attended.....Col. Wm. F. Walter has been appointed Money Order clerk in the Reading Post Office....The Directors of the Poor have determined to erect a new oven at the alms-house, fourteen by sixteen feet, or 224 square feet.....Capt. Oscar B. Christ has received orders from Governor Geary to organize a military company at Shartelsville.

DAUPHIN COUNTY;—The decoration ceremonies were highly interesting at Middletown. The procession commenced moving at 2 o'clock p. m., on Saturday, in the following order: Middletown Band; clergymen; Post No. 78, G. A. R., 40 members; Emaus Orphans' School, 40 in number; Juvenile drum corps of Middletown; Mt. Joy Orphans' School, numbering 104 males and 64 females. An address was delivered by Rev. S. B. Hughes, of the M. E. Church.....Mrs. Rebecca Gillen, of Harrisburg, eloped with one Andrew Grove a few days ago, and proceeded to Trenton, where both parties were arrested and brought back and confined in jail.....William Reinhart, whilst fishing in Paxton creek, three miles from Harrisburg, was drowned on Tuesday last. He was subject to epileptic fits, and it is supposed he fell into the water whilst suffering from an attack.

SCHUYLKILL COUNTY.—The decoration ceremonies at Tamauqua were attended by all the Sunday Schools, American Mechanics, Good Templars, Knights Templar, Sons of America, and Cadets of Temperance, making a procession nearly a mile long. An address was delivered in the Odd Fellows' cemetery by E. H. Rauch, of Lancaster, and a collection was taken up towards the erection of a soldiers' monument. The ceremonies at Tremont and Schuylkill Haven were also interesting and well attended.....The dwelling of Daniel Owens in Shenandoah city, was destroyed by fire on Thursday night last week.....The quarterly convention of Good Templars was held at St. Clair on the 25th and 26th ult. On the evening of the latter day a public meeting was held in the M. E. Church, addressed by Rev. D. Hartman, of Altoona, and Dr. Hargreaves, of Reading.

BERKS COUNTY.—The wife of Joseph B. Holloway, of Douglasville, eloped with a German, who lived with Mr. H. for some time—leaving five interesting children, the youngest being only one year old. Mrs. H. was formerly considered in every respect a lady.....Forty-four building permits were issued by the Mayor of Reading during last month, and his report of police cases during the same period was as follows: Cases of drunkenness and lodgers, 153; assault and battery, 11; vagrants, 6; all others, 22. Nativity—Americans, 43; Irish, 31; Germans, 21; English, 10; Welch, 3; Swiss, 1, and negroes, 1.....The Mohnsville Sunday School will make an excursion to Litiz Springs on Saturday the 12th inst.....The Fourth street (Reading) M. E. Sunday School will visit Ephrata on the 1st of July..... Two young sports left their homes, at Douglasville, recently, for a trip to the far west. They returned, after an absence of two weeks, minus all their cash, and some of their clothing, which they disposed of to raise funds for return railroad tickets. Cause—strong drink.....A new church bell will be dedicated at Womelsdorf on the 13th. What next?.....It is getting to be fashionable for fine young gentlemen to loaf in front of drinking houses, in Reading, and insult ladies as they pass by.

YORK COUNTY.—The Prospect Post Office has been removed to Margaretta Furnace, and Charles Himes, Esq., appointed Post-master.....The corner stone of St. Paul's new Lutheran Church, will be laid at York, on Sunday, the 12th inst. The Washington Hall, corner of King and George streets, York, has been enlarged and considerable improved. For the present, the St. Paul's Lutheran Congregation are using the Hall for worship.

THE DELEGATE ELECTION: The election for delegates to the State Convention, on Saturday last, passed off "serenely." Emlen Franklin, Andrew Jackson Kauffman, Theodore A. Kinzer, John K. Rutter, John Strohm, sr., and Jacob S. Shirk each received one hundred and sixty-three votes. The thug ticket received a very complimentery vote as follows: S. A. Wiley received two votes; Jacob F. Frey, one vote; ex-Sheriff Smith one vote; Benj. M. Stauffer—none. Thugs are at a discount in Columbia. So says the Columbia *Spy*. "Republics are ungrateful."

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 Washington Fire Company, of this city, attended the Firemen's parade at Harrisburg, on Wednesday of last week. They returned on Thursday, highly delighted with their trip, and were received by a procession of their brother firemen of this city.

The General Eldership of the Church of God, in the United States, was in session at the Union Bethel, this city, during the last ten days. It was composed of clerical and lay delegates from each of the Annual Elderships, numbering in all about seventy. There are also a large number of visiting brethren in attendance. The body is composed of earnest and sincere men, who are devoted to the building up of the Redeemer's Kingdom, in the denomination they represent. The pulpits of a number of our churches were supplied on Sunday last by members of the Eldership, and their preaching was highly acceptable to their hearers.

A Love Feast of the German Baptists, was held on Tuesday and Wednesday of last week, at Martin Wenger's, in Rapho township, the attendance being very large. A similar meeting was held on Friday and Saturday last, at John R. Hershey's, in Penn township. We regret to record considerable rowdyism on Tuesday evening.

The Page Literary Society of Millersville Normal School, held their Fourteenth Anniversary, on Friday evening last. The exercises were highly interesting, and were attended by a large concourse of people, many of whom could not get into the hall. Rev. E. H. Nevin, of this city, delivered the oration. A larger hall is much needed at the Normal, and we are glad to learn that arrangements are about being made to erect one.

Mr. J. J. Springer, of this city, started on Monday last, on a trip to the Pacific Coast, over the Pacific railroad.

Drs. Hottenstein and Bernheisel on Wednesday of last week, operated upon Mrs. Harnish and Mrs. Bruckart, of Silver Spring, for the removal of two large adipose tumors, at. One of the tumors weighed a pound and a half.

W. H. Rauch, son of E. H. Rauch, has been appointed a Clerk in the Custom House at Philadelphia, having been promoted from the position of Day Inspector.

Mr. Christian Miller, of East Hempfield township, presented to "Rocky," of the *Express*, on Saturday an egg, or rather a double egg, which he describes thusly: "The outside shell measures 8½ by 7½ inches. The inside, of course could not be measured, but from its appearance as seen through the aperture made in the shell, it is of medium size. The outside shell contained the white and yolk in a perfect state."

The following gentlemen have been named as the Committee of Arrangements for the County Sunday School Convention, to be held in this city, at an early day: John H. Pearsol, Benjamin F. Shenk, A. F. Slaymaker, W. L. Bear, J. F. Abele, J. D. Killian, Philip Schum, D. S. Bare, J. M. W. Geist, Abram Landis, and John S. Gable. The Committee have decided not to call the Convention until after harvest.

We are glad to hear that our former townsman, James P. Boyd, Esq., has been promoted to one of the highest positions on the editorial staff of Forney's Philadelphia *Press*. Mr. Boyd has been engaged on the *Press* for some fifteen months.

Mrs. Philip Voos, of this city, gave birth a few days ago to a bouncing boy, weighing twelve and a half pounds. Mr. Voos is much elated thereat.

St. John's Lutheran Church, of this city, has granted a leave of absence of two months to their pastor, Rev. W. V. Gotwald, to recruit his health, which is quite feeble.

The corner stone of a new Lutheran church will be laid at Ephrata on to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon.