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THE REGISTRY LAW CONSTITUTIONAL!

As we predicted in a former issue, the Supreme Court, in full bench, has overruled the infamous decision of Judge Sharswood declaring the new Registry Law Unconstitutional. "How are you, cops?"

THE PEOPLE SPEAKING.

Hon. J. S. Rutan has been nominated as the Republican candidate for the State Senate from the Beaver and Washington District. The conference adopted a resolution calling upon him to make a distinct and unqualified avowal in favor of "the passage of a law to require the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to apply all the balance of the funds in the Treasury of the State available for that purpose, to the purchase of the outstanding debt of the Commonwealth." Mr. Rutan, as well as the candidates for Assembly in those two counties, most emphatically endorsed the resolution. The people all over the State are moving in favor of the proposition of Senator Billingsfelt, to relieve the State Treasurer from the custody of so large an amount of the people's money.

USED UP!

Andrew Jackass Steinman was chairman of the committee on resolutions of the late Copperhead County Convention. The second resolution of the series most effectually disposes of President Grant, and is a quotation from an individual named Andy Johnson, who has a trifle more brains than the afore-mentioned Jackass—but only a trifle more. It is a curiosity, and we give it entire: "That the administration of Ulysses S. Grant has failed to meet the very moderate expectations of the people, and has caused them to agree with Andrew Johnson when he says that 'Grant hasn't a single idea. He has no policy, no conception of what the country requires. He doesn't understand the philosophy of a single great question. He is mendacious, cunning and treacherous. He is nothing more than a bundle of petty spites, jealousies and resentments. He is the greatest force that was ever thrust upon the people, and is only fit to ornament a country cross roads grocery.'"

There now—it is all over with Grant, sure!

TRIUMPH OF REPUBLICANISM.

The people are already reaping the benefits of the great Republican victory of 1868. Since the inauguration of General Grant as President of the United States, since the Johnsonian copperhead system of wholesale fraud and corruption in high places has been broken up and offices filled by faithful and competent men, during the very short period of four months of the new Republican Administration, the national debt has been reduced over THIRTY-SIX MILLIONS OF DOLLARS, and during the month of June alone, over SIXTEEN MILLIONS OF DOLLARS were paid off, being an average reduction of over half a million every day. At this rate, the national debt, during the first year of President Grant's administration, will be reduced about two hundred millions of dollars! And yet copperhead leaders have the audacity to ask the tax-payers of Pennsylvania to vote against this party, and restore the old democratic Treasury thieves and traitors to power! Will they do it? Not much.

DEMOCRACY AND NEGRO SUFFRAGE.

From that intensely copperhead sheet, the Reading Daily Eagle, of the 3rd inst., we clip the following:

"The Father Abraham constantly repeats the exploded falsehood that the Democracy are more in favor of negro suffrage than formerly. Will the railsplitter mention a single Northern Democratic convention, or a single Northern Democratic paper, which has endorsed or even favored negro suffrage or negro equality? If not, get Forney to invent a fresh fib, for a future text."

On reading the above we just happened to have on our table an extract from the New York World, the leading organ of the Democratic party of the North, which paper strongly advises its party to give up the dead issues of the past, and especially to abandon its hostility to the negro. It asserts that the 15th amendment is certain to become ratified as part of the constitution. With such authority as the New York World, we need not go the trouble of naming any of the smaller fry of democratic journals to prove that they are coming round, even as the avowed friends of negro suffrage. Of course, it is not expected that the democracy of Old Berks—Dan. Ermantrout only excepted—is ready to take the great step, in which the World has already taken the lead.

DEMOCRATS SELLING OUT!

Democrats—particularly delegates and representatives—appear to be constantly in the market, and for sale, cheap, for cash. It has just been announced that the uninstructed delegates to their State convention are going to meet at the Bolton House, Harrisburg, on the evening of the 13th "for the purpose of consultation," which means, of course, to receive sealed proposals from their millionaire candidates, Packer and Cass. And it is well understood also, that, after "consulting" the amount of stamps then and there offered, they will have no difficulty in deciding which of the candidates will be most available.

The Reading Eagle, not being in this arrangement, comes out strongly against it, saying: "We hate Gov. Geary—we hate the whole Radical party and we hate a Republican victory—but above all this we hate a bought-out Democrat. Our advice to the uninstructed delegates is to stay away from this consultation."

It is a somewhat remarkable fact that democratic papers never accuse Republicans of being "bought up," but only the members and representatives of their own party. And before the close of the present campaign, we predict, there will be plenty of them offered, very cheap for cash, or in exchange for whisky, without regard to quality. Our Republican friends would do well not to be in a hurry about buying, but wait until they are down to their real value, say about fifteen cents each, or, wholesale, at ten dollars per hundred. At the latter figure we wouldn't mind buying a lot, and vote them up on Sour Kraut Hill. It would perhaps be the cheapest way to reconstruct that very interesting locality.

THE READING DAILY TIMES, under the able management of its new editors and proprietors, Messrs. J. Knabb & Co., has become one of the very best papers in the State, comparing very favorably with the dailies of Philadelphia and Pittsburg. Louis Richards, Esq., has charge of the local department, and his reports are always original, well prepared, and in every respect reliable. Success to the reconstructed Daily Times.

THE dedication of the Gettysburg Monument took place on Thursday of last week, bringing together a large assemblage of people, embracing many eminent military men and civilians. Henry Ward Beecher delivered the introductory prayer. Gen. Meade unveiled the figures. Senator Morton, of Indiana, delivered the oration, and Bayard Taylor read an original poem.

We have received the communication of "Argus," containing an interesting account of the commencement exercises of the Pennsylvania Military Academy, at Chester, Pa. We regret that its great length and the limited space in our columns compel us to decline its publication.

A SPECIMEN BRICK.

The copperhead papers make a great out-cry about the extravagance of Republican legislatures, and promise great things in case they get into power. It is hardly worth while to spend much time in exposing the hollowness of their professions, as the people know them, yet we'll refresh their memories a little with a specimen of their management when they have the power. By some mishap, the copperheads succeeded in electing a majority of the Ohio Legislature in 1867. The provisions of the constitution of that State contemplate one legislative session in two years. The cops held three sessions in their term of two years. They were in session two hundred and sixty days—longer than was ever before known in Ohio, and at an expense of \$250,624 10—more than double that of their Republican predecessors. This model Democratic Legislature, we learn further, created between thirty and forty new offices, at a cost to the people for salaries, fees and expenses of at least \$75,000 per annum. They added to the State liabilities for various purposes about \$1,500,000; and in order to avoid an increase of taxes levied for State purposes, they diminished the sum levied to pay the State debt, and increased the levy for other State purposes almost \$600,000. This, in brief, is a statement of the capacity of Democratic legislators to plunder the people, wherever or whenever they get the opportunity. And this will be their course in Pennsylvania if by any misfortune they should get the control of the State Government.

COPS TRYING TO RAISE THE WIND.

The Democracy of Old Berks are hard up for funds. Their leaders and county officers, well knowing that it's all up with their party, won't come down with their stumps to carry on the campaign. The Eagle, however, won't give it up so, and calls upon the unwashed and uncombed to raise the needed funds by each giving only a quarter! The Reading Daily Times, referring to this new plan, says:

"The Eagle, in suggesting a plan to raise money to carry on the coming campaign, says: 'Let us have twenty-five cent certificates printed—similar to those used in Sabbath Schools to raise missionary funds—and what Democrat would not buy one?' In view of the promised Democratic victory, (?) it seems quite out of place to be already crying for quarters. You mustn't give it up so soon, gentlemen. But, seriously, hadn't you better issue 5 cent certificates, for the result will be the same—Geary will be elected—and you can save money by adopting our suggestion."

There was a time when the Democracy of Old Berks could raise any amount of money for political purposes. But now their men of means are beginning to see that they can make more profitable investments than in their miserable, corrupt and unpatriotic old party. Mr. Clymer is out of politics, making iron and helping to build railroads; Ancona has turned his attention to insurance against fire; Glancy Jones has left for Delaware, the State of whipping posts, and other purely Democratic institutions; "Larry" Getz has sold out his Democratic printing office and serving out his congressional term, which will put an end to his participation in partisan affairs, and "the rest, residue and remainder" of the party, including printing offices, banners, flags and "fixins" have been bought up by the proprietors of the Eagle, who now run the machine like a second-hand furniture and variety store, looking only to the meek and lowly followers for support.

The cause of this change—the steady and wholesome growth of Republicanism in Berks county—is easily understood. It is the work of school houses, English newspapers, railroads, telegraph wires, Methodist meeting houses and the liberal reward of every branch of industry under the wise and economical administration of the Government by the representatives of the great Republican party.

An old farmer in Ohio, having read that the State Penitentiary cleared seven thousand dollars during the past year by the labor of the convicts, sat some time in deep thought and then exclaimed: "I think we'd better turn our Legislature into a penitentiary, by jingo!" Jes so!

The first and most important quality in the female sex is sweetness of temper. Heaven did not give to them insinuation and persuasion in order to be surly; it did not make them weak in order to be imperious; it did not give to them a sweet voice in order to be employed in scolding; nor did it provide them delicate features in order to be disfigured by anger.

A REFORM TICKET is called for in Philadelphia. Break down the ring, nominate honest men and not allow a few corrupt politicians to make a ticket, is all that is necessary now to make a winning party. Why will people, who are continually reforming, stay away from the delegate elections? The people themselves are responsible for the character of the ticket nominated.

—Many years ago, a Boston lawyer got lost while traveling in the woods, on Cape Cod. Coming to a house, he rode up to the door, and accosted the lady of the house as follows: "Madam, if you will tell me who I was, who I am, where I am, and where I am going, I will give you a dollar." "You were Kent the minister, you are now Kent the lawyer; you are in Falmouth woods, and you are going to the devil." He hanged her the dollar and passed on. The lady happened to know him.

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MASSACHUSETTS, like Maine, has a law against luggage smashing on railroads.

Never wait for a thing to turn up. Go and turn it up yourself. It takes less time and is sure to be done.

THOSE who are advocating the temperance cause in speeches, are denominated water-spouts.

THE vote of the Methodist Episcopal Church on Lay Delegation, as far as heard from, stands: For, 31,168; against, 12,075.

THE Emperor of Russia has sent a small field piece to General Grant, on which are engraved the names of his victories.

A BOY was suffocated to death in Crawford county, by having his head caught between the rails of a fence he was climbing over.

WOMEN can buy dough in the evening in New York, and have hot cakes for breakfast without the trouble of making them.

IN Roanoke county, Virginia, is a wheat field of 7000 acres, which has been harvested in first-rate condition, the yield being large.

IN May the people of New York spent \$222,000 in going to theatres, \$751,000 in riding on street cars, and \$97,000 riding in omnibuses.

THE New York Independent estimates that the population of Chicago in 1870 will be 370,000; in 1880, 600,000; and in 1890, 1,000,000.

THE Governor has issued an order for the execution, on Wednesday, the 11th of August, of Charles Orne, one of the Broadhead murderers, at Stroudsburg, Monroe county.

M. S. QUAY, ESQ., editor of the Beaver Record has been made Secretary of the Republican State Central Committee. The headquarters of the Committee will be in Philadelphia.

IT is stated that young ladies make the best telegraph operators in a thunder storm, inasmuch as none have yet been found who are afraid of the electric sparks—"for any other man." When the French cable is laid, however, they may be a little more wary.

THERE is a little girl ten years old in Kentucky who has never spoken to her father. She converses freely with any one else, but when her father speaks she is silent. She has been whipped for her obstinacy, but persists in saying that she has tried to speak to him and cannot.

MAYOR FOX has much trouble in trying to keep his police force from stealing property they are expected to protect. At a recent fire at Leonard, Baker & Co.'s in Philadelphia, a lot of valuable silks, etc., were stolen.

At the late Copperhead Convention in Maine, the only resolution of any account adopted, was one in favor of free trade. Yet workingmen throughout the country support this party and hope to keep wages up. What folly!

AS GRANT was driving to the ferry, in New York, a short time since, he was recognized by the driver of a car, who shouted at the top of his voice: "Do you mind the drop o' water I gave ye, for nint the stunted ponies, at Shoptytavania Court House?"

IT is announced that the coming meeting of the Pennsylvania Teachers' Association, to take place at Harrisburg, August 10th, ladies will be entertained free of charge, and gentlemen at one dollar and one dollar and fifty cents per day. The usual half rate fares on railroads will be secured.

A YOUNG woman in West Grantville, Mass., arose in her sleep, a few nights since, and after dressing her hair with the utmost care and precision, walked five miles to her home in Toland, in her night clothes, never awakening until just before her arrival, when she naturally caused quite a sensation.

THE profits of the Boston Peace Jubilee amounted to \$110,700. To this are to be added the profits from the Gilmore testimonial, and then Mr. Gilmore is to receive \$50,000, and the remainder is to go to the widows and orphans. Mr. Gilmore has also received a house and lot in Boston, valued at \$25,000, as a gift from the managers.

IT is not what people eat, but what they digest, that makes them strong. It is not what they gain, but what they save, that makes them rich. It is not what they read, but what they remember, that makes them learned. It is not what they profess, but what they practice, that makes them good neighbors, useful citizens and Christians.

EVERY young man is eagerly asking the best way of getting on in life. The Bible gives a very brief answer to the question: "Walk in the way of good men, and keep the paths of the righteous." Many books of advice and direction have been written, but that is the gist of them all.

THE Soldiers' Monument at Gettysburg is sixty feet high, consisting of a massive pedestal, twenty-five feet square at the base, and the die and cap crowned with a three-quarter globe, on which stands a colossal statue of the genius of Liberty, holding in her right hand the victor's wreath of laurel, and clasping with the left a sheathed sword. The inscription reads: "Gettysburg, July 1, 2, 3, 1863."

OUR candidate for Governor, General Geary, is a veteran soldier of two of the most glorious wars of the Republic. In both cases he went in to seek no holiday service. He served fully and ably, and in the last and greatest war he only returned to the bosom of his native Commonwealth when the great army of Sherman was disbanded, after its ever-memorable campaign through Georgia and the Carolinas. The people endorsed him in 1860, and they will not desert him now.

It is a common rule, and one easy in observance, both with vehicles and pedestrians, going in opposite directions, that when they meet each should take the right hand side in passing. Nothing is more disagreeable, and to bystanders a more ludicrous sight, than to meet a person who takes the same side of a walk as yourself, and causing frequently a dodging of both parties from one side to the other, until one, losing patience, stands still and lets the other pass.

THINGS IN PHILADELPHIA.

THE Fourth, and how it was Celebrated on the Fifth—The Veterans of the War of 1812—The Washington Statue—Return of the Calico Hose—The Registry Law—Democratic City Ticket—A Split Inimical—Ledger Excursion, &c.

PHILADELPHIA, July 8th, 1869.

DEAR ABE: No finer weather could have been desired for the celebration of the Fourth than Sunday and Monday proved to be. A cool wind was blowing all day, and though we had no public celebration, there was sufficient enthusiasm to be found among our citizens not to allow the day to pass by quite unremembered. On Sunday the different military organizations attended divine worship, in full uniform, whilst sermons of a decidedly independent nature were preached in most of the churches. Monday morning was ushered in by the ringing of bells and firing of cannon. At nine o'clock the children and teachers of the first school district assembled and presented to the city a handsome statue of Washington. The statue has been placed on Chestnut street, immediately in front of Independence Hall, and the street from Fifth to Sixth was a perfect jam of people, assembled to witness the presentation, and listen to patriotic speeches from Hon. Henry D. Moore, George F. Gardon, Esq., Wm. B. Hanna, Esq., and Mayor Fox.

The veterans of the War of 1812 assembled in the Supreme Court Room and toasts were reported and responded to by the old heroes. Forty-one deaths have occurred during the past year.

Young America was early on the street raising a din and confusion with fire crackers and powder, and as no one seemed to interfere, they had things all their own way, and spent the day joyously.

Thousands went out of the city, and boats and railroads all had more passengers than could possibly be accommodated, many being compelled to remain at home for want of transportation.

Altogether we can boast of forty-odd fires during the 4th and 5th, and eleven accidents from the careless use of firearms, and as there was any quantity of whisky sold during the day, of course we had rowdyism.

The appeal from the decision of Judge Sharswood, declaring the Registry Law unconstitutional, came up before a full bench of the Supreme Court last week. The Board of Aldermen were represented by Messrs. Gibbons, Meredith and others, and Phillips and Wright for the other side, and all on the merits of the Court holds the matter under advisement.

An escort, large and imposing, greeted the boys of the "Calico" upon their return from their trip to your city on Tuesday evening last. Desiring to know what kind of an opinion had been formed of Lancaster, I took the trouble to inquire, and all on the merits of the day it decidedly wide awake place, and not one member but is in ecstasy over the manner in which they were treated during their brief visit. The boys were received at the depot by the "Ginger Hose," "Screw Guzzle Engine," "Duster Hose," and several other organizations, like kith, and scattered to their home after a street display.

The doings of the late Democratic Convention have raised a terrible howl among the decenter portion of the party. The Sunday press comes down on the whole ticket rather hotly, and in a manner not calculated to make it over popular. The Dispatch says "the ticket represents nothing but the worst elements of the Democratic party. The whisky and railway rings, the ballot box stuffers, the shoulder hitters, the prize fighters, the thieves and gamblers, have united in a bold effort to govern the county in the most disgraceful manner of the party. The Mercury, the leading Sunday organ of the Cops, is even yet more severe, and pitches in as follows:

"The Democratic Conventions held in this city last week were eminently discreditable in all respects. From bodies composed of the worst possible material nothing but the worst possible action could be reasonably expected. With an exception or two, a weaker ticket than that present could hardly have been made; while the disorder, violence, dishonesty and black-guardism which marked the proceedings of every one of the nominating bodies, but especially those of the City and County Conventions, were, perhaps, never exceeded, if equaled, on any similar occasion.

"As usual, the important business of selecting candidates for the party was committed to persons having neither the sense nor the virtue requisite for the duty. It would be both an insult and a lie to say that they represented the mass of the Democracy in this city. They really represented nobody but themselves and the wretched 'roughs' and rowdies who elected them as delegates, and who invariably compose the entire constituency of the nominating conventions of both political parties in Philadelphia.

"We confess that we are not of those who can urge decorous and prudent action to-day, and violence to-morrow. Such persistent and audacious violation of every principle of party policy and public decency shall no longer receive toleration. The next of a great and once glorious party, with great principles at stake, being not only ruled but ruined by devils in human shape, is enough to make every respectable citizen sick even of the name of Democracy."

A split in the party is imminent, and a loud cry is made for the formation of a new party. It matters very little, however, who is nominated, as the Republican ticket is bound to win.

The excursion of the Ledger employees was a big thing, fourteen hundred and eighty excursionists participating, many of whom were from the interior, and even other States being represented.

P. S.—I have just learned that the Supreme Court has rendered a decision in our favor regarding the Registry Law—deciding it constitutional as adopted by the last Legislature. This, in connection with the bad Democratic ticket, will insure the success of the Republican ticket in this city by the prevention of frauds.

[COMMUNICATED.]

HARRISBURG, July 6, 1869.

Dear Father Abraham: In your issue of Friday last I notice you announce the name of Esias Billingsfelt for State Senate. Seldom has it been the happy privilege of your correspondent to bear testimony of one so honorable, honest and fearless in the cause of right, justice and morality. Such an one is the tried, faithful representative of Lancaster county. I congratulate the Republicans of my native county that they have been so successful in prevailing upon this standard-bearer of Retrenchment and Reform to permit his name to be mailed to the flag staff once more. I was fearful that no inducement could be made to the Honorable Senator to allow his name again to appear as a candidate for re-election for another term. He is, however, well aware that in a general political view it has been a loss to him to be the member of the famous Senate, while fully serving the best interests of his constituency and the people of the State, and guarding with a zealous and unflinching property, he must necessarily sacrifice his own business and neglect home duties. Knowing this to be the fact, I am convinced that it is only his sense of duty to his home friends by whose earnest solicitation he has consented once again to take the field. Again, I repeat, I congratulate the people of the "Old Land" that they have a grand opportunity of rewarding a faithful public servant.

tion, the results of which will greatly accrue to the interests of the State. He was also the originator of the famous Sinking Fund amendment to the Appropriation Bill, whereby the State would have at least been saved fifty or seventy-five thousand dollars, and with the surplus funds in the State Treasury about eight hundred thousand dollars of the State debt would have been paid off. Through the determined efforts of Senator Billingsfelt, this amendment, by a vote of 19 to 9, was incorporated into the 21st Section of the appropriation bill, after which, in passing through the Conference Committee, this important section was stricken out. None the less indebted are the tax payers of the State to the Senator. True to the people, he never "gave up the ship," but fought the "Treasury Ring" to the last. This is but an instance of the character of the man you delight to honor. A personal, intimate acquaintance with Mr. B. for 4 years, and more, at the Capitol, enables me to freely say that never have I seen or heard the faintest suspicion of his committing a dishonest or dishonorable act. Even his bitterest enemies and political opponents admire him for his noble traits of character. Such as we desire to bring to the notice of his constituents many things that we are acquainted with in his political life while in Harrisburg, that would do honor to the man, we are satisfied it would not add one iota to the popularity of Hon. Esias Billingsfelt.

STATE NEWS.

BERKS COUNTY.—The Reading Daily Times strongly protests against the erection of the new city hall at the corner of Fifth and Franklin streets, which lot is entirely too small for such a building. An unknown man, apparently 35 years of age, was found floating on the Schuylkill canal, near Reading, on Friday last. He was poorly dressed in a woolen shirt and blue woolen pants, and had an open sore on his leg. The Fourth street M. E. church, of Reading, voted 36 for lay delegation, and 4 against. Ellen Donahue, aged six years, fell into a drain near Seyfer, McManus & Co.'s pipe mill, Reading, and was drowned on Monday of last week. Charles K. Robinson, a member of the Reading bar, died on Saturday last, aged about thirty-eight years. The Fourth was celebrated in Reading by a procession of the several Councils of American Mechanics, a general musical entertainment in Penn Square early in the morning, and by hiding a very considerable amount of lager beer during the day. Also, by several Sunday schools in the favorite groves for holding picnics in the vicinity of the city. Henry Dautrich, a young man employed upon the farm of Daniel Raudenbush, near the Green Tree tavern, in Cumru township, fell from a cherry tree, a height of about twenty-five feet, on Wednesday evening, dislocating one of his hips, and severely bruising his head.

CHESTER COUNTY.—A little daughter of Samuel Pierson, of East Nottingham, a few days ago, jumped from a horse attached to a mower, while the machine was in motion, and her feet were caught by the knives, and lacerated in a frightful manner. Ground has been secured by the Oxford Water and Gas Company, with a fine spring, about half a mile from the borough for the construction of a basin. The newly discovered ore mines of John Overholser, near Lionville, have proven to be quite rich, and are now worked with good success. A colored man named Bill Edenton, said to be an old offender, stole a pair of oxen and cart, on the night of the 23th ult., the property of John Malin, of New Garden. He was overtaken, arrested, and the property recovered next day. The barn of Franklin Seidel, in East Nantmeal, was struck by lightning on Sunday before last, killing two cows. The Village Record gives the following account of a heifer going after greenbacks: Last week, John Yetter, of Pocopson, while at his brother's, Edward Yetter's, mortonville, took off his vest and hung it up, giving his assistance to the killing of some sheep. He had left his pocket-book, which was pretty well filled with greenbacks and valuable papers, in the vest pocket. He had not been long at work, when looking in the direction of where he had left his vest, he saw the latter lying on the ground, and a very fine young heifer standing over it, busily engaged chewing something that Mr. Yetter thought looked very much like his pocket-book. Hurrying to the spot, he found a sad state of affairs. True enough, the heifer was eating his pocket-book, having previously devoured all its contents, embracing about \$140 in money, and a number of valuable bills of different amounts, ranging from \$50 to \$300. Mr. Y. snatched up the fragments, but they were nearly worthless. What was to be done. The heifer could not be made to "refund" by persuasion or other mild means. It was at length decided to "force a payment," and to do this it was necessary to kill the animal, which was done, and three \$20 notes were recovered, but the balance of the other money, &c., had been so "chewed" as to be worthless.

SCHUYLKILL COUNTY.—The Fourth was celebrated in various parts of the county, and generally in an appropriate manner, and without more than usual intoxication and disorder. Robert Hardy was killed by a fall of coal in Thomas Shollenberger's mine near Mount Pleasant. Erastus Klapp was caught in the cog-wheels of the corning works of Smith's powder mills, near Cressona, and had his left arm torn from the socket. A little girl eleven years old, the daughter of Major D. B. Holmes, of Schuylkill Haven, accidentally fell into the canal, near her home, and drowned. During a thunder storm on Monday before last, cell No. 2 of the County Jail was struck by lightning, but the only damage done, says the Standard, was knocking a lighted pipe out of a prisoner's mouth.

YORK COUNTY.—The farmers are harvesting their grain, which is very abundant. Wm. Wagner, Esq., for many years cashier of the York County National Bank, and an old and highly esteemed citizen, died at his residence in York on Monday morning last. Saturday the 3d inst., was observed as the anniversary of our national independence. The Young Men's Christian Association is fully organized, and their rooms in Ebert's building were dedicated with interesting and appropriate ceremonies on last Monday evening. The young ladies of the different churches of the town presented the association with a beautiful Bible. Early Tuesday morning of last week, the store room and dwelling of C. M. Raffensberger on Main street, was discovered to be on fire, but the flames were extinguished before much damage was done. Jesse Zeigler, of Jackson township, fell from a cherry tree on Saturday last, and was so severely injured that his recovery is considered doubtful.