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MEETING OF THE COUNTY COMMITTEE.

The Union Republican County Committee is requested to meet in the Orphans' Court Room, in the city of Lancaster, on MONDAY, the 19th day of July, 1869, at 11½ o'clock, A. M. Punctual attendance of all members of the Committee is requested.

MARTIN S. FRY, Chairman.

AT THEIR OLD TRICKS!

On Tuesday last several "Democratic" clubs arrived at Harrisburg, to attend the convention of the unterrified. Shortly after their arrival, Hon. Ulysses Mercur, of Towanda, had his pocket picked of four hundred dollars! "Comment is unnecessary.

THUNDER SQUELCHED.

What a terrible squelching of copperhead thunder has been the recent election in Virginia. Now the nigger is recognized as a "man and a brother," by the "glorious Democratic party," and we expect soon to see their leaders hereabouts kissing all the nigger babies they can find.

☞ The Reading *Eagle* has a very handy way of getting over difficult questions. In order to make its assertion good, that the democratic papers of the North are all against negro suffrage, the New York *World* is not recognized as a democratic paper, but "a traitor in disguise—a spy in the democratic camp," and the editor would even as soon follow "the advice of the New York *Tribune* or the FATHER ABRAHAM itself." Brick Pomeroy, according to the *Eagle*, publishes the only sound democratic paper in New York.

THE COP CANDIDATE.

In nominating Asa Packer for Governor, the Democartic State Convention succeeded in getting one of their most consistent representative men. He is a straight out democrat. His record may be stated very briefly thus: First, appointed an Associate Judge in Northampton County; second, elected to the Legislature; third, elected to Congress in 1852 and re-elected in 1854, and fourth, and lastly, was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention held at Charleston, in 1860, FROM WHICH HE BOLTED AND UNITED WITH THE SOUTHERN SECESSIONISTS, IN NOMINATING JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE AS THE SECESSION CANDIDATE TO DEFEAT STEPHEN A. DOUGLAS, THE REGULAR DEMOCRATIC NOMINEE.

This, simply is the political character of the Democratic candidate for Governor of Pennsylvania. Personally he may safely be termed a clever man; of great *business* capacity, and of some very good traits of character. He lives in a magnificent house; is a millionaire; keeps plenty of "pure old whisky" on his sideboard (for which, as well as his stamps, there will be an immense demand;) is fond of fun, though by no means very funny himself, and enjoys the reputation of being the champion euchre player in Mauch Chunk. But "he can't keep a hotel," nor be Governor of Pennsylvania.

A BEAUTIFUL PARTY.

The Roughs at Harrisburg—Pick-pockets, Shoulder-hitters and other Specimen "Democrats"—Severe "Punishment" of Lager and Whisky, &c., &c.

The copperhead gathering at Harrisburg on Wednesday at their State Convention, was "hard," but very characteristic. Packer clubs and Cass clubs vied with each other in rowdyism and roguery. We give a few specimens taken from the newspapers:

"The Pittsburg excursionists were accompanied by about one hundred of the worst roughs the city can boast. The Packer men say they are to do the outside fighting for their favorite, and have secured an importation of worse characters from Philadelphia."

"The Pittsburg roughs bully the saloon keepers, levy contributions of whisky and usurp the sidewalks. Some of them will be compulsory guests at the Dauphin county jail."

"A Cass delegate, named Cowel, from Philadelphia, was srrested in an attempt to pick the pocket of the proprietor of the Jones House, and sent to prison."

"The Packer men are in force from Philadelphia. The Lehigh Valley and adjoining counties are well organized and abundantly supplied with materials of war in the shape of money, whisky and boisterous Democracy."

"The great point made in Packer's favor is that his income from United States dividends is $130,000 per quarter, or over a half million per annum, and that he will hand over to ihe State Central Committee, if nominated, his check for a hundred thousand. This fact has produced a squabble for the Chairmanship of the State Committee, rivaling that for Governor.—Wallace retires disgusted with his failures. Hughes, of Schuylkill county, is anxious to handle the cash. So is Sam Randall and a half dozen others. The Chairmanship is beleived to be such a good thing in view of the wealth of the candidate, that even the Governorship is complicated by those anxious to secure it."

"Mauch Chunk was represented by Bob Klotz and Sammy Price, and other members of Packer's home body-guard."

"Brick Pomeroy was on hand and made his last year's campaign speech over again, calling the Republicans "d—n infernal thieves," and promising to "go through 'em and take the kinks out of their d—n black wool."

And so we might fill column after column with a description of the beauties of modern "Democracy," as exemplified at Harrisburg this week. The saur-kraut gorillas were only wanting to complete the picture.

THE VIRGINIA ELECTION.

The election in Virginia on Tuesday of last week, resulting in the success of Walker, the conservative candidate, and six out of nine Congressmen, and a majority of both Houses of the State Legislature of the same party, was at first claimed as a Democratic triumph. But the editors who were so very happy on the announcement of the result, are already hauling in their horns. Gov. Walker, on the day after his election, made a speech in Richmond, which reads just like any other Republican speech. On the night of the election, the chairman of the Walker State Committee telegraphed President Grant the triumph of *his administration*, but not a word about democratic victory. And on Saturday last Gov. Walker himself was at Washington, and had a long interview with the President, and the latter expressed himself entirely satisfied with the result. The real point of difference between the Radicals under Wells, and the Conservatives under Walker, appears to have been the questions of disfranchisement and test oath. The rebel element, of course, favored the most liberal plan of reconstruction, and voted to a man for Walker, although an open and outspoken Republican, and supporter of the President and the Republican administration. And as they (the ex-rebels and democrats) even pledged themselves in favor of the Fifteenth Amendment, and in a number of districts elected negroes to represent them, they have entirely repudiated the northern dough-faced Democracy, and may now be pronounced fully reconstructed. Taking for granted that the Governor of Virginia elect meant what he said in his speech, and in his long interview with the President, Virginia will be found squarely in the line of Republican States for years to come. The Democrats of Pennsylvania begin to understand the situation in Virginia, and they have nothing more to say about it. We are certainly well satisfied with the result.

A LOVELY PICTURE.

The ticket nominated by the Copperheads of Philadelphia is composed mainly of the very worst material. Their Convention was ruled by the roughs and rowdies of the purlieus of the city, lead by that "broth of a boy," Alderman Billy McMullin. Here is what a Philadelphia correspondent of one of our cotemporaries says of the ticket and the party:

"I wish I could catch the nominees of the late convention and carry them around on exhibition as specimens of pure Democracy. I could make more Republican voters in Pennsylvania than any dozen campaign speakers. Johnny Ahern for instance.—Hunt up the worst corner in Philadelphia or New York, pick out its worst groggery, with a congregation of bloated whites and blacks hanging around its doors and over its counters, drinking "penny dips" and swarming with flies and vermin, and you have the crib in which Ahern was raised and educated, in which he has never got above. And he is the copperhead candidate for Clerk of the Court of Quarter Sessions! Well, he has been in the dock often enough to be familiar with its duties.

"You can't go among the Irish groggeries of Moyamensing, and the brothel and tenement houses of Mary's and Bedford and Small streets, nor the gambling hells anywhere throughout the city, from the Democratic club—Simon pure—in Girard row, where *Alderman* William M'Mullin presides at the Faro Bank, to the cribs of Moyamensing where they play draw poker, penny ante, and find one solid Republican voter! "Thank de good Lord for dat," as the darkey said when the man threw the potatoes through the window, which he had been praying for."

A lovely party, and a proper ticket for sich!

VICTORY IN OCTOBER.

The overwhelming majority in favor of Governor Geary in the late Republican State Convention, seems to have completely removed all doubt as to his popularity among the people, and nine out of every ten who, only three weeks ago, doubted the expediency of his re-nomination, are already fully convinced that, after all, he is our strongest man, and that his triumphant election, by an increased majority on the second Tuesday of next October, is a fixed fact.

That Governor Geary is a most faithful, and, in every respect, a competent executive, is freely admitted on all sides among candid men. That he has erred, occasionally, is doubtless true, but where is the man, on the entire face of the globe, who does not err sometimes? But we dare his most malignant enemy to point out a single act of importance that can with truth be termed even an error. That he is in any way, directly or indirectly, identified with the Legislative corruptionists has not even been alleged by the Lancaster *Intelligencer* or the Reading *Eagle*. That he is a gentleman of unexceptionable moral character, is well known to every school boy, and also freely admitted by his political opponents. That he has distinguished himself during his four years' service in the field, as the hero of many battles, is a fact already recorded by the impartial historian. The only real opposition to Governor Geary is *political*. The Copperheads of Pennsylvania hope to carry the State next fall, and then pronounce it the first signal gun for a general uprising against the great Republican party of the country, and by persistent effort, such as a party largely made up of the lowest elements of society only can make, when marshaled by skillful leaders, they hope also to win the Presidential election in 1872, declare the reconstruction acts and constitutional amendments null and void, and, if possible, restore even that defunct relic of barbarism—Human Slavery.

But fortunately for the people of this State and Nation, the well laid schemes of the Copperhead leaders, are understood. The people will *not* restore them to power. Their treasonable efforts to destroy the old government and build upon its ruins a powerful despotism, the corner stone of which was to have been slavery; their open rebellion in New York in 1863, under the lead of their late candidate for the Presidency; their treasonable Knights of the Golden Circle in Pennsylvania, to prevent the re-enforcement of our armies then marching, fighting, bleeding and dying at the front; their desperate efforts to prevent our citizen soldiers from exercising the right of franchise whilst wearing the national blue and defending the glorious old flag; their frequent votes in Congress against supplies for the army; their disgraceful declaration in the National Convention at Chicago that the war was a failure; their most inhuman attempts even to fire our cities and import loathsome and fatal diseases among our people—these and many other high and horrible crimes committed by the democratic party, are *not yet* forgotten. Before that party can reasonably hope to elect a President of the United States, or even a Governor of the Old Keystone State, the organization will be run by men who are now mere schoolboys. The old sinners, such as Vallandigham, Seymour, Breckinridge, Woodward, Wallace, Clymer and A. J. must die out first, and new and better and more Patriotic men must take their places as leaders of a thoroughly re-constructed democracy. But, as their day is very remote, we need only attend to our own duties at this time—get ready for an active and victorious campaign for Governor of Pennsylvania. The time has come for a general waking up. Organization in every election district, and a weekly edition of fifty thousand copies of FATHER ABRAHAM to supply regular subscribers, is first in order.

☞ The Lancaster *Inquirer* of last Saturday, exulting over the appointment of Sheriff Frey as a member of the Republican State Central Committee, refers to certain letters written by publishers of "pretended Republican journals in this city," to prominent individuals in Harrisburg, urging them to prevent, if possible, said appointment. We have not the slightest objection to be known as the writer of one of these letters, strongly protesting against the appointment of Sheriff Frey as unfit to be made, and although the only letter we wrote was a *private one*, we would be even willing to have it published, if deemed of sufficient importance to the organ-grinder of defunct Thuggery. Although our effort to prevent the appointment failed, we have at least the consolation to know that we are on the side of the Republican people, who had only a few days previously, by a majority of over two to one, defeated this same Sheriff Frey and the whole Thug ticket for delegates, including one of the organ-grinders himself. We may also mention here that Frey's appointment was *not* "unanimous," as stated—at least two of the delegates voting against him.

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STATE NEWS.

BERKS COUNTY.—The Republican mass county meeting will be held at the Court House, City of Reading, on Monday, the 9th of August, when the time will be fixed for delegate elections and the nominating convention.....A valuable light brown horse was stolen from Chas. A. Kline, Esq., of Klinesville, on the night of the 28th ult.....The Borough authorites of Hamburg are enforceing the dog law.....Two infantiside cases, the one in Reading and the other in Ontelaunce, have created some sensation. Anna C. Printz, aged twenty, is the alleged mother of a male infant found dead in a sink at Ninth and Cherry streets, Reading. The other case is a four year old child found floating in Maiden creek, with a large gash in the right side of the neck, evidently a stab. Detectives are investigating the case.....The contract for the new City Hall of Reading has been awarded to Daniel Spohn, for $24,500.....Messrs. E. & G. Brooke, are about erecting a new furnace at Birdsboro.....John A. Buch resigned the office of Chief Engineer of the Reading Fire Department.....A terrific tornado passed over a porton of Lower Heidelberg, uprooting large trees, demolishing fences and unroofing a large barn belonging to George Gemant.....The Reading Rail Road Company's workshops in Reading afford constant employment to 2000 men.....A little girl named Root, who was bitten by a dog some time ago, was on Monday last attacked with symptoms of hydrophobia.....Edward Raber, of Shoemakerville, while handling a pistol accidentally shot himself a few days ago.....The P. O. Sons of America are making extensive preparations for a public parade in Reading on the 11th of August next.....The Colebrookdale Rail Road is finished from Pottstown as far North as Boyertown.

SCHUYLKILL COUNTY.—A man named Shawnessy was fatally stabbed at Dark Corner, on Monday evening of last week.... Four houses were destroyed by fire in Ashland, on Monday of last week....Erastus Kapp, who had his arm injured on the 26th ult., in Smithville Powder Works, had the limb amputated a few days ago.... A girl, aged twelve years, was accidentally shot on the 4th of July, at Friedensburg. The ball struck the right shoulder and lodged in the neck. Recovery probable, though she is in a critical condition. .....Thomas Russell died from injuries received in Hill's colliery, near Mahanoy City.....The salary of Rev. I. W. Schenck, of the first Presbyterian church, of Pottsville, has been increased to $2500.....The *Miners' Journal* gives particulars of a number of murderous assaults upon citizens by outlaws.....A twelve year old son of Conrad Seltzer, Esq., the County Treasurer, was attacked near a tavern opposite the residence of his father, in Norwegian township, and the latter coming to the boy's assistance, was also attacked and beaten in a shocking manner. Amos Forseman, a switch-tender at Mill Creek Junction, was attacked and almost beaten to death by a gang of drunken roughs on the night of the 3d inst....On Sunday before last a man named John Kennedy, of Silver Creek, and some of his friends, were at Patterson, five miles distant, engaged in a spree. Between five and six o'clock in the evening, Kennedy and others went to the premises of Eli T. Miller, close by. There they entered the house of one of Mr. Miller's teamsters, named Jacob Vanblyten, and attacked him and his wife and broke the furniture. They drove Mrs. Vanblyten from the house and pursued Mr. Vanblyten to a barn of Mr. Miller, where they beat him most shockingly. In self-defense Mr. Vaublyten drew a pistol, and shot Kennedy. The ball took effect in his breast, and he died in a few minutes. The rest of the assailants then fled. Kennedy, the deceased, was a miner, 45 years old, and leaves a widow and five children.....On Monday, 5th inst., Lewis Fuhrman, of Union Towuship, went to Shenandoah City. After he reached the town he went out to fight a man named Henry Troutman. Early in the fight Fuhrman was knocked down, set upon by a party and kicked. One kick in the back of his neck broke it, and he died in a few minutes after. He was 40 years old and leaves a family. During the rebellion he was a soldier of Company H, 17th Pa., Cavalry.

YORK COUNTY.—Monday week Jacob Cook, aged 20 years, was drowned while bathing at Goldsboro.....The Worth Infantry military company of York will hold a festival on the 28th, 29th, and 30th of Sept.....A camp meeting will be held near Oakhill, Cumberland Co., continuing eight days, commencing August 4th..... The employees of the N. C. R. R. intend holding a pic-nic at Emig's woods, on the line of the road, on Thursday, the 15th inst.....Last Friday night a fire broke out in a stable, in the rear of Daniel Lehman's residence, East Philadelphia street, in York. The stable with its contents, including a fine mare, were consumed.... T. E. Cochran, Esq., delivered an address before the Literary Society of Cottage Hill Female Seminary, on the 29th ult. The *True Democrat* says: "The address was one of rare excellence and was listened to with breathless attention from the commencement to the conclusion. It is seldom the good people of York are favored with so rich an intellectual treat." The York Medical Society is the name of an organization recently formed by the physicians of the county. An adjourned meeting will be held on Thursday, 22d inst.....A quarrel took place recently in Hanover between two darkies, when one of the party was badly cut by a razor in the hands of the other.....The distillery of Mr. Knoedler, in Codorus township, was destroyed by fire, on Thursday night of last week.....James A. Schall, Esq. has been elected Cashier of the York County National Bank, in place of Wm. Wagner, deceased. Mr. Schall has been long connected with the institution as teller. Isaac A. Elliott succeeds Mr. Schall as teller.....A firm in York has shipped to Baltimore this season, over a thousand bushels of cherries, which they purchased at about $2 per bushel.

SOLDIERS' ORPHAN SCHOOLS.—Col. George F. McFarland, the efficient Superintendent of Soldiers' Orphan Schools of the State, has addressed a circular to the principals and managers of the several Homes and Schools, relative to the summer vacation and the examination preceding. The vacation begins on Friday July 23d, and terminates on Thursday, Sept. 2nd. At the Children's Home, this city, the examination took place yesterday. At the Mt. Joy school it takes place to-day.

THINGS AT CAPE MAY.

A Trip to Cape May—A big Hotel, and a bigger Ball—Improvements, &c. &c.

PHILADELPHIA, July 12, 1869

DEAR ABE: "Warwick" has been away—been at a ball—an inauguration ball—not an inauguration ball of a President, but the grand inauguration ball of the Stockton House, at Cape Island. And pray why shouldn't "Warwick" once in a while devote a few hours to recreation and amusement? Well, he received a complimentary ticket to said ball; he went, and to say he was pleased beyond measure, would not convey half his idea upon the grand occasion. The biggest thing we saw was the "Stockton House," the new structure mentioned in a previous letter. This building is of immense proportions, built in the most solid and substantial manner, and in the Italian style of architecture. For beauty of design, symmetrical proportions and convenient arrangements, it cannot be surpassed by any hotel in the country; we certainly know of none equal to it. The architect, S. D. Button, Esq., of Philadelphia, if he had never drawn out any other plan, has in this structure shown his ingenuity and skill as an artisan, and besides made a famous reputation for himself. The hotel is situated on Gurney and Strand sts., and has an entrance front on Gurney-st. of 290 feet, and the depth from this street to the front of the porch on Howard-st., is 394 feet. A tower in the center of the entrance front rises to the heighth of 120 feet; it is highly ornamented with balconies and scroll work. The porticoes are 1,400 feet long, 20 feet wide, and 50 feet high. The office and main staircase hall are 50 by 100 feet, and the dining room, which is also used as a ball room, is 50 by 220 feet, whilst there are again ladies reception rooms, a principal and smaller parlor, smoking room, billiard room, baggage room, barber shop, restaurant, offices, &c.—The means of ingress and egress are admirable—a beautiful collonade separates the main office from the principal staircase. The ocean wing above referred to is designed for lodging rooms and private parlors, the three upper stories being arranged entirely for sleeping rooms, averaging 10 by 15 feet each. The house is furnished throughout in the most gorgeous and expensive manner, and no expense has been spared to insure the comfort of the guests, from fifteen hundred to two thousand of whom can be accommodated at one time. The management has been given to Mr. Gardner, of Willard's, at Washington, than whom no better could have been secured, and under his management the "Stockton" will be sure to prosper. This immense affair was projected by J. G. Bullitt, of Phila., A. W. Markley and Gen'l. Wm. Lewell, of New Jersey, and several other prominent men. The feasability of the undertaking all conceded, they put their energies to work, and the result has been the finest hotel at any watering place in the land.

But I am forgetting all about the ball, on the 8th, to give a description of which is almost beyond your correspondent's power. Wealth, dignity, talent and beauty, all combined to grace the occasion. Many of our most prominent statesmen were present, among whom I noticed Hon. W. E. Lehman, Hon. Asa Packer, Hon. Judge Thompson, Hon. Richard Haldeman, Hon. D. M. Fox, and our old friend, Col. James Page, who officiated as Master of Ceremonies. Among the great Railroad Managers were Wm. H Gatzmer, A. W. Markley, John C. Balliet and Hon. Wm. B. Miller, Mayor of Cape May, whilst the military element was represented by Generals Meade and Van Vliet. But to mention all the distinguished names would occupy too much space.

As to the ladies, there was a host. It seemed as if our cities had emptied themselves, and sent to the ball every one of their beauties.—Each seemed to vie with the other in the richness and elegance of their costume, and in beauty of style. About four thousand in all participated in the affair.

The ball was kept up until the wee sma' hours of the morning, when all retired to dream of the happy hours spent in the Stockton ball room.

The hotels are all well filled, and the cry is still they come, every train adding to the thousands already here.

Cape May has greatly improved since we were here last summer. There is an air of gentility surrounding it, and we really feel it is the watering place of our country.

But, here I am again amidst this busy pile of brick and mortar, and for the first time I realize that FATHER ABRAHAM employs me as his Philadelphia correspondent, and not to note Cape May gossip. If any of your readers desire to become just as enthusiastic as "Warwick," however, let them take the noon train at Lancaster, making close connections here, and spend a few days on the island.

Things in the city are quiet. It is too hot to be anything else. The decision of the Supreme Court regarding the Registry act has created quite a stir, especially among the Cops. The Democracy are all preparing to go to Harrisburg to their State Convention, no less than three different clubs intending to participate. After they have made a nomination for State officers, it is said the city conventions will be re-convened and a new ticket placed in the field.

The contested election case still goes on. The case has been set down for argument on the 6th of September, shortly after which a decision may be looked for. Close calculators concede that it will be decided in our favor, which can hardly be otherwise in the face of the stupendous frauds proven. In conversation with Gen. Tyndale a few days back, he was sanguine of proving sufficient illegal votes to displace Mayor Fox.

Yours, as of old.

WARWICK.

RIGHT DOCTRINE.

The New York *Tribune* defines its position with reference to candidates unfit for the support of Republicans, which every honest man will subscribe to, thus:

"We condemn the iniquities and corruptions that render bolting necessary, but we do *not* condemn bolting. We heartily trust that no Republican candidate may be nominated this fall who ought to be bolted from, but if a bad man *should* be nominated, we hope honest men will bolt."

That doctrine is as good for Pennsylvania as New York, and it is commended to Republicans to practice on everywhere. Lancaster county politicians—especially those fellows who "set up" things—should take notice. No nonsense!

HAPPY.

The copperheads of the *Intelligencer*, and elsewhere, are particularly happy over the result in Virginia, especially as it was brought about by a division of the negro vote. It is amazing how negro stock has gone up in copperhead circles within the last week. "A negro is as good as an Irishman or a Saurkraut gorilla," say the leaders, "when he votes the Dimmycratic ticket!"

LOOK OUT FOR THEM!

Every election accumulates the evidence that accuses the Democratic party of fraud and perjury against the purity of the franchise. And the material upon which they operate increases with every year.—Lately in a single week six thousand foreigners left Liverpool for the United States. Fraudulent naturalization papers—the counterfeits of Democrat leaders—are ready for the arrival of all such cargoes. The system has been so far perfected that in all precints with Democratic judges, more illegal than legal votes can be polled, when success renders such a result necessary. Even arrests amount to nothing.—Wherever the judiciary is Democratic, judges countenance and encourage the violence and perjury that contributes to Democratic victories! Is this too sweeping an assertion? At the very last election in New York city twenty-three men were arrested by the Republican police, and taken before Judge McCunn, for fraudulent voting. *And this Democratic Judge discharged the whole batch at once without a hearing!* That's the way they do it.

Local News.

ITEMS: Mr. H. H. Tschudy has been appointed by Gov. Geary, Notary Public at Litiz, in place of F. W. Christ, Esq., resigned.

Beautiful—"The Girl of the Period." Go and see her, at Riddle & Cochran's new Book Store, 40 North Queen street.

A coal oil lamp exploded in the cellar of the store of D. S. Bursk, this city, one evening last week. No damage was done, but the escape from a destructive fire was a narrow one.

Dr. Jacob Rohrer, near Neffsville, had a collar bone fractured a few days ago, while loading a wagon with boards.

A son of Isaac Evans, of Petersburg, fell from a tree while picking cherries, and was considerably cut and bruised.

Mrs. John Sphar, of East Donegal township, south of Mount Joy, broke her arm in falling from a cherry tree on Thursday afternoon.

The Republicans of Mount Joy are fitting up their wigwam for the campaign.

There will be a parade of American Mechanics at Mount Joy to-morrow. Excursion tickets will be issued by the railroads, and a large turn-out is expected.

The Marietta post-office, in this county, has been made a money order office. The new arrangement went into effect on Monday last.

M. Brosius, Esq., of this city, has been engaged by the Order of Good Templars of this State, as a lecturer on temperance for the ensuing year.

Jacob Shelly has been reappointed Notary Public for Mount Joy borough.

Some American citizens of African descent thought they would imitate their fellow citzens of white complexion of the classic precincts of Sour-kraut hill, by getting up a little bit of row among themselves on Sunday night. The affair occurred on South Queen street, near the colored church, and in the melee Charles Crawford had an arm broken and received some other injuries. Two pistol shots were fired but nobody hit.

A horse race took place at the Lancaster County *Agricultural* Park on Saturday last. It was called "a trial of speed", and of course there was no gambling permitted—they say.

Woodcock is said to be very abundant. Some sportsmen of Harrisburg bagged fifteen in the vicinity of Elizabethtown, this county on Saturday last.

Pens, Pen-holders, Ink, &c., &c., for sale by Riddle & Cochran, 40 North Queen street. Call and see them.

John Hartman and Jeremiah Dunkle were before Alderman Amweg on Saturday, charged with assault in pushing a boy named George Ochs, from an empty hay wagon driven by them, by which he was run over and seriously injured. They would not let the little fellow have a ride.

During the last week, the ex-Councillors of the subordinate Councils, Order of United American Mechanics, throughout the State, deposited their votes, in their respective Councils, for State Council officers. The principal contest was for Secretary, between William H. Weckerly and I. C. Batt, the present incumbent. The votes will be returned to the State Council and the result announced at the next regular session.

The commencement of the Male and Female High Schools of this city, takes place this morning at Fulton Hall. The graduating classes number thirteen girls and six boys.

Rev. J. I. Mombert, Rector of St. James (Episcopal) Church of this city, has resigned his charge for the purpose of taking charge of a school at Dresden, Germany.

James P. Boyd, Esq., formerly of this city, now one of the able Editorial staff of Forney's Philadelphia *Press*, is to deliver an original poem before the Literary Societies of Lafayette College, at Easton, Pa., on the 27th inst.

David Root, of Mount Joy, was stopped by a highwayman between Marietta and the former place, near the summit of Chiques Hill, on Saturday evening last, and robbed of $125, all the money he had with him. This is not the first time that persons have been robbed in that locality.

The list of income returns for 1868, in this county, are now being published. The returns for last year show an aggregate of $59,069.65; the amount for 1867, was $63,478.84—showing a decrease of $4,409.19.

Fine writing paper and envelopes at the new book store of Riddle & Cochran, No. 40 North Queen street.

The weather on Sunday last was the warmest—no, hottest—of the season, the thermometer being 95 at noon, in the shade.

RICH.—The report of the horse races in the *Intelligencer*. The writer knows all about the beautiful and elegant phrazes of gamblers in horse-flesh. Of course no gambling is allowed. Oh, no—"Not for Joe."

The Harrisburg *Telegraph* of Tuesday says that Mr. Levi Ellmaker, who was so severely injured by falling from the Cincinnati Express train two weeks ago, has had a relapse, and is not expected to live.

A man named Schaeffer was instantly killed on Monday last, by the caving in of an ore bank near Marietta, this county, owned by the Messrs. Musselman. Three other men were buried beneath the earth, but were not fatally injured.

The First National Bank of Columbia has declared a dividend for the last six months, of six and a half per cent. and added $5000 to surplus.

Several small veins of stone coal were, a few days ago, discovered in the excavations for the Pinegrove and Manheim Railroad, near Mount Hope, in Rapho township, this county

Lewis Shipley, of Bird Hill, Carroll Co., Md., will make arrangements with relations and friends to remove the remains of any soldier who died at Andersonville, Georgia, during the war. Mr. Shipley will go to that place in October next.

Most of the churches of this city have been closed in order to give the pastors a vacation during the warm weather.

Mister Muskeeter—this malignant July jumper made his appearance last night in our bedroom—said "how are you?" in a sort of buzzing whisper—shook hands with the tip end of our nose, and ended his mutual career in attempting to make acquaintance with our left ear. If it is any consolation to his surviving relatives, we can say he died with his face to the foe, and a song of triumph on his lips.