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FRIDAY, JULY 23, 1869.

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For Governor, GEN. JOHN W. GEARY.

For Judge of the Supreme Court, HON. HENRY W. WILLIAMS, OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY.

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THE FIRST INSTALLMENT.

It is generally reported, and believed, that Asa Packer has already honored a draft for one hundred thousand dollars, in favor of the Democratic State Committee, being the first instalment for the campaign.

AFTER THE STAMPS.

Several members of the sporting fraternity of this city, the other day, talked over the expediency of "holding off" a while—not to be in too great a hurry about committing themselves for Asa Packer, and thus compel his "chairman" to come down handsomely with the stamps. The exact amount they mean to go for is not yet fixed. They are now making diligent enquiry as to the extent of Asa's wealth.

PACKER'S POPULARITY.

Whilst Mr. Packer is a very clever man, and highly esteemed as such by those who know him well, he is by no means popular as a candidate. In 1854, when he was before the people for re-election to Congress, although the district is quite as strongly democratic as old Berks, being composed of the counties of Northampton, Monroe, Pike, Wayne and Carbon, his majority over Steward was only about fifteen hundred. About six or seven years ago he was the democratic nominee for councilman for the borough of Mauch Chunk, and handsomely beaten by Mr. Louis Beckhardt, a German Republican.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

Mr. A. T. C. Keffer, of Reading, announces himself as a candidate for the Legislature, subject to the democratic nomination. "If nominated and elected," says Mr. K. in his card, "I pledge myself to use every effort to promote the best interests of the people generally, and I will expose and treat with contempt all approaches of bribery and corruption."

An honest democrat at least! If elected, as he ought to be, one representative, at least, will be found at Harrisburg next winter who cannot be "seen" by hangers-on about the Third House. Should we renew our bid for the Pasting and Folding contract, Keffer, of old Berks, will be the very individual we shall go for. We count him sure, and without any "setting up" on our part. And when we come to draw our stamps from the State Treasury as payment for our work, we will be sure not to have the gentleman from Berks snouting round for a "divvy." We are decidedly for Keffer, because, like Honest Andy, he is even above suspicion, for he says so himself.

AN ORIGINAL SECESSIONIST.

Asa Packer, the Democratic candidate for Governor, was a delegate to the Charleston National Convention in 1860, when, after a number of ballots, Stephen A. Douglas received the regular nomination of the party for President, by a two-thirds vote, whereupon the avowed secessionists, principally of the cotton States, withdrew from the Convention, and at a subsequent meeting held in Baltimore, nominated John C. Breckinridge as their candidate. Asa Packer was one of the few Northern delegates who bolted the regular convention, repudiated its regular nominee and united with the secessionists for Breckinridge. He is therefore entitled to full credit for having been an original secessionist, and, of course a sound "Democrat" to-day.

HYPOCRITES AND LIARS!

The following resolution was adopted at the Copperhead State Convention last week that nominated Packer for Governor. It was reported by Frank Hughes, of Pottsville, a notorious rebel scoundrel during the war, and refreshingly cool for the season. It comes with a pretty grace from a party that opposed the soldier's right to vote, that refused them bounties, and that favored deserters and bounty-jumpers on all occasions. Read it:

"That our soldiers and sailors, who carried the flag of our country to victory, must be gratefully remembered, and all the guarantees given in their favor must be faithfully carried into execution."

"Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the odor of the ointment. Then saith one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, which should betray him, 'Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence and given to the poor.' This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief."

TOO MUCH TO BEAR!

The newly elected Governor of Virginia visited Richmond a few days after the election, and the F. F. V.'s witnessed the humiliating sight of his being received and escorted to his hotel by a committee "composed about equally of the most prominent white and colored citizens." On reaching his hotel, he "appeared between the National and State flags" held by representatives of the two races "!! The Governor made a speech, in which he said: 'We must remember that we have succeeded on the platform of universal suffrage and equal rights. \* \* \* We must not forget that the opportunity of winning this victory was through the liberality of President Grant, (loud cheers), and we must see that its fruits are for the benefit of all.' The despatch further says: 'Gov. Walker was followed by Isaac Hunter, colored, and several white speakers.'

Now, Mr. Intelligencer, and the very respectable democrats and Saur-kraut gorillas, where is your thunder? Why don't you pitch in? The "nigger" will surely get ahead of you at this rate. How!

CONSISTENCY—HONESTY!

During the war the "Democrats" of Ohio nominated Vallandigham for Governor, because he sided with the rebels, denounced the war and the soldiers, and favored armed opposition in the North against it. He was sent into the rebel lines as a traitor, and was received by them with open arms.

The very same party, of the very same State, have nominated Gen. Rosecrans for Governor, who fought against the South with zeal and determination, denounced Vallandigham and the "Democratic party" of Ohio as traitors, supported Lincoln and acted with the Republicans throughout the struggle.

The Trenton (N. J.) Sentinel well says, in commenting on these facts, that the copperheads are a "set of unprincipled scoundrels, who eat up their principles as a sow does her young; who care nothing for consistency, honor, truth, virtue, or patriotism; who will board and bunk with a nigger for his vote, and embrace a nigger's sister without a qualm of conscience or of stomach."

WHAT HE SAID OF THEM!

Gen. Rosecrans, early in 1863, while he was in command of the army in Tennessee, wrote to Governor Tod, of Ohio, in which he gave his opinion of the men who at that time, and now, comprise the "Democratic" party as follows: "He who entertains the sentiment in favor of peace on any terms, is FIT ONLY TO BE A SLAVE; and he who utters it at this time is, moreover, A TRAITOR TO HIS COUNTRY, AND DESERVES THE CONTEMPT AND SCORN OF ALL HONORABLE MEN."

This same Rosecrans is the candidate of the Vallandighamites for Governor of Ohio. It is hard to say which is the most contemptible—the man who would allow himself to be made the candidate of those whom he denounced so bitterly—or the poor devils who would lick dirt by supporting him. What a conglomerated mass of putrefaction copperheads are, to be sure.

Inquiry having been so often made for copies of the paper containing the production of the late Rev. H. Harbaugh, D. D., "Das Alt Schull-Haus on der Krick," we will republish it in next week's FATHER ABRAHAM. Persons desiring copies should leave their orders at this office.

AN IMPORTANT OMISSION.

"Honest" Andy Armstrong committed a grave oversight in the County Committee on Monday, in the interrogatories he submitted. He should have added the following:

Will you pledge yourself not to charge and receive more mileage fees than allowed by law?

Will you pay back to the State Treasury any amount you may have heretofore received more than you were entitled to by law?

An interrogatory to cover the Illinois case, which Andy knows something about, would not have been out of place.

Andy is a brick, and no mistake, and as innocent as a lamb, too.

COLD COMFORT.

The Richmond Examiner—a rebel copperhead paper—in commenting upon the recent election in Virginia, says some very encouraging things to the Pennsylvania "Democracy," the natural allies of the rebels and traitors of the South. The Examiner says that "There is no such thing as Democracy in Virginia—that 'its very bones have rotted, and now crumble to the touch. No resurrection could bring that party to life, and its ashes lie mingled with and undistinguished from the 'old whig party.'"

If "Democracy" is rotten in Virginia, what must it be in Pennsylvania? If the old slaveholders reject and loathe it, what of their servile followers and lick-spittles, the Pennsylvania "Democratic" leaders?

STUBBORN FACTS.

Wherever the Republican party rules in the country, says the Miners' Journal, there indebtedness is reduced and the people prosper. For instance, the State of Iowa recently paid off a large part of its debt, and has funds on hand sufficient to redeem the outstanding loans, as soon as the holders are ready to receive the money. And Indiana is pursuing the same course. Five years ago the debt of that State was \$9,000,000, and has now been reduced to \$2,600,000; of which \$800,000 was paid off on July 1st, leaving only \$1,800,000 still due. It's the same in Pennsylvania. Under the Republican Administration Governors Curtin and Geary the State debt has been largely reduced and taxation lightened. The tax on real estate has been altogether removed. If the people want this satisfactory state of affairs to continue they must re-elect Geary in October. To return to the Sham Democratic government will be to invite increased indebtedness and misrule.

"We trust, however, that at the next meeting of the Committee the matter will be duly considered, and if any modification of the rules are necessary let them be made; but if it be found that the present rules are sufficient let nothing be enacted thereon to gratify the ambition, cupidity or vanity of any pretended and over zealous reformer."—Examiner of Wednesday.

"If I can't whip you, I will make mouths at your sister." Jack gladly embraces the opportunity to insinuate against Billingsfelt. True, it is alleged, and there is force in the allegation, that the leader of the "Ring" has again joined secretly accomplices which he dare not attempt openly—the defeat of the nomination of Billingsfelt to the Senate. The sly dig that somebody wants to have his ambition, cupidity or vanity" contributed to is understood. Billingsfelt has beaten both heretofore, and will do it again. mark that! The people will not be led in their object, and you had better come in gracefully.

IT WON'T DO!

"There may have been exceptional cases where the will of the people has been set aside by fraud on the part of officers holding primary elections, but these we honestly believe have been rare. As a general thing these elections have been honestly conducted heretofore, and will be so in the future."—Lancaster Examiner.

Well, why don't you suggest some way of preventing the frauds which you know have been committed at our primary elections, if that presented by Mr. Billingsfelt don't suit you. Even if "as a general thing these elections have been honestly conducted," you know there have been special cases of outrageous fraud. The alphabetical list of voters of Conoy, copied from the assessor's lists, in the Commissioners office—the counting out of Capt. Godshalk in Ephrata last fall—the fraud in Earl by which A. E. Roberts was "counted out"—the nice fixing up at Columbia by which the list of voters could not be kept—and others that might be mentioned, make it necessary to do something to save the party. Jack, this thing can't be "pooh-poohed" down. The time to save the ticket is now—not after it has been "set up" by fraud and villainy. Just as sure as a ticket is nominated this fall as was the one last fall, it will be spewed up and spit upon. It can't be elected, and it may as well be distinctly understood beforehand.

PACKER has nothing to recommend him but his bank account. He is old, infirm, and past his usefulness. Governor Geary, the Republican candidate, has served the country as a statesman and a soldier. He is energetic and progressive. The issue in the canvass in Pennsylvania will be dollars, age, and imbecility, against brains, patriotism, and activity.

AFTER THEM.

The Harrisburg correspondent of the Blair County Radical, says:

"The work of legislative reform is not uncomb, however much some Republican newspapers may ridicule the idea. The people are in dead earnest, and are making themselves heard at the polls. So far, including the six in Philadelphia, but ten of the old members of the Lower House have been re-nominated. Wherever the people can get a square clip at a 'rooster,' under the Crawford county system, off goes his head. The number of yearlings made by the betrayal of '67, will sink into nothingness when compared to '68.'"

This is good news for the people, and the Republicans do well in thus avoiding the disastrous results that would surely have followed the re-nomination of the corruptionists of the last legislature, and by taking decided ground in favor of reform. In some instances the "shysters" have wormed and wiggled their way through, but in doing so have been compelled to swallow pledges that may possibly keep them in the proper path. One thing is certain—no practical corruptionist should be sent back, if he has managed to manoeuvre a nomination out of forty conventions. Let direct and specific pledges be secured from every Republican candidate on the questions of economy, retrenchment and misuse of the public funds. Some individuals may violate their obligations, but the backs of the well-intentioned and possibly weak minded brethren, may be stiffened by them, when they come in contact with the seductive wiles of the State Capital. The example of Chester, Washington and Beaver counties on this subject is one well worthy of attention.

THE EFFECTS.

The election of Grant and the ejection of Johnson has made the Copperheads and rebels very unhappy because—

The Whisky Ring is no more! Economy is the rule! Honesty is in the ascendancy! The debt is literally wasting away! Congress will actually be able to commence reducing taxation! It is a perfect reign throughout the land! Copperheads are out of office!

THINGS IN PHILADELPHIA.

The Jewish Synagogue—Improvements on Broad Street—The proposed Musical Festival—The Military—Gen. Grant at Cape May—The Philadelphia Navy Yard—The Registry Law, &c.

PHILADELPHIA, JULY 21, 1869. DEAR AB: Yesterday we had the ceremony attendant upon the laying of the corner stone for a new and handsome Synagogue, about to be erected in North Broad St., and that portion of our city of the Jewish persuasion were out in great numbers. It is estimated that this new ornament to our city will cost by the time it is finished, upwards of two hundred thousand dollars.

Improvements on Broad-st. have been rapidly progressing, and in the course of time it will be regarded as the handsomest thoroughfare of our city, but there will be none like it in the country. Councils did a wise act when they ordered the removal of the Railway track on this street, as the coal and freight cars, constantly jammed upon, not only spoiled the appearance of this beautiful thoroughfare, but rendered pleasant driving and walking almost a matter of impossibility.

Philadelphia is to have a Peace Jubilee—and a Jubilee, too, that is to knock the Boston affair into a cocked hat. It is to come off in 1870, being the centennial anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, and the building to be erected in Fairmount Park, and is to accommodate over one hundred thousand people, whilst there is to be twelve to fifteen thousand singers, fiddlers, and brass drummers. Gen. Grant has been addressed upon the subject, and his approval solicited. Already a preliminary committee has organized, and is making arrangements for the same, and it is to be a big thing, and to carry out the proposed plan even that time is not any too long for preparation. Besides, news is so insufferably scarce our correspondent is compelled to pitch into every item.

Military fever is raging here to a great extent, and it has done since the close of the war. The different Militia regiments are fast filling up and new companies constantly forming. One of our crack organizations, the Gray Reserves, has been in camp at the sea shore, and this has a tendency to make recruiting quite lively. The Reserves have been reviewed at their camp by Gen. Grant. Next month the Fritz Zouaves go into camp at Atlantic City.

The advent of President Grant at the Capes caused a big rush for that retreat, but whether they went for office, or merely to have a day or two's recreation, depends on the individual. It is, however, the professional office-seekers and bidders were well represented.

At the Navy Yard retrenchment is the order of the day, and instructions have been received from Washington to discharge another lot of workmen. Last week over three hundred men were discharged, and were discharged, and this week another batch will be let slide. Previous to the discharge, about 2,200 men were employed in the yard, and the wages paid were from \$2.10 for laborers to \$3.84 for mechanics. One new vessel, the "Cambridge," is building and two monitors fitting out for sea, two other iron clads having gone into commission yesterday. It is somewhat singular, that with a Republican administration and in the face of these extensive dismissals, our Navy Yard still employs some Copperheads who opposed General Grant's election from the start.

The Board of Aldermen have not as yet appointed all the canvassers necessary to carry out the Registry law, though they are busily employed getting ready to have correct registry of the city taken, and next October, it is to be hoped, we will be able to have a fair vote.

Packer, the rich democratic candidate for Governor, is to be at the Merchants, in fourth street to-morrow night, and a serenade will be given to him. Excursions are making to get out a large crowd of the faithful, but something is wrong, as the "enthusiasm," so far as it comes, but on the other hand, meeting after meeting is being held throughout the city, at all of which resolutions condemning the late City Convention and its nominations are published, which will only have a tendency to greatly increase the majority with which Geary will go out of the city at the next election.

I have good authority for saying that Mr. Samuel J. Randall will not make the chairmanship of the Copperhead State Central Committee, but that this honor (?) will be conferred upon Lewis C. Cassidy. This chairmanship is said to be a very desirable one, and the Governorship, as it is supposed Packer will lose some of his twenty million dollars; hence the fight. Weather cool and pleasant. Yours, WARWICK.

PROCEEDINGS OF A MEETING OF THE UNION REPUBLICAN COUNTY COMMITTEE.

At the call of the Chairman, Mr. M. S. Fry, the Republican County Committee met in the Orphans' Court Room, in the Court House, on Monday morning at 11 1/2 o'clock. The meeting was an unusually full one, every district being represented.

The Committee, being organized for business, Mr. Billingsfelt, of Adamstown, said that he would offer some amendments to the rules governing primary elections. The amendments were read by the secretary as follows: Before any votes shall be received, said Judge, inspectors and clerks shall each take an oath or affirmation that he will perform the duties of Judge, Inspector or Clerk of said election in strict accordance with the rules adopted governing the primary elections of the Republican party in Lancaster county, and to the best of his abilities, and that he will studiously endeavor to prevent fraud, deceit or abuse in conducting the same, which oath or affirmation any or the said inspectors, inspectors or clerks so elected may administer to each other; and the same shall be in writing or partly written, and partly printed and signed by said judges, inspectors and clerks, and certified to by the party administering the same and attached to or entered upon the return and there certified to as aforesaid.

The Judge or Inspector, as the case may be, shall deliver, shall, upon the receipt thereof, pronounce with an audible voice the name of the voter; and if no objection is made to him, and the officers of said election are satisfied that said voter is entitled to vote according to the rules aforesaid, said election, shall immediately receive said tickets, while the ticket remains in his hand, the name or names therein contained for the several officers voted for, and each of said clerks shall keep a tally list, and, as the name of each person voted for is read off, shall enter the same on said list, which said tally list shall constitute a part of the return; and after having read said ticket, as aforesaid, he shall deliver it to the second officer, who shall examine the same and pass it to the third officer, who shall place said ticket in a box closely bound and sealed, with only sufficient space left open to receive said ticket.

As soon as the polls are closed, the judge and each of the inspectors and clerks shall write their names on a slip of paper, which shall be pasted over the space left open for the reception of the tickets, and at least half-way around said box, which box shall be so kept until the return papers are made out, when the same shall be opened in the presence of all the officers, the tickets again counted and deposited with the other papers to be returned to the meeting of the return judges as heretofore provided.

Immediately after every twenty votes are polled, the judge shall openly and in an audible voice announce the result, so that all persons at the polls may hear the same. The same shall be done after all the votes are polled.

The number of votes for each person in the tally list as aforesaid shall be enumerated as soon as the box is closed, under the inspection of the judge and inspectors, and set down as heretofore provided in the form of the return.

The following shall be substantially the form of the poll book to be kept by the officers conducting said election, filling in the blanks carefully: Poll Book of the primary election held on Saturday, the day of —, A. D. 18—, by the qualified voters of the Republican party of Lancaster county, at the house of —, in the — of —, in the county aforesaid.

A. B. being duly elected as judge, C. D. and E. F. as inspectors, and G. H. and J. K. as clerks of said election, were severally sworn or affirmed as per certificate herewith returned.

[Number and names of voters.] It is hereby certified that the number of voters in the county of Lancaster, voting at this election amounts to —. Attest: Judge. Inspectors.

Clerks. Form of Oath or affirmation: We, A. B. as Judge, C. D. and E. F. as inspectors, and G. H. and J. K. as Clerks of this election, do each severally swear or affirm that we will duly perform the duties of judge, inspectors and clerks of said election, severally acting as above set forth according to the rules adopted governing the primary election of the Republican party in Lancaster county, and to the best of our abilities, and that we will studiously endeavor to prevent all fraud, deceit or abuse in conducting the same. Judge. Inspectors.

Clerks. I hereby certify that C. D. and E. F. as inspectors, and G. H. and J. K. as Clerks, were, before proceeding to take any votes at said election, first duly sworn or affirmed, as aforesaid. Witness my hand, &c. Judge of Election.

I hereby certify that A. B., Judge aforesaid, was also sworn as aforesaid. Witness my hand the date before written.

A return in writing shall be made in each Poll Book, setting forth in words at length the whole number of ballots cast for each office, the name of each person voted for, and the number of votes given to each person for each different office, which return shall be certified as correct. Signed by the Judge and Inspectors and attested by the Clerks.

The aforesaid list of voters, oaths or affirmations, tally list, returns and certificates, shall be presented by the Chairman of the County Committee in book-form, to be called the Poll Book as aforesaid, and two copies thereof delivered to the member of the County Committee, at least five days before the primary election, who shall cause the same to be delivered at the place of holding said election before the time of opening the polls.

After the polls are closed, one of said poll books, certified to as aforesaid, shall be put in an envelope, together with the tickets, properly sealed and delivered in person by an officer as aforesaid at the meeting of the return judges. The other poll book, lists and returns, shall be delivered within one day after the election to the member of the County Committee open to the inspection of any Republican voter.

No returns shall be received at the meeting of the return judges, unless the foregoing rules are strictly complied with; and all returns must be handed in person by one of said officers to the President of the Return Judges. The name of said person handing in said return shall be announced by the President, who shall also at the same time state whether or not the said person's name appears upon the return as one of the sworn officers conducting said election.

Mr. Billingsfelt moved that the amendments be adopted. Mr. Johnson moved that the amendments be printed, and that the County Committee meet on Monday to consider the same. Mr. Fry moved that the amendments be printed, and that the County Committee meet on Monday to consider the same. Mr. Fry moved that the amendments be printed, and that the County Committee meet on Monday to consider the same.

Whereas, the Republican voters of Lancaster county are deeply solicitous that the economy and retrenchment of the State and National governments, and the reduction of public expenses, both State and National, be secured; and

Be it resolved, That the candidates for the State Senate and House of Representatives, be requested to publish the following questions, previous to the primary election for nominating candidates, to be supported at the approaching October election: 1. Will you vote and use your influence against the further publication of the Legislative Record or other documents, the substance of which the people now receive through the public press? 2. Will you steadily oppose the increase of salary of the members of the Legislature, or any increase of the number and pay of the clerks and officers of the Senate and House of Representatives, that is now allowed by law—and in all suitable ways economize the expenses of the State? 3. Will you oppose all appropriations of the public money for new objects, unless of great public utility, or to support the public charities of the State? Dr. Gatchell, Martie, moved that the consideration of the resolutions be deferred until the next meeting, which was agreed to.

Mr. Hartman, city, proposed Saturday, August 21st, as the day for holding the primary election. The 14th and 28th of August were also proposed. The latter motion prevailed by a vote of 32 yeas to 25 nays. The day for holding the primary election was therefore fixed for Saturday, August 28.

On motion the Committee adjourned.

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Local News.

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ITEMS: Riddle & Cochran, at their new book store, 40 North Queen-st., have a fine assortment of everything in their line.

J. A. Eberly and Henry Wechter, of Reamstown Station, this county, have received a patent for an improved Horse Hay Hook and Manure Drag combined; and John J. Kreider, near Chestnut Level, one for an Automatic Check Row Corn Planter. Both procured by the successful patent agent of this city, Jacob Stauffer, Esq.

An Irishman named Gillen was badly beaten on Thursday evening last, at the depot, this city, by Jacob Kiehl, foreman of the carpenters on the Philadelphia Division of the Pennsylvania Railroad. They had come in the cars from Columbia, and Gillen was very abusive to Kiehl, and attacked him after they had left the train, and gave him a sound drubbing, and was held to answer at Court.

Col. McFarland, State Superintendent of Orphans' Schools, examined the pupils of the Children's Home of this city, on Thursday last. The examination was highly creditable and satisfactory. There is no better school in the State.

The U. S. Collector for this district has given notice that the Income and other Annual Internal Revenue Taxes in the 1st and 2d divisions must be paid from Monday, the 9th, to Thursday, the 19th day of August; and in all the other ten divisions from Friday, the 20th, to Tuesday, the 31st of August.

The Columbia Spg. Mill, said that the river was high, and in running, and that a considerable number of fine timber and board rafts had arrived and passed down the river.

Pens, pen-holders, and a splendid assortment of envelopes and notes and writing papers—fancy and plain—to be had at Riddle & Cochran's, No. 40 North Queen street.

A young man, by the name of Shirts, had his leg broken by a kick from a horse, on Wednesday week, at John Hill's factory, in East Donagel township.

Edward Reuss, who removed from Columbia to Philadelphia, was robbed in that city a few evenings since. He is engaged in merchant tailoring, and all his cashmires were carried off, amounting to upwards of two hundred dollars.

The annual commencement of the Male and Female High Schools, of this city, took place on Friday last. The proceedings were interesting, and were witnessed by a large audience. The City Cornet Band furnished the music. The High and Secondary Schools marched to the hall in the name of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The young gentlemen and ladies (there are no boys and girls now-a-days) acquitted themselves well, quite equal to the performances of schools of far greater pretensions. The examinations of both the male and female schools reflected great credit upon the teachers, and showed beyond controversy that they are worthy of the confidence and support of the people. The graduating classes numbered thirteen girls and six boys.

A new Masonic Hall was dedicated at Chestnut Level, this county, on Saturday last, by several of the high dignitaries of the "mystic tie" from Philadelphia and Lancaster.

Riddle & Cochran, at No. 40 North Queen-st., keep for sale Harper's Monthly and Weekly, Harper's Bazaar, Frank Leslie, Godey, Peterson, Arthur, &c., &c. Go and see them! The congregation of St. John's Lutheran Church, of this city, are about erecting a building on James street, near the railroad bridge, to be called the "Grove" Memorial Chapel," in memory of their late deceased pastor. It will be occupied by the Mission Sunday School connected with that church.

The wheat and rye crops have been harvested in this county, and are said to be the best known for many years.

Our old friend, Charles Thon, has prepared a map of Chester county, which is highly spoken of by the papers of that county. We regret to learn from the Church Advocate, that the health of its esteemed editor, Rev. E. H. Thomas, has become so seriously impaired that he does not expect to remain on earth more than a few short months. Mr. Thomas is a most estimable christian gentleman, and the community learn with sadness of his ill health.

The Sunday Schools of Trinity Lutheran Church of this city, will have their annual picnic at Lidz on Tuesday next.

Levi Ellmaker, of the Gap, this county, who was so severely injured by falling from a train above Harrisburg, a few weeks ago, died at the Brady House, in that city, on Saturday last.

A man named James Logan, while being taken to jail, on Monday, for being drunk and disorderly, stated to the officer that he was thirty-seven years old, and had spent thirteen years of that time in prison!

A man named A. Berger, of Marietta, got "high" on Wednesday of last week, and insulted some women employed at the "White House," as tavern on the River, near Highspire, and Mr. Niebling, the landlord, gave him such a drubbing that he died soon after. Niebling escaped.

John B. Reever was arrested on Tuesday last, for breaking open the shoe shop of J. M. Flowers, in North Queen street, this city, on Monday evening, and stealing some of his "kit." He was committed to jail.

The shoe store of Allen Rock, in the same street, was broken open on Sunday night, and robbed of about five dollars in pennies. The constitutional growlers about high school taxes in Lancaster city, should read and reflect on the following facts stated in the report of W. B. Wilson, Esq., made at the High School Commencement on Friday last. No wonder we are so much behind our neighbors in school accommodations: "From data in my possession, I find that in the year 1867—and there has been no material change since—it appears that in fifty-six cities and boroughs, in Pennsylvania—all of the least note, and having an average attendance of 120,000 pupils—the average cost of tuition, for all purposes, is put down for each pupil, at \$2.42 per month; whereas that of the city of Lancaster is no more than \$1.42, exactly one dollar a month less!"

Master Daniel Martin, of Upper Leacock township, had one of his arms broken by falling from a tree a few days ago.

A son of Jacob O. Kungler, residing in Middle street, in front of a tree on Saturday last and fractured his skull. Rev. A. B. Shenkle was installed pastor of the German Reformed church at Millersville on the 4th inst.