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"IT is generally believed that Mr. Mackey, the present efficient State Treasurer will be re-elected by the next Legislature. We are not aware that he has any oppenent for the caucus nomination."—*York Republican.*

☞ That is the way the adherents of the "ring" at Harrisburg are trying to manufacture public opinion and play the game of "bluff." Mr. Mackey *will* have an opponent for the caucus nomination—and unless we mistake the signs of the times, a very formidable one—in the person of Gen. W. W. Irwin, Mackey's predecessor, who was so infamously treated last winter.

No. 52.

CLOSE OF THE VOLUME.

The present number closes the Second Volume of FATHER ABRAHAM, and a number of subscriptions will expire, and the paper discontinue, unless renewed according to our very easy and liberal terms. Many have already renewed, and others are coming in so rapidly as to satisfy us that we will go to press on the first number of Vol. III with even a larger list of subscribers than we had one year ago.

We hope and expect to deserve the continued hearty and liberal support and encouragement of the people. We have no change of policy to announce, or regrets to express or apologies to offer for what we have done or endeavored to do during the year about to close; for whilst our judgment may have been at fault sometimes, we have according to the best of our ability represented and advocated the best interests of the people, and the living principles and honor of the great Republican party. As every reader well knows, we have led the way in exposing outrage and corruption in high places, and by the hearty co-operation of many other independent Republican Journalists, a better set of men, as we firmly believe, have been chosen to represent the people, and we feel very confident that we will have radical and wholesome reform during the coming session of the State Legislature.

Being after no special favors of any kind, but determined to be and remain independent, and speak out openly and fearlessly in regard to public men, at all times and under all circumstances; being owned or controlled by no man or set of men, nor the organ of any ring, faction or clique, our Republican patrons, and readers generally, may depend upon it that FATHER ABRAHAM will faithfully maintain its enviable reputation during the year upon which we are about to enter. All we ask is to be as well sustained in the future as we have been in the past, and if so, the confidence so reposed in as by an enlightened public will not be misplaced.

ENCOURAGING.

The Pittsburg *Commercial* of Saturday last states that its information from different parts of the State is that members recently elected to the Legislature are little disposed, in electing a Speaker of the Assembly, to indorse the most odious proceedings of last winter, but will be likely to select some one for that station who has a clear record. In this excellent determination we are pleased to hear their Republican constituents are prepared to give them a warm support. We expect to see the work of economy and reform commenced at the start and adhered to till the close of the session. Coming together with such a determination the Legislature cannot fail of deserving well from their constituents.

DEMORALIZED.

The "Democracy" of this State are in a perfect state of demoralization. A number of the papers of the party have given went to their feelings of disgust for their leaders, in a manner refreshing to honest people. The Elk county *Gazette*, the organ of copperheadism in that county, "goes for" coffee-pot Wallace in the following bold words.

"We will support neither men nor measures simply because they bear the good old Democratic name; neither will we denounce measures which emanate from the Republican side, simply because of their origin. What we deem subversive of the interests of the people we will emphatically denounce; whatever would redound to their benefit we will heartily advocate. We admire and revere *pure* and *real* principles of Democracy, but we assert that under the teachings of the unscrupulous demagogues, led and ruled by William A. Wallace and his clan, Pennsylvanians have imbibed *anything* but Democracy, and so long as a party permits itself to be so ruled, it is worthy and deserving of nothing but defeat; and the Democratic party has fought its last battle, unless a change be speedily effected. It will be sufficient for us to know that this great brained, able demagogue advises or originates any scheme, and we will oppose it; for we believe that Wallace and political villainy are synonymous terms.

"We will advocate a protective tariff; that home productions and native skill may find a worthy and full remuneration."

STATE BONDS.

Notice has been given to holders of the five per cent. bonds of this State, due July 1, 1870, that they will be redeemed at the State Treasury in full with accrued interest to date of presentation. The interest on these bonds will cease July 1, 1870. This is another evidence that the State debt is in rapid course of liquidation, and that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund are awake to their duty in this direction. The views advanced by Senator Billingfelt at the last session are thus receiving an additional endorsement, though the movement should have been made six months ago, as he contended at the time he introduced his amendment to the Appropriation bill. Still, "better late than never."

"REFORM."

There is a great deal of talk about reform just now, but the practical manifestations of it are valued much higher by sensible people than mere professions. Fortunately, in our own State the indications of Legislative reform are quite cheering—more so than they have been for many years.

But, in our efforts to secure a better state of things in our legislative halls, we must not forget that other reforms are imperitively demanded. For instance, the alarming increase of dissipation and crime, particularly among our young men, resulting from the numerous drinking shops in nearly all the principal towns throughout the State; and we notice with pleasure that efforts are about to be made to secure the right kind of legislation on this subject—not the passage of a sweeping prohibitory law, but, simply, to place the question of license to sell intoxicating drinks, or no license, into the hands of the people themselves. As there can be no mistake about the entire fairness of such legislation, and as conferring upon the people the right to vote upon the question direct would at once divest it of all political partisan character, we hope for the speedy passage of such a law, simply placing the evil and the proper remedy where it rightfully belongs—into the hands of the people themselves.

The work of the true reformer is not confined merely to legislative corruption, or to gambling, profanity, Sabbath-breaking and other vices naturally resulting from the use of intoxicating drinks. His attention should also be called to other agencies calculated to demoralize and ruin scores and hundreds and thousands of our young just entering manhood and womanhood. Obscene literature with which the country is flooded, and the numerous private agencies through which it is circulated, demands the serious attention of every good citizen. Probably no detective system, however perfect, will ever be able to suppress entirely, the numerous filthy publications referred to. But, by a reasonable amount of vigilance on the part of parents and guardians, much may be done in the right direction.

We are led to speak of this subject by an apparently well founded rumor that some of this kind of filthy stuff, purporting to be issued in New York, is really printed and bound under contract, by parties in the interior of our own State—in an establishment generally supposed to be respectable, and in which a number of females are employed either as printers or binders!

New York, bad and wicked as it is, seems to be entitled at least to the credit of having a police and detective system sufficient to prevent the running of such an establishment there, and compelling publishers of these filthy books and papers to go out into the interior to have their hellish work executed. But, that an establishment can be found in all Pennsylvania, whose proprietors are base and depraved enough to do such dirty work, for any consideration, is, to say the least, a matter for serious reflection.

We may refer to this subject again—after we shall have ascertained the provisions of our statute on obscene publications, and the duties of police officers in regard to them. In the mean time it would perhaps be well if our Senators and Representatives elect would enquire into the necessity of some further legislation, to prevent such contracts for printing and binding from being executed within the limits of the State.

We sincerely hope we may not be alone among the journalists of this locality in calling attention to this subject, and we call upon our neighbors of the Lancaster *Inquirer*, which paper last week also contained a highly interesting article on "Reform," to help in the good work of smoking out such villainous publications and illustrations. Let us have "Reform."

NEWSPAPER POWER.

"Thirty years ago," says *Wilkes' Spirit*, "the orator ruled America: to-day it is ruled by the editors." It adds: "There is a class of men among bankers and merchants and lawyers, who affect a condescension toward the journalists which is intensely amusing. The writer for the newspaper appears to their blinking eyes a kind of literary adventurer, who is to be tolerated for his genius, but not to be trusted in business. They are ignorant that it sells their goods, furnishes all their facts, and presents them gratuitously with opinions. They do not know, as Jay Cooke does, that the newspapers of America sold two thousand millions of national bonds. They do not know, as Edwin M. Stanton knows, that the newspapers of America sent five hundred thousand men to the war. They do not know that the newspapers of America will nominate the Presidency, determine the election, and dictate the legislation of Congress. Newspapers lead them by the nose wherever they go; but they do not feel the pressure, which is the reason why we give this special tweak."

TOO BIG A JOB.

Gov. Hoffman, of New York, has pledged himself to an immense undertaking. In a speech at Albany, since the New York election, he said: "We propose to make the Legislature of New York *honest!*" That's rich. Any attempt to make a copperhead Legislature honest, is entirely too big a job. It can't be done.

GOLD DECLINING.

Contrary to all the predictions of the *honest* democrats who warned the country that the success of the Republican party would inflate the currency, the price of gold is declining. On Tuesday of last week, gold, in the New York market, came down to 127. Thus are we approaching nearer and more near a specie basis. The preservation of the public credit by the collection of taxes and the reduction of the national debt is the cause for this. The price of gold is never changed without a cause. The high market price of gold was caused by the Pendleton doctrine that national faith would be disregarded and the bonds of the country and accruing interest should be paid in greenbacks. The reduction above referred to is the result of the policy of Gen. Grant and the payment of sixty millions of the national debt. Another result may safely be predicted before long if this policy is pursued—the reduction of the rate of interest on the public debt from six to four or four and a half per cent. per annum. Thus we have another evidence that honesty is the best policy.

Correspondence.

OUR PHILADELPHIA LETTER.

A Sharp Swindling Transaction—Bogus Autographs—The Guerrilla Moseby in town—Journalistic—Things Political—The Ram Atlanta—Funeral of Admiral Stewart—General News—&c., &c., &c.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 10, 1869.

DEAR ABE.—Quite a sensation has been caused here by the arrest of an individual calling himself Robert Strong, with about a dozen *aliases*, upon the charge of forging letters and autographs of distinguished individuals. His mode of working would be to make an autograph letter—Washington and Franklin being particular favorites—then sell them for sums ranging from five to ten dollars. His arrest was caused by a special agent of the Postoffice department, who had been on his track for the past month. At a hearing before the Mayor he acknowledged that he depended upon his pen to make him a living, and from the thriving business he has done, a right good living too. He also says that the autograph of Gen. Washington in Independence Hall, which has been so highly prized, and looked upon as so valuable a relic by the thousands who visit there, is not genuine, but is one of his own productions. It appears that he did not confine his swindling operations to our own land, but seeing a notice of the death of an English notability in the London *Times*, he at once dates a letter back and writes to his "benefactor" representing that he is confined unjustly in the Elkton, Md., jail, and that the last remittance the "kind benefactor" had sent was all exhausted, &c. Of course the letter falls into the hands of the Englishman's friends, and inferring of course that he is an illegitmate child, along comes a twenty pound note to the prisoner's lawyer (said lawyer of course being a myth) with the request that no money be spared to secure the release. I am sorry to say that this sharp individual has come to grief, for our authorities had no more compassion than to send him below in default of bail.

We have had, until the present week, the genuine and living Moseby in our midst, and like every body else, we were anxious to get a sight of the individual whose career was so closely identified with the late rebellion. In company with a friend, Warwick went to the Continental, (everybody that is worth an item in the newspapers stops at the Continental, you know,) and soon found ourselves in front of a dapper little individual, who did not by any means answer what our imagination had pictured the noted guerrilla to be. Our interview was brief, very brief, I might say, and upon learning that his visit to Philadelphia was purely to make an effort to induce some of our capitalists to make an investment of their surplus cash in Virginia, we left, as we found there were plenty of others who desired to satisfy their curiosity by an interview.

Marshall K. Evans, who was last week acquitted of the crime of killing his father upon the grounds of insanity, has been sent to the State Lunatic Asylum at Harrisburg by the Court, to be kept there at the expense of the county.

Col. Alexander Cummings' new paper, *The Day*, made its appearance last week. It is about the size of FATHER ABRAHAM, and presents quite a creditable appearance. This makes ten dailies our city boasts of, and the report is that another will soon be born which is to be after the fashion of the *Public Ledger*. The Sunday *Times*, it is said, has changed hands, whilst a new Sunday print will soon appear, to be called the *Leader*, named after its proprietor.

Politicians have already commenced getting things in shape for the next Fall's campaign, and any number of candidates are already in the field. For Sheriff, I hear the names of James H. Orne, Gen. Provost, Theodore Walton, Benjamin Berry and Post-master Bingham, mentioned. The Sheriffalty is considered the best of the offices to be filled, consequently the great number of candidates. For Register of Wills, Mr. Wm. Moran, appears to have the most friends, though he has a strong opponent in Mr. Wm. Y. Campbell, who was on the ticket in 1867. Much speculation exists here as to who will receive the appointment of Judge of the Circuit Court, which is to be filled by the first of December next. Among the names mentioned are those of Ex Judge John Allison, Register of the Treasury, F. Carroll Brewster, Aubrey H. Smith, Horace Binney, Judge Pearson, of Harrisburg, Judge Williams of Allegheny, and Secretary of the Navy Robeson.

On Tuesday last, the ram Atlanta, now undergoing repairs at the ship yard of Neafie & Levy, was taken possession of by the Custom House authorities for an alleged attempt to evade the neutrality laws. The Atlanta is said to belong to parties in New York, and during the past few days has had placed on board of her several large guns.

The funeral of the late Rear Admiral Stewart to-day was largely attended, by both Military and Civic organizations. The body was brought to the city from Bordentown, N. J., on Tuesday evening, and was lying in state from 9 to 3 o'clock to-day at Independence Hall, during which time thousands of our citizens paid a last tribute of respect to the distinguished son of Philadelphia. Among those present were Gov. Geary and Staff, Secretary of the Navy Robeson, General Meade, General Patterson, General Provost and many others. His remains were interred in Ronaldson Cemetery. Yours,

WARWICK.

IT was lately stated, incorrectly, that Kossuth county, Iowa, gave a unanimously Republican vote. This was not quite true. Mr. Gillaspy, the Democrrtic candidate for Governor, received one vote. It is a matter of record that no person has ever been convicted of any criminal offence in that county.

THERE is to be a national convention of real estate dealers in Cleveland, on Tuesday, November 2d. The call for the convention has been indorsed by over forty firms in fourteen different States.

NEIGHBORING COUNTY NEWS.

BERKS COUNTY.—On last Saturday evening, as we learn from the Daily *Times*, Joshua Hiller was stabbed and killed in George Burkholder's Lager Beer Saloon, at 9th and Buttonwood streets, Reading. A dance was going on during the evening, and a number of free fights. Of course the crowd was under the influence of lager. About ten o'clock Hiller was stabbed, but by whom had not been ascertained. He was taken out into the yard where he called for water, and soon dropped down and expired. A police officer, it appears, was in the house during the evening, and whilst the drunkenness and fighting going on, but made no arrests, and left before the stabbing. The deceased was a moulder, employed by the P. & R. R. Co., 28 years of age and leaves a wife and one child.....Bishop Simpson was serenaded on Saturday evening last at the residence of Lewis R. Bland, in Birdsboro', where he and several other Methodist clergymen were entertained, having been in attendance at the dedication of a new church in the village.....The November term of the Court of Quarter Sessions commenced at Reading last Monday.....A new daily paper called *The Inquisitor*, has just been started at Reading by Messrs. P. Frank Hawman and John D. Missimer, under the banner of "Independent."

DAUPHIN COUNTY.—A new Engine House is to be dedicated at Hummelstown on the 25th inst.....A grand emancipation celebration will take place at Harrisburg next Tuesday, the 16th, by the colored people. A delegation from Reading will participate.....Miss Mary Elizabeth Reed, daughter of Peter and Wilhelmina Reed, died very suddenly, on Saturday evening, at the residence of the family, in Harrisburg. A number of members of the second Lutheran choir, met at the house of Mr. Reed, to practice. During the exercises of the evening Miss R. complained of illness and proceeded to a porch, where she fainted. She was carried into the house, and expired almost immediately. Heart disease is supposed to have been the cause of her death—she having been subject to that affliction for some time past.....Rev. Francis X. Bastible, was ordained a priest last Saturday in the St. Patrick's Church of Harrisburg. The services were conducted by Bishop Shanahan, assisted by Rev. B. Keenan, of Lancaster, Rev. A. J. McConomy, Rev. M. F. Martin, Rev. E. P. O'Neill and Rev. J. W. Shanahan, of Philadelphia, Rev. James J. Russell, of Columbia, and Rev. F. L. Neufeld, of Lancaster.....We learn from the *Telegraph* that about two weeks ago the wife and three children of Mr. John McMurtrie, of Philadelphia, arrived in Middletown, on a visit to his mother. On Wednesday last, Jennie, aged thirteen years, died of scarlet fever; on Saturday Lillie, aged nine years, died, and on Monday morning the babe, aged six months, died of the same disease.

YORK COUNTY.—The new iron works at York are progressing finely, and are expected to be in operation in three weeks. Stove coal is selling at York a $9 a ton... George Hartman, who was convicted at August Court of manslaughter, for killing Albert Hartman, at Logansville, was sentenced last week to two years in the County Jail.....The barn of Mr. Ottenmiller, on the north side of the creek, at York, was burnt on Thursday night of last week, with all its contents.....On Wednesday night of last week, the premises of Peter Brieswine in York, was robbed of fifty dollars in money, and a quantity of store goods....The valuable farm of John Evans, about two miles south of York, will be offered at public sale on the 19th inst. It contains 145 acres, and is highly improved.....The Hanover Saving Fund Society have declared a dividend of ten per cent. on the capital stock for the last six months, clear of taxes.....The Hanover Branch Railroad Company have also declared a dividend of five per cent. on the capital stock for the last six months, clear of taxes.....Wild geese and ducks frequent the streams and dams adjacent to Hanover....The editor of the Wrightsville *Star* says it takes about two hours to go from that place to York on the railroad. He wonders how the Company can afford to give passengers so long a ride—12 miles—for the fare—45 cents.....The steeple of Dr. Baum's new Lutheran Church in York, is highly complimented for its appearance by the York papers. It will be 146 feet high, when completed.....Jacob Wirt, a prominent and highly esteemed citizen of Hanover, died on Monday last, after a protracted illness; aged 70 years .....The post-office at McCall's Ferry, has been discontinued.....The York County Medical Society, will hold a special meeting at Shrewsbury, on Wednesday next.. The *Republican* says that the bitter hostility which has existed for many years between the "owls" and the "eyes"—the "Laurel" and the "Vigilant" fire Companies of York—has ceased to exist, and that they are now "all hunkey"..... The County Commissioners have re-elected their old officers. The *Republican* says: "The contest was on the Clerkship, and the friends of the present incumbent made such terrible threats of personal violence against any Commissioner who should vote for his opponent, that the Board was actually afraid to comply with the law in regard to choosing officers. Threats were made to burn down the Court House if the present clerk was not retained in his place. The scene around the Court House on Thursday last was disgraceful. The fact that such a deep interest should be manifested in the choice of a clerk by the agents of the "ring" shows there is something very rotten in our county management."

CHESTER COUNTY.—*From the Record*—Mr. John McCuen, Warwick, has four very fine farm horses. Every one of them will weigh 1,500 pounds.....John B. Cannell, of Easttown, shot an eagle last week, which measured 4½ feet from tip to tip.... Last week, James Everhart and Frank Keenan, shot on Jones' Iron pond, in their neighborhood, near Springfield, 61 Wild Ducks in one day.....The County Superintendent for Chester county, has it in contemplation to call a Convention of School Directors, to consider various points of interest to the School System. One point is the question of pay to the Directors and reducing the number.....On Saturday last, Mrs. Robinson, wife of Alexander Robinson, of Downingtown, slipped on a piece of board and fell, fracturing the thigh bone.....On Thursday night last, the dogs got among the sheep of Alban Ingram and Edwin James, East Bradford, and killed several and wounded others for each of them. Those killed for Mr. Ingram, were of Southdown stock, and were very fine sheep. The next night, John James, in the same neighborhood, had three Southdowns killed.....On Sunday afternoon the dwelling house of Mrs. Susan Webb, who keeps a boarding house in West Chester, was robbed. The robbing is supposed to have been committed by a German, who had engaged boarding with Mrs. Webb, the day previous.....A mare belonging to Enoch Heston, of Sadsbury township, was stolen from a post to which it was hitched, in Parkesburg, on Thursday evening, while the owner was attending a concert.....Mr. Caleb B. Lilley, of East Fallowfield, killed thirteen pigs last weeks, and sold them at $15 per hundred. These pigs were seven months old—Chester Whites—two litters; and weighed from 125 to 190 lbs.—averaging 150 lbs.....On last Wednesday evening a week an unsuccessful attempt was made to steal a horse belonging to W. W. Kinzer, from the stable of his father-in-law, Samuel W. Scott, in Valley township.....Mr. James Ingram, East Bradford, informs us that he realized 85 bushels of corn from one acre—by measurement.....A patent has been granted to William Dripps, of Coatesville, for a process for restoring and preserving decayed railroad ties.

[COMMUNICATED.]

LANCASTER FOR LIBERTY.

By a mere accident we have come into possession of conclusive evidence that old Lancaster was the seat of patriotic feelings more than a hundred and thirty years since—a fact illustrative of the patriotism that distinguishes the people of the Old Guard now.

In 1733 John Peter Zenger, an editor of the city of New York, where, at that time he published a newspaper called the "*Weekly Journal*," in the course of his duty as a journalist gave offence to the arrogant Governor of the province, and was prosecuted for libel. He was, it appears imprisoned and brought to trial in 1735, "the eighth year of our sovreign King George the Second," and was found without a defender at law. The celebrated Andrew Hamilton, of Philadelphia, volunteered to go and defend him, conducting the defence with such skill and eloquence, as to secure the release of the unfortunate Editor. At the time, this release was looked upon as a great triumph of the liberty of the press, and the people were so enthusiastic that the city of New York, with a measure of appreciation not known to them for over a hundred years, voted Mr. Hamilton the freedom of the city in a gold snuff box.

Now this fact has a local interest to our readers as the event was highly appreciated in Lancaster, the history, with the trial, and oration of Andrew Hamilton, were reprinted as the title page states: "*Lancaster, re-printed and sold by Wm. Dunlap, at the new printing office in Queen street*, 1756, very probably at or very near the site of the present FATHER ABRAHAM Office.

Where, except in Lancaster, would the trials of a bold and faithful Editor find such appreciation?

WARWICK.

Local News.

JOB PRINTING.

Handbills, Cards, Bill Heads, Programmes, Posters, &c., &c., printed in the best style and at reasonable rates, at the FATHER ABRAHAM Job Printing Office. Orders by mail promptly attended to.

ITEMS: The following sales of real estate in Drumore township, have recently taken place: Farm belonging to the estate of H. H. McPherson, deceased, containing 135 acres to John Denlinger for $85.50 per acre. Farm belonging to Wm. Showalter, containing 106 acres to Henry Eshleman for $89 per acre. Farm belonging to the estate of W. S. Long, deceased, containing 95 acres, to Wm. Boyd for $135 per acre. Mill and 35 acres belonging to Henry and W. S. Long to Nathaniel Mayer for $5,695; also two wood lots, one containing 4 acres to Samuel Boyd for $70 per acre, and the other containing twenty acres to Charles Acheson for $40 per acre. The farm belonging to the estate of John A Boyd, containing 135 acres, to John Myers for $79.95 per acre.

The farm of Joseph Smedley, in Fulton township, containing 135 acres, has recently been sold to James Collins and Isaac Wood for $50 per acre.

C. Geiger, of this city, has purchased the property of Rev. J. V. Eckert, near Quarryville, consisting of brick dwelling and 4 acres of land, for $2,200. Mr. G. is engaged in mining iron ore about 2 miles west of the property.

S. F. Eagle & Son have sold the Eagle Furnace property, above Columbia, to Col. E. Burd Grubb, of Burlington, N. J., for the sum of one hundred thousand dollars.

Frank J. Steinhauser and Henry M. Shreiner, of this city, have received letters patent for railroad Car Heater, or Safety Stove, dated Nov. 2d, 1869. This stove is admirably adapted to prevent any accident from fire.

The corner-stone of a new Mission Chapel of the Catholic Church, was laid at Marietta on Thursday afternoon of last week.

A German named Murcus Buppy, aged about thirty-five years, who has spent most of his time in prison for some years, for vagrancy, &c., was committed to prison on Wednesday night of last week, charged with committing a rape upon a young girl in West Earl township.

Thomas R. Neel, Drumore township, has purchased a farm in Leavenworth county, Kansas, where he intends to remove in the spring.

The residence of Mrs. Heisey, near Mastersonville, in Mount Joy township, was entered on the 2d inst., and robbed of a watch, a quantity of clothing and several other articles.

On Saturday evening last, J. B. Amwake, esq., and Messrs. Jos. and Frank Steinhauser, returned from Ephrata township, where they spent the day hunting, bringing with them twenty-seven rabits, ten partridges and two opossums as the result of their day's work.

The Pennsylvania Fruit Growers' Society will meet, by special appointment, in this city, in the month of February next.

Mr. U. Strickler, of Conestoga Centre, this county, gathered from an apple tree in his orchard this fall an apple weighing twenty-five ounces. The apple was of the "Twenty Ounce" variety.

Less than four weeks ago, Dr. J. C. Gatchell, of Martic township, amputated the leg of Henry Young, of Safe Harbor, who is now able to be about. It is seldom that we have heard of such rapid convalescence. Dr. Gatchell was assisted in the operation by Dr. Clinger, of Conestoga township.

The following banks and turnpike companies have declared their dividends for the last six months; Farmers' National Bank of Lancaster, six and one-half per cent.; First National Bank of Lancaster 10 per cent; First National Bank of Strasburg, five per cent.; Manheim and Lancaster Turnpike Company, one dollar per share; Bridgeport and Horseshoe Turnpike Road Company, thirty-three cents per share.

The case of Rev. W. F. P. Noble vs. A. W. Russel and Edwin and James M. Clark, known as the "Flour Mill Case," which was tried in our Court, and a verdict for $15,000 rendered in favor of plaintiff, and in which a new trial was afterwards granted, has been amicably settled, the defendants paying $3,500.

Four persons, one man, and three women, who had espoused the faith of the Church of God, had the sacrament of baptism administered to them on Tuesday of last week, by immersion in the Conestoga, a short distance below the city water works. Revs. Forney and Tucker were the officiating ministers.