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STATE TREASURER.

The Philadelphia *Sunday Republic* says: "We understand that General W. W. Irwin, of Beaver, will be a candidate for State Treasurer before the next Legislature. The General is a gentleman of fine social qualities and of great popularity, and having already filled the position for one year with great credit, will likely give Mr. Mackey some trouble." Jes so!

THE COVODE-FOSTER CASE.

A Washington dispatch says that Hon. John Covode has proved before the House Election Committee over two hundred fraudulent votes cast for Foster in the Twenty-first Congressional district. He also, the dispatch states, shows such frauds by the Democratic election officers as will throw out two whole polls and give him a majority of about five hundred. As Foster only claimed to be elected by about forty or fifty majority, Covode, if the evidence he produces is satisfactory to the House, must get his seat.

NEWS.

We learn *from some of our exchanges* that E. H. Rauch, one of the editors of FATHER ABRAHAM, is a candidate for the clerkship of the Senate. The *Sunday Republic* says: "His paper (Father Abraham) has the right ring, but it is not the *ring* that will advance the editors (alleged) clerical aspirations. 'We once heard of a man who made his fortune by minding his own business,' and we think we see a fortune in FATHER ABRAHAM."

This is certainly complimentary, if not encouraging, to a candidate. But, we respectfully suggest that the discussion of Mr. R.'s claims for the position is premature. He has not solicited the vote of a single Senator. He, too, believes he can see "a fortune in FATHER ABRAHAM," but not by going back on its peculiar "ring" for that other "*ring*" which assumes to control things at Harrisburg.

MAJOR A. C. REINŒHL.

This gentleman is very favorably spoken of as a candidate for the Speakership of the House of Representatives. As he is in every respect worthy, reliable, competent and experienced as a parliamentarian, we trust the opportunity to bestow such a well deserved compliment not only to Major Reinœhl, but also to the fifteen thousand republicans of 'The Old Guard,' may not be overlooked. Members who feel inclined to support a true and well-tried man for the Speakership—one who will make an impartial officer, and who cannot be controlled or influenced by rings or corruptionists, could not do better, in our candid opinion, than to unite on the gentleman named. It is true, he is one of the youngest—perhaps the youngest member of the next House. But, so was the late Wm. C. A. Lawrence, Speaker during the sessions of 1859 and 1860. Yet all concede that a more competent and accomplished presiding officer never occupied the old Hancock chair. Vote for Reinœhl.

HON. M. S. QUAY.

We are pleased to find that this eminent gentleman has at last consented to decide and announce who will and who will not be elected Speaker of the House, State Treasurer, Clerk, Messenger, Paster and Folder, &c. Heretofore the members of the Legislature used to meet in caucus, and decide these questions for themselves, but henceforth they need only call on Mr. Quay, receive the slate and put it through in due form. He has already decided that Mr. Mackey will, and Gen. Irwin will not be State Treasurer; that Mr. Strang, and not Mr. Reinoehl, or any other man, has been by himself selected for the Speakership. Col. Hamersly, according to Mr. Quay's determination, is to have no opposition. For the Clerkship of the House Mr. Quay has not yet fully decided. The one upon whom he is going to bestow the favor will be announced hereafter.

Since writing the above, Mr. Quay's paper—the Beaver *Radical*—came to hand, saying that "we" (Quay) have no intimation of the candidacy of Gen. Irwin, to which FATHER ABRAHAM adverts. Mr. Quay may find out before very long that he is even a very formidable candidate.

We respectfully suggest, for the consideration of Mr. Quay, that there is yet time for deciding finally in regard to the several candidates. He might, possibly, in a few cases deem it expedient to change the slate, and therefore it might be well not to be in too great a hurry about announcing names.

LET JUSTICE BE DONE.

As the newly elected Legislature is principally made up of men who appear to be determined to avoid the errors of their predecessors, and inaugurate wholesome and radical reform, and thus deserve the confidence reposed in them by the people, the matter of doing simple justice to at least one faithful public servant should not be overlooked. We refer to Gen. W. W. IRWIN, who, after filling the office of State Treasurer for one year, in a manner entirely satisfactory to the public and with honor to himself, was made the victim of the ring, and defeated by the extensive *use* and *promise* of money. It was the first time in the history of the Republican party of Pennsylvania, that a competent, faithful and worthy State Treasurer was ousted from his position in clear violation and disregard of party usage. For instance, Hon. Henry D. Moore, also a gentleman of high character and excellent qualifications, was re-elected *three* times. Hon. Wm. H. Kemble, was Treasurer *three* times, and his successar, Gen. Irwin, *one* time; whilst not a word has been or can be said against him as a Republican or an officer. And as the fact is notorious that he was ousted by the extensive use of money and promises of money—(and a number of promises so made amounting to thousands of dollars are not yet complied with)—it seems to us that, to be consistent and just, the new Legislature can do no less than restore him to office, and if he continues to faithfully discharge his duty, as doubtless he will, to treat him as his Republican predecessors were treated, by giving him the full term of three years—including the one year during which he has served in the office. That will be an act of *simple justice*, and if we are not greatly mistaken he will be so restored by the justice loving representatives of the people, according to the usages of the Republican party.

ANDY ARMSTRONG'S LIBEL SUIT.

For the purpose of securing speedy justice to all concerned in the action instituted by Andrew Armstrong against Rauch & Cochran, for libel, and to prevent the case from passing out of sight by neglect or indefinite postponement, the defendants have resolved to push the case forward to speedy trial, and served a rule on the plaintiff to appoint arbitrators on Monday, the 29th inst., by which time it is supposed the plaintiff will have filed his declaration, with assessment of "damage," and all other matters and things properly attended to. We will endeavor to keep our readers duly posted as to the progress of this highly interesting case from time to time.

THE STATE FINANCES.

The circular recently issued by the authorities at Harrisburg, informing holders of the five per cent. State loan, due July 1, 1870, that all such bonds will be redeemed in full, with accrued interest to date of presentation, will steal considerable Democratic thunder, and the following facts based thereon will deprive them of more: In 1860 the debt of Pennsylvania was $37,849,125, the largest debt owed by any State in the Union. After nine years of Republican rule our debt is $33,286,964, and we have in the treasury bonds applicable to the payment of our indebtedness, and no other purpose, amounting to $9,582,000; showing our debt to be (less assets held by the Commonwealth as above,) $23,704,964. This statement shows assets against our debt of $9,582,000, and an actual reduction of $4,562,161, and therefore an improvement in our condition in nine years of $14,144,161. These figures are peculiarly a source of pride when compared with others showing the condition of the debt of nearly every other State since 1860. Now our debt, which led all the rest then, is only fourth in amount, and while we have steadily reduced ours every other State, except three, has been going deeper into debt. This is the first time in the history of our debt that any portion of the indebtedness has been taken up without a new loan for that purpose.

SPECIAL LEGISLATION.

On this subject we find an article in the last number of the Washington (Pa.) *Reporter*, published by Messrs. Moore & Kelley—the latter gentleman being Hon. Jas. R. Kelley, ex-Speaker of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, and is, therefore perfectly familiar with the subject. The article strongly opposes the pernicious system of special legislation, which so seriously interferes with the interests of the State. Says the *Reporter*:

"So long as this system of jobbery remains, just so long will corruption and dishonesty reign at Harrisburg. We do not mean to assert that in special legislation alone consists all the villainy perpetrated at the State capital, but we do say it is one of the most prolific sources of legislative corruption. Every year a powerful ring is formed in each House for the express purpose of pushing through bills of an extraordinary and objectionable character, and for every job of this nature the members of that ring receive a liberal consideration.

"Nor is this all the evil which grows out of the system. The interests of the State are made to yield to those of individuals. General legislation, demanded by the public, is procrastinated or pushed aside altogether, in order to give place to measures in which "dividends" are involved. The public calendar is treated as a matter of little importance and, week after week, is crowded off to make room for the private bills which "pay." The result is that every year encumbers our statute books with a long list of special acts, while the general laws scarcely occupy a score of pages. Jobbing has become so prominent and important a feature of legislation that many men go to Harrisburg with the express purpose in view of making money. We have known men to come to the House from the city of Philadelphia whose election cost them from one to two thousand dollars each, and yet they considered it the most profitable investment they could make, although the salary of a member is only one thousand dollars a session. These parties came for the express object of making money, and the interests of the Commonwealth were a matter of no consequence to them. They did not care a straw whether a public bill was ever passed or not; their only concern was for the "little serpents," which, if wriggled through successfully, would yield them a handsome return in the shape of *bonus*. It was utterly useless for honest and conscientious men to protest against the disregard of public interests. Matters involving "considerations," and "set up" in the ring, were bound to take precedence of everything else, and all that faithful members could do was to chafe and writhe under the outrage.

"While this system lasts, there is no hope of escape from legislative wrong and corruption. While stock-jobbing is permitted to reign and rule at Harrisburg, the interests of the State will continue to suffer, and our Legislative bodies be only the synonym for every kind of villainy. The press and the people will alike complain in vain. The only remedy lies in the complete abolition of special legislation. The people should demand this. It is of no manner of benefit to them in any respect, but, on the contrary, is the means of inflicting upon them the most flagrant injuries and outrages. It is wrong in principle and doubly wrong in practice. The public are disgusted, sickened and wearied of it, and the yoke ought to be and must be broken. The long-suffering patience of an outraged people is well nigh exhausted, and it would be wise for their Representatives to heed the portentous signs which have already appeared. They have had sufficent warning."

☞ Yesterday being Thanksgiving Day, FATHER ABRAHAM makes its appearance a few hours later this week than usual.

WORK FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

As the newly appointed Attorney General has just entered upon the responsible duties of his office, we respectfully venture to suggest that he should direct his attention to some of the recent cases of getting money from the public Treasury without consideration. The amount paid Mr. Illyus, of this county, as a paster and folder during the session of 1868, was clearly a *mistake*, to say the least, as it is an undeniable fact that he was no paster and folder at all, or officer of any kind, during said session. Yet he was paid over $700 salary as an officer, for which the State received no service. Another case that demands the attention of the new Attorney General, is the sum of about eighty dollars paid, *by mistake*, to Andrew Armstrong, Esq., whilst a member of the House two years ago. The amount of mileage to which he was actually entitled is about $9, for thirty miles, that being the distance from his residence, near Mount Joy, to Harrisburg. The amount paid him, *by mistake*, was over $90, for 306 miles. There are other cases of payments made out of the public Treasury, *by mistake*, and we are confident that we need only call attention to them to induce the Attorney General to collect, in the usual manner, all such back standing accounts. They are not very large, it is true, but as they justly belong to the State, let them be collected and paid back into the Treasury without unnecessary delay. The people only want their own—nothing more.

HONOR TO WHOM HONOR IS DUE!

It will be remembered that FATHER ABRAHAM was not specially favorable to the election of A. J. Kauffman, Esq., to the Chairmanship of the Republican County Committee, but other counsels prevailed, and he was chosen to manage the interests of the party in this county. We have the results of the late campaign, and Mr. K. should have all the credit to which he is entitled. He received more money for political purposes than any previous Chairman; the Republican vote in the county is less than it has been since the party was thoroughly organized; the debts have not all been paid, but it is said *the money is all disbursed*. This may be a creditable exhibit, but who sees it?

Father Abraham's Chips.

THIRTY thousand women find employment in the United States, manufacturing paper boxes.

POOR whisky is called "Fifteenth Amendment" in the South, because it's hard to swallow.

JOHN W. BEAR, known as the Buckeye Blacksmith, has been appointed a Special Agent of the Treasury Department, and stationed at Baltimore

AN Irishman, writing from the West to a friend, remarked: "Pork is so plenty here that every third man you meet is a hog."

DENVER papers warn people at the East to stay away, as work is scarce, wages low and the necessaries of life at extravagant prices.

THE Western United Brethren Conference made short work with all ministers who belong to secret societies. All were subjected to charges and handed over for trial.

THOUSANDS of bushels of apples in Michigan have been ruined by the recent cold weather. Very few potatoes are yet dug, but the farmers are now rooting them out out in earnest.

THE cattle plague is raging in the vicinity of Cincinnati. Forty beeves have already died. It is thought that the disease is the result of feeding on slops from the stills.

A TERRIBLE accident occurred on the Western Pacific Railroad near San Leandro, by a colision of two trains, on Sunday last, by which eleven persons were killed and about twenty wounded.

THE Public Ledger, Philadelphia, has a daily edition of over seventy thousand copies, and, with but one exception, has the largest circulation of any daily newspaper in the world.

MISS JULIA C. ARDINGTON beat Mr. Brown for Superintendent of Public Schools of Mitchell county, Iowa, at the late election. Iowa leads all the other States in great reforms.

IT is estimated that there are eight hundred and fifty cotton mills in the United States, running over seven millions of spindles. The capital employed in this branch of business is said to be one hundred millions of dollars.

SENATOR BROWNLOW writes to a friend that he was not in the movement to elect Andrew Johnson, and has not left the Republican party, and that if he lives to get back to the Senate his friends and foes will find these things to be true.

REV. J. S. NICHOLS, formerly of Chambersburg, now of St. Louis, has received a call to become pastor of a Presbyterian congregation in New York, at a salary of *nine thousand dollars* per annum.

THE Old School and New School Presbyterians have reunited, and all Presbyteriandom rejoiceth. Truly they have cause for their gladness, for with the reunion all dissensions have ceased, and a glorious future is in store for this powerful and wealthy denomination.

THE Democratic papers are still protesting against the removal of the late Attorney General. But then they have always been his friends and defenders, and the Harrisburg *Telegraph* gives that as one reason why he was not a proper person to have in a Republican cabinet.

THE Democracy in Kansas appear to be retrograding very fast. Two years ago they had thirty members of the Legislature, while this year their strength will not exceed twelve, in a body of one hundred and sixteen members. They carry but a portion of their ticket in the three Missouri river counties of Leavenworth, Atchison and Wyandotte.

Correspondence.

OUR PHILADELPHIA LETTER.

Snow—The District Attorney and the Unlicensed Taverns—The Divorce Business—Raising of a Ship sunk in 1777—The Empire Passenger Railway—The Holidays—Thanksgiving—General News, &c.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 17th, 1869.

DEAR ABE: Yesterday afternoon a good old fashioned snow storm set in, and to-day we have a real taste of winter. As yet the snow has not visited us in sufficient quantities to make it an object for the livery stable men. It has served as a reminder, however, to look up sleighs, bells and buffalo robes; but alas! to a poor newspaper man, such luxuries must not be thought of, especially in a city like ours, where they have the modesty to ask only the small sum of ten dollars an hour for the privilege of riding over our rough cobble stones, seated in anything that will answer to the name of sleigh!

Chas. Gibbons, Esq., our new District Attorney, certainly commences well, and means to award the full measure of justice to all such as tamper with the laws. During the past week he has caused an order to be issued to the various Ward Constables, instructing them in their duties, as well as calling their attention to the great number of unlicensed gin-mills in our midst. He clearly tells the Constables that unless they come down to dots in regard to the many unlicensed taverns, a bill of indictment will be sent before the Grand Jury against them. Mr. Gibbons, by this course, will make many enemies in such portions of our city where whisky and Democracy predominates; but then he has the well-wishes of our best citizens, and that is sufficient to urge him on in the good work he has undertaken.

Philadelphia is becoming as famous as Indiana for its number of divorce cases. And is it any wonder? Every day "advers" something like the following may be found in the daily press of the city:

"DIVORCES LEGALLY OBTAINED, without publicity, releasing both parties. Residence not required. No fee unless decree is obtained. Address, &c."

That the divorce business is thriving in our midst is evident, not only from the above advertisement, but because we have no less than fifteen such cases occupying the attention of our Courts during the present week.

For a long time back efforts have been made to raise a sunken ship called the "Augusta," which has lain submerged in the channel of the river, Delaware, ever since the year 1777, but all attempts have proved fruitless, until last week, when the vessel was made to float. The history of the "Augusta" is quite interesting, and as items are rather scarce, I give you this one. It appears the vessel was endeavoring to make her way to the city while it was in possession of the British under Gen. Howe, but unfortunately for the vessel, she received a solid shot from one of the American batteries when directly off Gloucester, and almost immediately sunk. When she was brought to the surface, it was found that the cargo consisted of three hundred tons of pig iron, and a quantity of solid shot, to be used against the American Army. The vessel is built of irish oak, and among the peculiarities of her construction is that very few, if any, nails or spikes were used in building her. Among the curiosities found on board, were a few old English guineas, and two human skulls.

A bill has been filed to compel the Twelfth and Sixteenth Streets Passenger Railways to pave between their tracks with the improved pavement, agreeably to a resolution passed by Councils some time back. The Twelfth and Sixteenth is a new road, incorporated by the last Legislature, and better known as the Empire City Passenger Railway Company.

Letters have been received from Mr. Benjamin Moran, Secretary of Legation in London, and an old Lancasterian, saying that he will return to this country in the Spring. Mr. Moran is a brother of William Moran, Esq., well known throughout the State as a prominent newspaper man, and visits this country after an absence of over sixteen years.

The show-windows of the stores throughout the city, already appear dressed in their holiday attire, and from the large display made a brisk business is expected during the next few weeks.

Thanksgiving Day will be generally observed here. The Custom House, Mint, Treasurer's Office, together with all the Banks and Wholesale Houses, will close up shop. Hoping that you have received a monster Republican turkey, and enjoy it only as a hungry editor can, I am, yours,

WARWICK.

NEIGHBORING COUNTY NEWS.

SCHUYLKILL COUNTY.—Edw'd Yardly, Esq., of Pottsville, appointed a Notary Public.....Charles Sumner will lecture at Pottsville on the evening of the 27th inst. .....Mrs. Ann McGuire was found dead on the railroad track, in St. Clair—killed by a train whilst picking up coal.....Young girls of Pottsville, not young men as was supposed, are in the habit of spitting tobacco juice on ladies' dresses out of spite or revenge.....According to the Pottsville *Standard*, a reverend gentleman preached a sermon in that borough recently, whose language was both chaste and eloquent..... On Wednesday afternoon, Henry Oakley, a miner, employed at the Maple Dale Colliery, was instantly killed by a fall of slate. His body was crushed to a jelly.... A German named Leonard Schmitt, was found dead recently a short distance below Auburn. Verdict by the jury—death by appoplexy or exposure.....The Teacher's institute held its annual session at Mahanoy City during last week.....Alfred Sanderson, editor of the *Standard*, formerly of this city, continues to suffer very seriously on account of colored person on the brain. His case is hopeless.

CHESTER COUNTY.—John T. Worthington, an old and respected citizen of West Chester, died a few days ago.....Daniel Thompson, of Highland, fell from a wagon load of shingles, near Parksburg, a few days ago, and was severely injured.....Mr. John Pratt, of East Goshen, sold three sheep for $178.....Mr. David H. Paxson, of East Brandywine, attended the Agricultural Fair at Richmond, Va., last week, and brought home with him some fine specimens of fruits and vegetables. He liked the exhibition well enough, but he did not like the address of John S. Preston, an unreconstructed rebel from South Carolina. It was filled with abuse of the Yankee and the Government..... Samuel Painter, of West Chester, will start for China, via California, in a short time.....T. L. Baily, opened a chest belonging to his grandmother, which had been closed for 80 years, and found a quantity of Continental money representing about four thousand pounds.....The Brandywide Baptist church, near Chadd's Ford, is rapidly approaching completion .....An interesting protracted meeting is in progress at the Methodist Church at Downingtown.....A corps of engineers are making surveys for the projected railroad between Parkesburg and Delaware City, on the river Delaware.....A Normal School is to be established at West Chester. The sum of $100,000 is needed for that purpose, and $81,000 has been secured....The house of Wilson Irwin, Penningtonville, was entered by burglars on Tuesday night last week and robbed of silver ware, clothing, preserves, butter, &c.

YORK COUNTY.—Christian Pfahler, the new Sheriff, has taken possession of the office, and appointed George Daron his deputy.....The barn of John Rouse, on the Baltimore turnpike, near York, was burned on Thursday night of last week. The cattle were saved, but other contents destroyed.....Rev. J. H. Menges has sold his mill property, near York, to Martin and Daniel Hoke, for $30,000..... Adam Forney, an old and much esteemed citizen of Hanover, and a soldier of the war of 1812, died last week.....The First National Bank of Hanover has declared a dividend for the last six months of five per cent.....William H. Bott has invented an improvement on the corn plow, and Jesse Hamme a pushing jack for railroads. .....R. K. Gilgore has been appointed postmaster at Union, in the room of F. Ehrhart, resigned.....The large grist mill of Baer & Winter, near York, has lately been improved with new and improved machinery, and is now a model mill..... There are about fifty houses, some of them first class, in process of erection, and nearly finished in York.....Shellbarks are plenty in York, and prime ones sell for $1.25 per bushel.....The Wrightsville National Bank has declared a dividend of five per cent, for the last six months..... The amount of internal revenue collected in the York, Cumberland and Perry District, for the last four months commencing with July 1st, exceeds the amount for the same period last year over $22,000. This, when the production of whisky has not been so great by one-third. The expense of collection was over $1,400 less than for the corresponding period of last year. Not much of a compliment to Andy Johnson's officials.....A colored cornet band is about being organized in York..... The York and York County National Banks have each declared a dividend of six per cent. for the last six months.

BERKS COUNTY.—Robert M. Divine, committed suicide on last Saturday evening, in the County Prison, by hanging himself. He was twenty-six years of age, and lost an arm in the service of his country. He was confined on a charge of malicious mischief—demolishing the window of William Beine's lager beer saloon, at 8th and Bingaman streets, whilst intoxicated.....A six year old son of Mr. Strunk, residing at Manockicy Furnace, a few days ago fell from a wagon loaded with corn and the hind wheel passed over him causing instant death.....Dr. C. H. Wanner, a prominent citizen of Kutztown, died on Sunday last, aged 42 years.....On Saturday evening, a young man named Richard Englehart, residing on a farm two miles west of Reading, whilst under the influence of intoxicating drink, laid down across the track on the Lebanon Valley Railroad, and was killed by a train.....A Young Peoples' Christian Association is in course of organization in Reading. At a meeting held in the 4th-st. M. E. Church, the question was discussed whether membership of the Christian Association shall or shall not be confined only to Christians. A committee was appointed to whom the subject has been referred. At the next meeting, probably, the question will be decided.

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 venerable Godfried Zahm, celebrated his birth-day, according to his annual custom, on Wednesday last. About forty of his decendants—children, grand and great-grand children—participated. Although Mr. Zahm has reached the ripe old age of four-score and two, he is as active as many men of fifty, while his eye is undimmed, and his intellect and memory remain unimpaired.

Our market-master seized a number of rolls of butter, the last few market mornings for light weight. The price is still not high enough, it seems.

Hon. Jno. L. Laubach, Benj. F. Shenk and Augustus Shriner, have been elected trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, by the Synod of the Reformed Church. Mr. E. J. Zahm, of this city, was also elected one of the trustees of the Theological Seminary at Mercersburg.

Rev. Jos. H. Barclay, D. D., of Easton, Pa., has been unanimously elected pastor of St. John's Lutheran Congregation, of this city.

Hon. Charles Sumner, U. S. Senator from Massachusetts, will deliver a lecture on "Caste," in Fulton Hall, this city, on the evening of Friday, the 26th inst. A rare treat may be expected.

Mr. Daniel Hoffman, hotel keeper at Millersville, this county, recently sold his fine family horse to Mr. Bechard, of Camden, N. J., for $700.

Deputy Collector Thos. A. Wiley and Assistant Assessor C. F. Eberman, seized forty-four barrels of whisky, on Thursday last, which they found concealed under some straw in a shed on the premises of Henry Siegman, in Pequea township, this county. Twelve more barrels were also seized on the farm of J. M. Mehaffey, in Martic township, about a mile from Siegman's. The barrels were all branded with Jonas B. Good's name, though he denies all knowledge of the whisky. It has been all hauled to the city, and stored with Bitner & Co., to await the action of the Revenue officers.

Samuel M. King, of this city, has received letters patent for valuable improvements in Shingle Machines.

A German named Samuel Brodbeck, was arrested one day last week by Christian F. Binkley, a farmer in Pequea township, for shooting turkeys belonging to him, on his premises.

A correspondent in Fulton twp., Lancaster county, reports a peach tree growing upon his premises, measuring 37 inches in circumference in the smallest part. This season it perfected 12 bushels of fruit, being so loaded that it required a large number of props under the limbs. The tree is fifteen years old. On an adjacent farm, belonging to Alfred Brown, there are also some very large peach trees, three of them measuring as follows: No. 1, is 51 inches in circumference 6 inches above the ground. No. 2, is 41 and 34½ inches in circumference at the same heigh; and No. 3, is 38 and 31½ inches in circumference at the same height. These trees are about 24 years years of age.

Daniel Fullmer, a tailor by trade, was found dead about 200 yards from his residence, in Springville, Mount Joy twp., on Friday last. He left his home on Thursday evening.

The Manheim National Bank has declared a dividend of 5 per cent. on its Capital Stock, payable on demand.

The Manheim and Lancaster Turnpike Company, has made a dividend of four dollars per share of its capital stock, instead of one dollar per share as heretofore published.

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