

Lancaster Intelligencer.

FRIDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 6, 1880.

The Presidential Directory.

As the days pass on we are getting to know who are presidential candidates, and we are beginning to find out, too, who are not.

MINOR TOPICS.

There will be two delegates to the national Republican convention chosen from Lancaster county at the May primaries.

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It is telegraphed this morning to the Philadelphia papers that John M. Stehman has been chosen Republican elector for this district.

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A two year old baby, richly dressed, has been taken in a pew of St. Augustine Catholic church, Philadelphia after service.

The Republican nominations for supreme judge and auditor general will be known as the Green Lemon ticket. It is just possible that it may sour on the Republican stomach.

In Bradford, Maud Jefferson, a milliner, shot herself in a restaurant, and probably will not recover.

The reported discovery of a well gushing 100 barrels of oil daily, near Reynoldsville, Jefferson county, has set the people of Clearfield county to thinking that there may be oil in their land.

There has been a meeting of the purchasers of the franchises of the Pennsylvania and Delaware railroad company, for the purpose of effecting a new organization.

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THE SCHOOL BOARD. AN IMPORTANT MEETING.

Full Attendance—New Buildings Contemplated—Mr. Geisinger's Resignation.

The board of directors of Lancaster school district met last evening in common council chamber, the following named members being present:

Messrs. D. G. Baker, P. D. Baker, Brosius, Carpenter, Cochran, Eberly, Eberman, Erismann, Evans, Geisinger, Harris, D. Hartman, J. I. Hartman, Johnston, Levergood, Marshall, McComsey, McConomy, Morton, Reimensnyder, Rhoads, Richards, Schmidt, Smeych, Snyder, Spurrer, Westhaeffer, Yesley, C. Zecher, Geo. W. Zecher, Warfel, president.

The reports of the visiting committees were not read. Following is an abstract showing the attendance of pupils at the several schools.

Table with columns: School Name, Average Attendance, Number of Pupils. Lists schools like Mr. McCaskey's boys' high school, Mr. Hervey's boys' secondary school, etc.

Mr. D. G. Baker, from the superintendent's report, reported adversely to the employment of an assistant teacher in the African school on the ground that there are not enough pupils sufficiently advanced to warrant it.

Mr. Evans, from the finance committee, reported that the finance committee be directed to forthwith institute legal proceedings against Superintendent Wickersham, with a view to compel him to do his duty and draw his warrant for the state appropriation due Lancaster district.

Mr. Johnston suggested that, as Dr. Wickersham had within a few days past, published in the School Journal, a letter addressed to State Treasurer Noyes, in which he calls the treasurer's attention to the overdue school appropriations and declares that he will be compelled to draw his warrants on the treasurer whether there be or be not money in the treasury to meet them, it might be regarded as precipitate on the part of the board to institute legal proceedings until Dr. Wickersham had had an opportunity of fulfilling his promise.

On motion of Dr. Levergood the several recommendations of the committee were approved, and the property committee directed to have the alterations made forthwith.

Mr. Evans, from the finance committee, reported the following bills which, having been examined by the committee and approved, were ordered to be paid: Edward P. Yost, repairing and painting chairs, \$1.80; D. B. Cozins, teaching colored night school, \$27.50; Peter Muller, lamps and oil, \$3.47; Roxy Bair, teaching female night school, \$50; Hager & Bro., matting and carpet, \$17.87; Plinn & Breueman, heater, etc., \$21.35; Levi Powell, carpentry and glazing, \$8.75; F. Mendenbach, kindling wood, \$2; John Baer's Sons, books, etc., \$26.30; Chas. H. Barr, books and stationery, \$25.63.

Mr. Erismann, from the book committee, reported that the committee had furnished Miss Gill's school with crayon drawing models, and Miss Johnston's school with a map of the United States, as they had been directed to do by the board.

Dr. Levergood from the committee to revise rules, reported progress and asked that the committee be continued. Agreed to.

New School Buildings. On motion of Mr. Brosius the report of the special committee to erect new school buildings and reorganize the schools, presented at last meeting, was taken up, and the several recommendations of the committee considered seriatim, as follows:

"1. The present arrangement of the Lancaster city school district, into four divisions formed by the intersection of King and Queen streets shall be retained."

"2. Ample school accommodation shall be provided in each respective division for all the primary and secondary pupils who reside within the limits of the division."

"3. The board shall provide as soon as practicable for the erection of four new school buildings, one in each of the four divisions of the city, with accommodations in each building for both the primary and secondary pupils of said division who are not already, or who may not hereafter, be otherwise provided for."

On a motion being made to adopt the above resolution the yeas and nays were demanded and resulted as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. D. G. Baker, Brosius, Cochran, Erismann, Harris, D. Hartman, J. I. Hartman, Marshall, Schmidt, Smeych, Snyder, Spurrer, Westhaeffer, Yesley, G. W. Zecher and Warfel, president—24.

Nays—Messrs. P. D. Baker, Eberly, Evans, J. I. Hartman, Marshall, Schmidt and C. Zecher—7.

The proposition was declared adopted. "The new buildings shall be erected upon sites already in the possession of the board so far as these sites may be deemed eligible." Adopted.

"3. The new buildings shall all be constructed on the single-room plan. They shall be two stories high. The rooms for the primary schools shall have a capacity for 60 pupils, with a floor surface to each pupil of at least 9 square feet. The rooms for the secondary schools shall have a capacity for 50 pupils with a floor surface to each pupil of at least 13 square feet. All the school rooms shall be furnished with single seats and desks for each pupil, and in the construction of the buildings special attention shall be paid to lighting, heating, and ventilation of all the apartments."

Mr. McComsey moved to strike out all that referred to floor surface, desks, and seats.

Mr. Brosius argued against the amendment.

Mr. Eberly opposed the entire proposition, and moved that it be postponed indefinitely. The motion to postpone was voted down.

The matter was further discussed by Messrs. Harris, Johnston, Levergood, McComsey, McConomy, Schmidt, Westhaeffer and Warfel, president—12—voted for Miss Sarah F. Harkins.

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Messrs. Riemensnyder, D. Hartman, Harris, McComsey and others, and the question being called on Mr. McComsey's amendment it was rejected by the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. D. G. Baker, P. D. Baker, Eberly, Erismann, Evans, Harris, D. Hartman, J. I. Hartman, Marshall, McComsey, Schmidt, Smeych, Snyder, Spurrer, Westhaeffer, Yesley, C. Zecher and Warfel, president—15.

Nays—Messrs. Brosius, Carpenter, Cochran, Erismann, Johnston, Levergood, McComsey, Morton, Reimensnyder, Rhoads, Richards, Schmidt, Smeych, Snyder, Spurrer, Westhaeffer, Yesley and G. W. Zecher—18.

The above section was then adopted without a division.

"6. The first new building shall be erected in the northeast division on the lot now owned by the board and located on the northeast corner of Lime and Lemon streets."

"This proposition was discussed at some length by Messrs. Eberly and D. Hartman, who opposed it, and Messrs. McComsey, Spurrer and Brosius, who favored it. The question being called it was adopted without a division.

The following propositions were read and adopted without debate:

"7. The building to be erected at Lime and Lemon streets shall contain twelve rooms for 600 pupils.

"8. As the necessity may arise other school buildings of required capacity shall be erected, on the same general plan of the four large buildings, in districts which are so situated as to make the central or main building, in view of its location and convenience of access.

"9. As rapidly as the new buildings provided for in this plan are completed the primary and secondary schools of Lancaster city shall be organized on the single room plan, with one teacher for each room.

The State School Appropriation. The secretary presented a letter he had received from Dr. Wickersham, superintendent of public instruction, in answer to a letter written to him by the secretary by direction of the board, in which the superintendent says in effect, that the reason he has not drawn his warrants for the school appropriations is that there are no funds in the state treasury with which to pay them; but that he is almost tired waiting, &c., &c.

Mr. Evans moved that the finance committee be directed to forthwith institute legal proceedings against Superintendent Wickersham, with a view to compel him to do his duty and draw his warrant for the state appropriation due Lancaster district.

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It had been reported in the newspapers that he had already drawn warrants for several districts, that some of them had been cashed by the banks, and on reaching the state treasury had not been paid, for want of funds.

Mr. Brosius moved to amend by giving notice to the state superintendent that if the warrant was not drawn within thirty days proceedings would be instituted.

Mr. Spurrer proposed to amend by making the time five days.

President Warfel stated that he had seen Dr. Wickersham at Harrisburg within a few days past, and that he assured him that he had given instructions to his clerks to go right on issuing the school warrants, and that many of them had been already issued.

Mr. Cochran said that he too had seen Dr. Wickersham a few days ago, and that his answer relative to the school warrants was not satisfactory.

After some further discussion Mr. Evans's motion to institute legal proceedings against Dr. Wickersham was carried without a division.

Resignations and Elections. Rev. D. H. Geisinger presented his resignation as a member of the board in the following words:

"I have the honor herewith to tender my resignation as a member of your board, having permanently removed from the city. Permit me to acknowledge the courtesy which I have received during my association with you, and to wish you great success in all your efforts to promote the cause of popular education."

On motion, Rev. Geisinger's resignation was accepted and the board proceeded to fill the vacancy.

Wm. A. Wilson and John Ochs were nominated. The roll was called with the following result:

Messrs. D. G. Baker, P. D. Baker, Brosius, Cochran, Eberly, Erismann, Harris, D. Hartman, J. I. Hartman, Marshall, Schmidt, Smeych, Snyder, Spurrer, Westhaeffer, Yesley, C. Zecher and G. W. Zecher—15—voted for Mr. Ochs.

Mr. Wilson was declared elected.

The resignation of Miss Emma Dorwart, principal of one of the primary schools, was presented and accepted.

On motion Miss Mary Zuecher, 1st assistant in same school, was unanimously chosen principal, and Miss Ella Musser, 2d assistant, was chosen 1st assistant. To fill the vacancy caused by Miss Musser's promotion, all applicants holding certificates were placed in nomination. A vote being taken resulted as follows:

Messrs. D. G. Baker, P. D. Baker, Brosius, Cochran, Eberly, Erismann, Harris, D. Hartman, J. I. Hartman, Marshall, Schmidt, Smeych, Snyder, Spurrer, Westhaeffer, Yesley, C. Zecher and G. W. Zecher—30—voted for Miss Guthrie.

Messrs. Carpenter, Erismann, Harris, Johnston, Levergood, Marshall, McComsey, McConomy, Schmidt, Westhaeffer and Warfel, president—12—voted for Miss Carpenter.

Miss Guthrie was declared elected.

Mr. Brosius presented the following resolution which was unanimously adopted: Resolved, That this board hereby convey

to Rev. D. H. Geisinger an expression of their regret that his new field of labor has rendered it necessary for him to sever his connection with the board, and to tender to him their sincere thanks for his zeal and efficiency while a member of this body.

Secretary Eberman presented to the board the professional certificates of Misses Dougherty, Staydam, Powers, and Musselman which they had held for more than one year. On motion, the board recommended that permanent certificates be granted them.

Secretary Eberman stated that he had been making endeavors to get together the old minute books of the board, and had succeeded in getting all of them except the book immediately preceding the one now in use. The first entry in the book now in use is dated September, 1828.

The missing book contains six minutes for some years preceding that date. He hoped that by giving notice in this way the book might be recovered.

The president announced the following visiting committee for the ensuing three months:

Visiting Committees—Southeast Division—David Hartman (chairman), Peter McComsey, George W. Zecher, Daniel Smeych, A. K. Spurrer.

Northeast Division—Wm. A. Morton (chairman), Wm. B. Wiley, H. Z. Rhoads, Joseph Samson, Rev. C. Riemensnyder.

Southwest Division—Marriott Brosius (chairman), Alex. Harris, P. D. Baker, E. G. Snyder, George Yesley.

Northwest Division—Dr. J. Levergood (chairman), Charles Schwebel, Joseph Schmidt, J. M. Westhaeffer.

President Warfel also appointed Wm. A. Wilson a member of the book committee, vice Rev. D. H. Geisinger, resigned.

Anniversary Entertainment. The tenth anniversary of the Young Men's Christian association of this city was celebrated last evening by giving an entertainment at the court house. The court room was well filled and the proceedings were of an interesting character.

The programme