

THE ASSESSMENT APPEALS.

This morning the county commissioners heard appeals from the assessment of property made in the Seventh, Eighth and Ninth wards. Below will be found the assessments of 1879 and 1880, and the changes in valuation of property made by the assessors:

Table with 3 columns: Wards, 1879, 1880, Reduction. Rows include 7th, 8th, and 9th wards.

To the assessment of 1880 as above returned the county commissioners directed the assessor of the Seventh ward to revise the assessment and add to the valuation \$16,000. A revision was made, but only \$11,493 was added. This was accepted by the commissioners. The assessor of the Eighth ward was directed to increase \$20,000; he increased \$18,710, and his book also was accepted. The assessor of the Ninth ward, who had originally increased the valuation of property in his ward \$11,475, was instructed to add \$19,600 more. He revised his assessments and added \$19,600, and his book was received by the commissioners.

There were a number of appeals from the assessments made in the above wards, but not so many as in the wards heard yesterday and day before. A few of the appeals were sustained by the commissioners, but in a large majority of cases the assessment was sustained.

It is estimated that the total valuation of property in the county under the assessment of 1880 will be about \$91,000,000, as compared with \$94,000,000 last year. The rate for 1879 was 2 1/2 mills, from which about \$25,000,000 revenue was derived. The sum was found insufficient to meet the expenses of the county and liquidate debts for contracts made and work done under direction of the former board of commissioners. Hence the necessity for raising the rate to 3 1/2 mills, which will increase the revenue to about \$274,000. The estimated county expenditures for the year ending January 1, 1881, (including between \$29,000 and \$30,000 in old debt) are \$274,000. Following are a few of the heaviest items of expense: Poor house, \$50,000; prisons, \$20,000; interest on loans, \$20,000; commissions, statements and expenditures, \$18,000; salaries and tips, \$15,000; jails and jury commissioners, \$14,000; quarter sessions, \$10,000; children's home, \$10,000. There are dozens of other annual expenditures ranging all the way from \$10,000 down to \$100. The commissioners expect to be able to keep the actual expenses of the county considerably within the limits of the estimates.

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ST. VALENTINE'S DAY.

How the Celebration Originated—Something About its Observance. Saturday next will be St. Valentine's day. Tradition has it that this day was called in honor of a priest or bishop named Valentine, who suffered martyrdom under the Emperor Diocletian at Rome, A. D. 271, and for which fact he was sentenced by the Holy See. It is also stated that on or about the middle of February the Laperche family began to have held in honor of the heathen deities Pan and Juno, at which time it was the custom, amidst a variety of ceremonies, to place the names of young women in a box, from which they were drawn by the young men as decisive in matrimonial matters. And tradition also has it that the priest refused to become convinced that the custom was prejudicial, was zealous in overthrowing it, and that he substituted therefor the names of saints in billets on that day, when, drawn, were to be regarded by the person obtaining the same as his or her patron saint throughout the year, and hence the day became St. Valentine's day, more from accident than design. However true this may be, it is quite certain that St. Valentine's day, or the 14th of February, was early set apart by the church for observance by the young people of civilized countries, and that the romance therewith has to a greater or less degree kept the custom from becoming obsolete in England and Scotland to the present day a coronation is observed on the evening of St. Valentine's day similar to the ancient Roman custom. An equal number of the young people of both sexes assemble at the home of one of their numbers for the purpose of drawing one of the opposite sex, who is to be his valentine for the ensuing year. This custom often ended in obtaining a partner for life. From the custom of choosing mates, it is believed that the subsidiary custom of writing love epistles took its origin. Shakespeare and Chaucer refer to the day as early observed by young men in the sending of courteous letters to young ladies containing professions of attachment and good wishes for the year. This method of observing the day soon after became very general, and continued in favor for a considerable period thereafter. The day is now almost everywhere a most elegant and festive, and its approach is usually heralded by the appearance in the shop windows a great variety of ridiculous and quaint caricatures of the male and female figure, with a few burlesque lines below.

NOTICE INCENDIARISM.

Another Stable Burned Last Night. Last night a stable situated on the west side of North Queen street, near Clay street, was burned to the ground between 10 and 11 o'clock. The building was of very good size and it formerly belonged to the Swilley estate. At the time of the fire it was owned by Philip Glider, of this city, and John Ströhl, of Milway, and was leased by Peter Dillenbach. There was about an acre and a half of tobacco belonging to H. S. Shneider, in the building, and it was entirely consumed. Mr. Dillenbach removed his crop of tobacco, which was there also, a few days ago. The night being very dark the fire made a brilliant light and it could be seen in every section of the city. The fire companies were on hand very promptly, but were unable to save the building, which was entirely frame, and burned very rapidly. There was an insurance of \$500 on the barn.

DEATH OF LANDANUM.

Leander Lebarre, a slater residing at Staeford, Northampton county, drank a bottle of landanum on Friday and died from the effects.

COLUMBIA NEWS.

The Budget of an Occasional Correspondent. The conferees appointed at the several ward meetings of the Democracy of Columbia met in the Herald office on Monday evening. Mr. John T. Richards was the unanimous choice of the conferees for chief reporter. Mr. Richards is an engineer on the Pennsylvania railroad, an intelligent young man, and, if elected, will serve the people well. No nomination was made for high constable.

Mr. John Klinesmith was nominated by the conferees for constable of the Second ward in place of D. Sample, who declined to be a candidate. He is a sober, industrious young man, and should be elected. At the several ward meetings, held last evening, the Republicans of Columbia made the following nominations for borough officers:

First Ward. Judge—M. Wilke. Inspector—Wm. Fassig. Assessor—B. Clapper. Council—E. N. Smith. Constable—C. Hollingsworth. School Director—J. Zeamer.

Second Ward. Judge—Frank Erisman. Inspector—J. W. Yocum. Assessor—D. P. Boyd. Council—P. S. Brugh. School Director—Jacob Bahn. Constable—Henry Fisher.

Third Ward. Judge—H. H. Hollinger. Inspector—Jacob Hiller. Assessor—D. P. Boyd. Council—J. K. Kistler. School Director—Jno. Liewellyn. Constable—J. K. Smoker. Chief Burgess—Charles Mellinger. High Constable—C. Strawbridge.

The ticket is uniformly a good one. Hence the necessity for a full Democratic vote and every one to his post. Mr. Hiram Nowell, formerly of this place, now living in Leadville, Col., has sent his father a handsome cabinet of minerals.

Encourage the "Grand Army Boys" by going to hear Mr. B. Macauley as Uncle David in the comedy "A Messenger from Jarvis Section," on to-morrow evening the 13th inst.

The pay car of the Pennsylvania railroad, with Superintendent Lockard in charge, arrived in town yesterday afternoon. Consequently all the employees are in a happy mood.

Miss Edie Demey, of Harrisburg, is the guest of Miss Caddie Clark, of Columbia.

Mr. A. J. Kaufman, who has been confined to the house for the past week with a severe cold, we are glad to say is able to be in his office again.

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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS.

Events Across the County Line. Messrs. Lewis and William Poulton played a friendly match game of billiards last night in the Bolton house billiard room. The following is the score by innings:

Lewis Poulton—6, 12, 0, 0, 15, 2, 0, 12, 1, 0, 1, 2, 1, 9, 0, 3, 15, 2, 16, 0, 2, 1, 1, 0, 2, 3, 0, 12, 2, 12, 1, 0, 6, 0, 9, 5, 14, 0, 0, 5, 1, 4, 3, 0, 1, 18, 2, 0, 6, 4, 2, 4, 0, 0, 7, 0, 4, 2—250.

William Poulton—1, 11, 0, 0, 0, 12, 21, 2, 0, 1, 3, 2, 3, 0, 3, 0, 1, 5, 8, 0, 0, 4, 3, 0, 5, 7, 0, 12, 0, 10, 3, 1, 1, 0, 2, 12, 1, 0, 2, 0, 7, 18, 3, 0, 2, 0, 3, 0—251.

On the fast line west, yesterday afternoon, was a party of well-known Philadelphiaans, including Messrs. John L. Hill, Hamilton Diston, Wm. E. Littleton, Wm. G. Huey, ex-Sheriff Wright and several other gentlemen, bound on a pleasure trip to the Pacific slope. The party occupied the special car formerly used by the Grand Duke Alexis, which has all the comforts of a hotel on trucks.

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS.

Before Judge Livingston. In the case of Franklin Schlegelmich vs. Mary Eckert, the defence called a number of witnesses in rebuttal. This morning the counsel began speaking and the case was given to the jury at a late hour this afternoon.

Current Business.

Mrs. Adeline Springer was made a *feme sole* on her petition.

Adjourned Criminal Court.

An adjourned court of quarter sessions will be held during the week beginning Monday, Feb. 23. Among the principal defendants, whose cases are on the list, are Peter Herdic, false pretense; James Henderson, false pretense; John B. Dennis and Harvey Raymond, disseminating witnesses; Julia Hoover, murderer; Fred K. Hildebrand, enticer of a minor; Lancaster city, neglect of duty; Lewis Sowers, murderer.

Amusements.

Annie Pixley was booked to-day to play "M'liss" on March 2.

Buffalo Bill will be here on election night. His agent was in town to-day.

A TESTIMONIAL.

"Well Done, Good and Faithful Servant." Last evening in the lodge room of Lodge 43, F. and A. M., after the minutes had been read Past Master C. M. Howell arose and in an appropriate speech presented, on behalf of the brethren, to Chas. A. Heinitz, treasurer, a magnificent silver water-cooler and goblets. The cooler is a magnificent work of art. It consists of a beautifully ornamented double-walled silver pitcher, supported by pivots on an elegant silver stand. Inside the silver pitcher is a porcelain vessel to contain the ice water, so arranged that it can be at any time removed. The pivots supporting the pitcher are so arranged that the pitcher sits perfectly firm upon them when not in use, but may be easily tilted for the purpose of pouring out water. On the base of the silver stand are two silver goblets, arranged so that they may be easily lifted off, but cannot possibly fall off. The testimonial is inscribed: "From Lodge 43, F. and A. M., to Brother Chas. A. Heinitz, treasurer, for faithful services, A. L. 5880." Mr. Heinitz was taken completely by surprise, but soon recovered sufficient composure to thank the generous donors for the beautiful gift. All who have seen the pitcher and its appointments pronounce it to be one of the most beautiful works of the kind they have ever seen. It was purchased from E. J. Zahn, jeweler, and dealer in gold and silverware.

A ROUGH JOURN.

A Simple-Minded Youth the Victim. This morning a young man called at Alderman Barn's office and handed him a note which read as follows: "Mr. Alderman—Please send this boy out for ten days." The alderman told the young man to take a seat, and supposing that it was his desire to be committed as a vagrant, asked the young man his name and proceeded to fill up a commitment, and awaited the arrival of an officer to take the young fellow to jail. After sitting for some time, the young man, who gave his name as George Michael Simon Becket, got up and said he believed he would go. "Wait until an officer comes," said the alderman. "No, I have an errand to go," replied the young man. "Don't you want to go to jail?" demanded the alderman. "No, I want to go on an errand," said the visitor. "Do you know what is written on the paper you handed me?" asked the alderman. "No, I can't read; but I met a man up town who told me how to get me \$5 to vote for MacGonigle, and another man told me not to take it; that you would give me \$10 to vote for Horlog, and he said he would give me a note to you, and he gave me that." The alderman then handed the paper to the young man, who seemed to be a little weak in the upper story, was being used as a victim of two practical jokers, who had taken position opposite the alderman's office to see the result of their plot.

Several Times Right. A fellow by the name of Smith undertook to bulldoze Fred. Waltz, proprietor of the McGrann house, to give him a drink for nothing this afternoon, and on the latter's refusal, became very abusive and quarrelsome. As the fellow was determined to have a fight, Fred, on seeing the fellow's attitude, gave him a deserved thrashing. In his hasty retreat, Smith, who is said to hail from Ohio, where a criminal prosecution is pending against him, was nearly run over by the cars, and did not stop running till he had got beyond the city limits.

Discharge on a Writ.

This afternoon Abraham White, of Manheim, who had been committed to prison by Justice of the Peace Gipple, on complaint of his father, who charged him with being worthless, was taken before Judge Livingston and discharged on a writ of habeas corpus.

Amusements.

"Aeroplanes in the Air."—The most successful balloon which has prevailed in this community during the present season, through the organization of the Star club, their active research and industry, and their happy success, as evidenced by the visit of Proctor, the renowned English astronomer, will receive a new impetus by the appearance of Rev. Dr. Warren, the eminent lecturer on the subject of astronomical topics, who will come here under local auspices on the 23rd inst., and deliver his instructive and entertaining lecture on "The Aeroplanes of the Future." The lecture is assured, as Dr. Warren, besides having a thorough knowledge of all matters pertaining to astronomical science, enjoys the reputation of being a very masterly orator in the great assembly hall of the front rank of platform lecturers on this and other subjects. The chart will shortly be opened at John Carr's Sons' book store.

Deaths. Henry George, in this city, on the 11th inst., aged 70 years, son of Andrew F. and Maria Sulzner, in the second year of his age.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from the residence of his parents, No. 228 Green street, to-morrow afternoon, at 3 o'clock. It is desired that the casket be in the parlour at 9 o'clock a. m., at the house, Interment Mt. Zion cemetery. 3rd

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PHYSICIAN AND ACCIDENT. Insurance—lowest rates. Good and Reliable Companies. HERB & STAYFER, 101-103 West King Street.

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PRIVATE SALE OF A TWO-STORY BRICK DWELLING, 103 South Pine street, containing 8 rooms, eastern and well water and well built. Terms easy. Inquire of HENRY TAYLOR, 103 West King Street.

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Two Organs. Regulate first the stomach, second the liver; especially the first, so as to perform their functions perfectly and you will remove at least nineteen twentieths of all the ills that mankind is heir to, in this or any other climate. Hop Bitters is the only thing that will give perfectly healthy natural action to these two organs. 12-2ndR

Try Locher's Cough Syrup. From a Distinguished Physician. Prof. Green, a distinguished allopathic physician, wrote to the Medical Record of Atlanta, Ga., to the effect that after all other means had failed, he sent for the Cough Syrup of Locher, and to his astonishment cured a serious case of Bright's Disease by administering it, and afterwards found it equally beneficial in other cases. He used his brother's physicians to use it in preference to anything else for kidney disorders. 12-2ndR

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THIRD EDITION.

THURSDAY EVENING, FEB. 12, 1880. WEATHER INDICATIONS.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—For the Middle states threatening weather and rain, followed by clearing weather during the night, southerly winds, shifting to west or northwest, falling followed by rising barometer, and by Friday morning a slight fall of temperature.

CURTIN VS. YOCUM.

The Majority Report, Forcing for a New Election, to be Submitted to the House. WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—The House committee on elections adopted to-day the majority report in the case of Curtin vs. Yocum, Pennsylvania, which favors sending the matter back to the people of the district for a new election.

The committee also voted to allow the minority report of the sub-committee in favor of Yocum, the sitting member, to be presented to the House to accompany the report of the committee.

THE NUTMEG STATE. Crime and Casualty in the Land of steady Habits. BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Feb. 12.—Joseph B. Nichols, watchman for the Naugatuck railroad, fell from a pier this morning and was drowned.

The trial of William Bucholz, for the murder of John H. Schulte, at Norwalk, in December, 1878, is arranged to take place Tuesday next. Bucholz was once convicted of murder in the first degree, but the verdict was set aside on account of the indiscretion of a juror.

CONGRESS. Business in the Senate. WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—Amongst the measures introduced to-day were bills to abolish the duties on the importation of salt, and to extend the time for the completion of the Texas and Pacific railway.

Political Debate in the House. The House to-day took up the consideration of the "court removal" bill, and during the discussion of an amendment offered by Mr. White (Pa.), a political debate sprang up.

TRAGEDY IN A HOTEL. Suicide at the Continental, in Philadelphia. PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 12.—J. J. Powers, a wealthy oil refiner, of St. Louis, committed suicide by shooting himself through the heart at his apartments in the Continental hotel at one o'clock this afternoon. Deceased was suffering from an aggravated form of insomnia, and came here for medical treatment.

CHARGED WITH MURDER. Isaiah Tyson Accused of Killing a Woman. PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 12.—In the case of Mary J. Tyson, the colored woman who was found dead in an Alaska street tenement house yesterday, a coroner's jury returned a verdict this morning, accusing Isaiah Tyson of having killed her. Tyson was committed to await trial.

THE INDIAN DEFICIENCY. An Appropriation of \$125,000 to Meet It. WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—The House committee on appropriations took up the subject of deficiencies this morning, and agreed to report to the House a deficiency appropriation of \$125,000 for support of certain Indian tribes for the year ending June 30, 1880.

A LIBERAL OFFER. \$25,000 for a Public Library. DAUFERMAN, Feb. 12.—A public meeting here has resolved to accept the offer of Mr. Andrew Carnegie, of New York, a native of this place, to give five thousand pounds towards the establishment of a public library.

SPILT MILK. Probably Fatal Railroad Accident. WOODBURY, N. J., Feb. 12.—The train leaving Camden for Brighton at 8:30 a. m. ran into a milk wagon at the Woodbury Park crossing, near here. The wagon was demolished, and the occupants, two men named respectively Clayton and Chew, were probably fatally injured.

LOST AT SEA. A Spanish Vessel Foundered and all but Two of the Crew Drowned. LONDON, Feb. 12.—The steamer Constant, coal laden, Cardiff for Malta, foundered on Monday off Land's End. The crew all drowned except two, who were rescued by a steamer supposed to be bound for America.

BOSTON'S BIG BLAZE. Fifty Thousand Dollars Lost by Fire. BOSTON, Feb. 12.—A fire in block 150 to 156 Blackstone street, this morning, damaged the buildings and stocks of the occupants from \$40,000 to \$50,000. Loss on building \$6,000.

BOARD OF PARDONS. Its Meeting Postponed Till March. HARRISBURG