

Lancaster Intelligencer.

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Is He in Earnest!

An ex-Confederate and journalist, coached by Col. Forney, has written what he calls "a tract on the political condition of the country addressed more particularly to the thoughtful men of the South," its aim being to prove that "the hour and the man" have met in the candidacy of Gen. Grant for a third presidential term.

The writer is at least entitled to credit for the frankness with which he lays down his premises, and if these are admitted the logic of his conclusions will probably not be disputed.

His argument differs from that of most of his associates in his premises, or at least in the fact that he makes no concealment of them.

It is not upon Grant's personal rectitude, his military services, his civic virtues, nor his display of administrative skill, that this writer bases Grant's pretensions to another and probably numerous more successive terms in the chair which Washington and Jefferson and Jackson voluntarily abdicated after eight years of honorable occupancy.

In short this writer believes that the country needs a king, and, assuming this, he thinks, with Judge Black, that Grant is fitter than anybody else we have to "herd with vulgar kings."

In the view of this ex-Confederate, there have come to realize what Macaulay predicted, that our constitution was "all sail and no ballast," and we are speeding to destruction for want of a "strong man" at the helm.

He needs not be pure of heart, nor great of intellect, but he must have a strong arm. "The count of noses," he says in speaking of popular suffrage, "male and female, Jew and Gentile, young and old, white and black," never having been resorted to strictly to decide civil questions, what we have of it might as well be obliterated and the management of things entrusted to a select few—selected by themselves of course.

The ignorance of the negro voters in the South, and the discontent and disorder of the laboring classes in the North, and the influx of foreigners with a taint of communism, convince this writer that all the demands for a strong government are at hand; and so he favors Grant for the head of it.

And it does not occur to the people who are circulating this pamphlet in Grant's interest, that it is a most powerful satire against the third term!

The retiring editor of the Philadelphia Press fires his parting shot at Christopher L. Magee, the "cheerful political oracle" of Pittsburgh, whose oracular utterances are to the effect that Grant stock is not on the decline; the Pennsylvania state convention was not in any sense friendly to Blaine; the "unit rule" was virtually adopted unanimously; while the Delaware and Chester district alone has pronounced against it, yet its delegates "will fall into line when the time comes."

The delegation as a whole is satisfactory to Senator Cameron; and, finally, that there will "not be any trouble with the delegation." All of which rose-colored Cameron view of things the retiring editor of the Press thinks will be dissolved when the political realities of the Chicago convention are realized.

Mr. McPherson, having engaged upon a course of labor in which he can benefit Mr. Blaine or Mr. Sherman more than as editor of the Press, may know whereof he prophesies. We assure him that the little oracles here in Lancaster talk exactly in the same strain as Mr. Magee; and the apparent consent of the local managers to the selection of national delegates at the primary elections is only a bending of the reed until the storm be past.

They have no idea that delegates thus elected will be admitted to the Chicago convention, in the preliminary control of which will be in Don Cameron's hands. But they do know that unless they made some show of consenting to such selection the primaries would be called and held, and delegates chosen anyhow. They will see to it that their delegates already chosen are not put up to be bowled down at these primaries.

If Lancaster county Republicans expect to get Blaine delegates into a national convention, they will not accomplish it by merely electing them. They will have to hold a little national convention of their own. They might secure Johnson's famous "back office" for the purpose.

The only excuse thus far offered for the confirmation of Marshal Kerns, through the active efforts of some Democratic senators and the passive assent of others, is that perhaps he has promised, in consideration of his confirmation, to aid in securing some Democratic enumerators of the census and some Democratic marshalls in Philadelphia. This excuse is as bad as the offense of confirming Kerns. He was proven to be a notoriously unfit and unfair partisan, who abused his office to serve the worst ends of the Republican politicians. Senator Wallace's investigation disclosed this and his speech declared it on the Senate floor. Hayes had promised to appoint a decent, Christian gentleman to this office and was bulldozed out of his purpose by the politicians. Seeing that he could not be confirmed Kerns was doubtless very willing to promise that hereafter he would only be one-half or two-thirds as big a rascal as heretofore. But what are we to think of Democratic senators who would make such a bargain with him, or huckster with a confirmed Republican rascal for a little petty patronage?

THE EXAMINER is as severe on its former Republican friend W. D. Stauffer as it has been cruel to its old protégé J. W. Johnson. THE INTELLIGENCER could not have followed the ex-mayor with a more terrific assault than to charge that he was first elected because of his facility for lying, and then defeated because he overdid the business. Of course he did not tell the truth when he swore that the INTELLIGENCER libeled him and he added cowardice to his lack of witness when he sneaked behind our backs and had the case settled and the

prosecution withdrawn without our knowledge, and his editorial defender only equalled him in meanness in refusing ever afterwards to publicly confess the falsity of the charges he had heaped Stauffer to make against us. Nevertheless we feel so certain that the whole party are ashamed of themselves that we must, in a Christian spirit, sympathize with them in the Examiner's laceration of their feelings.

JUDGE PATTERSON, in filing a batch of opinions this morning, remarked that they finished up all the opinions he had to file—except one. That was probably the suspended judgment in the Seventh ward election case. Probably not.

MR. EDW. MCPHERSON'S Press has heard the news that Mr. Edw. McPherson is about to quit it.

THE late A. E. BORIS left personal property amounting to \$1,400,000.

W. G. DORLING, for many years a leading writer on sporting matters in this country and in England, died in New Orleans on the 29th of last month.

The eulogies in the House of Representatives on the late Senator Houston occupy thirteen pages of the Congressional Record, comprising the speeches of fourteen members.

Gen. W. H. KOONTZ, of Somerset, has accepted the invitation to deliver the biennial oration before the literary societies of Franklin and Marshall college at the approaching commencement.

Commodore JOSIAH HANSCOM, ex-chief of the bureau of construction and repair, navy department, who has been ill for some time past, died yesterday morning at his residence in Washington, in the 65th year of his age.

Judge BLACK'S article against the third term has been republished in the Chicago Tribune, Cincinnati Commercial and other able and influential Republican journals that are opposed to imperialism and the "man on horseback."

William goes a courtin', With her sister sits, Betwixt her and Martin, Wood in little bits, Not a word they utter— 'Tis a kind of courtin'— Now and then they mutter: "Thirteen—fifteen—"

But eight or ten out of the three hundred members of both houses of Congress, who served in that body when Mr. FRANKLIN WOOD entered it, are now living, and not one of them is now in Congress. Mr. Wood was first elected in 1841 as a member of the Twenty-seventh Congress.

GEORGE WILLIAM CURTIS, in conversation with a Tribune representative has expressed in a forcible way his views of the movement to nominate Gen. Grant. He declares that this movement is due to a clique of self-seeking politicians; if Grant is nominated he holds that he will be defeated and the Republican party disorganized.

SAM WARD sent to the Beefsteak club of London a gift of Blue Point oysters, Caribon venison, Florida oranges and Bourbon whiskey. So many members wanted to discuss the venison that the fortunate ones had to be baggotted. For the oysters were immediately disposed of by the House committee, the oranges were distributed among the members and the whiskey carefully preserved, having been pronounced the best kind that has ever reached Great Britain.

The difference between THOMAS THOMAS and the board of directors of the Cincinnati College of Music culminated yesterday in his tendering his resignation to take effect in October. The board accepted his resignation, and intimated that it would be injudicious to prolong the engagement to October. Colonel Nichols, the president of the board, also tendered his resignation, but the directors declined to receive it, holding that his conduct has been satisfactory.

JACOB R. KLINE, Sr., who was well-known in the district of the Northern Liberties, died at No. 920 North Third street, having resided there for seventy-two years. Mr. Kline was for many years a member of the Sixteenth section school board, and held the position of president. In 1843-44 he was a member of the Legislature to which Chief Justice Sharswood also belonged. It was through his efforts that the borough of West Philadelphia was incorporated, and although a Democrat, he presented articles of impeachment against Governor Porter.

The magnificent diamond necklace presented by the khedive of Egypt to Mrs. FITCH, daughter of General Sherman, and valued at \$200,000, after passing through numerous vicissitudes was returned to the giver because Lieut. Fitch was unable to pay the yearly taxes on the diamonds. Upon receiving them the khedive wrote to the general saying that it was not his desire that the diamonds should be given to any one member of his family, and, having learned that he had four daughters, it was his desire that the diamonds should be mounted in sets and equally divided between them. These daughters are Mrs. Fitch, Mrs. Minnie Sherman, Ella Sherman, Lizzie Sherman and Rachel Sherman. The necklace was then returned to the Sherman family and mounted in four magnificent pendants, four pairs of splendid solitary ear-rings and eight rings. These four ladies are now the happy possessors of four complete suits of diamonds, the value of each suit being at least \$75,000.

Important Trials. The legislative bribery trial will come up before Judge Pearson in Harrisburg on Monday, and will present the largest array of counsel that has ever appeared in any of our courts at one time. Messrs. Judge J. S. Black, Senator Matt Carpenter, Hon. Franklin B. Gowen, District Attorney Elias Hollinger, George H. Irwin, J. C. McAlarney and John W. Simonton, esq., appear for the prosecution of Messrs. Gen. Charles A. Albright, Hon. William H. Armstrong, Hon. F. Carroll Brewster, Hon. Lewis C. Cassidy, Hon. A. J. Herr, Hon. Robert A. Lamberton, Hon. William B. Mann, Hon. L. W. Hall, Wilbur F. Salter and John H. Weiss, esq., for the defense.

Their Ages. Blaine touched 50 years on last of January. Grant was 57 last April. Sherman was 55 last May. Washburne was 63 in September. Conkling was 60 in October. Garfield is in his 40th year. Bayard was 51 in October. Thurman reached his 68th birthday in November. Hendricks was 60 in September. Tilden was 66 this February, and in the same month General Hancock was 55. Seymour will be 70 in May.

MINOR TOPICS.

THE German population of New York city is estimated to be 250,000. Of this number 80,000 are Protestants, 60,000 Catholics, 60,000 Jews, and 50,000 are classed as indifferent, infidels, etc. The number of Protestant communicants are 15,000.

VICTOR HUGO has a whim of always talking about his age. On the "literary" evening, when he is about to read to his guests some unpublished fragment, he never sits down to his table covered with lamps and books without previously drawing a large pair of spectacles from his pocket. This always calls out a series of exclamations from those about him; "But I am 900 years of age, children—an old man!"

"Am I tired of life?" said a cheerful old man the other day, in reply to the question "Not a bit of it. I remember landing in this town with a chip hat and a hickory shirt and a pair of breeches. I've been way up and I've been flat on my back, yet I'd like to begin and go it all over again. chip hat, shirt, breeches and all. Why? Well, you see, when you come to the end you don't know what's beyond. I'm dead sure on this other thing; and on the whole this world just tickles me to death."

The Protestant Standard says: "The march of progress, the mighty achievements of science, the inventive genius of man, the annihilation of time and space, and the facilities of gathering intelligence from the four quarters of the globe, and spreading it out before us every morning, are calculated to engage too much attention and to prevent the proper study of the Bible. But we cannot neglect this duty with impunity. The neglect will soon be apparent in our lives."

THE county of Rockbridge, Va., is agitated by a discussion of the morality of dancing. The local pulpit has taken up the question and a prominent clergyman of Lexington last Sunday took for the subject of his discourse Herod's rash promise to the "dancing niny," who demanded the head of John the Baptist, and one declaimer against the practice of the art Terpsichorean designated the modern dance by the title of "hugging set to music." Some of the "staid old gentlemen who haven't shuffled a foot" for 10 or 15 years, have taken the side of the "light fantastic." The regulars, as stated by a local journal whose sympathies are evidently with the anti-dancing party, "are armed to the teeth and the fur flies on all sides."

THE Episcopal Register says: "Clergymen who possess great powers of eloquence in this country are generally appreciated, and well rewarded; for the entertainment which they afford to a congregation, and to the public, attracts large audiences and aids in building up churches; but in some cases eloquence is paid for at too great a price. The laches and peccadilloes of the popular clergyman are apt to be overlooked by those who find pleasure in his elegant discourses. Preaching is but a part of the work of a faithful minister, and although it is desirable that it should be done by persons who have cultivated the art of oratory, it should be kept in mind that its object is not primarily to afford pleasure, but to lead the erring from the error of their way, and to make known the truth and promises of the Gospel."

THE Lutheran Observer says: "The man who should supply his family with poisonous food or infected clothing would be regarded as a monster of iniquity, and would be amenable to the civil law for punishment; but the parent who brings or allows a demoralizing newspaper to be brought into his family commits a far greater offense against their welfare and peace. In the one case, he would injure or destroy the health or life of the body; in the other, he poisons the mind and pollutes and ruins the soul. And this is the sin—the shameful sin—of which multitudes of professed Christians are guilty at the present. They have so corrupted their own minds by reading vile and sensational papers, and they are so thoughtless, reckless and demoralized, that they furnish or allow their own children the same facilities of corruption which have defebated themselves. This is one of the chief sources of vice and crime among the young in our land, and the most disheartening fact of all is that parents themselves are often and in great measure the cause of it, either through their direct agency or their passive neglect to prevent it."

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A Point Against Cameron.

West Chester Village Record. With the differences among individuals and factions in Lancaster county, Republicans outside have nothing to do—except to regret them—but they cannot help being deeply interested in the fresh raising of the great question of local representation and the demand of their fellow partisans for independent and uncontrolled expression. The signs of a desire to return to the original good usage of the party in the choosing of national delegates by districts are healthy and commendable. They show that the party has yet a vigorous life, and that it appreciates the importance of having the preferences of its members freely expressed and fully respected. The independence of this congressional district has been maintained throughout; its delegates to the national convention have always been chosen at home, and the choice has always been respected. The same result followed in the case of other districts, had equal courage and independence been exhibited, and if the Republicans of Lancaster county are now rising to a comprehension of the case, and are disposed to assert their right to the original good usage of the party in their local affairs, we of Chester county can do no less than offer them our congratulations.

As to the chances which two new men, chosen by the district, may have at Chicago, opinions may differ. It is not very likely that Senator Cameron, who, as chairman of the national committee, will make up the roll of prima facie delegates, will set aside Messrs. Knuffman and Seltzer, unless those gentlemen should decline to serve and be replaced by others. The district's men will therefore have to fight for their seats before the convention's committee on contests and it will depend very much upon the way this is made up that sort of a decision will be reached. But there can be no question of the primary right of the districts to select their own delegates, when they choose to do so. The national call, signed by Senator Cameron himself, is quite clear on this point, and, whether it is actually read or not, has laid the ground in it for an almost uncontested demand on the part of the new delegates. The language of the call is this:

"Republicans and all who will cooperate with us in supporting the nomination of the party and who choose two delegates from each congressional district, four at large from each state, two from each territory and two from the District of Columbia to represent them in the convention."

This certainly signifies a choice by districts, where the districts act for themselves, and many states respond to it in way. Indiana has just chosen her delegates by districts, and Maine and North Carolina have done so in a few days. Massachusetts and other states follow the same usage, and it appears that Pennsylvania and New York furnish the most notable examples of the usurpation by the state conventions of the local rights of the party names—a usurpation already too long permitted.

The Examiner on W. D. Stauffer. Jno. Heston, the printer. "Being aware that you are the youngest and most active of the local machine engineers had been sent off post haste to Washington on Thursday last to receive the instructions from the chief engineer which relate to the original programme, etc.—as contemplated in the original programme, etc.—New York."

As we have said, it was true that two young men did go to Washington, but not with any purpose connected with this question. But as the falsehoods, which follow in the Examiner's article, are so numerous that one grain of truth, we shall proceed to tell the business which these two young men went to Washington for. And if it is not pleasant to certain ones to have it said, it is not our fault. The cause of truth and justice to others demands that it should be told. As our readers are aware the name of Joseph Samson has been before the Senate for confirmation for supervisor of census for this district, and there were doubts as to his confirmation. Our congressional friends in Washington, N. Y., on the emergency of his rejection, came to Lancaster, and it is reported after a conference with Mr. Warfield's editor and a few others of like dark ways, returned with the written application of a chronic office-holder, to present to the president for the appointment. It was to see Senators Cameron and Wallace, to have Samson confirmed, rather than take the chance of having the president send in the name of a man who was once made a candidate for office, and elected, because of his facility for lying, but so over-did the lying business that he was defeated for reelection. It was to avert that catastrophe that they went to Washington. Now you know about the "fish" at Washington, and we hope it is satisfactory to all concerned.

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across the prow of the steamer Idlewild, lying at Caseyville, Ind., were carried by the current against the bow of the steamer and thrown into the river. Their cries for help attracted the attention of the officers of the Idlewild, who took a yawl and went to their rescue, but they succeeded in saving one of the colored men; the others were drowned. They were all prominent and highly esteemed citizens of Caseyville.

STATS ITEMS. August Peterson, Tidouste, a pumper at an oil well near Custer City, was asphyxiated on Thursday night by inhaling gas from the hatch-hole of a tank.

A very dangerous counterfeit \$100 note on the Pittsburgh national Bank of Commerce was detected at the national redemption agency place by the train.

An explosion of fire damp took place at shaft No. 1, East Nanticoke. One man was killed and eight men are still in the mines and are supposed to have been killed by the foul air.

While tearing down the Reno breaker at Centralia, two carpenters, Andrew and W. W. Wiggins, were killed by the falling of the framework, caused by high winds.

Mr. Elliott, of the Philadelphia First district, defies the order of Cameron's convention to "vote as a unit" for Grant; and they can't somehow quite find the means of squelching him.

William Redding, while chopping timber in Monroe township, Bedford county, was struck by a portion of the upper part of the tree he was trimming, and was found six hours afterward in a badly injured condition and nearly frozen.

There is a rumor on the street from good authority that the Reading railroad has leased the Central road of New Jersey for a term of years. This would give the company a direct line for their coal trade to New York.

Frederick Klingler, aged 25, is a school teacher of Hegins township, Schuylkill county, Pa. He was arrested here on the charge of having committed an indecent assault on a twelve-year-old girl that attended his school.

Belleville's young girls indulge in the practice of throwingassafoetida at persons passing them on the street; and a certain number of the party are arrested by the train every time they arrive and travels through the car from end to end for the sole purpose of staring lady passengers in the face. Naughty, naughty girls.

A Philadelphia correspondent of the Harrisburg Patriot says that the confirmation of Marshall and Keacher made the lever to give the Democrats of Philadelphia half the enumerators of the census, and half the appointments of deputy marshalls at the next election. Who is security for this?

Andrew Hopkins, esq., editor of the Washington Evening and Examiner, and known as one of the most forcible Democratic writers in the state, died at his residence in Washington, Pa., yesterday morning. He founded the Harrisburg Patriot, and was also editor of the Union of this city, the Erie Observer and the Locomotive Standard, all Democratic organs. He was fifty-five years of age.

Wild Western Wirrhwinds. There were terrific storms of wind, rain, thunder and lightning, at various points in the West on Thursday night and yesterday. In Toledo, Ohio, the wind reached a velocity of seventy-two miles per hour, and great damage was done to property. John Hassell and M. F. Doyle, policemen, were killed by the falling of a chimney, and another man was severely injured. In Cleveland, buildings were unroofed and otherwise damaged, and the wire mill of the Cleveland rolling mill company was wrecked. A workman named Julius Brown was killed, and others were injured. In Indianapolis many houses were unroofed, and the Central Avenue Methodist church was almost demolished. Two or three persons were injured, but no lives were lost. There were violent storms in Philadelphia, N. Y., on Thursday night. In Rochester a coffin factory was consumed by lightning.

A Big Corporation. A charter has been granted to the coke and iron company for the manufacture of iron and steel and for other purposes. The office is to be located at Philadelphia, the operations to be carried on in Fayette county. The capital stock is \$1,000,000, divided into 2,000 shares of \$50 each. A. W. Leisenring, of Mauch Chunk, is treasurer, and among the heavy stockholders are John Leisenring, Mauch Chunk; E. K. Hyndman, Conestoga; John C. Bullitt, Philadelphia; Samuel Dickson, Philadelphia; G. W. Mullen, Philadelphia; L. S. Bent and Henry McCormick, Harrisburg; A. B. Desautels, Dunbar; Edward Livingston, New York; Thomas P. Farrell, Philadelphia; Charles Albright and William Lilly, Mauch Chunk.

Marshall Cameron's Confirmation. At this writing we do not know what Democrat has disgraced himself by endorsing this radical rascal, whom all the evidence before the Wallace investigation committee showed was unfit and unworthy any position.

Will be Interesting. Philadelphia Inquirer, Rep. General Logan is displaying such extraordinary zeal in the matter of General Fitz John Porter's \$600,000 back pay that it will be interesting to see how far he will go when the \$700,000 grab of the "star route" postal ring comes up.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE. Alleged False Pretense. Alderman Wiley on complaint of G. W. Keller, of York county, has held Isaac W. Mason to answer at the next term of quarter sessions for false pretense. The specification is that Mason obtained from Keller a horse and sleigh by representing that he (Mason) was worth "two houses and twenty horses." After the property came into Mason's possession Harry Gundaker levied on it to secure a debt owing to him by Mason. The horse was at that time in the keeping of John Sides of the Merrimac, and both Mason and Sides allege that the former had sold the horse to the latter before it was levied on by Gundaker. To still further complicate the case, Mr. Sides has sold the horse to somebody else. The affair, as far as it has been developed, appears to be a good deal tangled.

Washington Borough Items. On Thursday night Christian H. Wiltmer, who had been confined by sickness to his bed for some length of time, died at his home in this borough, at the age of 41 years. He leaves a wife and a large number of children to mourn his loss. His funeral will take place on Sunday morning at 10 o'clock; services in the Bethel church.

The hum of the mosquito has been heard. A flock of wild geese, 30 in number, flew north this morning.

Telephone Blown Down. The Lancaster Inquirer printing and publishing company has declared its first semi-annual dividend of 3 per cent.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS.

Events Across the County Line. A Rev. Dr. Fowler, who has been lecturing on "Great Men" through the Cumberland Valley, is severely criticised for his political partisanship.

Charles Walters, residing above Davidsburg, about sixteen miles from York, met with a sudden death on Wednesday afternoon. While burying rocks on a farm, one of them fell upon his breast, crushing the life from his body. The deceased leaves a wife and one child.

The borough fathers of York have resolved to purchase for the firemen of that borough 2,000 feet of oak-tanned leather hose, nine inches in circumference. The city council of Wilmington has voted a semi-annual appropriation of \$10,000 to the firemen of that city.

Col. J. P. S. Gobin, of Lebanon, one of the counsel of Isaiah Brandt and Josiah Hummel, convicted of the murder of old Joseph Baber, in Indiantown, made application yesterday before the recorder of the board of pardons, for a commutation of the death sentence to imprisonment for life.

Mrs. Alice Engelbright, of Harrisburg, wife of Mr. Engelbright, the engineer employed at the State Capital flouring mills, died yesterday, as is alleged, from the effects of an abortion produced by Dr. J. W. Bechtel, who has been arrested and locked up. The doctor declares he is innocent, and that the crime was committed by Mrs. Engelbright herself, with the knowledge of her husband.

A gentleman who has had considerable experience as a gardener and nurseryman, has been making observations of the condition of fruit trees and prospects for the next fruit crops in this and several other counties. He reports the trees to be in excellent condition, and the indications are that there will be a heavy crop of fruit. Grape vines are not so promising.

The Wrightsville Star says: "Since our last issue the receipts to tobacco at the warehouses in this place have been very large, the amount being nearly if not quite equal to that of any previous week during the season. On Friday last, especially, the receipts were very great, nearly one hundred wagon loads having been received by Skiles & Frey alone. Notwithstanding the fact that so much tobacco has already been bought and packed there is a considerable amount of tobacco yet for sale through the county, and good lots are still bringing fair prices."

LAST NIGHT'S FIRE. Three stables burned in Marion Alley. Last night three frame stables, situated on Marion alley, between Shippen and Plum streets, were destroyed by fire. The largest of the three buildings was owned by his honor Mayor MacGonigle, another by Jacob Stormfeltz, and the third by Mrs. Hannah McCullon. The fire was discovered about half-past nine o'clock in the morning. The stables were built on a lot which had been the first one set on fire. The buildings being very dry, the fire spread rapidly, and although all the fire companies of the district were promptly on hand the buildings were soon destroyed.

The MacGonigle stable was unoccupied, and there was nothing in it but a buggy, which was saved. It was insured in the Locomotive company for \$300 and in the British assurance company of Toronto for \$150. This will not cover the loss, however, as the stable can not be replaced for less than \$500 or \$600. The stable of Mr. Stormfeltz had been rented to Samuel Curtis, by whom it was occupied. Two horses which were in it when the fire broke out were saved, but a valuable dog, together with a litter of pups, perished in the flames. Some other things, including hay, &c., were destroyed. The insurance on this building was for \$50, and it was in the Delaware mutual company. This amount will not cover the loss, however, which will amount to \$200 or \$300. The stable of Mrs. McCullon was occupied by Dennis Haley, who had a horse in it which was rescued. A lot of hay, &c., belonging to Mr. Haley was burned. This property was not insured and the loss will be \$150 or more.

As stated above, the buildings were set on fire. This section of the city has suffered greatly from incendiary fires within the past two years. It will be remembered that there were a number of fires in this city last spring, at which time the mayor offered a reward of \$500 for the capture of a person who had set fire to a building. This reward is still in force and the persons capturing an incendiary will be entitled to it. It may be recollect that an attempt to burn Mayor MacGonigle's stable was made on the 4th of July last.

THE GROTWALD OUTRAGE. All of the Accused Discharged. Alderman McConomy last evening gave a hearing to half a dozen young men, charged with attempting to rob Gottlieb Grotwald and to outrage the person of Sarah Adams, the woman, who passes for Grotwald's wife. The particulars of the outrage, which occurred about a week ago in the southwestern section of the city, have been published, and but little new light was thrown upon the affair by the testimony taken last evening. It was, in brief, that Grotwald and his companion, who are peddlers and junk dealers, were assaulted in their camp at midnight by about a dozen young men, who upset their wagon, scared Grotwald off by firing pistols at him, robbed the wagon of two pistols and some other articles, and then assaulted the woman. Six or seven young men were arrested on suspicion, and warrants were issued for the arrest of several more. On account of the darkness the assailants could not be identified and they were discharged.

Ever since the outrage was committed, Grotwald and the woman have been detained in jail as witnesses, while their alleged assailants have been at large. Grotwald's outfit, consisting of a miser-able looking horse, a rickety old wagon, filled with all manner of scraps of iron, brass, lead, &c., &c., and about half a dozen vicious-looking dogs, has been, meantime, confined in the grounds attached to the lockup, to the great disgust of the turnkey, policemen and others having business therein—the dogs guarding Grotwald's wagon with vigilant faithfulness and allowing no one to come near it. Even the carters who were driven off by the dogs. This morning Grotwald's property was handed over to him, including \$45 in money which was handed over by the police for safe keeping the morning after the robbery.

THE CHESTNUT STREET SEWER. The Lancaster Inquirer printing and publishing company has declared its first semi-annual dividend of 3 per cent.

THE DRAMA.

"Dr. Clyde" at the Opera House. The extended run enjoyed by Sidney Rosenfeld's sparkling comedy of "Dr. Clyde" at the Chestnut Street theatre, has placed that production among the comedy events of the season, and its initial success has been followed up by continued manifestations of popular favor wherever it has been produced elsewhere. It was given at Fulton opera house last evening by the same cast and under the same management that secured for it the approval of large audiences in Philadelphia, Baltimore and a number of places through interior of Pennsylvania, and the stream of humor that flows through it, pure and undefiled, furnishes ample explanation for its quickly achieved popularity. It is a charming little story abounding in piquant incidents farcical situations, and pervaded throughout by a deep current of fun which culminates