Lancaster Intelligencer.

THURSDAY EVENING, JUNE 17, 1880.

Gov. Seymour.

The Philadelphia *Times* is advised from Utica that Mr. Seymour has not written a letter to the Cincinnati delegate from his district, declaring that he will in no event accept the Democratic nomination. A letter to this effect which has been published is pronounced a fabrication. It will seem to the public, in view of the persistent statements falsely purporting to come from Mr. Seymour, taking him out of the presidential field, that there is a malicious intent in some quarter to get him out of the way by unfair means. The party in the country, however, is too much interested in Mr. Seymour's candidacy to make any such attempt successful. There is a clear desire to nominate him if he will accept. Everyone knows that he is not a candidate and that he does not desire the nomination. He has repeatedly said so and there is no reason to doubt that a man of his fulness of years, honors and good sense says so sincerely. The only question has been whether he would permit the wish of the party to overcome his own desire. The *Times* correspondent on that point gives the words with which Mr. Seymour replied to an inquiry as to whether, in the event that the party should prove unable to find another suitable candidate and his nomination would seem to be necessary to unify it, he would consent to be the candidate. He is said to have replied: "In that event I will run if it kills me."

Such a response seems natural and therefore we have no hesitation in believing that it represents Mr. Seymour's feeling. If the party requires that he shall make what he declares to it is a sacrifice, he is ready to make it. If it can find another man who can lead the party with the same certainty to victory it will not call upon him. The manner in which Mr. Seymour has been pressed to say whether in any possible contingency he would accept the nomination has not been fair. The proper way to find this out is to nominate him. Since he does not ask for a nomination and is not a candidate of his own volition, if he is nominated it is out of consideration for the party and not for him; and the party has no right to know what he will do until it expresses its desire for him.

A Lesson to Travelers.

The similitude in the collisions of the sound and ocean steamships, in the two accidents that have just occurred, will not, perhaps, have a very great effect in diverting from ships the tide of summer travel, though one would think it ought to have this result. The disasters both occurred in a fog, but in neither was the fog so dense but that opportunity was afforded to change the course of the vessels. This was done, but in each case it was so done as to bring the vessels together instead of sending them apart. The fog seems to have had nothing to do with the accidents except so far as it required a promptitude of judgment in the moment of peril which the officers of two of the vessels at least were not equal to. An apprehension which summer tourists on the sea must, therefore, carry with them is one caused by a well-warranted distrust in the competency of those who have their lives in charge. The natural tendency of the traveler is to put great confidence in his captain. He seems to feel that so great a responsibility would not be put by the ship's owners, who have so much at stake, in incompetent hands. It is a reasonable conclusion, but apparently a false one. Nothing could possibly more abundantly show this than the proof we now have, in two instances within a week, that the officer in charge guided his vessel into a collision instead of out of it, when called to act with sudden decision. There was no more excuse for him than there is for the driver on the country road, nor indeed as much. He had the whole ocean to steer his vessel in and had but to guide it according to well settled usage to pass in safety.

The causes of accidents that are not well within human help are many enough to intimidate travelers without having added to them a total lack of confidence in those placed in charge of their lives. It is a strange thing that such men should be given these great trusts. It is so ruinous to owner's pockets that there ought to be a sufficient guarantee in this fact alone against it. The incompetency of commanders show the incompetency and stupidity of managers. The sensible traveler will recognize this fact and avoid the vessels of a company which accidents befall. It is a notable fact that the Cunard company has never lost a vessel, or even we believe a life. No better evidence could be had that fatal accidents at sea are generally avoidable by due prudence and skill. If more unfortunate companies were avoided by the traveling community, the certainty is that sea accidents would be fewer. But the American people have short memories, and unless a company loses a ship every season, it is not likely to lose much of its patronage.

THAT expression of congratulation from General Grant to Mr. Garfield, has not yet reached the public. The only announcement yet had from the General is that he is "satisfied." It is pleasant to know that, it is very well, indeed, to be satisfied with a state of things you can't help. It is the habit of the philosopher. It is better to be a philosopher than to be a president; if one can think so. We do not know that General Grant thinks so; nor does it matter much what he thinks on that point; but it does matter to Mr. Garfield that he should be satisfied with him, for Mr. Garfield needs his vote and that of his friends. We ought to hear from Grant and Cameron and some more of the reticent soreheads.

MARK the prediction! No Pennsylvanian will be urged at Cincinnati by the Pennsylvania delegation, unless the demand for him comes from the outside—from some state that is certainly Democratic and necessary to the election of the nominee. When such a demand comes the choice of the Pennsylvanians between Pennsylvanians will be guided by it, and the delegation can easily be made a unit for that Pennsylvanian who proves to be the strongest outside of it.

PERSONAL.

Mrs. Secretary SHERMAN drives out wearing a red-centered India shawl.

Hon. A. HERR SMITH has been elected a trustee of Franklin and Marshall college, vice Gen. James L. Reynolds, deceased.

Mrs. Senator VOORHEES is pale, with jet black hair, and she sometime wears heliotrope brocade over black velvet.

A small cherry-wood cabinet, made by President LINCOLN fifty years ago, and used by him as a desk, is owned by a gentleman in Indiana.

The Prince of WALES used at Truro the other day the mallet with which Charles II. laid the foundation stone of St. Paul's Cathedral.

Mr. BOUTWELL is seriously at his home in Groton; he has not been able to leave the house since his return from the Chicago convention.

Mr. ROGER A. PRYOR is in Washington visiting his cousin, Senator Pryor, of Alabama, and was on the floor of the Senate yesterday.

Mr. ROBERT L. MUNCH and JOSHUA W. JONES left Harrisburg last night for New York to take the steamer Ethiopia, of the Anchor line, for Glasgow.

MINOR TOPICS.

WHEN they want to retire a man from public life they nominate him for the Vice Presidency.

SCORE the English sparrow credit for one good trait. They are eating the army worm by thousands, and get fat on them.

B. F. DAVIS, esq., of the Third ward, city, says we made a mistake in naming Seymour as his first choice for president. He prefers Hancock or Field.

AIR—"Auld Lang Syne."

Be all creation's cow-bells rung!
Twanged be the jew-harp's solemn tongue;
Tune up DeGolyer's sacred fiddle!
Play hey-diddle-dee and high-diddle-diddle!
Let Blaine and Grant men join the shout!
Let Dinah wave the red dish-clout!
Let Army mules the ding-dong swell,
And Sambo Africanus yell!

COL. A. K. DUNKEL, secretary of Internal Affairs, has discharged from a clerkship in his office a colored man named Howard Johnson, the only colored man in the department—and Prof. Wm. Howard Day, the colored orator, is after Dunkel with a hot stick. What says the *Examiner* about the ostracism of the "man and brother?"

So far only five illustrious Pennsylvanians have been named as possible candidates before the Cincinnati convention next week for the office of President. These are General Hancock, Judge Black, Speaker Randall, Senator Wallace and Judge Trunkey. Pennsylvania is not a boastful state but it is no more than the simple truth to say that there are sixty-two counties still remaining to be heard from.

LATEST NEWS BY MAIL.

Fifty-two students of Brown university, at Providence, R. I., were graduated yesterday.

The Grand Duke Constantine has inspected seven more men-of-war, which are to reinforce the fleet in Eastern waters.

At Wilmington, Del., the three minute race was won by Blind Tom in 3:02. The 2:33 race was won in three straight heats heats by Kismet. Time, 2:52½.

Baseball yesterday: At Worcester—Chicago, 7; Worcester, 6. At Boston—Boston 11; Cincinnati, 2. At Troy—Cleveland, 9; Troy, 5.

The American riflemen yesterday paid their first visit to the Dollymount ranges. At first they made many misses, but afterward shot well, some of them making six, eight and ten bull's-eyes in succession. They only shot at the 900 yards' range.

At Marshall, Texas, in the Currie trial yesterday, the defense introduced testimony to prove that Currie was out of his mind at the time of the killing. The burden of the proof does not point to insanity but to confusion of intellect and incoherence.

Five conventions occur to day. They are the Indiana Republican, in Indianapolis; the North Carolina Democratic, in Raleigh; the Kentucky Democratic, in Lexington, the Alabama Greenback and Independent, in Montgomery, and the Prohibitionist National convention in Cleveland, Ohio.

Edward Grube, conductor on the Central railroad of New York, while stepping on to the track beside the one on which his train stood at Bloomsbury, early yesterday morning, was struck by a passing train and instantly killed. His body was brought to Phillibsburg, where his wife and four children live.

Frederick Barnett shot and killed Thos. Dodson at Thompson station, Tenn. The difficulty originated in a dispute about $10 which Barnett owed Dodson. Barnett hearing that he intended to kill him armed himself with a double-barreled shot gun. They met and Dobson attempted to draw a pistol, when Barnett discharged the shot gun at him tearing his head to pieces.

The West Jersey and Atlantic railroad, the new route of the West Jersey railroad company to Atlantic City, was opened for travel yesterday, and the event was signalized by an excursion of representatives of the press of Philadelphia and adjacent cities, and a number of prominent citizens, stockholders and officers of the road.

In Buffalo, while a German man named Freund, and Philip Bender, a boy, were at work in a sand pit ten feet deep, the bank suddenly gave way, and they were buried beneath several tons of earth. Both were dead when taken out. Bender's neck was broken. The boy was a son of the contractor, and no precautions had been taken to prevent a "cave."

Captain Scott, the diver, has personally inspected every berth and the lower deck of the Narragansett and says there are no more bodies on the vessel, unless it may be the bodies of infants crowded into unexpected places in the boat. All the other persons missing have probably been carried through the race. All that is valuable of the cargo has been removed.

A young man named Therom Holly, of Stamford, Conn., step-son of the treasurer of the Stamford saving bank, shot at Richard Busteed, of New York, who returned the fire, seriously wounding Holly in the left side. Busteed fired from the top of a flight of stairs. The ball entered Holly's side 2½ inches below the nipple, and plowed the tissue for seven inches. The affair occurred at the house of a Mrs. Kinsella. The occurrence has created a sensation. Busteed is under arrest.

Is Garfield to Be Silent?

Washington Dispatch to the Press.

Much curiosity has been felt as to whether General Garfield had decided to take any notice of the old charges against him, which have been revived since his nomination. Republicans here generally believe that he should treat them with silent contempt, and it can be stated on the best possible authority, as at present advised, he will pay no attention whatever to them. A personal friend called upon him this evening and asked him whether the report was true that he contemplated making some statement with reference to them. He replied in the most emphatic manner that he should not do any such thing; that these charges had all been answered years ago.

What Our Delegates Say.

The New York *Herald* of to-day contains interviews with the Cincinnati delegates from Pennsylvania. We subjoin the expressions obtained from the delegates from Lancaster county, who left this morning for Cincinnati, and who fully repeat our opinions and the views of the majority of the party men.

Our associate, Mr. Hensel says: "My colleague and I have both been classed as Tilden men because all our friends are of that opinion. The solemn fact is, as 400 letters which I have in this desk and could read you will attest, that in Lancaster county there is a universal opposition to Mr. Tilden's nomination. The belief is that he is not the most available man and weaker than almost anybody that could be selected. In this section Garfield is about as strong as his party. He is stronger than Grant would have been, but much weaker than Blaine. Therefore, small as the district is when compared with the whole country, it behooves us to act judiciously, in order to protect the state ticket. Horatio Seymour is much more popular than any other single candidate, and a general desire is manifested that either Thurman or Hendricks take the second place on the ticket with him. There are a few Democrats here who are earnest Tilden men, but they are comparatively few. Among professional and business men, after Seymour, Bayard is most liked. The only opposition to Bayard comes from men who fear his anti-war speech will injure him. Nearly all the soldier Democrats here are for General Hancock; some few for General McClellan. In justice to Hancock it must be said that many of the best men favor him because of his record. Among old line Democrats Judge Black is favorably referred to as the "noblest Roman of them all." There are men here in favor of Judge Field, Thurman, Payne, Clarkson N. Potter, and Parker, of New Jersey.

"There is a feeling that it is not wise to invite a decisive contest in Ohio in October, as it is not absolutely necessary to Democratic success in November. As a dark horse Speaker Randall is regarded here with much favor and considerable state pride. The sentiment here may be summed up in the following order: Seymour, Bayard, Hancock and Tilden.

"I believe it the duty of the Pennsylvania delegation to pay great deference to the views of New York, Indiana, New Jersey and Connecticut. I believe that either Hancock or Randall could carry this state against Garfield, the balance of votes held by the soldier element going for the former rather than the latter. They could not work against Hancock. Mr. Randall's strong points are: The state pride (which carried Pennsylvania for Buchanan) would be with him; second, his clean record; third, the confidence of the business men of the nation. He is not a lawyer, and has made his best showing before commercial bodies in the committee room. My private opinion is, however, that Randall cannot be nominated except as the residuary legatee of Tilden, and I do not believe the old gentleman is going to have anything to leave. In conclusion, if Seymour does not positively decline in advance the convention will stampede to him. If he does no candidate now named will get one-third of the votes on the first ballot, and the final nominee will be some one upon whom the conflicting elements in New York state agree. I don't mean by that that he will be a New Yorker, and I think that Bayard, Hancock and eight or ten others have equal chances. Seymour and Thurman would be a grand ticket to elect and a creditable one to be defeated with."

B. J. McGrann, the second delegate of the ninth district, was found at his house in the extreme northern part of the city. He said:—"Personally, I prefer Seymour and believe him the strongest possible candidate. I fear, however, that he will not except. My objection to Tilden is chiefly on the ground of his unavailability and not for personal reasons. I believe it absolutely essential to secure a candidate that can carry New York, and that in the choice of the candidate the delegates from all sections should be largely guided by the representatives of States necessary to Democratic success. If a union of sentiment can be secured Bayard or any other approved Democrat with a clean public record, straight on the fundamental questions of the party, will be acceptable to me.

THE TILDEN ADVANCE GUARD.

A Portion of the New York Delegation to Cincinnati Pass Through the City.

Gen. Lester B. Faulkner and Congressman James O'Brien, accompanied by some ten delegates from the state of New York to the Democratic national convention, passed through this city yesterday en route to Cincinnati. They occupied a Pullman palace car in which they were snugly and comfortably quartered. A reporter for the Harrisburg *Patriot* had a brief conversation with ex-Mayor Wickham, on the subject of the presidential nomination to be made at Cincinnati.

Reporter. I understand, Mr. Wickham, that the state of New York will present no candidate at Cincinnati. How is that?

Mr. Wickham. That is not so certain. The state will probably have a candidate.

Reporter. It has been represented time and again that Gov. Seymour will not permit his name to go before the convention. Will Gov. Tilden's name be presented to the convention?

Mr. Wickham. I saw the old gentleman [Tilden] last night. He is the shrewdest, longest-headed politician in the United States.

Reporter. In your opinion, will the sessions of the convention be prolonged more than ordinary?

Mr. Wickham. No, sir. I am decidedly of the opinion that the convention will finish its business in two days.

Reporter. Will there be any serious difficulty in uniting and harmonizing the friends of the various candidates?

Mr. Wickham. I think that we shall be able to come together without any trouble.

Mr. Wickham and party are the advance guard of Mr. Tilden's forces. They are quite reticent as to their policy ot Cincinnati, but it is evident from their manner and conversation, that Mr. Tilden is a candidate for president and has not yet made any one his residuary legatee.

COTTON AND WHEAT.

Reports of the Crops.

The following statement, showing the condition of cotton and wheat, has been issued by the department of agriculture:

Cotton—The reports to this department indicate an increase in the area planted in cotton of 7 per cent. The reports were as follows: Forty counties in North Carolina report an average increase of 6 per cent.; 19 counties in South Carolina an increase of 7 per cent.; 75 counties in Georgia, 8 per cent. increase; 13 in Florida, 3; 32 in Alabama, 8 per cent.; 39 in Mississippi, an average of 3 per cent.; 18 in Louisiana, 4 per cent., 73 counties in Texas, 12 per cent. increase; 30 in Arkansas, 7 per cent.; and 25 in Pennsylvania 15 per cent. increase. The condition is reported better than last year at the same time, and is 99 this year against 96 last year. The weather was favorable everywhere; rather too much rain in Mississippi and Louisiana.

Wheat—The acreage of spring wheat shows a very slight increase over that sown last year. There is a decline in area sown in the states of Wisconsin and Iowa of nearly 12 per cent.; in the New England states, the area is the same; in Minnesota, an increase of 1 per cent.; in Nebraska, an increase of 9 per cent., and in California, 12. The condition of the winter wheat is remarkably good, and is 94, which is 4 per cent, above the average of last year. Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois all report above 100. Kansas is only 72, on account of protracted drought.

Seymour Speaks

The Philadelphia *Times* has the following despatch from Utica, New York, under date of yesterday:

The *Times* can say without fear of contradiction that Seymour will not decline the nomination for president. The stories in the New York *Herald* are almost totally unwarranted. While Seymour has never for a minute been a candidate, his position has finally settled down to this: On Monday, Mayor Carter H. Harrison, of Chicago, and Mr. Munford, of the Kansas City *Times* met Governor Seymour at Bagg's hotel in this place, when the subject was talked over in every way in the presence ot the delegates of this district. It was finally put to Mr. Seymour in this manner by the spokesman, Mayor Harrison. I quote nearly the precise words: "Mr. Seymour, we come here for a positive answer to a plain question. We do not come here to urge you to become a candidate, and if we can find another man who can carry enough electoral votes to win we will do our best to nominate him; but if it should appear at Cincinnati that you are the only sure man—in fact, the Moses to lead the party out of the wilderness to victory and prosperity, have you the backbone to decline?"

Mr. Seymour avoided the question for some time, but on a persistent repetition replied: "If it takes that shape I will run if it kills me," adding that he hoped affairs would not take that turn and that a younger and heartier man would be found. The story that Seymour had written a letter to a delegate of his district, to be read at Cincinnati, declining whether nominated or not, is also denied. J. Thomas Spriggs, a prominent lawyer of Utica, is that delegate, and he assured your correspondent that he has no such letter.

STATE ITEMS.

A man in Washington county—Frank Ramsey—carries a bullet in his head.

An orphange for colored children has been established in Pittsburgh, and will be ready to receive beneficiaries by August, 1.

Thomas Baugh, aged 30 years, was drowned near Meadville, while bathing in a creek.

Ex-Lieutenant Governor Latta has been elected chairman of the Westmoreland county Democratic committee.

Joseph S. Hoyer, ex-mayor of Reading, died suddenly at his residence, No. 37 North 7th street. It is suppposed of apoplexy.

Mr. John S. Goe, of Fayette county, recently shipped 38 Angora goats to New York city. They are a beautiful white, long-wooled animal and brought a large amount of money.

There is a powerful organization in Beaver county opposed to the license system, and the June term of court has been selected to make a fight on the question.

Fragments of paper leaves and books and other partly burned matter have been found near Cratzeville, Snyder county, where they were blown from the Milton fire—a distance of fifteen miles.

It is estimated that from $5,000 to $10,000 worth of blackberry, raspberry and whortleberry vines have been destroyed between Johnstown and Cresson by the late forest fires.

Application has been made to the trustees of the LeMoyne crematory for the burning of a body from England. The application has been refused, as the body has been buried for some time.

The Mollie Maguires are growing formidable in the anthracite regions. The organization is holding frequent secret meetings, and numbers two thousand six hundred members in Schuylkill county alone.

One of the largest crowds that has ever been present on a similar occasion assembled at Swarthmore college, Delaware county, to witness the commencement exercises of that popular institution of learning.

The population of Allentown, as ascertained by the census just taken, is 18,162, showing an increase of over four thousand in ten years. In view of the business stagnation during the greater part of that time this is regarded as doing well.

A committee representing the locomotive engineers of the Pittsburgh division of the Pennsylvania railroad called on Colonel Thomas A. Scott, ex-president of the Pennsylvania railroad company, at his residence, near Darby, on Wednesday, and presented him with a hadsomely engrossed and framed letter on behalf of the locomotive engineers of that division.

At a special meeting of the Republican county committee at Erie last night to discuss the merits of Galusha A. Grow and M. S. Quay for United States Senator, resolutions in favor of instructing for Grow were unanimously adopted. The leading politicans of this district were present and denounced Quay in unmeasured terms for his action on the Pardon Board. All the candidates for the legislature were present and vied with each other in denouncing Quay and pledging themselves not to vote for him.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

The Examiner's Unbelief.

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24. But Jack, one of the Grantites, called the commodore, was not in when Seymour's letter came.

25. The INTELLIGENCER, therefore, said unto him "Horatio Seymour will have a letter presented to the convention declining the honor" of a nomination to the presidency.

26. But the commodore said: "When we see his declination published over his own signature then will we believe that he does not aspire to the nomination, and not till then."

27. And about the same hour Horatio Seymour's letter of declination appeared in the INTELLIGENCER, and the spirit of the letter seemed to say: "Commodore, be not faithless, but believing."

28. And the commodore answered and said, "well! this beats all! that a man should decline a nomination equivalent to an election! No Republican politician ever did the like!"

27. And the spirit of the letter saith unto him: "Commodore, because thou hast seen the 'signature,' thou hast believed; blessed are they that have not seen and yet have believed." Selah!

So endeth the lesson.

Complimentary Reception.

Serenus B. Herr, secretary of the Young Men's Christian association of Lancaster, who has been in attendance at a General conference of the secretaries of the Y. M. C. A's of the United States and British Provinces held at Chicago, returned home yesterday afternoon. Last evening the members of the association and their lady friends, to the number of about twenty-five, met at the hall of the association and tendered Mr. Herr a reception; David Thompson in the chair.

Mr. P. S. Goodman delivered an able address of welcome, which was appropriately responded to by Mr. Herr. Other address were made, after which those present were regaled with ice cream and other delicacies. With many good wishes for Mr. Herr and with a hope of having many more pleasant reunions, the meeting at half-past 10 o'clock adjourned.

THE BOOTBLACKS.

Their Picnic at What Glen Park Yesterday.

The picnic to the bootblacks of the city, given by Col. W. L. Peiper and Samuel A. Groff, came off yesterday at What Glen park. The boys were taken to the grounds in busses shortly after one o'clock. Before they reached the park a heavy rain set in which was soon over, however, when the sun again appeared, making the hearts of the boys glad. Besides the boys there was a large number of gentlemen from the city on the grounds. Upon the arrival of the bootblacks they were taken to the large dancing floor, where they were addressed by Col. Peiper and Rev. Dr. Greenwalt. After the speeches the boys went to enjoy themselves in the woods until the refreshments were ready. The tables were spead in the house by Joseph R. Royer, confectioner, and they were filled with good things, including ice cream, cakes, bananas, lemonade, &c. The boys partook heartily of these things. They spent some time at the tables, after which all again gathered on the dancing platform for the purpose of reciting the passage in Scripture which they had committed to memory. The arrangement was that the boy who would recite a passage in Scripture in the best style would receive the first prize. There were a number of prizes which were donated by citizens, and twenty-five of the boys had verses committed. Amos Groff, Elias McMellen and R. B. Risk were chosen to act as judges. After the recital of the verses, which was the most interesting feature of the day, the boys were again let loose. They enjoyed themselves in the woods for sometime at swiming, boating, swinging, &c., and were finally called on the platform, when the judges awarded the prizes as follows: 'Squire Wilson (colored), blacking-box and kit; Henry Howater, meat and cabbage cutter; John Jones (colored), book, "Heroes of Three Wars"; Albert Wilson (colored), Bible; Charles Coulman, book, "Wide Awake"; Albert Zell, Bible; Stanley Mills (colored), Bible; Cyrus Henry Roland, whisp; Wm. Wylie, Bible; David Morgan (colored), book, "Heroes of Three Wars"; Harry Keneagy, knife; Henry Taggert, book, "History of Martin Luther"; Johnson Keener, whisp; Wm. Hensel (colored), book, "Tim Pippin"; Edwin Howater, knife; Calvin Casey (colored), knife; John Howater, knife; John Tshudy, book; George Taggert, knife; John Kenner, knife; Charles Brooks (colored), knife; Michael Liffee, book; Samuel King, knife; Wm. Taggert, knife; John Rinehart, book.

The above named boys were all who had committed verses and after they had received their presents other were given to the remaining "shiners." Just before these prizes were given out about a half-bushels of peanuts were thrown on the platform in order to allow the boys to have a scramble. This created lots of fun—the utmost good feeling existed between the boys. J. Hay Brown and Thomas J. Davis both made short speeches to the boys. After the distribution of the prizes the boys amused themselves as they well knew how and a number of the colored boys entertained the crowd by singing in good style a number of campmeeting songs and hymns.

The boys returned to the city about seven o'clock, and as they passed through the city they gave cheer after cheer for Messrs. Peiper, Groff and others, who had shown them so much pleasure.

CINCINNATI.

The Delegates Off—More Opinions.

B. J. McGrann and W. U. Hensel, delegates from this county to the Democratic national convention, which assembles in Cincinnati next Tuesday, left for that city at 11 o'clock this morning, and will arrive there early to-morrow. Their rooms will be at the Grand hotel. About twenty other persons from Lancaster county will attend the convention, most of them leaving on Saturday or Sunday.

Following are some additional opinions on the nomination for the presidency received since those published yesterday:

Bart.

Harrison Graham: Bayard.

East Cocalico.

Dr. J. W. Wabert: Bayard, Hancock, Hendricks, McClellan, Morrison or Parker.

West Cocalico.

William Bechtel: Tilden deserving but not available.

Colerain.

S. W. Swisher: A new man; not Tilden.

Marrion Harrar: Bayard.

H. M. Collins: Field or Bayard.

Columbia.

W. B. Given: Seymour or Bayard.

Drumore

Geo. W. Wescott: Bayard, Parker, Morrison or Randall.

W. S. Hastings: Bayard or Black.

Upper Leacock.

M. V. B. Weidler: Seymour.

Lancaster.

H. E. Leaman: The sentiment of the circular should be the spirit of the convention.

W. P. Etter: Black, Hancock.

Little Britain.

W. W. Hensel: Randall or Tilden.

J. J. Pennell: Seymour or Bayard.

Rawlinsville.

Amos McFalls: Gen. Geo. B. McClellan the choice, but any of the candidates spoken of, except Tilden, would be satisfactory.

Convalescent.

The many friends of Depot-master Edward Kautz, will be pleased to learn that he has so far recovered from his late serious illness as to be able to be about again, and this morning accompanied by his physician, Dr. Muhlenberg, took a drive around town.

Fell from a Cherry Tree.

Last evening George Creamer, aged 13 years, son of Officer Creamer of the police force, fell from a cherry tree, a distance of at least 20 feet. He had no bones broken but was somewhat bruised.

Mayor's Court.

His honor had before him this morning three drunken and disorderly persons, all of whom were committed to the county jail.

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THE SENIOR'S DAY.

Class Day Exercises—The Baccalaureate Orations.

After the alumni dinner at the college, yesterday, the "class day" exercises were held on the campus in front of the college buildings. Though the clouds lowered and threatened rain they graciously "held up" for the boys and their guests, and the weather was delightfully pleasant throughout the entire afternoon. A large audience was present and were seated in chairs and settees, in the shade of the north wing of the main building. The class formed in line at Harbaugh hall and marched to the building, headed by Clemmens's city band. Following was the programme of exercises then observed:

Music—Clemmens's City Band.
Address of Welcome—A. B. Rieser, West Lacsport, Pa.
Music—Band
History—H. Clay Eschbach, Limestoneville, Pa.
Class Song.
Presentation—Ursinus Olevianus Mohr, Quakertown, Pa.
Music—Band.
Planting of the Ivy, with Ivy Song.
Music—Band.
Class Poem—J. Harry Geissinger, Huntingdon, Pa.
Music—Band.
Valedictory—Solomon Adam Alt, Blair's Corners, Pa.
Music—Band.

The exercises, of which a *verbatim* report is published in the *Collegian*, was a decided improvement on the corresponding occasions of all former years. Mr. Rieser's welcome was in good taste and gracefully expressed. The history of the class, to which of course no abstract would do justice, was complete, enjoyable and humorous and its reading was listened to with interest and some astonishment from the faculty at its revelations. Mohr's presentation to each of his classmates, of some article illustrative of his characteristics, was in his happiest humorous vein and the medley of goods no less than the "spirit in which they were given," kept the audience in good humor; the class songs were spirited and Mr. Geissinger's poem was in keeping with the former admirable productions of his muse which have made him not only the "poet of 1880" but one of the few really meritorious poets whose genius manifests itself in their undergraduate experience. His ivy song was a pretty lyric. J. A. Wickert's class song was worthy of the occasion. Mr. Alt's valedictory was appropriate, touching and eloquent, referring to the happy associations of the class with the community and the college and the pathetic interest with which they were now to be sundered.

The seniors deserve much credit for the good taste of the exercises throughout, their literary excellence and commendable brevity. Mr. A. B. Rieser was master of ceremonies, and the committe of arrangements was composed of Andrew Beaumont Gloninger, chairman; Frank S. Elliot, Aaron Rohner, C. Edward Netscher, W. Nevin Apple.

Phi Kappa Sigma.

About twenty members of the famous old "Skull and Bones" fraternity celebrated the annual banquet of the Zeta chapter at Al. Fulmer's hotel, on North Prince street, last evening, where an elegant supper was spread in Charlie Eckert's best style. There were the usual toasts, speeches and social festivities, continuing to a late but modest hour.

The Class of 1870.

The members of this class were entertained in a social reunion by W. U. Hensel, esq., the only resident member of the class, at his home, No. 13 East Walnut street. There were present besides Mr. Hensel, Rev. A. S. Stauffer, of Elizabethville, Dauphin county; Rev. H. M. Kieffer, Norristown, Pa.; Rev. John H. Lechler, Centre Square, Pa.; Rev. C. Clever, Baltimore, Md.; N. M. Wanner, esq., York, and Jos. A. Reed, esq., Philadelphia. After supper and over the cigars, until 10 p. m., the classmates spent a delightful time in reminiscences of the past. Of the fourteen graduates of the class twelve survive.

The Graduating Orations.

The chapel this morning was crowded by a brilliant assembly, gathered to hear the addresses of the graduating class. Before the hour of opening (9 o'clock) every pew in the chapel was entirely filled, and it was necessary to place a number of benches in the main aisle to accommodate the throng. The pulpit recess was tastefully decked with greens, and on either side sat the graduates and the faculty and trustees of the college. The towns people were out in unusually strong force, and the attendance of old students probably beyond that of any former commencement.

The exercises began with an impressive prayer by Rev. T. G. Apple, D. D., after which Keffer's orchestra played with unusual brilliancy an overture—"Chevalier Breton"—and then the salutatory orator, Mr. Chas. E. Netscher, of South Bethlehem, Pa., was introduced, the subject of whose address was "The Efficiency of the Orator." He bade all a cordial welcome, bespeaking the kindly favor of the audience and promising the best efforts of the class to gain approbation. The orator, he said, is a factor in society; the eloquence of the pulpit, the platform and the bar, is effective in moulding the minds of men, but the success of an oration depends largely on the manner of its delivery; permanent effect is what should be striven after; momentary, visible emotion is not proof of an orator's power. Appealing to the sensibilities of man is a false test of effective oratory. An orator must have a higher aim than merely to excite the merry smile or the pathetic tear. The inferiority of modern oratory in comparison with that of ancient times lies not so much in the absence of the logical power to convince men as in the persuasive power to move them to act up to their convictions.

The orchestra played Knight's waltzes, following which Mr. Jairus A. Wickert, of Spinnerstown, Pa., delivered an oration on "Disenchantment." The heart of every individual is pervaded by the longing for an Eden of perfect bliss among whose bowers the enjoyment of eternal youth may be found. The source of this undercurrent that flows unseen below the great tides that ebb and flow on the surface is Divine; constituting a phenomenon peculiar to man alone among all of God's creatures. Under its influence he strives to create an ideal paradise, and this desire animates all his purposes and actions; he is enchanted by a witchcraft more fascinating than the "Thousand and One Nights," but also realizes on the attainment of his earthly hopes that the gates of his Eden are garded by the angel with the flaming sword, the golden fruits of life are changed to ashes in his mouth, and the ideals of the soul stand revealed as mis-shapen monsters. The mission of disenchantment is the development of Christian character. Phœnix-like the soul can rise from the ashes of blasted hopes to a purer and nobler existence. Our paradise becomes that hallowed by the Man of Sorrows, and the narrow horizon of the soul widens into that realm of light which can never be obscured by the shadow of disenchantment.

Oration—"Reform in Society"—Mr. John S. Atlee, Lancaster, Pa. The problem of society presents complications that confront the economist and philosopher at every step, and whilst the social fabric has weathered the gales that have beset it well enough, it is susceptible of improvement and firmer stability. In the countries of the old world society is a prey to disorders which do not threaten our own land under its liberal institutions; and among the fundamental evils that thrust themselves upon the attention of the social reformer are the unequal distribution of property in Ireland, the varied phases of communism that are to be seen, and the incubus of ignorance. The orator's plea was for a better education of the masses, the elevation of the mind above mere brute force, in order that the body may be made a fit temple for the habitation of the Divine faculties of the soul.

Oration—"Character the End of Culture"—Mr. Benjamin F. Bausman, Lancaster, Pa. The grand problem for man in all ages of the world has been to know himself, which knowledge means the education and unfolding of the human faculties and the bringing out of the Divinely given principle of our nature. Education in many of its existing phases has an abnormal tendency. Superficial or partial culture is the highest development to which it attains. Man, to fulfil his true end, which is to glorify his Maker, must strive after perfection. Character and intelligence are dependent upon each other. Culture is the medium in the formation of character, and the moral nature must be exercised. Society is the indispensable condition of the formation, but character is only won by conflict and conquest. Here we have greatness such as invites the noblest aspiration, the highest endeavor. On the wings of gladness man's imagination can rise to loftiest conception in that Divine character, the Great Ideal, which is altogether lovely and the realization of which is perfect happiness.

Music—Selections from "Fatinitza."

Oration—"The Poetry of Greece"—Mr. Charles E. Davis, Boonesboro, Md. Greece, with the remains of her ancient temples, of her lost art, of her matchless oratory, constitutes a monument of a glorious past, and to the modern eye presents a beautiful appearance; the effects of her genius may be seen in the Parthenon, the Venus de Medici, the Apollo Belvedere, and in the Iliad. In her poetry, more than in any other phase of her existence, the inner life of the Hellenic race is pictured, and on every page of the history of the ancient Greek people are written the names of their bards. The sublime strains of Homer and Hesiod illumine the darkness of prehistoric Greece, and the two great elements of Greek nature are nowhere more vividly portrayed than in the majesty of the one and the sweetness of the other. Despite the fact that every town of ancient Greece had its poet, a comparatively small amount of the lyrics of the people has come down to us, and the great mass of it lies forever buried beneath the ocean of time and oblivion; though even yet we hear the echo and catch a glimpse of the undying beauty of Pindar's hymns, who in the eagle-like flights of his genius soared to empyrean heights. Around him, as around gentle Sappho, the pride of Hellas, from whose impassioned soul flowed forth songs of love, who was keenly alive to the beauties of her native Lesbos and seems to have distilled them in her verses, the mantle of legend is thrown. Even in the present age the influence of Greek poetry is potent, as typical representations of the several departments and style of poetry.

Oration—"The Monroe Doctrine"—Mr. Andrew B. Gloninger, Lebanon, Pa. The system of government founded by the fathers of the republic is perhaps the best calculated to secure the blessings of civil and religious liberty ever devised by human wisdom. Rightly administered and undisturbed by factional dissension, it moves in perfect harmony, but unskillful or unwise hands may make it an engine of mischief. "Peace and friendship with all powers, entangling alliances with none," was the doctrine proclaimed by Jefferson, and reiterated by others of the fathers, notably by President Monroe from whom it derived its name; and this Monroe doctrine has assumed new interest in the popular mind in view of the proposed Panama canal and the query as to who should have control of it in the event of its establishment. The orator was opposed to the government abandoning the bulwark of its prosperity, and launching the ship of state upon an unknown and turbulent ocean without this rudder, conceived by Washington and fashioned by Monroe. He advocated the policy of adhering to the teaching of the builders of our governmental structure, in order that we may hand it down free and uncontaminated, peaceful and prosperous.

Oration—"True National Greatness"—Mr. Edward P. Brinton, Lancaster, Pa. Fame is almost immortal. Glory is that excellence which is ever the object of ambition. Power dazzles with the brilliancy of splendor. Liberty is one of the greatest of divine gifts to man. But true greatness comprehends all these high degrees of excellence. True national greatness consists not in the achievements of arms or in the acquisitions of conquest, but comprises rather the advancement, intelligently, of the welfare and interest of the people, in tilling the soil, in the pursuit of the mechanic and fine arts and sciences, in literary culture, in free speech, free press, religious liberty, and the arbitrament of reason rather than the power of the sword. The influence of Christianity is promoting true national greatness is incalculable; it has been the benefactor of nations, has planted the signals of progress in the lands of the heathen, and will continue to direct all countries to that true greatness which will bend the knee in humble adoration before the Creator of nations and the great Architect of countless worlds.

Music—Pot-pouri, "March of the Nations"—Orchestra.

Oration—"The End of Moral Life"—Mr. Chas. W. Levan, Princeton, Pa. The whole order of creation has an end in view. The inorganic struggles to reach this in