

## ALMSHOUSE AND ASYLUM.

**The Poor Directors in State Meeting.**  
At a meeting of the poor directors of the counties of Pennsylvania, in state convention at Harrisburg yesterday, Lancaster was represented by B. F. Cox, superintendent of the almshouse and hospital, and Geo. Spurrer, treasurer of the board. There was a very large meeting. Mr. Cox was one of the vice presidents of the convention. Various questions of public interest were discussed, the outcome of which was the adoption of the following:

**Resolved,** That it is against public policy to admit able-bodied persons as inmates of a poorhouse.

**Resolved,** That the almshouse receive all cases applying for admission, for lying-in purposes, and that the fathers of the children be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

**Resolved,** That the custody of the insane, (the curable as well as the incurable,) should be taken, with the qualifications hereafter mentioned, absolutely out of the hands of the poorhouse of the state, and of township overseers; that even the best county asylums afford insufficient safeguards for this class, and that a present fair standard of care cannot be relied on in view of the changes in economy and supervision liable to occur under different administrations.

**Resolved,** That so long as the provisions by the state looking to this end, through per capita allowance and hospital accommodations, continue to be insufficient as an economical inducement, the law becomes positively inoperative.

**Resolved,** That in view of the peculiar claims of this class for protection at the hands of the state, the arrangements for their care be reorganized so liberally in the eastern and western and some of the other states, by the entire assumption of the care and support of the insane, irrespective of condition as in Ohio; therefore:

**Resolved,** That measures in this direction should be taken promptly, as the several counties are contemplating the support of their insane at home, and are withdrawing their cases from the state hospitals that are being erected in connection with the poorhouses, by which the value of the curative advantages of our state hospitals will, in great part, be lost.

**Resolved,** That the discrimination in favor of the acute class being sent to the hospitals cannot be relied on, should be limited to their benefits to this class, although inoperative in its terms. But if imperative in requiring that all in poorhouses, curable or incurable, recent or chronic, shall be removed to the state hospitals, it would not preclude the retention of the poorhouses of that class of the chronic insane who are capable of self care and of rendering assistance in household and out-door work. Careful investigation shows that quite a number of these patients may be made comfortable in good public houses and be as well provided for at the same time and at less expense, as in the lunatic hospitals.

**Resolved,** That we recommend the passage of an act by the Legislature of the commonwealth, providing for the removal of children between two and sixteen years of age to any jail or poor house, and make the violation of the act a misdemeanor or punishable with penalties.

**Accident to a Marketman.**  
Before daybreak this morning Mr. Henry F. Trout, while driving on the Harrisburg turnpike, northwest of this city, met with an accident which might have proved very serious, but fortunately did not. He was on his way to market with a load of produce and had his little daughter with him. Coming to a rough place in the pike he attempted to drive down to the summer road. As it was dark, he could not see that the pike at this point was several feet higher than the summer road, and supposing it to be only of the usual grade, he drove over the embankment, upsetting the wagon. His small, spirited one dashed madly forward through the darkness, but luckily the bolt that couples the front running gear to the other part of the vehicle fell out, and the horse ran away with the shafts and front wheels only, leaving Mr. Trout and his daughter unhurt in the other part of the vehicle. The horse was caught, and after daybreak Mr. Trout fixed up his wagon, gathered up his marketing and came on to Lancaster.

**Bitten by a Dog.**  
Yesterday afternoon about 5 o'clock a little boy named about eight years, a son of Mr. B. Lewis, of the North Queen street, was badly bitten in the face by a small dog belonging to Charles Knapp, grocer, North Queen street. Mr. Lewis had brought his family to Lancaster to participate in the observance of the Hebrew New Year. While walking in the North Queen street, Master Lewis saw a little daughter of Mr. Knapp playing with her pet dog on Major Howell's front steps. He stopped to look at or take part in the sport, and playfully struck or struck at the dog. Instantly the dog sprang at him, seized his leg, tore at his little boy's cheek, and lacerating it severely. Mr. Lewis sucked the wound and had it cauterized by Dr. Albright. There is no fear entertained that it will result seriously. At the request of Mr. Lewis, the police officers, Mr. Knapp and the dog shot. It was a pet and had been for years the companion of the little girl with whom it was playing at the time it bit the little boy, and would allow no one to lay a hand on its little mistress.

**A Wedding at Little.**  
Miss Alice, daughter of Peter S. Reist, of Little, was married yesterday. This N. Wolfe, the North Queen street, in the Moravian church there and the services were conducted by Rev. Chas. Nagle, pastor of the church, in accordance with the Moravian forms. The attendance was large and the party quite brilliant, there being a large number of friends present from Philadelphia, Reading, Bethlehem, Lancaster and other places. After the marriage the bride and groom received their friends at the residence of the bride's parents, where they were very handsomely entertained. The bridal party left Little in the afternoon train for a tour to the White Mountains.

**Good Fields.**  
John P. Freed, of Upper Oxford, had a yield of 100 bushels of Peerless potatoes from one third of an acre of ground. William C. Mullen, of Rocky Springs, Cecil county, had a yield of 284 bushels of wheat per acre from eight-acre field. This is a very good crop for the farmers—so big in fact that the land has certainly got over all the barren nature it ever possessed. William Armstrong, of the Fourth district, Cecil county, Md., has nine profitable Southdown ewes. The increase last winter was fourteen lambs, which sold at \$4.50 each, and the fleeces of the ewes sold for \$2.55 each, making the snug sum of \$85.05 profit during the year.

**Accidents.**  
Harry Brenner tried to board a freight train to ride from Columbia to Lancaster, but he was violently thrown to the ground and severely bruised. As Clay, Myers and A. J. Leibley were driving across the Duke street railroad bridge last evening their horse frightened at the cars, turned suddenly and broke the right hand front wheel.

**Case Settled.**  
Today Nan Butler, colored, was to have had a hearing before Aldermen Donnelly, of the Seventh ward, on a charge of assault and battery, preferred by Frederick Hartman. When the parties met in the courtroom the alderman's office, they settled the suit by Nan paying the costs.

## COLUMBIA NEWS.

## OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE.

**Fire Matters.** The Coal Trade—Personal Points—Club Meetings.  
The Vigilant fire company at its regular monthly meeting held last evening, made the final arrangements for the trip to Hagerstown, Md., in October next, the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Washington county agricultural and mechanical association. Nicholas Gilman was elected chief marshal, and Abram Brunner and Martin H. Smith, assistant marshals. An invitation to accompany the company was extended to the twenty-fifth anniversary of the borough councils, to the chief director and assistant directors of the fire departments, and to any citizen who may desire to go. All members of the company who are supplied with equipment are requested to report to Martin H. Smith, or to D. Coleman, the committee on equipments. The Mountville band of twenty-one pieces, with drum-major, will supply the music. At present there are between fifty and sixty fully equipped men who have signified their intention of going, and it is thought this number will be increased. The company will take their engine with them.

Things are now reversed at the Reading & Columbia coal chutes. A couple of days ago a fleet of boats were anchored at the wharf awaiting loads. Now the bins are filled with coal and awaiting the arrival of the canal boats. The reason for this is that a break occurred very recently in the tide water canal near the foot of the city. To remedy this, the water was let out of the canal, hence the detention to the boats. When we were at the shutes this morning a boat had just arrived, and it will most likely be followed by others in close order.

Erish Souther, who has charge of the opera house engine, is facing the engine's valves and otherwise getting ready to put the engine to work to supply heat to the auditorium, store rooms, etc. It will be yet some time before fire is necessary to comfort.

Miss Jessie Dentler, of Lock Haven, Pa., is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. P. Withers, Mrs. Charles Bayler, of York, Pa., is visiting her mother, Mrs. E. S. Mason.

Miss Annie F. Beckius, daughter of Dr. S. Alice Beckius, and Miss Mary Wilson, who are here on a visit, are taking a year's course in the Mountain seminary at Birmingham, Huntingdon county, Pa.

The statue recently carved from a block of wood by Jerry Koch is receiving a coat of paint at the hands of Samuel Ebslein. It will be placed in the appearance in a "coat of many colors."

The Robin Hood archery club shot at target last evening at Mount Bethel, the residence of Captain D. Brainard Case. Will Frederick, with a score of forty, came out with the highest score.

The temperature to-day is remarkably cool. There is probably a reason for this—half somewhere near perhaps—but we no nothing of it.

The rear portion of Wagner's hotel, the back wing, which had been abandoned, was just being much improved in appearance by being painted in the hands of painters.

Some street and gutter improvements are being made on Third street between Union and Perry street.

A couple of brick houses are nearing completion on South Fifth street near Cherry.

The 1st and 2d ward Democratic clubs will meet in their club room on North Third street on Friday evening to decide if they will not a uniform will be adopted for the coming campaign. The 3d ward club will meet for the same purpose in its club room on Saturday evening. It is desired that all members of the clubs attend the meetings.

D. Shum, superintendent of the Susquehanna and tide water canal, is in town to-day.

F. S. Dietz's dry goods store is closed to-day by reason of the death of Mr. Dietz's sister, who was buried at Landisville this morning.

The Philadelphia & Reading railroad company will run an excursion to the state fair at Philadelphia on Sept. 11.

The Great London circus company are surfacing Columbia with show bills. They are being distributed by the city of Peter S. Reist, of Little, and Bishop Vail, of Topeka, Kan., who has been journeying here, left for Kansas with the Keeney excursion of capitalists and newspaper men, who are going West on a grand tour of general inspection.

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