Lancaster Intelligencer.

MONDAY EVENING, FEB. 14, 1881.

The City Election.

The election to-morrow for city officers has created very little excitement in the community; but we hope it is not because little interest is felt in the result. It is, rather, because party feeling has not been stirred up in the matter, and each candidate is left to depend on his merit, and each citizen to act upon his judgment of what the interests of the city require. For councils, we ask the voter to weigh well the qualifications of the candidates, and to cast his vote for no one whom he thinks is incompetent, or who has shown by his past conduct as councilman, that he has not the requisite good judgment to fill the place. We do not ask any one to vote for an unfit Democratic councilman, for two reasons: of which the first is that we cannot conscientiously do so, and the second, that it would do no good if we did. We would only lose our own influence with our readers, which we can preserve in no other way than by advising them to do their duty as good citizens. There is a spirit abroad among the people now, which is leading them to hold their party managers to a strict accountability for the manner in which they discharge their party trust in putting up candidates for municipal offices. Citizens—whether Democrats or Republicans—will no longer vote blindly for the candidates of their party in city elections. They look at the character of the respective nominees and govern their votes accordingly. It is undoubtedly a good thing that we are learning to do so; it is good for the party as well as the city. It will teach parties to put up good candidates if they want to succeed, as of course they do. It is right, of course, for every party man to give his preference to the candidates of his party, as he will feel disposed to do, and not to cast his vote against them except for very good reason. In this election the Democratic party stands very well before the people with its candidates, and we know of no reason why the ticket generally should not receive the party support. And there are good reasons to expect also Republican votes for the Democratic council ticket. The Republican party has had control of councils and has subjected itself to condemnation in a number of instances. The people are not pleased for instance with the payment of the gas bill, for gas not furnished to the city. This was done by the order of councils, against the protest of the mayor, who sent a communication to councils declaring that it should not be paid. Its payment was ordered on motion of Councilman Cox.

Then we do not think that the unnecessary disturbance raised in the city treasurer matter by the direct action of councils has been acceptable to the citizens generally. The financial arrangements of the city were thrown into confusion thereby, its creditors remained unpaid, legal expenses were incurred, and a liability of the city for damages to Mr. Welchans, for what he claims to be his unlawful ousting from his office, now hangs over it. The city has been run up to the limit of its debt, and an invitation to permit a greater indebtedness to be incurred is threatened to the voters.

The Democratic part of the city government has deserved and won the confidence of the people. The mayor has been zealous and wise, and no one has anything but praise for the energetic street commissioner. The deposition of this officer is one of the things sought in this election, and will be accomplished if a Republican council is chosen. We do not think that the people of the city who have observed the working of the street department under Mr. Trewitz and his predecessors will desire to exchange his way of doing things for that of ex-Commissioner Fordney. We believe that the administration of the water works has been satisfactory.

We think we can invite the Democrats of the city to sustain their ticket, with a good conscience; and that we can expect also Republican votes for many of our candidates. But if there are any Democrats on the ticket who are justly objectionable we claim nothing for them. They ought not to be there. We believe that there is no one whom we can point to as unworthy of the support of his party, and so we ask it for them all.

THE complaint of the fire companies that they have to wait so long for their money is well-founded, but not at all inexplicable, and it is hard to see how the matter can be remedied until our system of municipal finances be amended in accordance with the suggestions so frequently made by the mayor in his messages. The whole trouble arises from the fact that a large amount of market rents and other receipts, appropriated at the outset of the fiscal year, are not paid into the city treasury until almost its expiration, so that the regular appropriations, as well as the current creditors of the city, can be paid in part only until after their receipt. The mayor's urgent recommendations for a change of this derangement have been in the interest of the firemen and everybody else entitled to get money out of the city treasury.

UNDER the administration of a Democratic mayor, the disorder, extravagance and recklessness which for many years ran riot in the municipal government, have been checked and sound views and correct policy have been impressed upon it. The citizens owe it to themselves no less than to Mayor MacGonigle, to support him with councilmen who will strengthen his policy.

JACOB HALBACH is busily engaged in "laying pipe" to be re-elected superintendent of the water works. Experience has shown that he can easily be dispensed with, as well as some superfluous hands and expenses to which the city was subjected under his administration and from which it has been relieved by the promptness, energy and economy of the present administration.

FOR street commissioner, by the grace of Republican councils, if elected—Peter B. Fordney.

FOR city treasurer, by the election of Republican councils, if chosen—Wm. S. Shirk.

PERSONAL.

Secretary GOFF has returned to Washington.

Secretary RAMSEY has gone to New York on a short visit.

Ex-Gov. MILLER, of Minnesota, has so far improved that his physicians think he may recover.

B. WESLEY TITUS, for many years a leading merchant of Trenton, New Jersey, died suddenly in that city, yesterday of heart disease.

Major WILLIAM P. HART, superintendent of the Bertha zinc mines and works, in Pulaski county, Virginia, has absconded and is charged with passing forged notes amounting to $15,000.

SARA BERNHARDT gave seven performances in New Orleans last week, her gross receipts being $17,214. She was indisposed Friday and did not play, but appeared twice on Saturday.

HAYES went to Baltimore on Saturday, visited the Johns Hopkins hospital, the Peabody institute and the Johns Hopkins university, and received the professors and the students of the latter institution. In the afternoon he attended the banquet of the Baltimore Press association.

The wife of H. A. ELKINS, the well-known artist, brought suit on Saturday against a saloon keeper and the owner of the saloon building, in Chicago, for $25,000 damages for selling liquor to Elkins, knowing him to be a drunkard. Elkins has lost reputation, art and fortune through his passion for drink, and has been twice recently sent to Bridewell for drunkenness.

General HERMAN UHL, a prominent officer of the National Guard of New York, and formerly business manager of the *Staats Zeitung*, accidentally killed himself at his residence, in New York city, yesterday afternoon. He was taking a Remington rifle from a closet for the purpose of cleaning it, when the weapon was discharged, and the ball passed through his left breast, near the heart.

MINOR TOPICS.

THE committee of the Tennessee Legislature appointed to examine charges of bribery in the recent election of state officials by the Legislature, met on Saturday, and examined several witnesses, none of whom knew that any member had sold or offered to sell his vote.

DURING the year 1880 there were 152 suicides in New York city, of whom 31 were females, 71 were married, 34 single and 12 widowed. Of the whole number, 64 were Germans, 35 Americans and 20 Irish. The means employed were, in 40 cases, poison; in 39, shooting; in 28, hanging; in 20 cutting, and in 14 drowning.

THE Chicago *Tribune* reports a "corner" in the provision market of Chicago, "which dwarfs any previous manipulation, even the great one of last year." The *Tribune* says; "Within a week there have been purchased 25,000,000 pounds of short ribs, 24,000 barrels of pork and 10,000 tierces of lard. The parties interested are mainly the ones who ran the successful deal a year ago, and it is their intention to put prices far above the present prevailing rates."

MAJOR PEARCE, a lawyer of St. Louis, has brought suit against Charles A. Spaulding, proprietor of the Olympic theatre, in that city, and Mr. Mapleson, the opera manager, for refusing to sell him certain seats for the opera season, beginning this week. Pearce alleges that he was the first person at the box office to purchase tickets on the day they were advertised to be sold, and he found five rows of seats stricken off the box sheets. He now proposes to test the question whether seats in a theatre can be disposed of privately before the public sale is made, and for his disappointment he asks $1,000 damages.

WED AT THE RAZOR'S EDGE.

The Insane Method of a Young Man to Get a wife Only to Lose her in Court.

In New York Judge Donohue, upon the report of Mr. Samuel J. Courtney as referee granted a decree in the suit of Jessie Hunt Risbey against David H. Risbey, annulling their marriage. It appears from the testimony given on her behalf that the plaintiff, the daughter of William T. Hunt, became acquainted with the defendant in 1872 at the Second Baptist church in Harlem, which the parents of both attend. She was then 14 and he 19 years old. They soon became engaged to be married, but in 1873 she dismissed him because she says, of his dissipated habits. On his promise of reform she allowed the old relations to be resumed, but he relapsed into his former habits and was again dismissed. He pleaded for forgiveness, writing many letters to Miss Hunt and watching for chances to meet her upon the street. In August, 1878, he met her in 109th street and told her that the recent death of his father had confirmed him in his determination to give up his bad habits and associates. Miss Hunt told him she had done everything in her power for him, and that she would not accept his attentions until he had shown by a good life during one year that his promises were not like those he had previously made. On December 7, 1878, Miss Hunt, who is a music teacher and had a sister of Risbey for a pupil, was at his mother's house in 112th street to give a lesson.

When she was preparing to leave, at 9 o'clock, Risbey entered the parlor and told his sister to go down stairs. After she had gone he turned to Miss Hunt and asked her if she had made up her mind to have nothing to do with him. She answered that she had, and he told her he had been on a spree and would not leave the house again until he was carried out, at the same time showing her a letter addressed "To the world!" and containing the words: "I have put an end to both of us and the secret will be buried with us.—D. H. R." He drew a razor out of his pocket, saying: "I am going to cut your throat" Miss Hunt attempted to call Mrs. Risbey, when the young man interposed, saying: "There is no use calling her. I will cut her throat, too." He grasped one of Miss Hunt's arms and advanced the razor toward her neck. She pleaded, "I will do anything, Dave, if you will not cut my throat." He responded, "If you don't go right off now and marry me I will kill you." She assented, and he having left the room for a moment she tried to escape. He intercepted her in the hall, and took her down 112th street and up 1st avenue to the residence of the Rev. Samuel H. Virgin in 124th street. He held the razor as they went, and told her he would kill her with it if she made any outcry, and repeated at the house that if she said anything not necessary to the marriage ceremony he would kill her and the minister and then kill himself. Mr. Virgin performed the ceremony, noticing nothing unusual, except that Miss Hunt had been crying. Risbey gave the clergyman an envelope containing a slip of paper on which were the words, "Sir, I will see you in a few days."

The suit for the annulment of the marriage was brought by Mr. Hunt as guardian ad litem of his daughter, she not being of age. The referee reported that the marriage was entered into through force and coercion on Risbey's part, and that Mrs. Risbey, by a subterfuge, had succeeded in getting away from Risbey soon after they left the clergyman's house. Risbey made no defense in the suit.

LATEST NEWS BY MAIL.

The paper stock warehouses of Michael T. Horner & Co., at the corner of Chew and Enser streets, in Baltimore, were burned yesterday. Loss, $26,000.

A steam pipe on the steamer City of Stockton exploded near Stockton, California, on Thursday night, badly scalding several persons, one of whom is in a critical condition.

Patrick Leary and his wife Honora were found dead in their house at Buffalo New York, on Saturday morning, having been suffocated by coal gas. They had been dead for several days.

Thomas Toomes, aged 67, residing in Dobson Row, Falls of Schuylkill, committed suicide by hanging in the third story of his house. He is believed to had been deranged.

Sitting Bull, with 70 lodges, has reached Woody Mountain, in Canada. The Canadian authorities refused to receive the Indians, but have not adopted any measures to compel them to return.

The British Queen, of the American steamship line, said to be the largest steamship that ever entered Philadelphia, arrived yesterday from Liverpool, with 50 passengers and a full cargo.

Henrietta Brannsdofer, aged 17, and Barbara Weiss, aged 19, domestics in a family in New York, were found dead in bed on Saturday morning. They had been suffocated by illuminating gas.

George C. Mitzell, aged 35 years, a sergeant of marines on the training ship Saratoga, at Baltimore, committed suicide on Saturday morning, by taking laudanum. He had absented himself from the ship, and a reward was offered for his arrest.

In Panama while the chain-gang were sweeping the streets, a dispute arose between one of the guards, a soldier of the Fourteeth battalion, and a woman, which continued until the soldier shot her dead. He also shot two other women, one of whom has since died, and then he escaped.

The button shop of the Scoville manufacturing company in Waterbury, Connecticut, a three-and-a-half story brick building, 160 by 40 feet, was destroyed by fire before daylight yesterday morning. The loss is about $175,000 and over 200 persons are temporarily thrown out of employment.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

MARIETTA MATTERS.

OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE.

The Break-Up in the River—Church News—The Social World—Politics.

Those of our townspeople who live on Front street enjoy a more peaceful state of mind now since the water in the river has begun to recede. The ice made its first move on Friday morning at 11 o'clock, and at 6 p.m. started again for a general break-up, moving along quietly without any damage whatever and shoving very little on the shore. Considerable apprehension was felt on Saturday, when the water began to rise rapidly, at one time between noon and 3 o'clock having increased its rate to about two feet an hour. It then decreased to one foot, then to five inches, at this rate approaching a standstill which occurred at about 4 o'clock on Sunday. In the meantime the weather changed considerably; Saturday having been a fair and mild day, changed in the evening to rain, and this discontinuing, it began to blow up cold, freezing the high water mark all along the shore. On Sunday it was cold, windy, and indicated snow all the day, but the weather did not interfere with algerine operations, a number of persons having made good use their time in catching logs a large number of which, boom logs and some square timber, passed and among the lot were two timber rafts or at least supposed to be, as they were far out in the river. It was very fortunate that the weather changed as it did, as the immense amount of snow above promised a much greater height of water than it reached. It is also fortunate that there is left back sufficient water for a good rafting rise, which will doubtless take place when the weather gets warmer. Since the water made a stand-still it has been falling very slowly.

Rev. Geo. L. Bell, of Wrightsville, exchanged pulpits with Rev. J. E. McElmoyle, of the Presbyterian church, yesterday.

The "sewing bee" will meet this evening at the residence of Mrs. S. Stahl.

We will soon have telephones connecting with Columbia. They are now making a connection with Vesta furnace at Chickies and will put one up at the hollow-ware company's works.

The News of the town.

A chicken fight took place on Friday afternoon in York county, and five enterprising lovers of that circle sport risked their lives by walking over the ice to participate, reaching Marietta again, not very long before the ice started.

The lecture by Rev. O. H. Tiffany was excellent, and was listened to by a fair sized and appreciative audience.

Miss Emma Wilson, from York county, is visiting at Mrs. Cushman's.

A car load of cattle was shipped from here on Friday to Philadelphia.

Borough Politics.

The following officers were elected at the Democratic primary on Friday evening:

Chief Burgess, A. Collins; Assistant Burgess, J. Harry Hegener; Town Council, John Shillow, Frank Hipple; Borough Constable, Allen S. Ruby; Borough Auditor, John C. Stambaugh; Judge, Israel rael Hanlen; Inspector, E. W. McElroy; Assessor, Otto Zuch; School Directors, F. R. Curran, J. L. Brandt; Assistant Constable, John J. Stahl.

The Republicans on Saturday seemed desirous of having a full assortment of candidates to be voted for at their primary this evening. The following is a list of names that were mentioned:

Burgess, J. R. Windolph, H. Trout, J. Songmaster; Assistant Burgess, A. Fry, E. Rusing, C. Herr: Councilmen, S. F. Fry, Orestes Hipple, John Spangler, A. Bennett, A. Lindsay, B. Ohmit; Auditor, S. R. Stibgen, A. D. Wike, W. H. Buller, F. Mack, H. B. Cassel, Jas. Johnstin; Borough Constable, W. Frederick J. Bell; Judge, S. F. Wisner, A. Bopp, Joseph J. Windolph; Inspector, C. Nagle, D. Mattis, Thomas Marlin; Assessor, Robert Carroll, S. Lindsay; School Directors, Theo. Hiestand, C. A. Schaffner, A. D. Wike; Assistant, Harry Childs, J. Bell.

Train Delayed by a Wreck

The train on the Reading railroad which reaches King street station at 8:20 in the evening, did not arrive on Saturday night but came in at 2 o'clock yesterday morning. The delay was caused by a freight wreck at Fritztown, Berks county, which blocked up the tracks.

Declination.

The name of H. M. Geiter, Democrat, is withdrawn from candidacy for council in the Fourth ward.

DEMOCRATIC NOMINATIONS.

School Directors.

Dr. Henry Carpenter,
Henry E. Slaymaker,
William A. Morton,
Elim G. Snyder,
A. J. Snyder,
A. Z. Ringwalt,

First Ward.

Common Council—Geo. W. Brown, S. K. Lichty, John F. Reith, John A. Shober.
Assessor—Jacob Reese.
Constable—John H. Brown.
Judge—Charles Buchmiller.
Inspector—Theo. Trout.

Second Ward.

Common Council—David McMullen, Wm. J. Fordney, John Holman.
Assessor—Jacob B. Lichty.
Constable—George Spong.
Judge—Robt. Clark.
Inspector—Robt. B. Risk.

Third Ward.

Common Council—George F. Sprenger, Jacob Kiehl, Adam S. Rhoads.
Assessor—Milton J. Ruth.
Constable—B. F. Leman.
Judge—Herbert Johnston.
Inspector—James MacGonigle.

Fourth Ward.

Common Council—Henry W. Harberger, Robert Bruce, (Thomas Hays, Ind. Rep).
Assessor—Edward Jeffries.
Constable—James Coyle.
Judge—James A. McElhone.
Inspector—Emanuel Wilhelm.

Fifth Ward.

Select Council—R. K. Schnader.
Common Council—Morris Gershel, Henry Wolf.
Assessor—S. S. Jordan.
Constable—Samuel Lentz.
Judge—George Musser.
Inspector—O. B. Shertzer.

Sixth Ward.

Common Council—Dr. John Levergood, Wm. Johnson, Wm. T. Jefferies.
Alderman—George W. Brintnall.
Assessor—Charles R. Frailey.
Constable—George Lentz.
Judge—Byron J. Brown.
Inspector—Charles R. King.

Seventh Ward.

Select Council—Geo. M. Borger.
Common Council—Henry Smeych, John Yackly, Frank Everts.
Assessor—James R. Garvin.
Constable—John Merringer.
Judge—Wm. McLaughlin.
Inspector—John Blankenmyer.

Eighth Ward.

Common Council—Benj. Huber, George Boos, Joseph A. Albert.
Assessor—Christ. A. Oblender.
Constable—George Shay.
Judge—Leo Jacobs.
Inspector—John Bradel.

Ninth Ward.

Select Council—Philip Zecher.
Common Council—J. H. Ostermayer, George Shulmyer, sr., Emanuel Stone.
Assessor—David Zecher.
Constable—Christian Flick.
Judge—John Hook.
Inspector—Charles F. Smith.

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS.

Weichans Ordered to Hand Over the Funds.

This morning the fourth week of common pleas court began with Judge Patterson on the bench. When the list was called it was found that of the thirty cases twenty-two are ready for trial.

Clement B. Grubb vs. Alfred B. Groff. It was agreed to submit this case to the court and have no trial by jury.

The case of Henry Lewis and Samuel W. Lewis, executors of the last will and testament of Jinken Lewis, deceased vs. Wm. B. Gable, and that of Amos Rutter vs. W. H. Sweigert, were settled.

No cases were attached this morning and the jury was discharged until half-past two this afternoon.

The City Treasurer Muddle.

In the matter of Wm. S. Shirk's petition for a mandamus to compel Edward Welchans to deliver over to him the money, papers, records, &c., which belong to the office of the city treasurer, Judge Patterson this morning read the opinion of the court, in which both judges concur. The answer of Welchans is declared by the court to be wholly inadequate, and it is ordered that judgment be entered upon the demurrer for the commonwealth and that Welchans be commanded to pay forthwith to Shirk all the moneys of the city, to wit, $11,527.21, the sum acknowledged by him to be in his possession, and also all other moneys of said city which he has in his possession or under his control and keeping, and also to deliver to said William S. Shirk, treasurer, the following books and other property belonging to the said city of Lancaster, to wit: Journal or cash book, book of market rents, interest receipt book, receipt book of moneys from mayor and other sources, and all other books and property belonging to said city. The costs are ordered to be paid by Welchans.

The opinion discusses at length the nature of the writ of mandamus and the facts of the present case. Applying the law to them the conclusion is reached that the present is an appropriate case for the exercise of the writ of mandamus, the fault complained of being a public one, it is a cause for specific and speedy remedy. The case of the respondent is considered, and with respect to the question of title to the office it is answered that to determine that the writ of *quo warranto* must be invoked. His claim that he is treasurer of the city involves a question of fact for a jury. The denial, by the return, of the legality of Shirk's election is argumentative and inferential, not specific and certain.

The Lancaster Fire Association.

A meeting of the Lancaster fire association, was held on Saturday evening at the hall of the Empire hook and ladder company.

President C. M. Howell, occupied the chair, and all the companies were represented by delegates.

After some discussion regarding the failure of the city to pay to the several fire companies of the city a portion of last year's appropriation, Maj. Howell offered a resolution to the effect that the councils be respectfully requested to see that the balance of the appropriation made to the several companies for the fiscal year commencing June, 1880, be promptly paid to the companies entitled to it.

An amendment was offered to the effect that if the appropriation due be not paid on or before the 15th of March, the several companies will go out of service.

Maj. Howell and one or two others deprecated the passage of the amendment as unwise and mischievous, but after a warm discussion the amended resolution passed as follows:

Resolved, That the officers of the fire department respectfully represent to city councils their need of the balance of the appropriation made to the several companies at the beginning of the fiscal year of 1880, and hope that arrangements will be made for this purpose, and the councils be requested to direct the issuing of the warrants for the payment of the unpaid appropriation, and if not paid on or before March 15, the fire companies will go out of service.

A committee of three was appointed to consider and report to the association a better plan of organization of the fire department than that now in force. The following named members were appointed said committee: David Deen, of the American; J. N. Goodman, of the Shiffler, and Sher Smith, of the Friendship.

The association adjourned to meet again next Saturday evening.

FAIRS OF THE FIREMEN.

OPENING OF THE HUMANE AND CLOSING OF THE UNION.

Brilliant Spectacles and Big Crowds at Both Places.

The fair of the Humane fire company opened in their hall in the second story of the engine house Saturday evening. About 8 o'clock Mayor MacGonigle and a number of others, including members of city councils, were escorted from Centre Square to the engine house by a committee of the Humane and Clemmens' City band. Although the hall is the largest and finest of its kind in this city, it was not large enough for the crowd that desired to gain admittance, after the band had played several selections.

Walter M. Franklin, esq.,

the president of the company, arose and made a short speech in which he said substantially:

"In behalf of the Humane steam fire engine and forcing hose company, No. 6, I am authorized to proclaim the formal opening of this fair and to pronounce the dedication of this house to the purposes, uses and benefit of the company in their devotion to the cause of saving life and property from the destructive element of fire.

"The building of this house, an undertaking which was entered upon with simple faith in the liberality of the citizens of Lancaster and their friends' appreciation of the promptness and efficiency of the Humane in fighting fire, has been crowned with substantial success, and it is fitting at this time to acknowledge the grateful sense in which the company esteem all the kind assistance and liberal contributions of labor and money that have assured the ultimate success of this enterprise. The commodious engine house and hose rooms and this beautiful hall, so appropriately and conveniently arranged for the practical uses for which they are designed, are a monument to the good management, good taste and liberality of those who conducted the enterprise to its completion. The company can well feel proud not only of this handsome new home, but of the good will that has been manifested in its behalf during the progress of the building, and I am sure its members feel more keenly than ever the desire to serve manfully in the cause in which they are enlisted. I beg to congratulate the lady friends of the Humane for the auspicious opening of the fair, the success of which is very largely in their hands, whose graceful presence and pleasant smiles are the most attractive feature of this dedication. We appreciate the fellowship of brother firemen, and gratefully acknowledge the compliment of the presence at these dedication ceremonies of the representatives of the State Association of Volunteer Firemen, the municipal authorities and prominent citizens present, the officers and members of other fire companies, and the many friends who manifest their interest in our behalf by their attendance this evening, we extend a cordial, heartfelt welcome."

Maj. A. S. Edwards,

of the Empire hook and ladder, and a member of the State Firemen's association, responded on behalf of the other firemen of the city to the welcome address of the Humane's president He said: "That when requested by the honored president of the company to make some remarks this evening he told him he considered this not an occasion for speech-making, but money-making and he would detain them but a moment to tell them he was glad to be allowed to stand there as a member of the common brotherhood of volunteer firemen and tell them he was proud of the Humane. Proud, of course, of their record and history as firemen, but particularly proud of the grand stride they had made in the pathway of progress. It had been truly said, 'men grow angular as the apartments they occupy.' A man's life, habits and deportment are largely influenced and determined by his surroundings; confine a man in low dingy apartments, within four square walls, and he will grow narrow and contracted in his ideas and life. Volunteer fire companies have been subject to adverse criticism since their formation, and he was sorry he could not say this criticism was unjust. What he did say was that the surroundings of fire companies in the old times were responsible for their conduct. No member could return to such a fire home as this and not have his innate self-respect force him to regulate his deportment in accordance with his surroundings; and in this they have 'builded better than they knew.' No men deserved such a home more than volunteer firemen. Living a life of hardship and danger, devoted to the nobiest duty which can influence man, the salvation of the lives and property of others without hope of reward, save that which they have in the consciousness of duty well performed, they deserve a home, such as this one, which is a credit to the company, an honor to the fire department and an ornament to our city."

A number of visitors, members of the State association who had been expected and would have made speeches, failed to arrive in this city, owing to the high waters obstructing the railways. The gentlemen who would have come by the Reading & Columbia railroad, were prevented by a freight wreck at Fritztown, which held back the evening train arriving in this city usually at 8 p. m., until 2 a. m. Sunday.

The Fair.

The hall in which the fair is being held has been fitted up in a handsome manner. The walls and table fixtures are completely covered with flags, evergreens, etc., as stated in Saturday's INTELLIGENCER. The tables run along the whole length of the room on the east and west sides, and they are loaded down with fancy and useful articles of all kinds, which will be chanced, voted or sold. The tables are in charge of ladies as follows:

Lunch Table—Mrs. Goodman, Mrs. Gantz, Mrs. Doerr and Mrs. Jeffries. Here lunch of all kind is served, and it certainly looked very tempting.

Cigar Table—Misses Barbara Neimer, Katie Missimer, Katie Deaver, Sallie Deaver, Mary Gorman, Annie Sullivan and Katie Gorman. All kinds of tobacco, cigars, pipes, canes, &c., are for sale at this table.

Confectionery Table—Mrs. F. Heckert, Mrs. Duchman, Misses Gussie Buckius, Emma Buckius, Lizzie Smith, Annie Waters, Sallie Heckert, Katie Carr, Mrs. Powden and Mrs. Metzroth. The table is full of candies, fruit, &c., and there are a number of elegant cakes, which will be chanced.

Empire Table—Mrs. Nicholson, Mrs. Samuel Dorwart, Mrs. Leo Jacobs, Mrs. Forrest, Misses Annie Erisman, Annie Doerr, Mary Heckler, Emma Smith. This table is arranged in a very artistic manner with ladders running up the sides; over the top of it are two ladders crossed, a hook and two axes, the effect being very good. On this table is the beautiful music box, which was presented to the Humane by the Empire boys, besides a large number of other articles including a scroll basket, silver caster, silver cake dish and wax flowers.

Sun Table—Mrs. Kasser, Mrs. Mattern, Misses Katie Goodman, Katie Bostick, Jennie Raber, and Mary Diehl. This table is full of fancy goods besides a set of cigar maker's tools, roses, glassware, &c, A large burnished "Sun" decorates the front of the table.

Friendship Table—Mrs. Gorrecht, Mrs. Fisher, Misses Mary Wiley, Mazie Fisher, Julia McMahan, Ella Gorrecht. This table among, other pretty articles, has a pair of beautiful Texas cattle horns filled with fancy grass, a pair of urns, and mottoes. The "clasped hands" mark this table.

Washington Table—Mrs. Viser, Mrs. Oliver, Mrs. Rehm, Misses Annie Eckert, Tracy Kieffer, Teresa Staley. This table has a guess doll, a silver pickle caster and countless other beautiful articles. There is a picture of Washington above this table.

American Table—Mrs. Shufflebottom, Mrs. Charles Simon, Mrs. Brill, Mrs. Lutz, Misses Zimmerman, Lutz, Rose Keller, Katie Flick, Mary Flick, Miss Mattern and Mrs. Oblender. On this table are fancy articles, dolls, &c., and patriotic emblems.

Humane Table—This large table which belongs to the Humane themselves, is situated in the centre of the room. It is in charge of Mrs. Henry Gast, president and Mrs. Thomas Zecher, vice president of the fair. They are assisted by Miss Annie Carr, and Mrs. Rose Reed. The beautiful silver cake basket, which was presented by the America fire company of Allentown can be seen here as well as a silver butter dish, card basket, two cushions, vases, dolls, and a large number of other articles.

Shiffler—Mrs. Sallie Fry, Mrs. Wolbert, Misses Rose Heisler, Mary Snyder, Katie Culp, Linda Scheid, Mary Weber and two Misses Long. A silver caster, waste basket, two images, a muslin cross, and other handsome articles adorn this table.

Union Table—Misses Agnes Beck, Lizzie Moser, Emma Shauble, Callie Boser, Lillie Beck, Louisa Moser. The butcher's tools, ice cooler, counterpane and other things are on this table. The "Union" shield adorns the frame above this table.

"Rebecca at the well" was Miss Sue. Snyder. The well is near the door and the wall is made of wood in imitation of stone; it is under an arch covered with evergreen. Here cold, sparkling lemonade is dealt out to thirsty patrons of the fair, and a thriving trade is done.

The old woman in the shoe is impersonated by Miss Katie Zecher, a charming little girl. She sits in a large shoe which has pockets on the sides full of dolls for sale.

Miss Alice Brock is the fortune-teller, and has a little office in the southern end of the room where persons are told of their fortune.

A wheel of fortune, where some valuable articles are given to winners, and a fishing pond are near the door, and a large pair of weighing scales are in front.

Samuel Kendig has charge of the ice cream and Kautz & Hartley attend the refreshment stand down stairs, where solid food is sold.

The principal articles to be voted and chanced off at the fair are as follows: Turkish pipe, large cigars, scales, a number of dolls, Empire music box, several silver casters, clock in scroll work, wax flowers, set of butcher's tools, ice cooler, roll of carpet, two breech-loading guns, waste basket, muslin cross, images, silver butter dishes, a number of cushions, bass violin, cabinet organ, two bicycles, table clothing of different kinds, America (Allentown) cake basket, silver pickle jar, cake stands, sewing machine, gold ring, gold watch, silver watch, revolver, silver cigar case, meerschaum pipes, etc.

The whole fair is under good management and promises to be crowned with success, as is evident from the interest already displayed by the members of the company and the firemen and citizens generally. The company deserves encouragement for its enterprise, and its fine building is in itself worth a visit, not to speak of the great variety and value of the articles on hand and the very attractive attendants.

To-morrow evening will be "Empire night" at the fair, when the hook and ladder company will visit it in a body and there will be speeches and other hospitalities and merry-making.

THE UNION.

Close of the Equipment Association Fair.

The fair of the Union equipment association closed on Saturday night, after a very successful run of a week. Roberts's hall was packed with people during the entire evening and the voting was very lively. The articles voted for with the number of votes received by each person are given below:

Gold Watch—Banks Smith, 1,075; John Effinger, 300.

Double-barrelled Gun—D. C. Eaby, 1,232½; Wm. Buckius, 18.

Sewing Machine—Mrs. Neher, 546.

Printer's Outfit—Albert T. Clay, 77½.

Fireman's Badge—Daniel Fry, 604; Joseph Widmyer, 252½.

Carpenter's Brace—George Oster, 23½.

Silver Watch—"Tidd" Geiter, 487; W. M. Bair, 66½.

Silver Watch—Wm. Heline, 370; Philip Kempf, 190.

Fishing Tackle—W. H. Weitzel, 328; John Deaner, 146½.

Cigar-maker's Tools — Wm. Shindle, 125½; Harry M. Greenawalt, 103½.

Organ—Anna Weaver, 1,025, Mary Dittman, 114; Mary Sing, 476½.

On Saturday night, owing to a misunderstanding by those in charge of Mary Sing's books, they were not turned in at 10 o'clock, but this morning Mr. Sing paid to the committee the amount she had collected.

Scroll Saw—John Schaum, 66; H. Rutledge, 18.

Cushion—Miss Ferrier, 32½.

Banjo—Philip Hess, 420.

Scroll Saw—George W. Smith, 249.

Bartender's Outfit—H. F. Greenawalt, 531½; E. Reynolds, 382.

The principal articles, which were chanced were won as follows: Wax horse-shoe, Miss Amelia Strauss; handsome cake, H. Wirth; a box of cigars, J. L. Lyte; a cake, Miss Annie Gantz; gold plated printer's stick, J. L. Lyte; Wax bouquet, Amos Fenstermacher, Millersville; fancy blacking box, John W. Mentzer; child's dress, Mr. Messenkop; wax bouquet, Mr. Gochenour; handsome cake, Miss Sullivan; another cake, Miss Amanda Cline.

No. 658 drew the silver set and the holder of the fortunate figures may procure the prize by calling at the *Examiner* office.

The fair was very well managed and it was a success financially.

A Cartridge in a Pipe.

On Saturday evening Henry Buckius, residing on Manor street, was seated in the Plow hotel smoking a wooden pipe. Suddenly the men in the bar-room were startled by a report like that of a pistol and Buckius found that his pipe was broken to pieces. It appears that he had had the tobacco which he was smoking in his pocket where there were some cartridges. In filling his pipe he placed a cartridge in with the tobacco in mistake. After he had been smoking a short time the tobacco burned down to the cartridge which exploded. It was a very narrow escape for Buckius, who had his hand slightly burned. The cartridge cap was found on the floor, but where the bullet went is a mystery.

Unclaimed Letters.

The following is a list of letters remaining unclaimed in the Lancaster postoffice for the week ending Monday, February 14, 1881:

Ladies' List: Mrs. Amos Albright, Nora Berker, Mrs. James Bell, Addie M. Corchanoin, Mrs. Manda Dennis, Katie Guby, Emma Hambright, Marcella Keys, K. E. Luny, R. H. Long, Mrs. Eliza McCombs, Ida Smith, Alice Smith, Sarah E. Williams.

Gents' List: Jacob Becker, M. D., Bassett & Co., M. R. Bortree (2), J. B. Douglas, Jonas F. Eby, John Hambright, Jacob Hershey, John L. Herr, David Long, Lieut. Wilhelm Melchoir, Michael Sullivan, Geo. Miller, Marg. Lenhart, D. H. Mishler, Austin Robertson, Geo. L. Solter, John Tobin, William Taylor, C. W. Walker, Wm. H. Walker, jr.

THE GREAT THAW.

The Flood—The Ice Gorges and Another Freeze.

The ice on that part of the Conestoga river above this city has mostly passed down stream without doing much damage. The stream rose rapidly on Saturday afternoon and by 8 o'clock in the evening at the city mill had entered the water houses to such a height that the water-power pumps were entirely submerged and the Worthington steam pump so far submerged that it had to be stopped. The water covered the floor on which the pump rests, but did not rise quite high enough to enter the boiler house. Superintendent Kitch, Engineer Stehman and all the employes of the water department were on duty all Saturday night. The water attained its greatest height about half-past 2 o'clock Sunday morning. It then began to fall, slowly at first, but quite rapidly later, so that by 8 o'clock Sunday morning the steam pump was again put in operation. During its stoppage the water in the city reservoirs fell about eighteen inches. During the trouble, the little Worthington pump, which stands somewhat higher than the large one, was put in motion and did good service.

No great damage was done by the flood at the water works. The boom at the head of the forebay was broken into three pieces, each about 30 feet in length, and carried down stream. Two of the pieces were afterwards recovered. The masonry of the pier, just above the water house, was injured somewhat, the large stones, some of them weighing a ton, being displaced by the large cakes of ice that crashed against them. The abutment on the opposite side of the creek was also somewhat damaged, but all in all the works stood the flood very well.

From the city mill down to Wabank the stream is nearly free from ice. From below Wabank to Slackwater the ice remains unbroken, and yesterday a party of gentlemen walked upon it the whole distance between those points. In the vicinity of Wabank there is a great gorge of the broken ice which came down stream and lodged there; in some places yesterday it was thirty or forty feet high. Had it not been for the freeze which set in night before last, and checked the flow of the surface water and the numberless little rills, runs and rivulets emptying into the Conestoga, it is probable that the stream would have continued to rise and the ice above Slackwater would have given way, greatly endangering Shober's paper mill and other valuable properties. They are not yet out of danger, but if the stream continues to fall and the weather moderates slowly it is probable the ice will pass off without doing much harm.

Reports from the mouth of the Pequea creek state that the ice-gorge on that stream was remarkably heavy and when it broke, the railroad bridge, the county bridge and Samuel Harnish's saw mill, were all swept away and destroyed. The railroad bridge was an open truss wooden one, and the county bridge a covered wooden one of the same pattern. The Columbia & Port Deposit railroad is submerged for a distance of four miles between Safe Harbor and House Rock, and great quantities of ice piled upon the tracks. Yesterday a train of cars that was attempting to force its way through was stopped by the ice obstructions in front, and when it attempted to back out, the ice that closed in behind held it fast, and at last accounts it was unable to move in either direction.

Reports from the Susquehanna state that the river is open and the broken ice is passing off without doing any serious damage. The cold weather having caused a severe freeze will have a tendency to cause the river to fall, so that little danger is now apprehended.

In Search of the Ice Gorge.

Yesterday morning seemed to two Lancasterians, who wished to see an ice gorge, a nice morning to hunt it up. Walking to Reigart's Landing, where the creek is greatly flooded, the far end of the bridge standing in the middle of the creek; then went to Graeff's Landing, where there is high water, as on every part of the Conestoga and remnants of the ice that was there. Levan's Mill, Second Lock and Wabank were passed successively, making short cuts through fields from one place to another. At these places little else is seen than as before stated, but steep hills, numerous swollen runs to cross and small ice patches, where one would narrowly escape kissing his mother earth, broke the monotony of the walk. But it was not in vain, for now Shenk's woods is reached and an ice gorge of more than a mile in length is before you. The gorge seemed to be greater farther down the creek, and it was determined to follow it to its ending, which was found over a mile below, where the ice was unbroken with the exception of a narrow channel through which the water rushed. Supposing this to be the end of the gorge, it was determined to retrace it as close to the shore as possible, and here and there to walk out on the ice.

The ice is piled up, jammed in every direction and broken in all shapes and forms. It extends several rods on each shore and ranges up to fifteen feet above the water. Some blocks of ice st