

Lancaster Intelligencer.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, MAR. 9, 1881.

That Railroad Purchase. The great operation of the Pennsylvania railroad, in buying a controlling interest in the Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore railroad, was enthusiastically applauded by the stockholders. The fair presumption is that the purchase was judicious, as the managers of the Pennsylvania road ought to know just what the Wilmington road is worth to it. Still it does not seem to have been very wise in the Pennsylvania stockholders to take this sagacity of their directors entirely for granted, and applaud their purchase, without even knowing the price they had agreed to pay. So large an operation would have received the careful consideration of prudent owners. Twenty million dollars is a great deal of money to authorize railroad directors to raise and expend at their discretion. It is a great vice in the management of our great corporations that the owners are not consulted, about the vastest operations, before they are entered into. The managers act as though they were owners; when in fact they generally have but a trifling interest themselves in the property they administer. In this case a great railway was contracted for by the Pennsylvania managers just twelve hours before the Pennsylvania stockholders assembled in annual meeting. To the unsophisticated mind it would have seemed proper for President Roberts to have withheld the conclusion of this contract until the stockholders had considered its advisability. To the man of ordinary sense it would have seemed natural that the stockholders should be indignant that their president appeared before them and informed them that on the previous midnight he had bought a railroad for them and wanted twenty million dollars to pay for it. To a moderately acute human mind it would seem that a president who takes the authority to make a twenty million contract, without the advice of his owners, might as well be conceded the power of issuing the stock to pay for it, without asking the stockholders' sanction. Certainly if Mr. Roberts' contract for the purchase of the Wilmington stock was valid, and his company was bound by it, the provision of the money to pay for the road followed as a matter of course. If it was not furnished voluntarily the company would have been bound to provide it involuntarily. And if, on the contrary, the contract was not valid without the stockholders' assent, all excuse for seeking to make it without such assent, was taken away. That excuse no doubt is that extreme secrecy was needed in the conduct of the operation, so that the prize might be grasped from others who were eagerly holding out their hands for it. That excuse would not exist if the contract did not become a contract until the Pennsylvania stockholders had assented to it.

We do not greatly doubt that this purchase was in itself wisely made; though it is said that a new railroad could be built for a great deal less money. We do not question the sagacity of the Pennsylvania railroad managers. They doubtless knew what they were about. But we do say that it is not proper for stockholders to put themselves so unreservedly in the hands of their managers, and permit them to enter into great contracts without first submitting their proposition to the judgment of those of whom they are theoretically the servants. We do not believe in the propriety of making railroad managers the masters and reducing railroad owners to the condition of recording instruments of their will.

Either the new senator elect from Pennsylvania, Mr. Mitchell, signed the recommendation for Harner's appointment to a cabinet place—devised by Cameron to obstruct MacVeagh's appointment—or Mr. Mitchell did not sign it. The matter is a very important one, and certainly capable of correct ascertainment. The Times has positively stated that he did sign it. Mr. Handy, of the Press, as he did sign it. He did not, and we understand him to say so on Mr. Mitchell's authority. Both these sources of public information are too respectable for either to allow its assertion to go uncorroborated; neither can afford to leave the public uninformed in regard to the matter in dispute. The Times's assertion being plainly contradicted, the time seems to be opportune for its proof to be presented lest judgment be taken against it for default.

MR. GRANT has been to Washington in consultation with Conkling, Cameron and Logan over the political situation. Everybody knows that this particular quartette is very ill pleased with Mr. Garfield. The question for consideration with them is what are they going to do about it. Just now it is apparent that they can do nothing prudently; but prudence is not a shining virtue in any of them, and it is very doubtful whether they will be able long to restrain their wounded feelings from asserting themselves. Certainly they are very sick. Kicking against the pricks may relieve their minds, but it will not restore their health. They are entitled to the sympathy of the benevolent and the condolence of their friends.

The irrepressible Judge Briggs, of the Philadelphia bench, has been set down upon by the supreme court of the state having expressed to the jury in a stock gambling case a sneering opinion of the supreme court's decision against the validity of such contracts, the jury took their cue from him and found a verdict against the law; which the supreme court now overrules with an expression of surprise that Briggs should not know the law—of feigned surprise we suspect.

The man who goes to the White House for a foreign mission and comes away satisfied with a pair of old pantaloons is now in Washington in large numbers. But the Indiana delegation seems to be the biggest and brassyest. It will "set" every day until it hatches—ordains out that it is "setting" on bad eggs.

SELECT COUNCILMAN EBERLY, of the finance committee, excepts to our criticism of his statement in councils in regard to the amount of the city debt fundable under the new four per cent. refunding ordinance. Our report of councils erred in representing Mr. Eberly as saying "that \$200,000 of the existing debt could not be funded at 4 per cent., as there is not that much of the 5 per cent. debt now due." What Mr. Eberly said was that there was not that much of the 6 per cent. debt fundable under the ordinance, he holding that no part of the city debt can be refunded except the bonds issued prior to April 20th, 1875, of which the city now has \$92,400 outstanding. But, in our view, a fair construction of the law, and one to which no person will take valid exception, is that the city can refund any of its five or six per cent. debt at a lower rate of interest provided arrangement is made or existing arrangement is continued to pay it within twenty years. It is common sense that municipalities should be allowed to refund their debts whenever they can hasten the payment of them by placing their loans at a reduced rate of interest. The law does not expressly forbid this; hence it must be construed reasonably to permit it; and if the ordinance as drawn and passed by councils is narrower than the law requires it to be it can be readily amended and should be speedily.

MR. GARFIELD has quietly asked our English minister, James Russel Lowell, to stay where he is, and he will no doubt stay, to the great credit of the country, and the equally great delight of the "literary fellers" who have builded much on Garfield's appreciation of gentlemen and scholars in diplomatic posts of high distinction. The country will be especially relieved at the assurance that we are not to be represented at the Court of St. James by Marshall Jewell, who wanted the place, nor such a snob as Pierpont who had it, nor such a clerical fraud as Stoughton, who no doubt expected it.

THE HARRISBURG Independent declares the clock on the capitol a disgrace to the city and to the state. Time!

MR. HAYES stopped over on the road because he did not like to travel on Sunday, but he sent the boys on to get the house warm.

MR. HAYES'S neighbors welcomed him back with as much enthusiasm as they had bidden him depart. They are serenely confident that he is better fitted for private citizenship than for political promotion.

THE Republican search for the author of the Morey letter has flagged. Mr. Hewitt thinks the trail leads to the White House and is getting too fresh. He contributes \$100 to help the Republican national committee find the writer of it.

THE new census of the German empire shows the population to be five millions less than that of the United States, notwithstanding all the conquests and territorial seizures and annexations made under Bismarck's regime.

In view of the failure of the funding bill, the important fact has been brought to light that, under existing laws, the treasury department has power to issue one hundred millions of new four per cents. for the funding of the matured sixes.

In all public law offices of Montreal the Protestant Bible has been largely used for administering oaths on account of its remarkable cheapness. This fact has been laid before Monseigneur Fabre, bishop of Montreal, and his lordship has declared that any Catholic knowingly swearing on a Protestant Bible commits a sin. A large influx of the Douay edition has resulted.

OF the new cabinet every member is married. Only two are college graduates. Secretary Hunt is living with his fourth wife, Windom is the only Ohio man. Blaine, James and Hunt were Whigs, Kirkwood originally was Democrat, Windom and Lincoln consistent Republicans, MacVeagh a "kicker." Blaine is fifty-one years of age; Windom, fifty-four; James, fifty; MacVeagh, forty-eight; Kirkwood, sixty-eight; Lincoln, thirty-seven; Hunt, fifty-two.

THE PHILADELPHIA, Wilmington & Baltimore railroad, which was chartered in 1833, consists of a main line ninety-six miles in length, from Philadelphia to Baltimore, with a double track of steel rails. It was formed on February 5th, 1833, by consolidating the Philadelphia & Delaware County, chartered April 2, 1831; the Wilmington & Susquehanna, chartered in Delaware, January 18, 1832; the Delaware & Maryland, chartered in Maryland, March 14, 1832; and the Baltimore & Port Deposit, chartered March 7, 1833. The main line was completed at a cost of \$4,183,311, including the Susquehanna bridge, in 1838. It bought the New Castle & Frenchtown and New Castle & Wilmington roads, and merged them in 1876, when it leased the Delaware road, 100 miles long, and operated altogether, 207 miles, including its Port Deposit branch from Perryville. Its capital stock is \$11,572,750 and its funded debt only \$2,753,500. The latter consists of a 6 per cent. convertible mortgage loan of \$535,000, registered in 1879, and \$2,218,500 in bonds for \$1,000,000, due in 1887; sinking for \$700,000, due in 1892, and ditto fund 6 per cents, for \$800,000, due in 1900. It has been paying 8 per cent. dividends regularly for five years, and its net earnings increased from \$1,098,293 in 1877-78 to \$1,528,178 in 1878-79, and to \$1,387,161 in 1879-80, the financial year ending on the 1st of November.

THE price paid is \$78 per share, the shareholders also to receive the dividend of \$3 per share shortly to be declared by the Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore railroad company. It is proposed to bring the depot to Fifteenth and Filbert streets, which will be the grand central depot of the Pennsylvania company.

THE transaction was a surprise to railroad and financial men in this city, for a syndicate of New York and Baltimore railroad men and capitalists had closed a contract with Nathaniel Thayer, one of the largest stockholders of the Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore company, for a sufficient amount of stock to control the road.

THE syndicate was composed of John W. Garrett, president of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad; Jay Gould, August Belmont, G. G. Haven, John Jacob Astor, Wm. H. Vanderbilt, and others. The syndicate with Mr. Thayer called for the delivery of about 120,000 shares of the stock at \$70 per share on or before March 15. This is a large amount of stock than Mr. Thayer owned, but it is said that he owned the contract, expecting that his townsmen and friends, whom he had induced to invest in the stock when it was at a low figure, would aid him by selling their shares with his at the same figure.

AS the stock is issued in shares of the par value of \$50 each, the price per centum of the company at the present time is \$138.75. It seems, however, that Mr. Thayer over-estimated the co-operation of his townsmen, for a committee representing 90,000 shares came to this city on Monday afternoon, met President Roberts of the Pennsylvania road, and arranged that he had contracted to deliver him the 90,000 shares at \$80 per share. The contract also binds the Pennsylvania company to take from all holders of the stock such shares as they may send in before April 1 up to the entire capital stock of the company at the present market price, \$80 per share. The par value of the capital of the Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore company is \$12,000,000. As it is not believed that any of the outside shareholders will fail to accept this offer, in view of all the circumstances, the investment will cost the Pennsylvania railroad \$19,200,000. This is exclusive of the bonded debt of the purchased road, which is \$3,000,000. The Pennsylvania company will keep the securities of the purchased road separate from its own.

A member of the syndicate said last evening: "Messrs. Garrett and Haven, who represented the syndicate, had refrained from bidding up the price of the stock by attempting to make a deal with the syndicate, but they were outbid by the purchase of the stock by the syndicate. The body of a tramp was found at the bottom of Bennington shaft, Blair county. He accidentally stumbled into the shaft the night before.

THE trustees of the hospital for the insane at Danville desire the board of charities to meet with them to-day at Danville, to take into consideration the great calamity which has befallen the institution.

HARRY FREEBURN, of Harrisburg, engineer of engine No. 1, whose skull was fractured in the collision near Severn station on the Baltimore and Potomac railroad, on Saturday afternoon last, has died of his injuries at Washington.

HENRY HATFIELD and CUSTIS DUNMORE, inmates of the insane asylum at Danville, who made their escape during the burning of the asylum on Saturday night, came to Pittsburg, Pa., after being taken in charge by the chief of police.

EASTON is to have a dwelling house association, with a present capital of \$50,000. The object is to erect a number of compact, neat dwellings for the poorer classes. Plans for the buildings will be in the western part of the town and the number about fifty.

WHILE a number of Easton boys were returning from Sunday-school, William Young struck William Arrowsmith on the breast, causing death the following day. The parents of the deceased are convinced that the blow was not given in passion, but in boyish sport.

EDWARD HAYES, a brother of Gov. Tom Young of Ohio, is to be made register of the treasury. General Charles Ewing, a brother of General Tom Ewing, is urged for the governorship of New Mexico. Report says that Edward McPherson, an assistant postmaster general to succeed Mr. Tyler.

FOR President, Jere S. Black, Virginia City (Nev.) Chronicle. It would not be matter for surprise if the above announcement headed the programme of a great party in the United States before the next presidential election, upon a platform declaring that the sovereignty of the people in this republic must be respected by the wealthy corporations of the country, and that all franchises enjoyed by any railroad, banking, manufacturing, or other corporation shall be at all times subject to such restriction and regulation as the welfare of the people may require.

IT is plain that there is a tremendous struggle ahead for the American people. Either the great corporations must be brought under public control or the people will be chained under the control of the corporations. Judge Black represents the people's side of this contest, and better than any other man in the country. He has more forcibly than any other put forward the argument on behalf of the people. He is a man whose pure character and great abilities command the respect of his fellow countrymen, independently of party lines. He typifies the rights of the people as against the aggressions of corporate wealth.

IT lies with the two old parties to say whether a new party shall arise. Unless one of the other of them draws the sword in this contest, the people will assemble to call up a new champion to do battle for them. The Republican party is wedded to the wealth of the country and owes its latter successes entirely to the pressure brought to bear in its favor by the representation of wealth.

THE Democratic party is not wholly free from the same reproach in some quarters, but it is freer than its antagonist to shake loose from this influence and make a square fight on the platform laid down by Jere Black—No Democracy but Jeffersonianism, and no Democracy but the people should rule in the United States. It is a grand opportunity for the Democratic party. If it is wise enough to seize it, victory—honorable and sweeping—lies ahead. If it refuses, the people will elect a party that will not only fully and irrevocably commit itself to the popular side in the gigantic struggle between organized wealth on the one hand and the liberty and prosperity of the masses on the other, which is already at hand.

WRAPPED IN FLAMES. Hurling a Burning Kerosene Lamp at the Head of His Friend. George Wragg and Thomas Farrand are the names of two gentlemen who kept bachelor's hall on Bedford avenue, Pittsburg. Both are iron workers. Wragg has a wife in England and Farrand a sweetheart. Both have been industrious and both economical in order to raise money to bring the wife and sweetheart to this country. On Monday two of Farrand's relatives arrived in the city, and to celebrate the event he drank some. Late that night he took his friends to his room, and their carousals annoyed Wragg, who had gone to bed. A fight ensued during which Farrand hurled a burning kerosene lamp at Wragg's head. The missile was well aimed, and in an instant Wragg was enveloped in flames. He rushed frantically to a pile of rags in a corner, burying his face in them and trying to smother the burning fluid from his head with his hands. No relief could be gained in this way, and with his head and shoulders wrapped in flame he ran across the street and dashed his head into a bucket of water. Neighbors threw water over him and thus extinguished the flames. He has been suffering terribly from burns about the head and face. His hair had been taken off by the flames and his scalp was covered with huge blisters which extended down over his face. His beard was gone, with the exception of a few hairs on his chin which were scorched and bloody, and added to his terrible appearance. In addition to the burns there were several cuts on his face, and his left ear had been almost severed from his head. His hands and arms were also terribly burned. Farrand will be held in custody to-day. The prisoner was educated for the clergy in England.

LATEST NEWS BY MAIL. Sitting Bull and his Sioux returned to Wood Mountain on the 31st of January, poorly clad and with scarcely any food. A fire at Bolivar, Tenn., last Sunday night, destroyed ten buildings, causing a loss of \$20,000. Patrick J. Smyth was killed and Thos. Gregory fatally injured yesterday by the fall of a building in course of erection at Denver, Colorado.

THE walls of a granary, containing 15,000 bushels of oats, at La Prairie, Quebec, tumbled down yesterday morning upon an adjoining frame house, seriously injuring two young men. An engine on the Chicago & North-western railroad ran into a gang of shoemakers at Shopiere, near Jameville, killing twelve men. It was reported that an accident had occurred by which seventeen men were killed, but the railroad officials denied the report.

A Baltimore and Ohio through freight train was thrown from the track three miles west of Millport yesterday by a broken rail. The engine and ten cars were piled up together. Wm. Cook, the fireman, was badly scalded, and Wm. Blackmore, a brakeman, was badly injured. The rest of the crew escaped unhurt. Twice within a year the wife of John Sherer, of St. Louis, has attempted to kill her husband. The second attempt, with laudanum, was made yesterday, the cause being jealousy of her husband, who she purloined from a neighbor's party, telling her husband of it. She yet alive, but may not recover.

AT the opening of the regular session of the Indiana Legislature, the Democrats and Greenbackers defeated the Republicans completely, and elected all Greenback officers. The Republicans grew very tired of this and arranged with three disgraced Democrats that a vote of 25 to 23 yesterday, W. H. Schlatter, Republican, formerly military secretary to Gov. Morton, was elected principal secretary to the Democrats were given the door-keeper.

HAYES'S SAVINGS. The Amount Which Was Not spent in Washington and What Was Done With It. The Cleveland Herald publishes with authority the following concerning Hayes's salary and savings: "The whole truth concerning the alleged savings of ex-President Hayes from his salary can be told in a few words. The aggregate of that salary for the four years was \$200,000. The expenses of the position during that time were \$150,000. Had Congress refunded \$50,000 paid for the expenses of the visiting statesmen to Louisiana, his savings would have been about \$70,000. As it is, he went out of office with \$66,000 to be carried. That he has accounted as President to the extent of his private property, and his salary, which he became President he was burdened with debts to the amount of \$80,000, mostly on account of bequests charged upon the Birchard estate. Of this amount

he has paid \$50,000 out of his savings from the Presidential salary, so that the net available result in cash of his Presidential term is \$6,000."

VENUE'S Weather for a Year. The spring will be fairly early, hot and dry, and the midsummer cool and wet. The autumn promises to be open, dry and fine. There is likely to be a great deal of sickness during the year, but the weather—except in a few isolated sections—will be favorable to agricultural pursuits. The winter of 1882 bids fair to be open and generally mild, with but few, and those short-lived, storm periods.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE. HE WANTS COMPENSATION. For Valuable Public Services Rendered. In the House at Harrisburg yesterday Speaker Hewitt presented a letter to the House from J. Schleich, of Lancaster, asking the Legislature to give him "either a fortune or a pension" as compensation for having originated many of the features of the new constitution and suggested them to the constitutional convention. The speaker declined to put it on the journal, but referred the petition to the Lancaster county delegation, who re-referred it to the city member.

WE are indebted to Representative E. G. Snyder for a copy of the memorial which runs as follows: LANCASTER, Feb. 16, 1881. To Mr. John H. Landis, Mr. Peoples and each member of the House of Representatives and of the Senate of Pennsylvania.

When the constitutional convention of Pennsylvania was in session I sent to them a letter containing the following very important reforms which were adopted by them and by the people of Pennsylvania, viz: 1. The election should be changed from October to November. 2. The governor should be elected for four years and for one term only. 3. A lieutenant governor should be elected for four years only. 4. The sessions of the Legislature should be biennial. 5. General laws only should be passed by the Legislature. 6. I caused the iron clad to be in the constitution. 7. Municipal indebtedness should be limited. 8. I am the originator of the pardon board.

AS the above reforms were adopted and are of great value to the people of Pennsylvania, do you not think the people of Pennsylvania, through their representatives, should give to me a pension or a fortune. I think Hon. Samuel H. Reynolds, of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, who was a member of the late constitution, and who can tell you whether what I have written is true or not, as he was one of the members of the convention to whom I sent the letter containing the reforms that were adopted by the convention and by the people of Pennsylvania. Respectfully, J. SCHLEICH. Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS. Events Around the County Lines. Charles Brittan, aged 18, was found dead at the Lochiel furnace yesterday morning. When last seen it was about 4 o'clock on a warm afternoon and he was hunting a warm place to sleep. He was in a corner and was not seen again until discovered by the workmen at the time above mentioned. He had been anothered by coal gas. Brittan had been leading the life of a tramp for some time. He was known among the "vags" as "Harrisburg Charlie."

THE residence of Samuel Bell on Tenth street, Lebanon, was entered by a masked robber, and robbed of \$340. Two small boys were hid in the room from which the money was stolen, and the robber break open the door of a bureau and take it out, but they were afraid to give alarm until after he had left. Mrs. Bell was sitting down stairs at the time and Mr. Bell was absent.

A little boy between five and six years old, named Harry Davis, whose parents reside on James avenue, Harrisburg, was badly scalded yesterday by falling into or having a pot of scalding hot water thrown over him. Mayor Higman, of Harrisburg, has signed the Belgian bloc ordinance. It is probable the work of laying pavement will begin about May 1.

Sales of Tobacco. Geo. K. Mearig, of Upper Leacock, sold a lot of tobacco to R. H. Brubaker for \$23, 9 and 3; also 2 acres to A. Fenstermacher for \$18, and John Domes sold 2 acres to Fenstermacher for \$15, and 3; Peter Ludwig 1 acre for \$16, 9 and 3; Benjamin Baer, 1 acre for \$18, 9 and 3; Jacob Shimp, 1 acre for \$16, 6 and 3; Valentine Andes, 1 acre to C. Herr for \$16, 7 and 3; Valentine Andes, 1 acre to C. Herr for \$20, 6 and 3; Simeon 1 acre to Teller Bros. at \$12, 6 and 3; John Geist, a lot for \$12, 6 and 3; Alex. Gibson, 2 acres for \$20, 8 and 3; Joseph Greiner, 2 acres for \$13, 9 and 3; John Menrich, 1 acre for \$16, 6 and 3; Samuel Morrow, 1 acre for \$16, 6 and 3; Jacob Morrow, 3 acres to L. D. Wetherthimer for \$24, 8 and 3; Harrison Smith, 1 acre to Erisman for \$18, 6 and 3; William Barton, 2 acres for \$24, 8 and 3; Martin Heller, 12 acres, to Erisman, for \$18, 6 and 3; Emanuel Nicholas, 2 acres for \$17, 7 and 3.

THE York Dispatch reports that Mr. Stehman, of Mountville, has bought in Fawn township, of John Chappel, 3 acres, at 9 round; D. E. Igrigritz, 2, at \$4, 12 and 2; John Damp, 1, at \$3, 12 and 2; H. McCall, 2, at \$3, 12 and 2; Wm. Hamilton, 2; Robert Lloyd, Lewis Lloyd, Manasseh Lloyd, Wm. Torbert, 1 acre, at \$3, and 3. In Lower Chancelor, B. S. Keudig & Co., of Cosquegon Centre, purchased of Chas. Atkins, 2 acres for \$16, 6 and 3; D. W. Grove, 4, at \$15 and 3; M. A. Grove, 1, at \$14 and 3; A. C. Smith & H. Hunter, 2, at \$11 and 3; Daniel Duncan, 2, at \$12 and 3; Mr. Emerking, for Myers & Adams, purchased of Wm. Cowan and A. E. Grove, 4 acres, at \$17, 4 and 3; Samuel Ramsey, 2, at \$12 round; John A. Brown, 3, at \$15, 5 and 3.

MARRIAGE MATTERS. OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE. The River-Westward Ho!—Market House. The River-Westward Ho!—Market House. Yesterday was pleasant and spring-like until it clouded in the afternoon and in the evening it rained; most of the snow has gone, and yet the river has not risen. It continues to fall slowly. Two car-loads of furniture were packed to leave for Kansas to-day, three families from the country in this vicinity intending to start for Abilene in that state on the 15th. The party consists of Jacob Engle, I. H. Beshelam and A. Coulton. On Saturday the personal property of Chas. Bucher, deceased, will be sold at his late residence by the executors; sale will commence at 1 o'clock. The social on Monday evening was a very pleasant affair. The property of Harriet Jones was exhibited from 10 o'clock and disposed of privately to Jacob Thuma. John Naylor, custodian of the market house, has been summoned to appear before Squire Evans in Columbia on Thursday, in answer to a charge of assault and battery preferred by Robert Twiner, Sr. It is expected that Naylor will "give him law," and consequently the matter is at Evans's disposal. Some boys dug a good sized terrapin out of the river shore yesterday. We have had 92 years of government under presidents. Garfield is the 20th. Twenty-three presidents have been served. Three of the elected did not serve their full terms, and six were elected twice. The wife of Lieut. E. Houston has returned to Marietta, expecting to remain here until May, when she will accompany Mr. Houston to Europe. Col. Fitchman has arrived at Chickies from Demerara, South America. Abraham Sumay, esq., is announced as a Republican candidate for county commissioner. Yesterday 63 cases of tobacco were received at the depot for shipment. Rev. J. W. Geiger will preach his farewell sermon on Sunday night. The rite of infant baptism will be administered in the Presbyterian church next Sunday. A trip to the hot house now will be enjoyable. There is an abundance of flowers in bloom. One plant, called the "Cybele," particularly struck our fancy. It is comparatively rare. Two barrels of Continental money were among the goods from the Greenaway deceased, of Lebanon, Pa. Mr. G.'s father, Philip, who was a grandfather of C. A. Shaffer, of this place, had been a quartermaster's clerk during the Revolutionary war and in this way it came into his hands, remaining there after it became useless. An entertainment will be given at the Lincoln school, at West End, under the supervision of their teacher, Mr. Nissley. The scholars have undergone rigorous training and a treat may be expected. January. The flour, meal, flour and feed store at his residence near Central hall. Hon. Geo. H. Ettla returned last evening from Washington. The funeral of John Stum's child took place yesterday. There is a flowerer from a neighboring town, who spends considerable time in our place in quest of a wife. He has been married several times. Look out for him, girls. A Good Fruit Year Predicted. We find the following in an exchange, and the conclusions drawn seem plausible: The protracted cold weather has had the effect of retarding the premature budding of fruit trees, that too frequently occurs during an open winter, and the result will doubtless be a large increase in the fruit crop. Small fruits will also do well, the heavy snows serving to protect them from the nipping frosts, and also preventing the freezing out that takes place in a severe winter when the ground becomes solid for a considerable depth below the surface. Complimenting Our Musicians. West Chester Local News. The orchestra of Unionville intend giving a musical entertainment on Wednesday evening, the 16th inst., in the village hall. Prof. Keffler, of Lancaster city, and his talented son will assist, and all are looking forward to a rich musical feast. The Kefflers perform in the opera house at Lancaster; the orchestra are noted musicians. The old gentleman in the orchestra's (organist's) teacher, and in the years gone by Mr. Keffler took a very lively interest in this organization and still loves the boys, and they in return love him. The Firmness. The Firemen's Union, of this city, held a meeting last evening in the hall of the Empire book and ladder company. Delegates were present from all the companies except the Union. The members of the constitution and by-laws were adopted. There being no other business the meeting adjourned to the second Tuesday in April. Meeting of the Game Association. A meeting of the Lancaster County Game Protection association, was held in Alderman Spurrer's office last evening. The association has already secured about 600 acres of land on which to let loose the 500 partridges they are now wintering, and a committee has been directed to call upon farmers next week to secure other lands for the same purposes. In the meantime the birds will be caged and mated. Mortgages, Deeds, &c. All mortgages, judgments, deeds, releases and other papers that have been left at the county recorder's office to be recorded, have been recorded, and those entitled to them ought to take them away, and make a note in the papers that are sent to be presented about the 1st of April. A Sneak Thief. A tramp, giving the name of Andrew Sifton, entered the residence of W. F. Fralley, North Queen street, yesterday, and stole therefrom a vest and hat. Complaint being made, he was arrested by Officer Shay and locked up for a hearing to-morrow before Alderman Spurrer. The stolen property was found in his possession. Gait Lamps. Last night the unit gas lamps were as follows: First ward, none; Second, 1; Third, 3; Fourth none; Fifth, 1; Sixth, 0; Seventh 1; Eighth 1; Ninth, 2. Total 6. This is the smallest number reported by the police since they have been making daily reports. Well-Attended. The children's entertainment in St. Paul's M. E. church, was well-attended, the church being crowded and many turned away for want of room. The entertainment will be repeated on next Friday evening. Pretty Willows. Last evening the Beaver street cotton mill, which is owned by Shenk, Bauman, Carpenter & Co., was put up at public sale at the Cooper house. It was not sold, but was withdrawn at \$84,000.

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THE York Dispatch reports that Mr. Stehman, of Mountville, has bought in Fawn township, of John Chappel, 3 acres, at 9 round; D. E. Igrigritz, 2, at \$4, 12 and 2; John Damp, 1, at \$3, 12 and 2; H. McCall, 2, at \$3, 12 and 2; Wm. Hamilton, 2; Robert Lloyd, Lewis Lloyd, Manasseh Lloyd, Wm. Torbert, 1 acre, at \$3, and 3. In Lower Chancelor, B. S. Keudig & Co., of Cosquegon Centre, purchased of Chas. Atkins, 2 acres for \$16, 6 and 3; D. W. Grove, 4, at \$15 and 3; M. A. Grove, 1, at \$14 and 3; A. C. Smith & H. Hunter, 2, at \$11 and 3; Daniel Duncan, 2, at \$12 and 3; Mr. Emerking, for Myers & Adams, purchased of Wm. Cowan and A. E. Grove, 4 acres, at \$17, 4 and 3; Samuel Ramsey, 2, at \$12 round; John A. Brown, 3, at \$15, 5 and 3.

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