

Lancaster Intelligencer.

MONDAY EVENING, APRIL 4, 1881.

Tennessee's State Debt.

Tennessee has, like Virginia, been agitated ever since the war by the question of the payment of her state debt. She issued new bonds for the unpaid interest a few years ago, but since then has only paid one coupon. She redeemed the debt, however, largely by selling her interest in the railroads, and now she owes but about twenty-five millions, which is a bagatelle to a state of her resources. At the last election the Democratic party was divided into a "low credit" and "high credit" party, the latter wanting to settle the debt on the best terms the bond-holder would offer, and the former wishing to coerce a settlement at a very low figure. The Republican party took the high credit side, and by the Democratic division elected its governor. The Legislature has a "high credit" majority in both branches, and for a month past has been wrestling with the debt question. The bondholders agreed to fund the principal and interest of the debt in a three per cent. bond running ninety years, and the governor strongly recommended the acceptance of the proposition to the legislature. The lower House passed the measure by a two-thirds majority, but it was defeated in the Senate by one majority, owing to the reluctance of one or two "high credit" Senators to vote for one of the features, which permitted the coupons of the funds to be paid in for taxes. The value of the bonds on the stock market of New York, has been fluctuating widely within the last few days, as the views of settlement by the Legislature waxed and waned. The body adjourns on Wednesday, and is still considering the debt matter on a reconsideration had of the vote; and it is yet uncertain what the outcome will be. It seems very silly for such a question to be permitted to divide a party in a state so rich in resources as Tennessee. One would think that any honest legislator would be willing to vote for the payment of the state's obligations in full and would be very reluctant to claim that so great a state would be embarrassed by a twenty-five million debt. But there are so many men with unsound ideas on money matters and so many legislators who have no judgment of their own, superior to popular clamor, that it is found to be possible to find legislators personally honest who will deliberately put the stigma of total or partial repudiation on their state and to proclaim a state of poverty in it, though it does not exist and though such a repudiation must be both disadvantageous to its welfare and damaging to its fame. The irresistible conclusion of strangers to Tennessee must be, if her people find so small a debt too burdensome, to assume that their prosperity is not of such a kind as to invite immigration; and yet immigration is what the state needs, as its legislators well know, to develop its resources.

situations, and who brings to his new position that upright, clerical ability and spirit of public accommodation which are the necessary qualifications of a city treasurer.

ENGLAND has declined to attend the monetary conference because the conference is practically pledged to bi-metalism.

THE Boer is a better shot, a braver man and incomparably better fitted for a frontier campaign than the British soldier. Man to man the Boers can whip the best British regiment into a panic.

THIS Sunday question enters largely into the municipal election to-day in Cincinnati. Of the two leading Republican papers the Gazette opposes Jacobs, the present mayor, elected and renominated by the Republicans, and supports Means, the Democratic candidate, while the Commercial, conducted by Murat Halstead, takes the other track.

THE American girl has got abroad again. In one of the hotels at Nice is one who lately went to "at home" in full dress, low-necked satin, diamonds, etc. On arriving and looking round the room she perceived the other guests to be in demi-toilette. "Well," she said, "if I'd known that it was only a sit-round I'd not have put my clothes on."

IN anticipation of Mr. MacVeagh's resignation at an early day, Colonel William B. Mann, a warm friend of Mr. Blaine's, favors the selection of Judge Briggs, one of our common place judges, and it is said that, in the event of Mr. MacVeagh's resignation, the twelve delegates to the Chicago convention from this city will call upon the president in a body to urge the appointment of Judge Briggs. Briggs in the cabinet? Give us air.

A land that man has newly trod / A land that only God has known, / Through all the soundless eves flow, / Yet perfect blossoms bless the soil, / And perfect birds illumine the trees, / And perfect unheeded harmonies / Pour out eternally to God.

LORD Bacon, in his essay on death, most truly says: "It is worthy of the observing that there is no passion in the mind of man so weak but it mates and masters the fear of death; and, therefore, death is no such terrible enemy whom man has so many attendants about him that can win the combat of him. Revenge triumphs over death; love slights it; honor aspires to it; grief doth to it; fear occupieth it; may, we read that after Fame, the emperor, had slain himself, pity which is the tenderest of affections, provoked many to die out of mere compassion to their sovereign, and as the truest and best of followers. It is no less worthy to observe how little alteration in good spirits the approaches of death make, for they appear to be the same men till the last instant."

PERSONAL.

It is officially announced that the marriage of the Austrian Crown Prince Rudolph and the Princess Stephanie, of Belgium, is fixed for the 10th of May. At a meeting of the directors of the Western Union telegraph company CON SELIUS VANDERBILT resigned as a director and General ECKERT was made a member of the executive committee, in place of S. F. Barber, resigned. About a hundred leading citizens of Philadelphia united on Saturday night in a grand banquet and the presentation of a gold medal to JOSEPH L. CAYZ in token of his eminent services as a municipal reformer. F. B. Reeves presided, and Col. McClure responded for the independent press. All parties were represented among the guests, and the company spelled Reform with a big "R."

There is a new member of Congress recently elected from Casey Young's Memphis district. He brushes his hair a la Pompadour, wears white gaiters and always sits conspicuously at the middle entrance door of the Senate, occasionally calling to him a Republican senator to give him advice. He has called on every member of his party in the city and has begun his career of political leadership by writing letters. He has qualified himself for his arduous duties by selling dry goods in Memphis and in successfully passing through the yellow fever epoch.

MR. RICHARD GRANT WHITE, the philologist, recently coined a word to express the common defect of using, in conversation, a different word from that which the speaker intended to use and thought he was using. Mr. White calls it heteronymy, an appropriate compound of two Greek words. The New York Evening Post calls attention to the fact that the like defect occurs as frequently in writing as in speaking, and asks for a word expressive of it. The word is easily found—taking heteronymy as a guide. It is heterography.—Washington Republic.

Mrs. Olyphant, an old friend of both the CARLILES, has an article in the current number of Macmillan's on the "Reminiscences," which attracts much attention. She maintains that Carlyle never intended their publication, as proved by Mr. Froude's admission; that Carlyle forgot all about the sketch of Edward Irving. Mrs. Olyphant insinuates that he neglected his wife, and had some occasion for remorse on her death. She was left out of all his invitations to grand houses, and she used to make bitter remarks thereupon. She spoke of his "Frederick, the Great" as "the valley of the shadow of Frederick," and looked upon his weaknesses with a sort of affectionate contempt. Carlyle died worth £40,000.

MISS LOUISE MONTAGE, a member of the variety-theatre profession born in New York, aged 21, has been selected by Mr. Forepaugh as the winner of his prize of \$10,000 for the handsomest woman in the country. In complexion she is a semi-brunette. Her lips are cherry, teeth regular and pearly, and visible at every smile through a large but not disproportionate mouth; has large expressive brown eyes, a symmetrical nose and an intelligent cast of countenance. In conversation—and she is possessed of a fund of sparkling talk—every feature is animated, and her flashing eyes and health-tinted cheeks, coupled

with a vivacious manner, lend an additional charm to her demeanor. She is of medium height and figure and has a little foot."

J. C. Young, a prominent citizen of Harrisburg died of pneumonia on Friday. John Jennings, cannon ball tapper, and Charles Schroyer, tumbler, of Reading, have joined Battell and Dorris show.

Only 978 persons were arrested in the so-called "wicked" city of Bradford, in the last year.

Peter Garman, aged about 60 years, was found dead in an out-house at his residence in Englishville, Montgomery county. Bristol, Bucks county, claims "in confidence" to have furnished the \$10,000 handsomest woman for Forepaugh's circus.

When Jack Haverly's show caused a runaway in Wilkesbarre he gave bonds to meet the cost for his damages. His lawyer appeared and won it.

Webb's jewelry store, at Catawissa, was robbed of six hundred and fifty dollars worth of watches and jewelry Friday night.

Many of our cigar makers are removing to Marietta, Lancaster county, where they have secured employment at higher wages than prevail here.—Hanover Herald.

Jonathan C. Water, aged 58 years, of Norristown, attempted to commit suicide on Friday. He cut his throat from ear to ear, but he may recover.

Harry English, a thoracic man, residing in the oil regions who was recently acquitted of murder has been sentenced to four years in the Western penitentiary for forgery.

The young men of Big Beaver township, Lawrence county, again go to the mill, after night, since old Davy Muser shot the wild cat with blazing eyeballs which lately crossed their path.

By the verdict in the Lovett malpractice case, on trial for twelve days in Erie, Dr. Lovett has to pay \$2,000 for alleged improper treatment of Wendell Farland's broken arm. \$10,000 was asked.

John McCallan, a craftsman from Pottersville, Jefferson county, was instantly killed by his raft colliding with another, at the mouth of Pine creek. The snubbing post broke striking him over the head, breaking his skull.

The Lancaster News Era says Chester county people are "nosy." That's natural enough for it to say since it claims that the average Chester county farmer "nosy" as much about raising tobacco as does his brother across the Octoraro creek. West Chester Village Record.

In Erie a week ago a young child of Major Crine was found insensible. Its mother, who said it had been playing, said it had fallen against a trunk. Saturday night it died and it was shot by one of the children with the father's revolver. Fear deterred an earlier confession.

Schuykill Falls is excited over the elopement of Miss Mamie, 18 year old daughter of James Wilson, the great carpet-maker, and Thomas Lett, a wealthy merchant of Philadelphia. The angry father overhauled them in New York, and all's well that ends well.

Katie Reilly's dress took fire from a cooking stove at her home in South Bethlehem. Her mother came to her assistance, and her clothing was also ignited. Both mother and daughter were severely burned, and but for the timely assistance of neighbors the results would have been fatal.

A troupe, traveling under the name of "The world famous Holloway and Allen's Minstrels," have been playing to bad business in different parts of the state. Accompanied by a high green band of musicians they visited Sunbury on Friday. The officer was after money, but the house was bad there also. The Daily cannot tell how they got out of town.

Fred Weaver, of Elizabethville, wrote to Recorder Louis Wagner, of Philadelphia, that he had a number of certificates of sales on lives of persons between the ages of 70 and 90 years, for sale at a very moderate price to some party who will handle them for me." General Wagner publishes the letter with the announcement: "I don't deal in that kind of insurance, and no one who ought to be in the penitentiary."

G. W. Watson, about two weeks ago stole from a Syracuse lithographer a lot of blank drafts of the National bank of Fayetteville, on the Fourth National bank of New York, and has since been forging them in Pennsylvania and elsewhere. They are of high green paper, without printed numbers and bear the name of the lithographer company. The bank uses a blank of a different color and of New York city make.

LATEST NEWS BY MAIL.

Joe Rodicker, who left a Rangely, Me., camp to hunt a deer, was found dead a few days ago, one of his legs was missing and his gun was found near his head, and broken his leg and perished in the snow.

Elizabeth Smith, who lived at Union Hill N. J., and owned a number of cows, went to the brewery with a wheelbarrow to get some grain for her cows. On her way home she fell over the wheelbarrow and broke her neck.

In addition to the entries already made in the stallion race for a purse of \$10,000 offered by W. P. Belch, the stallion Monroe Chief, of Chicago, and the stallion Benesette have been entered. The latter, which has a record of 2:19, is entered by H. V. Bemis, of Chicago.

Aron Selwille, Del., the small-pox scare is subsiding, and the disease has been got under such control that he fears of its further spread are entertained. There are about twenty cases scattered over a district of five miles square, but the new cases are light and the old ones generally recovering.

Near San Diego, Cal., while two men were staked out by a white road with their colts, a panther sprang upon the latter, killing one. The panther had carried off one colt in addition to the one he killed and his trail was followed easily. The dead spots were scattered along the track. The colts were covered with blood. The boys set strychnine and Mr. Panther was found dead next day near the colt.

Conrad Zimmer, a shoemaker, living at Union Hill, being infatuated with a young German girl of Jersey City, who refused his attentions, went one day to her house and began throwing stones into the window. For this offence he was arrested and committed for sixty days to the county jail. The keeper of the jail making his rounds on Saturday morning found Zimmer's body hanging to the ceiling door where he had evaded the sentry some time suspended as the body was cold.

While nine workmen were assembled in the furnace room of Booth, Carman & Co.'s steam saw mill, at Berkley, a suburb of Norfolk, Va., an explosion occurred, with the following terrible result: Andrew Brown (white) and Thos. Creek, Moses Conway and Lake Whitcomb (colored) were scalded to death instantly; Robert James and Robert Brown (colored) were so badly scalded that they cannot recover, and Lee Mingo, Lorenzo Backus and Edward Morton (colored) were seriously, but not necessarily fatally scalded.

A Murderous Muscat.

Fort Smith News Era. John Chupcho chief of the Seminoles, one of the five civilized tribes of the Indian territory, died on the 17th of February at the residence of the Seminoles, of pneumonia, in his sixtieth year. John Chupcho, or Long John, as his fellow soldiers in the Union army used to call him, was born in Florida and came West after the surrender of the Seminoles under Reddy Bowlegs, John Jumper and other noted chiefs from the winter of 1859. He was principal chief of the Seminole nation continually during the last fifteen years, and a professing Christian. He was like a father to his people, wise in the council, the friend of the widow and the fatherless, and sacred in the worship of God. When the rebellion broke out he wisely and patriotically joined the Union forces and served all during the war amid great suffering to his people, who were driven from their country by the confederate forces. Physically he was one of the finest specimens of a Seminoles, five feet six inches tall, straight as an arrow, and of dignified and courteous bearing. In his people he had lost one of their best friends, a wise counsellor and most prominent man.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

The following is the percentage of the pupils of the girls' high school for the month of March, 1881:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Percentage. Includes students like Sadie Shinde, Minnie Raub, Lizzie Heinen, etc.

FOE'S DEFENSE OF HIMSELF.

A Letter, Just Come to Light, in Which the Foot Dealer Denies Being a Murderer. In the Baltimore American appears a letter written by Edgar Allen Poe to Dr. J. E. Snodgrass, formerly editor of the Baltimore Saturday Visitor, in which Poe defends himself from the charge of impudence which has so long prevailed against him. The letter was found by the widow of Dr. Snodgrass a few days ago and was written while Poe was on the staff of the Graham's Magazine, in Philadelphia. The Mr. Burton referred to in the letter was the editor of the Gentleman's Magazine.

FOURTEEN CLASSES. The following is a list of the fourteen classes of the new school for the month of March, 1881:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Percentage. Includes students like Helena Koch, Sadie Shinde, Minnie Raub, etc.

BREAD AND WATER.

The prison inspectors at their last meeting decided that the prisoners who are held in Burners' Hall, which is "Cold 31," shall be fed upon bread and water, with soup twice a week. The INTELLIGENCER cannot account for the suffering of these men some time ago when this same rule was in force. Shortly after that the men were fed upon the same food as that given to the other prisoners. This it appears became too expensive, as the inspectors claim, and they resolved to keep the prisoners in jail for nothing more than being drunk, back to their old food. The cell contains about forty prisoners, many of whom are really desperate men, while some are offensive people who have been born and raised in this city, but have been unfortunate enough to get drunk.

The noise made by the prisoners is very great and the keepers are afraid that before long they will make a bold attempt to escape. It would not be much wonder if they did for it is certainly enough punishment for these men to keep the prisoners locked up without attempting to starve them. The prison-keepers are down on the bread and water system, and they claim that if the "bums" were better fed there would be little to fear from them, and the county would not be put to a much greater expense.

Confirmation by Bishop Howe.

Rev. M. A. DeWolt Howe made his annual episcopal visitation to the Episcopal church of this city yesterday, preaching at St. James, the older parish in the morning and in St. John's Free church in the evening, and confirming the candidates for membership in each, respectively.

In St. James the bishop preached to a large congregation taking the text from the gospel of the day. He administered the rite of confirmation to eighteen persons—8 males and 10 females.

In St. John's in the evening a very large congregation assembled. The bishop preached an able sermon, and after confirming sixteen candidates for membership delivered an appropriate address to them.

During his stay in Lancaster Bishop Howe was the guest of Mr. Isaac Diller. He left town this morning.

Unclaimed Letters.

The following is a list of unclaimed letters remaining in the postoffice, Monday April 4, 1881:

Ladies List—Miss Ida M. Brown, Katie Evans, Miss Barbara Funk, Miss Maggie Febringer, Miss Libbie M. Hall, Miss Annie Henry, Miss Mamie Johnson, Mrs. Lucy E. Leman, Miss Mollie Hoffman, Miss Elizabeth, Nancy Stamm, Miss Annie M. Yost.

Gen's List—Messrs. F. A. Abel, E. Benj. Bierman, Geo. Beiler, M. C. Bartels (for), M. C. Brenson, A. W. Coble, Chas. Drake, Michael Graw, Daniel Gallagher, Joseph Henrich, C. D. Kider, James J. Kelly (3), Dr. L. E. Libhart, G. C. Lynds, Fred. Lechner, R. M. McCullum, Henry G. Miller, Robt. Micoy, James Mone, Joseph M. Orr, Henri Rhodi (for), Riley Shepler, Samuel Shank, N. T. Scott, J. A. Swigart.

An Unlucky Jump.

On Saturday, a tramp giving his name as John Williams, aged about 34 years, appeared at the poorhouse and asked for lodging, with which he was accommodated. The occasion was a good fortune discharged on Sunday, and as Williams wanted to get off, he broke out of the workhouse and scaled the wall. Supposing the wall to be no higher on the outside than it is on the inside he let himself drop, and landed upon the rocks in the quarry. He fell about twenty feet, and his legs and his collar bone. After lying in the quarry for some time he was discovered by some boys, who notified the poorhouse authorities and the unfortunate tramp was removed to the hospital, where his broken bones were set by Dr. Boelenius.

Pretty Easter Eggs.

Abie Miller has shown us several handsomely "scratched" Easter eggs which he has ornamented and intends sending to Philadelphia. One of them contains the coat of arms of the state of Pennsylvania on one side and the Lancaster coat of arms on the other. Another contains a good picture of the Pennsylvania railroad depot in this city on one side and a MODOC engine on the other. A third contains three groups of figures—a boy on a hobby horse, a girl playing with a dog, and a boy with a wheelbarrow. All of them contain besides the year "1881" and are ornamented with scrolls and vines.

Poultry Association.

The Poultry association was to have met this morning at 10:30 in the room of the Agricultural association in city hall, but there was no quorum present, the following members only being present: Messrs. J. B. Lichty, secretary, city; Wm. Schoenberger, city; J. M. Johnston, city; G. A. Gorman, city; Frank Grant, city; J. W. Bruckhart, Salunga. After waiting until 11:15 those present adjourned without transacting any business.

DR. HIGHBE'S GREETING!

Reminiscence of a Year in the Lancaster High School by Dr. McGehee.

Among the few old letters which the junior editor of the Journal has cared to preserve from the passing years—some written by friends now "gone over to the majority," others by those in whom the remembrance of time passes is a remnant of genuine qualities—is one hastily penned in acknowledgment of a holiday gift more than twenty-seven years ago:

LANCASTER, January 3, 1854.

Dr. John P. McCuskey:

Dear Sir: Through you I would tender my warmest thanks to the scholars who have honored me with the Christmas present which I have received this day from the hands of Mr. Shoher. I shall ever cherish this mark of friendship and esteem with feelings of gratitude, the more so because the friendship of the young is especially dear to me. Hoping that our intercourse with each other may be beneficial and pleasant, and that the memory of it may be a source of delight in after years, I remain,

The sincere friend of you all,

Dr. McGehee.

This gentleman, who is the newly-appointed state superintendent of public instruction, was then in charge of the mathematical department of the Boys' high school of Lancaster city, where we boys all knew him as "Mr. Highbe," and that with abiding respect and affection. The writer of this article, whom Mr. H. may have quite forgotten, was not a very diligent student of text-books, but he was then unconsciously learning to listen to voices, to look into faces, and to gather definite impressions of people's faces, so that what they said from what they were. So that a man of forceful character or of generous soul, met for a year in the daily contact of the class-room, could never be forgotten; and the impressions we carried through all these years of Mr. Highbe, as such as any teacher might be glad to leave upon the hearts of his pupils.

Of the several instructors then employed in the school he was the man who reached us with a grip of power, and apparently without thought or effort on his part to do this. To us boys it was a sort of "miraculous Crichton," able to do almost anything, from fencing, skating, sparring and playing the flute, up to Latin, Greek and Hebrew, and what we had more respect for yet—all the mathematics! He helped us select books for our study, organized at that time, and was always ready to answer our hard questions. His affability of manner, quick gesture, rapid movement, ready wit, constant disposition to oblige, and his utter lack of that dignified reserve which teachers sometimes affect, even more than any other thing made him an "authority" with us all; and when he left us, there was no teacher to whom we would not rather have said good-bye.

A single class-room incident of this year, which we often recall with a pleasant sense of obligation—for it introduced us to the delightful study of the significance of the history, and the hidden meanings of words—will illustrate his method of teaching language. He had the mathematical room, as has been said, but on one occasion, in the absence of Mr. Highbe, he heard the Latin classes recite. We were reading Caesar's commentaries. The defence of the Helvetians at their baggage-wagons was the subject of the lesson. He heard our dull recitation of the text, with a few comments upon it, and then read for us. As he went into the precise meanings of the words in their derivation and use, tearing them to pieces, and—"suing the action to the word," for, of course, he was standing—showed us how graphic was Caesar's description of the Helvetians, the heat of interest. We saw the hurrying javelins fly, and the fierce thrust of darts and spears between the wagon wheels, and felt the stubborn defence of the doomed Helvetians.

One day in the lesson, substituting, as with quick gesture he put meaning and derivation before us, gave us, with the vividness of the lightning flash, a realizing sense of what is meant by etymology—a branch of study that like the rich "lead" of the gold deposits, rewards the miner in proportion to the diligence of his search. We have since worked this "lead" to some purpose and with much enjoyment—thanks, in great part, to the impulse given by Mr. Highbe in those old days—until able to feel with Dr. Holmes that the poetry of words is quite as beautiful as that of sentences.

From first to last the session was a good one, and to the now gray-haired man who contributed very much to make it so—his hair black enough when the note of "January, '64" was written—many of the old boys are ready to say that it was his hope; "The memory of it as it has been a source of delight in after years."

We regard the state superintendent who has just left the office as the Common school man of Pennsylvania—in this work head and shoulders above the rest; and, as indeed, the one man most worthy, by right of eminent fitness, to stand at the head of the great department of public instruction. But change like death, will come; and coming, there is no man in the college work at whose good fortune we are glad to see a change than that of Dr. Highbe, our old-time teacher to whom we have long felt so keen a sense of personal gratitude. May his administration be characterized by wisdom, energy, and discretion, and the ever-remembered motto of the greatest good to the greatest number." He stands at the threshold of the grandest work he has ever been called upon to perform or direct—the most far-reaching in its influence for the general good. We believe that he will do so, as in the Master's eye; and may the guidance and the blessing of that Master whom he serves be with him through it all.

A Golden Wedding of old Lancaster Countess.

Harrisburg Patriot. At Littlestown, Adams county, this state, the fiftieth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. Christian Rahter and Charlotte Wehmeier, is to-day being celebrated. The parties named were married in Mifflin, Pa., on the 20th of January, 1831, and they came to America in 1832, landing at Conestoga Centre, Lancaster county, and five years later in Adams county. What is remarkable is that their family of eight children, six boys and two girls are all living and in excellent health, as may be seen by the parents. Five of their children were born in Germany, the remaining ones in Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Rahter have reached a ripe old age, and have the great pleasure and satisfaction of having with them to-day their children. The occasion is one of joyful congratulations, and this golden anniversary is an event long to be remembered by the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Rahter. In the twilight of their long and virtuous lives they have the good wishes of all who know them. Dr. Charles A. Rahter of this city is one of their children.

Miss Brown Not Coming.

Mr. Elias Barr received the following telegram this morning:

BOSTON, Mass., April 3, 1881. Elias Barr—Miss Brown, compelled to postpone through sickness, will give new dates soon as possible, letter Redup's Lyceum Bureau.

In Town.

D. B. Driggs, business agent of the McGibney family was in town on Saturday. He was on his way to visit the mother of Mrs. McGibney, who resides in Bart township. He reports the family as doing a big business. They are in New York state at present.

THE CITY GOVERNMENT.

ORGANIZED FOR THE NEW YEAR.

Democratic City Officers Elected for the First Term under the New Charter. The meeting and organization of the new council this morning was notable from the fact that for the first time since the new city charter was adopted and the present getting-under-districting was effected, the Democrats had a clear majority on joint ballot and were thus able to secure the city officers, of whom they got a part last year only by some Republican defections. For some time a spirit, but good natured and highly honorable canvass has been conducted for these within the party lines, and although the caucus on Saturday night "settled it," the members pledged themselves to secrecy and to their own consciences, so that even until their own organizing conference reports were allowed as to who had really been chosen.

The hour for the assembling of the council, however, found few spectators present, and scarcely anybody except the members of the city body were present at the organization of the new council.

Mr. Geo. W. Zecher acted as president pro. tem. and J. K. Barr, as temporary clerk. The result of the municipal elections was read, showing that Mr. A. Bitter had been elected from the Fifth ward, Mr. J. A. Eberly, that Mr. George Berger selected Wm. Sales from the Seventh, and Mr. Philip Zecher took the place made vacant by the expiration of John A. Borling's term. The holding over members are: Messrs. E. E. Evans, R. E. Evans (R.), Second ward; Mr. Barr (R.); Third ward; Mr. Geo. M. Franklin (R.); Fourth ward; Mr. Zecher (D.); Sixth ward; Mr. Judith (D.); Eighth ward. The political complexion of the body is changed from six Republicans and three Democrats to five Republicans and four Democrats.

The returns were approved and Messrs. Bitter, Berger and Zecher were qualified and subscribed.

On the nomination of Mr. Barr, select councilman unanimously selected R. A. Evans, president, and upon Mr. Evans's nomination J. K. Barr, esq., was re-elected clerk without opposition. Each of the officers made brief speeches of thanks and promises to perform their duties with fidelity and impartiality.

The mayor's message, announcing the re-appointment of the present police force, &c., was received and ordered to be referred to the committee on executive appointments when appointed.

Messrs. Zecher and Franklin were appointed select councilman to elect a select council to select council was organized and ready to go into joint convention to elect city officers.

Common Council. At ten o'clock precisely Mr. Herbert Johnston, clerk of the last common council, took the chair, and announced that the members of the body would now proceed to effect an organization for the ensuing year and called for nominations for a temporary presiding officer.

Dr. Davis, of the First ward, was named and by a viva voce vote was called to the chair.

Clerk Johnston read the returns of the recent municipal election, as attested by the judges of the court and declared by the prothonotary, from which it appeared that the gentlemen whose names were published in the INTELLIGENCER on Wednesday last had been duly elected members of common council.

On motion council then proceeded to nominate candidates for president. Mr. Smech, of the Seventh ward, nominated Dr. Levergood, president of the last common council. Mr. Franklin, of the Fifth ward, nominated Dr. Davis, of the First ward. The clerk called the roll and the Democrats voted for Dr. Levergood, the Republicans and Hays (Ind.) for Dr. Davis. Mr. Hillston (Rep., Second ward) voted for Dr. Levergood, but subsequently announced that he had voted under a misapprehension, and desired his vote to be recorded for Dr. Davis, the Republican candidate. Mr. Leib (Rep., Fourth ward) who was not present at the first roll call, nor when the vote was taken, appeared later, and by consent his vote was recorded in favor of Dr. Davis, the vote thus standing, Levergood 15, Davis 12.

Dr. Levergood was declared elected, and Messrs. Johnston and Hays were appointed a committee to select a select council. The members of the council were called to the chair with entire impartiality he would in the future pursue the same course. There is an old adage, said the doctor, that "times go up but never go down." He hoped that the present council would make it their business to endeavor to carry out the truth of this saying. During the year that is just past the exigencies of the occasion had necessitated an increase of the tax rate from seven to nine mills. By prudence and common sense he hoped and expected to see that rate reduced to the figure of seven and six mills on the dollar. He did not propose to detain the attention of council by any extended remarks, and concluded by a complimentary allusion to the industry and capacity of the young and efficient secretary (Mr. Johnston), and by saying that he supposed would feel constrained to say a few words to council at this time.

"Make your bow," said the president to the clerk, as he finished speaking, whereupon Mr. Johnston blushed a rosy red, and nodding to the clerk before attempting to address the council. At this a smile spread over the body. Whereupon a motion was made and carried to go into an election for clerk.

Mr. Johnson, of the Sixth ward, nominated Mr. Herbert Johnston, clerk of the last council. Dr. Davis nominated Mr. E. Snyder. The roll was called and all the Democrats—15—voted for Mr. Johnston, and all the Republicans—11—and one Independent (Hays) voted for Mr. Snyder.

Mr. Johnston was thereupon declared elected and was duly qualified by the president to faithfully perform the duties of his office.

Clerk Johnston briefly thanked council for the honor bestowed upon him; he was sensible of the compliment, and hoped to prove himself worthy to wear it. As in the past he had endeavored to carry out the position of clerk had been guided by a purpose to serve the city to the best of his ability, he intended upon this new lease with a renewed intention of meeting all the requirements put upon, and hoped that he might be able to confer on council the benefit of his experience he had gained during his incumbency.

There was some applause from the rear of the room as the clerk resumed his seat, and then all the member came forward, and were duly sworn or affirmed to well and faithfully execute the duties of their office, and their names to the text book provided for the purpose. Mr. Leibley, member-elect from the Fourth ward, came in during the process, and was qualified along with the rest.

In language highly eulogistic of the faithful and competent manner in which President Levergood and Clerk Johnston