

Lancaster Intelligencer.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, MAY 4, 1881.

West Virginia's Debt.

Senator Davis, of West Virginia, explains to the country why his state does not pay the portion of the anti-bellum debt of the old state which the present state of Virginia assigned to it when the cruel war was over; but it is an old tale.

The new state thinks that the share assigned it is too large; and is quite content under this excuse not to offer to pay anything. One little fact destroys all the value of Senator Davis's vindication of his state; and that is that there is not much room to complain of the burden which has been thrown upon them while the repudiated bonds are offered for sale at one-fifth of their face.

Senator Davis declares that this was an undue proportion, because, though she took one-third of the territory of the old state, she had within her borders a much smaller proportion of the population and of the internal improvements for which the debt was created.

Naturally there was a decided difference of opinion between the two sections of old Virginia as to the amount of the debt equitably assessed upon each; but that does not excuse West Virginia for not providing for the payment of at least such portion of the debt as she thought was her proper share of it.

It is a question whether the United States are not equitably bound to protect the creditors of a state that was dissolved by the act of Congress. The division was accomplished without the assent of the people of the present state of Virginia who were then in rebellion.

Having thus come about, Virginia may be considered to have done a very fair thing in taking upon herself two-thirds of the debt. She might have declined to pay any of it on the ground that the territory had been taken from her by Congress without her assent.

Senator Sherman declared in the debate in the Senate that West Virginia had been admitted as a state on condition that she would pay a portion of the debt of the old state. If Congress could make this condition it ought to be able to see that it is complied with. But we do not see that it can make West Virginia do anything in the matter that she is unwilling to do.

The United States, having admitted the state to the union on a condition that has not been complied with, ought perhaps herself to pay the bondholders that her act has injured.

The country is in much doubt just now as to who really is administering the government. Mr. Garfield does not seem to be the man; nor does Mr. Blaine seem to have a firm hold of the helm; for there is Conkling snatching at it, and the Senate looking on in doubt as to which fellow should have the reins.

A "committee of safety" has been formed to keep the Republican bark from foundering; and this committee has been busily engaged in attempting to persuade Garfield, Blaine and Conkling to be lovely to one another. Their success has been poor; but some sort of an armistice seems to have been patched up, by which the public business is to be permitted to be transacted if officers can be found to fill the vacant places, who will not be objected to. That is not accomplishing a great deal; but it is something gained to postpone the evil day of collision. The fact clearly appears that the president does not have a unanimous party support, and that the defection is serious enough to challenge his control of it and of the country. The family is not happy.

To Yorktown to honor the erection of a statue to Lafayette, that truly will there be hope for the dawn of that happy time when the battle flags of all nations shall be furled "in the Parliament of man, the federation of the world."

MINOR TOPICS.

The clearings of the Chicago banks yesterday were \$17,900,000, the largest day's clearings in Chicago on record.

The Illinois Sunday school association reports that there are 6,316 Sunday schools in the state, with a total membership of 533,390, and 487,470 scholars in regular attendance.

In protesting against the proposal to add Good Friday to the list of public holidays, the Albany Law Journal lays down the proposition that a "multiplication of holidays is a sure indication of the decadence of a nation."

The latest and most refreshing Sabbath school incident happened in Maine. The teacher had grown eloquent in picturing to his little pupils the beauties of heaven, and he finally asked: "What kind of little boys go to heaven?" A lively little four-year-old boy, with kicking boots, flourished his fist. "Well, you may answer," said the teacher. "Dead ones," the little fellow shouted at the extent of his lungs.

"A very intimate friend of Mr. Brady" repeats a story which has been positively denied, to the effect that with the sanction of General Garfield appeals for campaign funds were made last fall to the star route contractors. This gentleman says they responded liberally; that it was with the money contributed by them that Mr. Dorsey deluged the state of Indiana in October, carrying it for the Republican ticket, and thus securing the election of Mr. Garfield as president.

An English lady residing in Derby, Conn., who went home to England on a visit not long ago, before returning decided to make the purchase of something to take back to her friends in Connecticut. She therefore bought a handsome chair, which she brought to New Haven, and presented to the friends in question, who, of course, were delighted with the gift. After a time a label was discovered on the chair, and the furniture was found to have been made in that same town of New Haven.

Our vigorous young contemporary, the Wilkesbarre Union-Leader, continues its strides in the direction of progressive journalism, and comes out in enlarged form, being the second time it has been called upon to increase its dimensions during its brief career of nineteen months. There is nothing succeeds like success, and Wilkesbarre's newest daily has demonstrated this to its own complete satisfaction and that of the community in which it has thrived so well. Elevated in its tone, wide-awake in the sphere of news-gathering, staunch and aggressive in its Democracy, the Union-Leader knows just where to put the credit for the kindly favor it has received at the hands of the Wilkesbarre people.

PERSONAL.

Archbishop Purcell has been failing rapidly in health and strength for a few days past. He has an iron constitution, however, and may rally.

McKee Rankin and wife, at the special request of Lord Rouse, witnessed the military sports at Rideau Hall, Ottawa, Canada, on Saturday afternoon, and dined with him in the evening.

The resignation of Charles J. Stille, emeritus professor of history and English literature at the university of Pennsylvania, was yesterday received by the board of trustees of that institution. Professor Stille was chosen professor of history and English literature in 1866.

The late W. H. Bolton, of Memphis, Tenn., who died Aug. 1, 1870, left \$10,000 to Stowell Jackson's widow and daughter, and they were paid \$5,000 March 1, 1872, and \$5,000 May 10, 1880. Recently they brought suit in chancery for the interest accrued upon the amount after the expiration of one year from the death of the testator, and Chancellor McDowell has just awarded them \$4,099.13.

General Grant was entertained at a dinner in the city of Mexico by the promoters of the Topolovano railroad, on Monday night. One hundred and fifty persons were present, among them cabinet officers, senators and deputies, and great friendship was expressed for the guest of the evening. The minister of foreign affairs gave as a toast: "General Grant, the great, the good and well-tried friend of Mexico."

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AN OLD GAME.

How Mr. Henry Shaw saw the Elephant. Alton, Ill., Feb. 27. Mr. Henry Shaw, a well known and comparatively wealthy citizen of Newry, sold his farm in Blair county and deposited \$3,000 of the purchase money with Gardner, Morrow & Co., bankers at Hollidaysburg, with instructions to purchase him a "United States" bond for \$10,000. On Saturday he went to Hollidaysburg to lift his bonds, but they had not arrived. On his way back to Newry he stopped for a while to look at the tents and pictures and listen to the music at the circus which was on exhibition in a field by the roadside.

While standing in front of one of the side shows a very genial gentleman, apparently one of the managers of the affair, engaged him in conversation, pretending to want to buy some horses. It was his long wish, by the aid of ingenious questioning, the genial gentleman knew he was talking with Henry Shaw, of Newry, who had recently sold his farm for a snug sum and who had a bank account with Gardner, Morrow & Co. Then he invited Henry to come in and look at the curiosities it should cost him anything. And so Henry went in. After he had seen what was to be seen to other gentlemen invited him to a sort of back room attached to the side show and here they wanted Henry to try his luck at a certain game of chance, which he cannot describe. He demurred on the ground that he hadn't any money. Then it was suggested that one of the "gentlemen" try for Mr. Shaw and see what his luck would be. This he agreed to. The experiment was tried and the result was wonderful. The "gentleman" held up his hands in astonishment. Mr. Shaw had drawn \$1,000. There was just one little formality. Mr. Shaw must cover the \$1,000 with \$500. To make a long story short Henry was persuaded to go to his bankers and get the money. He went back to the place, was chloroformed and lost his money. When he came to himself he was alone. His gentlemanly companions had fled.

Yesterday Mr. Sam'l Shaw and another gentleman from Newry came to Altoona, and after looking up the matter proceeded in picking up two of the parties who had killed Henry. They were arrested and taken before Mayor Howard, where Mr. Shaw identified them. After refunding Mr. Shaw's money and paying all costs in the case they were discharged.

LATEST NEWS BY MAIL. Fannie J. Blanehart, aged 24 years, has died in New York, from lead poisoning, induced by the use of cosmetics. The New York brass founders have demanded an advance of fifty cents per day; they now demand \$1.00 per day. If refused, they will strike on Monday evening.

In the New York Assembly yesterday the Senate bill making an appropriation of \$750,000 for continuing the work on the new capital was passed by a vote of 96 to 92. An excavating company cleaning the cess pool at the Windsor house, Philadelphia, dragged up the skeleton of a man nearly stripped of flesh. How the body got there is the tragic question.

The safe at the Onocenta (N. Y.) post-office was discovered yesterday morning seventy-five rods from the postoffice building open and robbed of \$1200 in stamps, \$300 in cash and a registered letter containing a \$100 government bond.

The schooner Eva, at New York from Virginia, reports that on the outward passage, April 14, off Atlantic City, she saw a schooner sunk and sailed down to her, but could find no one. All hands are supposed to be lost. A smash up occurred on the Troy & Boston railroad yesterday morning, near Eagle Bridge, N. Y., by which several passenger coaches were thrown down an embankment. All the trains from the West are delayed.

George Brooks and Scott Love fought a duel at Oriskany, Ohio, and both were wounded. Sheriff Acker prosecuting Attorney Bartlett went to the scene of the tragedy to arrest the parties. It is reported that Love will not live. Baseball yesterday: At Boston—Worcester, 7; Boston 1. At Worcester—Providence, 10; Troy, 5. At New York—New York, 10; Atlantic, 5. At Princeton—Metropolitan, 9; Princeton, 1. At Chicago—Chicago, 6; Cleveland, 0.

The run on the Franklin savings bank of New York, has begun to subside. The crowd of depositors desiring to close their accounts yesterday was smaller than the day before. The secretary said only about seventy thousand dollars was paid out yesterday. At Annapolis, Md., yesterday Col. G. S. Marsh was found guilty of setting fire to his own house in Anne Arundel county two weeks ago. The jury were only out fifteen minutes. Colonel Marsh has hitherto held a high social position in the country.

The thirty-second annual session of the American Medical Association began at Richmond, Va., yesterday. The exercises were opened with prayer by Bishop Keane, of the Catholic church, and an address of welcome was delivered by Governor Holliday. Some 500 delegates were present. The sessions will continue for days.

T. B. Davis narrowly escaped death while examining the mine in Maryland by county, W. Va., from a gun shot fired by some unknown person, whether accidental or intentionally could not be ascertained. The bullet struck him in the breast just as he was in the act of facing to the right. He was in an overcoat, a thick undershirt and a fracture of the breast, and cut a furrow in the flesh just above the right nipple, making a slight wound.

Lizzie Devane, the catapalt actor in Barnum's circus, fell upon the netting in Wilkesbarre last night, and may die. A number of children and Walnut street railway hands, Philadelphia, have been gathered in for beating the belt punch. There is trouble in Philadelphia because the overcrowded condition of the schools forbids the admission of children from educational advantages. Patrick Dougherty was killed by the cars at Wilkesbarre yesterday. A father and his three sons are down with the small pox in that town. At Mingo station, Bucks county, Pa., a Coleman of the 6 o'clock train, a coal train came down and buried her to the track. Her foot from the ankle down was crushed to a jelly. A workman, named Scott McMillan, about 25 years of age, fell from the roof of the First Lutheran church, at Mendenhall street, a distance of thirty-three feet. He was picked up insensible and now lies in a very precarious condition. In Altoona, last year's Greenback candidate for Congress, fell from a light of stairs at her son's residence and fractured her skull. Being greatly advanced in years the injury is likely to prove fatal. James Shult, brakeman on an iron train on the Lehigh Valley railroad, while coupling cars at Allentown, was thrown under the wheels of a passing engine. Both legs and an arm were badly mangled and his skull injured. He died in St. Luke's hospital, Bethlehem. A committee of Philadelphia councils approves the proposition of the Beach electric light company, of Philadelphia, to light Chestnut street, from river to river, for \$5000 for the first year, the lights, of 2000-candle-power each, to be placed 200 feet apart.

The State Legislature.

In the House yesterday the House bill providing that appeals from assessments shall be taken to the Senate, was reported favorably. The Senate bill extending for five years the time for completing branches of street railways was discussed on third reading, but a constitutional point having been raised against the measure, it was postponed to the present. The Senate bill requiring two practical experience for druggists' clerks before allowing them to compound prescriptions was read a third time and postponed.

In the House the usual skirmish took place to prevent the delinquent tax bill from being read a second time, and it proved, as usual, successful. Resolutions of inquiry as to the action of the insurance companies in connection with the burning of the Danville asylum and the payment of taxes due the state by the Standard Oil company were offered, but objected to. The bill transferring the control of the street cleaning in Philadelphia to councils was killed by being indefinitely postponed. Pending consideration of the four mill tax bill the House adjourned until evening. In re-negotiating the street cleaning bill, and the bill allowing school districts to redeem their bonds with a new issue at the same or a lower rate of interest, was finally passed.

A British War Steep Hoveled Up and Over One Hundred of Her Crew Lost. The English admiral has received a telegram from Montevideo stating that the British war sloop Doterel was blown up on the 20th of April at Sandy Point, in the Straits of Magellan. The cause of the catastrophe is not known. Lieutenant Matthews, the senior officer, was considered, and the bill allowing school districts to redeem their bonds with a new issue at the same or a lower rate of interest, was finally passed.

It may be remarked that probably great loss of life has attended the disaster. The Doterel registered 1,137 tons and had 900-horse-power engines. The Doterel probably carried a crew of 180 men, of whom it is feared 100 are lost. The Times announces that the officers and crew of the Doterel numbered 156, all of whom perished except 11.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE. Grade of Pupils. The following is the grade by classes of the pupils in attendance at the city's secondary school, ending April 30, 1881, the first column of figures indicating the conduct of the pupils, and the second column the progress in the several branches of study:

Table with columns for Name, Conduct, and Progress. Lists names of students such as Daveler Geo., Gunkler D., Long Geo., etc., with their respective scores.

William Loeb's spring opening, No. 26 North Queen street, last evening, was a very brilliant affair. The large and finely proportioned store-room is peculiarly adapted to floral ornamentation and the display of goods. By the aid of decorations, by Bolander and another to his very ample. The principal piece is an immense bed of fragrant flowers hanging up inside the front entrance. It was made to the order of and presented by Mr. Loeb's employees. There are many other elegant floral decorations, and during last evening over 300 buttonhole bouquets were presented to customers. The display of millinery, laces, silks, satins and ready-made spring bonnets being of course a leading specialty. The opening will be continued until the 15th inst. The city will there will be additional floral attractions and a thousand bouquets will be distributed to visitors. The music that enlivened the opening last night will be again in attendance.

The House Painters. The journeyman house painters of this city held a meeting in Rothweiler's hall last evening to consider the matter of the increase of their wages. There was a large attendance at the meeting, including a number of boys, and after the matter was discussed, and the man now in, and for the succession the candidates were Prof. Daniel E. Schuedler, of Oley township; Prof. H. G. Hunter, of Birdsboro; Prof. David S. Keck and Prof. Franklin N. Flood, of the Keystone normal school, Kutztown; Prof. George H. Shirk, of the Lancaster high school; Prof. D. M. B. Wynn, principal of the Amityville seminary; Prof. Erasmus L. Horning, principal of the Reading scientific academy, and Prof. A. M. Gruber, principal of the Berneville high school. Each candidate was given five minutes to tell the convention what a good superintendent he would make, and then three ballots were had. Keck led from the start with Flood next, but Schoedler, Hunter and Heffer all withdrew in Keck's favor, and he won Flood 154 to 112. In Danbury county La Rosa was re-elected by about a two thirds vote.

Dirty Street Lamps. Many complaints are made of the dirty condition of the street lamps, the glass in some of them being so covered with dust and smoke that it is hard to tell what they are or to see light. Clean up lighters should pay more attention to them.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE.

Shirk's Tobacco Warehouse Burned and a Great Quantity of Leaf Tobacco Destroyed. Between 2 and 3 o'clock this morning the large brick tobacco warehouse belonging to Jacob K. Shirk, and situated on North Christian street, was badly damaged by fire and the contents, consisting of 1000 cases of leaf tobacco were badly damaged by fire, smoke and water.

The fire was the work of an incendiary, who applied the torch to a small frame stable belonging to Mrs. Magdalena Heitsch, and adjoining the warehouse on the south. As previously reported, an attempt was made to burn this stable Tuesday night of last week, but the fire was discovered and put out before any damage was done. Last night between 11 and 12 o'clock another attempt was made, but the fire was again put out. Between 2 and 3 o'clock this morning the tobacco was applied successfully and the stable was in flames when discovered.

At first the warehouse was thought to be in no danger, and no uneasiness was felt regarding it, as the walls are twenty-two inches thick, and the one that faces the burned stable contains no windows. It appears, however, that sparks or embers from the burning stable found an entrance under the eaves of the warehouse and the dry pine timbers that support the roof were soon in flames. The roof being of slate the windows all closed it was some time before any water could be got upon the flames. In consequence the roof was almost entirely burned off, and then the building was flooded with water. The fire was then soon got under control and finally extinguished. The tobacco belonging to Escher, Bachman & Co., tobacco packers, for whom Mr. Shirk had been buying for several years past. The extent of the loss cannot be accurately stated as yet, but it is covered by the following insurance: Phoenix of New York, \$5,000; National, Philadelphia, \$5,000; Westchester, N. Y., \$2,500; Home, N. Y., \$2,500; National, Hartford, Conn., \$5,000; Springfield, Mass., \$5,000; Norwich Union, \$5,000; Hartford, \$5,000; London & Lancashire, \$5,000; American, \$5,000; Royal Exchange, \$5,000; Commercial Union, \$5,000; Commercial Union, \$5,000. Total, \$56,000. Messrs. Rife & Kaufman are the local agents of all the above companies except the last named, of which Mr. H. S. Gara is agent. It is believed the insurance will be more than cover the loss.

Joseph H. Shirk, a son of J. K. Shirk, had seven cases of tobacco damaged by water. He had no insurance. Messrs. Escher, Bachman & Co.'s books were saved in a damaged condition, though the office was deluged with water. The books are not soiled, and the water was also more or less injured. Mr. Shirk had the warehouse insured in the Royal of Liverpool for \$5,000 and in the Home for \$600. The loss on the building will not exceed \$2,000 and may be considerably less. The building, which is 102 feet long and 32 feet wide, will be repaired as rapidly as possible. The walls and floors are but slightly damaged. Mrs. Heitsch's stable, which was almost entirely destroyed, was not insured. It was an old frame building with little value and no other valuable contents. An interesting test of the value of the patent elevator used in Shirk's warehouse was made during the fire; the heavy rope used in raising and lowering it was burned off near the roof, but the elevator scarcely fell an inch, being kept in place by the hand and ratchet arrangement attached to it. The elevator was built by Mr. A. C. Welchans.

It is said that while George Staley was ringing the bell of the Washington fire company, some one called him to stop ringing, and as he did not do so, threw a piece of slate at him, cutting him badly in the face. While the Friendship was in service the steam chest piston rod was broken and the machine had to stop and will be out of service for a day or two.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS. Near and Across the County Lines. The safe in Hoffer's Paxton mill near Harrisburg was broken open by burglars early yesterday morning. They got \$31.16. Hon. Neal Dow, of Maine, lectured on temperance to a large audience in Rising Sun, Md., on Monday evening. An immense catch of herring took place at Bull's Mountain fishery, Northeast, last evening. The fish, which is 102 lbs. were brought to land at one haul of the seine. Shad and herring are now very plentiful and cheap at the lower Susquehanna fisheries. The latter can be had as low as 65 to 75 cents per hundred from the haulers and sold at \$1.00 to \$1.25.

Rev. Jacob Adams, a recently deceased clergyman, of Emmaus, Berks county, was buried at the latter place yesterday in the presence of a large concourse of mourners. A meeting of the board of missions of the general synod of the reformed church in the United States, will be held in the lecture room of the First Reformed church Lancaster, on the evening of the 12th of May to prepare the report for the coming synod.

Recognition is hereby made of a courteous invitation from the Cumberland Valley editorial association, of which Capt. Alfred Sanderson, formerly of this city, is president, to accompany an excursion to Luray caves, in Virginia. The excursion will leave Harrisburg at 9:30 a. m. on Saturday, arriving at 11 o'clock, and returning leave Luray at 6 p. m., reaching Harrisburg at 11:35 p. m. It is a big contract but the management is in excellent hands. Williams and Roberts, horse thieves, made a desperate effort to escape from the Norristown jail. They evaded Keffer's guard in cell No. 6, on pretense that the hokey frame needed repairing. While Conrad was in the cell the thieves made a dash out in the corridor, and threw the cell door shut, endeavoring to fasten Conrad in the cell. The keeper, however, was too quick for them, and as the door was overlocked at once they were running out a lower door of the corridor.

They had no trouble getting up a great political squabble over in Berks over the election of school superintendents. The present incumbent, E. A. Beer, was deposed by the voters at the last election, and the man now in, and for the succession the candidates were Prof. Daniel E. Schuedler, of Oley township; Prof. H. G. Hunter, of Birdsboro; Prof. David S. Keck and Prof. Franklin N. Flood, of the Keystone normal school, Kutztown; Prof. George H. Shirk, of the Lancaster high school; Prof. D. M. B. Wynn, principal of the Amityville seminary; Prof. Erasmus L. Horning, principal of the Reading scientific academy, and Prof. A. M. Gruber, principal of the Berneville high school. Each candidate was given five minutes to tell the convention what a good superintendent he would make, and then three ballots were had. Keck led from the start with Flood next, but Schoedler, Hunter and Heffer all withdrew in Keck's favor, and he won Flood 154 to 112. In Danbury county La Rosa was re-elected by about a two thirds vote.

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HAD HONOR WHERE KNOWN.

Report to the Late Luther J. Hurd at Mrs. Childs's Home. The following is an extract from an article contributed to the York county Advertiser, published at Springdale, Maine, where the late Luther J. Hurd, who met his death at the Grape Hotel, this city, was born, and where his brother resides. Mr. Hurd was buried there, the funeral service being preached by Rev. J. H. Mudge, from the text Cor. v. 1: "For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." It is appropriate that the people here in Lancaster, who are somewhat acquainted with the manner of Mr. Hurd's sudden death, should also know of the respect and esteem that are entertained for his character and his honorable life, by the inhabitants of the place where he spent his childhood, and expressed by the pastor of his church, who was the author of the obituary from which we extract the following:

Luther J. Hurd was born in Sanford, Maine, February 1843, being the youngest son of the late D. James Hurd. When quite young he went to Boston and enlisted in the Massachusetts volunteer militia; was wounded in the arm at Fredricksburg, Va., causing severe suffering and leaving him in feeble health. He never applied for a pension, thinking he would take care of himself if possible, and let those more unfortunate than himself have the benefit of pensions.

He was a printer, but, unable to do heavy work, had for the past few years traveled for fruit in Boston, spending his winters at the South. The winters of 1876 and 1877 he was in California as correspondent of the Morning Star (Dover, N. H.) and other papers; he was literary in taste, and wrote several articles on progress and reform.

He was in Philadelphia the most of last winter in the employ of P. Moran & Co., and was acting as agent for them at Lancaster, Pa., where the sad affair occurred causing his sudden death April 10th. A friend from Boston was immediately notified and conveyed his remains to this place where they arrived Wednesday night, April 13th. The funeral services were held in Sanford at the residence of his brother, Dr. Frank Hurd, the old home of the family, April 14th. By his untimely death a cloud of sadness and gloom is cast over the whole community, kindred and strangers mourn his tragic fate.

As pastor of the church the last nine years, I have found in him a brother in making his home in this city, his home. He was a member of the Congregational church, an earnest Christian worker in any place; in the school an efficient helper. Like his father before him, ever at work for the Master, and an able advocate in the temperance cause. In these years of acquaintance I have seen him in the most noble and generous of his mind, and his amiability and gentleness of disposition he endeared himself to all with whom he associated. This is the voice of the community, and the sympathy of the family in their deep affliction have the sympathy of a large circle of friends.

CITY SUPERINTENDENT. Convention of School Directors—Re-election of Prof. R. K. Buehrle. In response to a call issued by John B. Warfel, president of the board of school directors of Lancaster, the following directors met in convention in the common council chamber last evening at 7 o'clock to elect a city superintendent for the ensuing three years.

John Lovington of John I. Hartman Dr. John Ferguson was called to the chair and P. Eberman was chosen secretary. The roll of members being called, the following answered to their names: Messrs. Baker, Breeman, Eberman, Erisman, Evans, Haas, Harris, Hartman, D., Hartman, J. L., Jackson, Johnston, Leungood, Marshall, McConry, McConry, Morton, Oblender, Reimsnyder, Rhoads, Richards, Samson, Schwebel, Slaymaker, Smechey, Spurrier, Westhaeffer, Zeecher Christian, Warfel, president.

The chairman having stated the object of the convention, Mr. John I. Hartman moved that the salary of the city superintendent be fixed at \$1,500 per annum. Mr. Baker called for the reading of the minutes of the last city convention, his object being to ascertain therefrom whether it would be necessary to re-enact the resolution establishing the office of city superintendent.

Mr. Eberman, secretary of the last convention, replied that the minutes of last year's convention were not here, but that the office was created last year with understanding that if the board wished to continue the office they should elect a superintendent at the present time with the law provides, and if they wished to discontinue the office they should merely decline to elect said officer.

Mr. Eberman's statement was confirmed by other members, and Mr. Baker withdrew his call. Mr. Hartman's motion to fix the salary of the superintendent at \$1,500 per annum was then unanimously agreed to. Mr. R. K. Buehrle was nominated for re-election as city superintendent, and there being no other nominations the roll was called and he was unanimously re-elected, receiving 28 votes. On motion the convention adjourned.

Lancaster County Nominations. Potatoes Leaded. The Republican primary elections in Lancaster county to nominate a ticket, take place on Saturday, May 21, the polls opening at 3 p. m. and closing at 7 o'clock. All the principal county officers are to be chosen, such as probatory, register, sheriff, coronator, clerk of the peace, clerk of the orphan's court, commissioner, etc., and there are a number of candidates in the field. What effect the cry of "Hog Ring" and "Bull Ring" will have this year cannot as yet be told, but one thing will stick about the neck after the election, if we are any judges of the matter, and that is that Lancaster city will get nearly all the fat offices, as it always does. There are candidates for every office in the city—ward aldermen having seven candidates—and as the city is not Republican, and probably some of the candidates are now in, and vote solidly for the home fellows, the country districts who scatter their fire will be left out in the cold. However, it is none of our business if every man on the ticket is taken from Lancaster city, but it does look a little queer when the names of the nominees are given. The primaries are over, and so the residence of nearly every one given as "City."

Rememorable Mission. A mission to be conducted by Rev. Fathers Smith and Weigelt, of Baltimore, of the order of Redemptorists, will commence on Sunday next, the 8th inst., in Rev. Father Foin's church of St. Peter's at Elizabethtown, and St. Mary's at Middletown, and will continue until Monday the 16th inst. St. Peter's church, at Elizabethtown, has recently been made impervious to the elements of handsomely patterned have been put in, the interior of the church has been newly painted and frescoed, fine oil paintings of St. Peter and St. Paul have been hung on either side the altar and several other improvements have been made. Father Foin is an energetic pastor and is rapidly building up his parish.

THE NEW SCHOOL HOUSE.

The new public school building at the corner of Lime and Lemon streets was partly occupied for school purposes on Monday and will, probably be fully occupied on Friday. The building is a spacious and well arranged brick structure two stories high. It was designed by Frank E. Davis, architect, of Baltimore. The exterior of the building is by no means handsome, the large windows, running up under the eaves, giving it a rather unattractive and unfinished appearance. It is substantially built, however, and what it lacks in external appearance is more than made up by the convenience of its interior arrangements. The building contains eight school rooms—four on the first and four on the second floor. These rooms are each capable of comfortably seating about 60 pupils, and are furnished with the most approved school furniture. The combined seats and desks are of the pattern known as the "Triumph," and are made of hard wood and iron, are not likely to get out of repair. They are so arranged in all the rooms that the light from the large windows falls upon all the pupils from the left and rear. The direction which all ceilings are in the best for the pupils' eyes. The novel display of the weather by hot air generated by large Mershon furnaces placed in the basement, and are ventilated by a large stack with strong draft placed near the centre of the building and connected by pipes and registers with all the rooms, halls and stairways. Connected with each class room is a convenient cloak-room.

Access to the building is gained by two large double doors, one on the south and the other on the north front of the building, situated between the building and the centre of the building from north to south, is a spacious hall. From this hall spring two broad stairways leading to the second-story. All the classrooms, cloak-rooms, halls and stairways are handsomely wainscoted in yellow Georgia pine, and the walls and stairs are of the same. The first-floor rooms are occupied by the primary and the second-floor by the secondary schools. Miss Shirk's and Miss Clifton's lower grade primaries occupy respectively the southeast and southwest corners of the building. Miss Rappley's and Miss Holbrook's higher grade primaries occupy respectively the northeast and northwest rooms. Miss Etter's boys' secondary occupies the southeast room on the second floor, and the girls' secondary the southwest room. In a few days Mr. Lichty's boys' advanced secondary will occupy the northeast room, and Miss Carpenter's advanced girls' secondary the northwest room on the second floor.

The teachers of the rooms already occupied are all of the most commendable liberality and taste in decorating the walls with handsome pictures, and the windows with fresh and fragrant flowers. After a while, no doubt, the directors will further adorn them with maps, charts, globes, clocks and other useful articles of the same. As stated above, the plan of the school house was designed by Frank E. Davis, architect; though his plan was somewhat changed (and not at all for the better) by the directors, to save expense. The contract to erect the building was given to Daniel McLaughlin at the price of \$18,050, exclusive of furniture. Mr. McLaughlin had all the carpenter work done under his own immediate direction. Following are the names of the principal contractors: Keohs & McManus excavated the cellar and built the stone foundation walls, James Kyle and Geo. Tomlinson, furnished the building stone, and James Stewart the granite steps and belt of granite separating the masonry from the brick work. Pontz & Bro., furnished the brick and laid the same. The lumber was furnished by Sener & Sons. Harry A. Diller furnished the heavy iron girders above the windows, and also the wire screens for the basement windows. The slate roofing was purchased by Sener & Sons. Mr. McLaughlin, and put on by Sener & Sons. The gas fitting, plumbing, tinning and heating apparatus, were furnished by Finn & Breeman. The plastering was done by Lutz & Humphreysville. The painting was partly by Edwin Bookmeyer and partly by other painters employed by the day by Mr. McLaughlin. The hardware was furnished by Geo. M. Steinman & Co., and the wainscoting, sash, doors, blinds, stairs, trimmings, &c., by Sener & Sons. The desks were furnished by John Baker & Sons, from the factory of the Keystone furniture company and the heaters by Finn & Breeman.

All the mechanics and contractors who had anything to do with the new building seem to have done their work well. The building committee has been carefully inspected it carefully yesterday and unanimously agreed to take it off the hands of the contractor and pay him the balance due. In opening and closing the schools the boys enter in and retire from the north side of the building, and the girls from the south. The secondary schools are dismissed first, so that the larger pupils may get out of the way and not interfere with the smaller ones. It is a very pretty sight to see the little people, under command of the teachers, passing in and out of the school, right or left, as the case may be, to reach their respective exits. The greater order and decorum are observed from first to last, and teachers and pupils alike are proud of their new quarters.

BART ITEMS. News from Georgetown and vicinity. The middle school Sunday school, organized on Sunday with 61 scholars in attendance. Milton Heideblake was elected superintendent. The M. E. school in this village will organize on Sunday the 8th. Wm. McFadden is having the outside of his home repaired, by tearing off the old weather-board and putting on German siding, extending the roof, etc. D. B. Quigley has left our midst, and is employed on the P. R. R. as a carpenter. Mr. Quigley is an excellent workman, and will be missed by the millers of this community. John Pheneagar leaves this morning (2d) for Gloucester, N. J., to work at some lighthouses being built by J. B. Bachman, of Columbia. Mechanics will soon be scarce among us—and work plenty. Martin & Fritz received on Saturday about 15 tons of tobacco at prices ranging from 6 to 20 cents for wrappers of first quality. Seconds and fillers at from 2 to 6 cents. Some lots have been sold in this neighborhood, but it is almost impossible to discover the price. Henry (Gir) has sold one lot at 6 cents; Wm. McClure, at 6 cents. Other sales have been made but no particulars can be had, and it surmised that the prices were low. A large quantity of the weed is yet on hand, and holders are becoming anxious to sell.

The Shaffer. At a special meeting of the Shaffer fire company last evening Mr. Henry Smechey was elected delegate to the firemen's union, vice Rodcan A. Fisher withdrew from the time employed by the Shaffer in getting up steam in inspection day 5 minutes, 35 seconds, not 6.55 as reported. A meeting of the city firemen's union will be held in the hall of the Sun company, on Thursday evening, the 5th, at 8 o'clock.

Lancaster Cigars for Export. Yesterday Mr. John Fendrich of Columbia, shipped to Baltimore for export to Denmark, 25,000 cigars made at his factory from Lancaster county tobacco.