Lancaster Intelligencer.

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### A Plain Issue.

The review of Mayor MacGonigle's administration of municipal matters, which we print on our first page to-day, and the sharp contrasts which it presents with that of his predecessor, who is now his competitor, leaves no room for dispute as to which of these men and methods ought to be entrusted with the executive direction of the city. Were either of them an untried man his friends and supporters might in a negative way claim some virtues for him, which pretension could neither be gain said nor proved. But they have had equal opportunity to exhibit whatever talent and capacity they have for the discharge of the duties of this office of mayor and their records are before the people for their examination and decision. Upon a comparison of these Mayor MacGonigle can afford to submit the case to his fellow citizens. He has displayed his eminent fitness for this place, as conspicuously as ex-Mayor Stauffer has displayed his eminent unfitness. The two mayors were exactly opposite in their views, their methods and in the tendencies of their administrations. Mayor MacGonigle from the outset has checked the looseness, the extravagance, the recklessness and the illegal modes of procedure which prevailed under Stauffer, and to which in the main was due an increase in the city's debt under him of two hundred thousand dollars—a mortgage on every foot of real estate, an increase upon the burden of every renter in the city. To check these practices and to pay off a floating debt of $30,000 left by the Stauffer administration, taxed all the energies of Mayor MacGonigle's earlier administration. Despite these, however, and the recklessness of a later wasteful street committee, the present administration has reduced the permanent debt over $15,000, the first reduction since 1869, cut down the rate of interest on the whole, besides making many permanent improvements which show for the money spent. People who want more city debt, higher taxes and higher rents, will vote for Stauffer. Those who believe in honest, economical and efficient city government will vote for MacGonigle. That is the issue.

### The City Tax Rate.

With his characteristic ignorance of municipal affairs or in the exercise of what the *Examiner* calls a "facility for lying," the Republican candidate for mayor is trying to make capital for himself and his party out of the fact that the city tax is now nine mills. If he knows anything he knows that instead of Mayor MacGonigle being in any degree responsible for this it is to him the taxpayers owe it that this tax is not twelve or fifteen mills. By a reckless and extravagant street committee, against whose overdrawing of their appropriation Mayor MacGonigle again and again protested, a floating debt of $20,000 was incurred, which, by reason of the rapid increase of the city debt under Stauffer, had to be paid by special taxation. Had the mayor not appealed to the court and obtained an injunction against this street committee, the floating debt might have been $50,000, and the tax much higher than it is. Under Mayor Stauffer's administration he never interposed any obstruction to such recklessness or misgovernment. He allowed one committee after the other to exceed its appropriation, and was cheek by jowl with the ringsters, who are now clamoring for his re-election. Every year there was a deficiency and floating debts were piled on the bonded debt, until in four years there had been an increase of two hundred thousand dollars—an average burden of nearly seventeen mills to every dollar of the taxable property in the city. He left a legacy of $30,000, which Mayor MacGonigle's administration had to pay, and although it has paid this, and paid the $20,000 floating debt incurred by an extravagant Republican street committee, and made many very valuable permanent improvements, at the close of its four years, instead of having $169,000 increase in the bonded debt and $30,000 floating debt like Stauffer's, there is no floating debt at all, but a very large increase in the sinking fund. The different modes of administration show a difference of favor of MacGonigle's administration amounting to at least $225,000—every man in town is richer for it, taxes lower, rents lower and real estate less burdened.

When the "accidental" editor who crawled upon the tripod of Saturday's *Examiner* had been booted from that station, and some reason and decency were installed in his stead, the tone of the paper changed with the change of editors. Of the INTELLIGENCER, which, on Saturday, the *Examiner* said was guilty of "malicious" and "shameless" libel, the *Examiner* of Monday says: "We do not think our contemporary, the INTELLIGENCER, would willingly libel any one." We are quite ready to accept the more mature judgment of our contemporary as its settled opinion in this matter; as some of its other readers are ready to agree with its Monday editor that "Annie Eva Fay is a charlatan of the most pronounced type," though the Saturday editor declared that "if one were to judge from innumerable criticisms and the reported investigations of scientific men, Miss Fay must be the most wonderful spiritualist of the age." In fact if the *Examiner* lives long enough it will find out that "the manner in which, "accidental" editors—like "spirits"—"manifest themselves through so called mediums, are worse than asses."

ALDERMEN BARR and Spurrier are Stauffer's chief fuglemen. Last year they drew from the county treasury for dismissed cases—mostly of a trivial character—*nearly five thousand dollars*. If they could elect a mayor and appoint a police force to suit them, they might make ten thousand dollars a year. Their methods have been repeatedly condemned by courts and grand juries. But under Stauffer they would flourish as never before [illegible] administration, and these beneficiaries of multiplied cases would wax fat at the cost of the taxpayers. Are they prepared for it?

IN the death of Abraham Peters this county loses one of its oldest, most respected and most characteristic citizens. He belonged to a generation which has few survivors, but the exemplary virtues of him and his contemporaries ought to long exercise a potent influence. Of far more than average natural intelligence, without any special educational advantages himself, he was the warm friend of popular education and did much to promote it. As a citizen his hand, his heart and his purse were at the command of every good public interest; and no one in his day was more earnest in the support of those principles which alone can give virtue to the commonwealth and moral and material prosperity to its people. He lived to an honored old age and dies with the respect of all his fellow citizens.

THE Utica *Observer* says that probably fifteen cultivated people read the account of the prize fight where one read with interest the account of Oscar Wilde's lecture.

GEORGE SHIRAS, in an interview on the subject of the gubernatorial nomination of the Republican party, says he is not a candidate and would not accept the nomination on any condition. Ex-Senator R. P. Allen, of Williamsport, who has been suggested for the Democratic nomination for governor, says he is not entitled to the nomination and is not a candidate.

A "TAXPAYER," who is opposed to the proposed plan of increasing our water facilities, calls for some information which doubtless the water department will be glad to supply. Our correspondent certainly errs in estimating that the most of the proposed expenditure is to be for new mains. We understand that a new pump is the main object of cost.

IN a forcible communication, printed on our fourth page to-day, ex-County Commissioner Robert Montgomery returns to the discussion of the county finances. If, as he says, the surplus now on hand in the treasury is much more than is needed for the expenses of the county during the balance of the fiscal year and may be carried over to meet next year's expenses, the reasons for an increased tax levy are still less weighty than they previously seemed to be. Mr. Montgomery disposes of some of his personal critics in a style that shows that he is not to be deterred from his prosecution of what he believes to be a public duty by blackmailing threats. The communication as a whole is "mighty interestin' readin'," and will bear further inspection and future review.

BY order of Secretary Folger, General H. M. Curtis's connection with the treasury department as expert in charge of the examination of commission charges in the Southern district of New York will cease on the 28th instant. He is permitted to remain in office until that date to enable him to put in order the business he has on hand. The complaints filed in the treasury department by the Civil Service Reform association, charging him with using his position to collect political assessments in defiance of the law on that subject, have been referred by Secretary Folger to United States District Attorney Stewart L. Woodford for action. The progress of the case will be watched with special interest.

BALTIMORE has a high reputation for the beauty of her women. "We live on the zone of beauty," says the *American*, "and whatever is beautiful in the diverse races of men reaches its ultimate perfection in this latitude. In fact, ugliness can't stand this climate. It has got to die out or emigrate. It is true that there are some strongly marked families who hold out wonderfully against the beautifying influences of the climate and nurture, but these are exceptional." The writer confesses, however, that the basis of Baltimore beauty is imported, for he adds: "It is easy to find in this city the finest examples of true Celtic Irish beauty, the fairest blonde Saxons and Norse types, the Norman-French type and the Italian and Spanish brunettes. Some of the most beautiful examples of the Hebrew type that the world can show are found in this city."

A CORRESPONDENT wants to know "what steps, if any, are being taken by the citizens of Lancaster to locate the Lewis steel works in this city." He asks: "Why not call a public meeting and have a committee of citizens favorable to the enterprise appointed to take charge of its interests and push it on? It ought not to fail for want of an organized effort to make it successful." No project of locating industrial works here ought to fail—as some have failed before—because of a lack of liberal encouragement from our citizens. But it must be remembered that the projectors of these Lewis steel works have not as yet offered our citizens a definite, practical proposition. They want twenty acres of ground and $125,000 of capital stock subscriptions, and will supply whatever else is needed. But they have not yet submitted an estimate of what that balance is to be, nor the guarantees that it will be forthcoming. When they do this our citizens should lose no time in duly considering their proposition.

## PERSONAL.

BRET HARTE's son is fitting himself for the stage, and will join the company of Mr. John McCullough.

The 73d birthday of ABRAHAM LINCOLN was celebrated in New York last evening by a banquet of the Lincoln club. Speeches were made by General Grant, Emory A. Storrs, Governor Cornell and others.

Justice Field, of the supreme court of the United States, gave a birthday banquet in Washington last evening, to his brother, DAVID DUDLEY FIELD, who has now entered upon his 78th year. A distinguished company was present.

"GAIL HAMILTON" is described as "prodding" Oscar Wilde, when he was presented to her, with the direct inquiry, "How long is this joke to last?" Its directness staggered Mr. Wilde, and, after a stare of blank amazement, he replied, with an interrogatory in every letter: "Joke? It is my life."

WILLIAM CONWAY, Democratic candidate for common council in the Fifth ward, Philadelphia, has withdrawn from the canvas by reason of ill health, and S. DAVIS PAGE, esq., has consented to allow his name to go before the convention as a candidate. It is thought that the convention will meet this evening.

WILLIAM T. CROASDALE, founder and editor in chief of the the Wilmington, Delaware, *Every Evening*, has gone to Baltimore to assume editorial charge of a Democratic newspaper, soon to supersede the Baltimore *Gazette*. Mr. Croasdale will retain his pecuniary interest in *Every Evening*. He will be succeeded in the management of that paper by Mr. E. H. Vallandigham, and it will remain independent in politics as heretofore.

### THE WATER WORKS IMPROVEMENTS.

#### Some Suggestions and Inquiries.

EDITORS INTELLIGENCER: I observed in the *Examiner* of last week a communication from Mr. Kitch, the superintendent of the water works, in which he informs us of the length and location of the main which councils propose to lay, should the taxpayers approve of it by their votes on next Tuesday. Now, if I understand this communication correctly, the laying of this main for eight or nine squares is only the beginning of a policy of encircling all the high points of the city with a large main and when this is completed, then a larger main will be laid through the centre of the city. Now if this partial improvement of eight or nine squares in length is estimated to cost between $65,000 and $70,000, it will certainly not be too high to estimate the cost of this gigantic improvement at $300,000. With our present high taxes and the high price of iron, had the taxpayers better not vote against this project, and get councils either to increase the size of the present basins by widening the embankments and making them six or eight feet higher, or erecting a stand pipe? If the former plan should be found difficult or too expensive, then let us have a stand pipe. This will not cost more than $8,000 or $10,000, and will give the taxpayers a sufficient supply of water in the highest points of the city. I have been informed by a practical engineer that if councils should either enlarge the storage capacity of the reservoirs, or erect a stand pipe, either plan would furnish an abundance of water to all points of the city.

A TAXPAYER.

#### Fundamental Differences.

New York Sun.

Mr. Jefferson's remarks prefatory to the Anas, written twenty-five years after the Anas themselves, are full of interest. "A short review of the facts," he says, "will show that the contests of that day were contests of principle between the advocates of republican and those of kingly government; and that had not the former made the efforts they did, our government would have been, even at this early day, a very different thing from what the successful issue of those efforts has made it."

The Anas were Mr. Jefferson's record of the occurrences in and about the Washington administration. They show the real, unvarnished opinions of the statesmen of that day upon vital questions, and narrate the conflicts out of which arose the parties which subsequently divided the country—one of which, the Democratic, still endures, while the other has shifted its name, but not its essential doctrines, many times. But the germ or beginning of every political controversy that has ever shaken the republic, from the inauguration of Washington to the present time, may be found in these narrations of the first secretary of state; and elsewhere, in the official papers submitted by the respective leaders, Jefferson and Hamilton, are elaborated the divergent views of fundamental principles upon which parties have since stood and fought, and indeed, are likely to stand and fight so long as the Constitution of 1787 shall last.

It was, however, pretty clearly the opinion of Jefferson, as it has been of nearly all his followers, that the absolute triumph of the Federalists would put a practical end to political parties. The leaders of the Federal party then avowed openly, as the leaders of the Grant party have since done, although with more caution, their purpose to change the government, so as to make it "stronger" as against the common people. Hamilton's demand for a "distinct and permanent share of authority" to be given to wealth as such, was plainly reiterated by the Grant conspirators in the preliminaries to the Chicago convention. Such a change would soon be followed by an hereditary tenure of many officers, by a ruthless use of the power of taxation for the further enrichment of the fortunate few, by monopoly in every form and by large navies and standing armies. What, under such circumstances, would be the opposition or Democratic party. It could scarcely be anything but a conspiracy against overwhelming power, with no hope of success except in revolution. Meanwhile the condition of the people would be what it has been in all ages and all countries where, instead of making their rulers servants, they suffered them to make themselves masters.

#### An Invented Judicial Muddle.

Philadelphia Times.

It is evident that copies of the new constitution are scarce in Lebanon county, or the few who have read the new fundamental law seem to have forgotten it. On no other assumption could the invention of a judicial muddle, because of the resignation of Judge Henderson, be explained. The Lebanon *Times* gravely discusses the question as one likely to cause infinite embarrassment in the issuing of writs and the administration of justice, as both Judges Simonton and McPherson are associate law judges.

The constitution provides for the contingency not only in one section, but in several sections, and any average layman could understand at a glance, that if the president judgeship happened to be vacated a dozen times a year, or even a dozen times a month, "the judge of such court learned in the law and oldest in commission shall be president judge thereof." This provision expressly applies to "any president judge of any court of common pleas," and it is indefinite as to time in its operation.

When Judge Pearson retired Judge Henderson did not merely become president judge by virtue of his office, but he was commissioned president judge; and in like manner Associate Law Judge Simonton, being the oldest judge in commission learned in the law, will be, or has been, commissioned as president judge. If he should die or resign, Judge McPherson would succeed him by commission as president judge, and so on indefinitely. There has not been, and can't be even for a day, two associate law judges in the Dauphin and Lebanon district.

#### Two Criminals Dig Out of Jail.

In Ithaca, N. Y., two minor criminals named Coon and Hanshaw, dug out of the jail. This is the second delivery within a month, and one nearly successful attempt to dig out was discovered a fortnight ago, just in time to prevent a wholesale escape of prisoners.

# THE NEWS.

## RESUME OF CURRENT EVENTS.

#### Calamity and Crime—Notable Necrology—Fire and Flood—Matters of Moment.

The winter cruising of the revenue cutters has been very successful this season. Up to the end of January more than eighty vessels were assisted by them on our coast.

As a result of recent exposures of the managvment of certain "charitable and educational institutions," a society for the prevention of cruelty to children has been formed in Montreal.

Governor McEnery, of Louisiana, denies that there is any destitution in the northern section of that state, certainly none beyond the ability of the local authorities to relieve.

Governor Cornell, of New Yerk, yesday issued a proclamation declaring the town of Greenwood, in Steuben county, in a state of insurrection, and warning those who are resisting the collection of taxes therein to disperse.

Ralph J. Jewell, a prominent merchant of Adrian, Michigan, has been arrested for alleged complicity in the fraudulent issue of bonds by Mayor Navin, of that city. Nothing is yet known of Navin's whereabouts.

An immense tract of land set aside by the state of Texas to pay for the erection of a new state house has been transferred to Abner Taylor, C. B. Farwell and John V. Farwell, of Chicago, and A. C. Babcock, of Canton, Illinois. The tract of land is in the northwest corner of the state, and the survey extends south from the Indian territory a distance of 107 miles, with an average width of 27 miles. Two railways are already projected through that section.

#### Calamity and Crime.

The levee at Trotter's Landing, opposite Helena, Arkansas, is broken, but as yet no serious damage is reported.

Mrs. Doty and Mrs. Sennett were killed while walking on the Bee Line railroad, near Indianapolis, last evening.

The bark Scotland, which arrived at New York, yesterday, from Liverpool, lost two seamen overboard during the voyage.

Alphonse de Bardy, 24 years of age, foreman of a French newspaper office in Glen's Falls, New York, shot himself dead yesterday morning because a young woman refused to marry him.

William Hageman, 28 years of age, was drowned in a cistern at South Amboy, New Jersey, on Sunday night. Foul play is suspected.

The Austrian bark Melchoir arrived at Boston yesterday, from Sagua, with the crew of the scooner Stampede, from Jacksonville for New York, abandoned at sea. One of the Stampede's men was lost, another seriously injured.

A crevasse 300 feet long and 4 to 5 feet deep is reported in the Kemp levee, in the lower end of Tensas Parish, near Waterproof, Louisana. The levee is one of the most important in the state, protecting a very rich district.

#### Obituary Notes.

Captain Joseph K. Hyer, U. S. A., on the retired list, died in Baltimore on Sunday, of heart disease.

Edward D. Gale, a well known local politician, of New York, died yesterday of heart disease, at his residence, in Jamaica, Long Island, aged 42 years.

Noble Butler, a well known author of school books, died in Louisville, Kentucky, on Sunday night, aged 72 years. He was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania.

A. D. Billings, a well known actor, died yesterday in New York from an overdose of laudanum.

#### A Fatal Gunning Accident.

Floyd Levis, colored, while gunning near Sayville, L. I., with Lewis Lumborky, Edward Coleman and Isaac Sprague, let his gun go off, shooting Lumborky in the left lung, killing him instantly. The frightened boys proposed committing suicide, and Coleman twice attempted it.

#### The Great Oil Fire.

The oil fire at Olean, New York, near the Pennsylvania line, is still burning, but is confined to the three tanks reported yesterday in flames. All apprehensions of a further spread of the fire were relieved yesterday afternoon, the precautionary measures, including the drawing off of sufficient quantity of oil by bombarding the tanks, having proved sufficient. About 105,000 barrels of oil are destroyed, and the loss is estimated at $115,000, which will be borne by a general average assessment on all persons having oil stored with the United Pipe Lines.

### A FARMER'S BRUTALITY.

#### He Horsewhips a Girl in his Employ and Pours Strong Brine Over Her.

David C. Wall, a wealthy farmer, who lives on the road between New Egypt and Jacobstown, N. J., had in his employ a young girl, whom he had taken from a charitable institution and who was indentured to him to do his housework. On Friday a letter came to the girl from her brother who is in Illinois and is doing well. The letter contained $20, with which she pay her passage, as he wished her to come and live with him. Wall opened the letter and read a part of it to the girl, but said nothing about the money. He then went into an adjoining room and read the letter to his wife. The girl overheard the talk and immediately demanded the money. Wall took a horsewhip stripped her of her clothing and whipped her until the blood flowed all over her back and she fainted. Then he went down in the cellar, got strong brine from the pork barrel, and poured it over her. He was arrested on Saturday and public feeling is strongly in favor of lynching him. The girl is in a precarious condition.

### THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE.

#### The Appointment of ex-Judge Taft to the Berlin and ex-Marshal Pitkin to the Mexican Mission Expected.

Washington Dispatch to the World.

Two important appointments in the diplomatic service of the United States will, it is understood, be made very soon. It is now expected that Judge Alphonso Taft, of Ohio, will be named for Berlin and that Mr. J. R. G. Pitkin, of Louisiana, will be named for Mexico. Judge Taft held two cabinet positions under the administration of General Grant and is very much esteemed in Cincinnati, where he lives. He is a Federalist of the extreme type having introduced into the political literature of this country the phrase, "The peace of the United States," as a stalwart novelty. But his chief notoriety is not of a sort to recommend him to Democrats, arising as it does out of an assault made by him on the Catholic church. President Arthur, it is understood, is disposed to listen to the suggestions of leading Democrats in the disposition of his patronage. He is man of the world enough to understand that Democrats in public life who are men of intelligence and occupy representative positions are likely to be at least as safe counsellors in his curious and anomalous position as vehement Republicans of either wing of his own party. President Arthur is waking up to Mr. Baine's efforts to capture all the floating or independent or merely amiable Democrats in the two houses. No Democrat who values his standing with his own party will urge the president to give an important public position to Judge Taft, nor will any such Democrat recommend Mr. Pitkin, whose friends urge that he be made minister to Mexico. The Mexican mission is perhaps as important to this republic as the German. There are great commercial and industrial question to which the United States and Mexico should give harmonious and reciprocal attention. The great Southeastern quarter of this country is specially interested in commercial intercourse with Mexico. The importance of the Mexican mission is, therefore, chiefly commercial and of a business character rather than political. Mr. Pitkin has strong political backing in his own party, perhaps the strongest with this administration. Let him be left to that.

#### State Items.

James Finley, aged 24 years was killed by falling from a stand pipe at the steel works in Harrisburg yesterday afternoon.

Jeremiah O'Brien, of Kingston, was drowned by falling from the high bridge at Nanticoke on Sunday.

It is stated that a formal proposition has been made by the Western Union telegraph company to lease the lines of the Continental telegraph company between Philadelphia and New York.

The total number of the poll tax receipts sold in the various wards of Philadelphia during the present year was 3,405, the greater portion being in the Fourth, Ninth, Thirteenth, Fifteenth, Twenty-fifth, and Twenty-eighth wards.

There were 443 deaths in Philadelphia during the week ending February 11th, 65 being from consumption of the lungs, 16 from convulsions, 20 from croup, 15 from diphtheria, 51 from inflammation of the lungs, 23 from old age, and 15 from smallpox. The deaths during the previous week were 433.

The supreme court yesterday affirmed the judgment of court of common pleas No. 2, in the matter of the Mount Holly paper company vs. the West Philadelphia passenger railroad company. The case grew out of the fradulent over-issue of stock of the railway company under the presidency of John S. Morton.

### A DAUGHTER'S DECEPTION.

#### She Gets Her Father-in-Law's Life Insured Through a Physician.

Sophia Crowley, living at Black Rock, a suburb of Buffalo, has been detected in insuring the life of her father in-law, an old, half-blind man, for $1,500. The policy was taken out in the Northwest mutual Benefit association, of Detroit. The old man was induced to visit a doctor on the pretense of having an operation performed on his eyes and the certificate was then made out. The woman states that there are a number of persons living in the same vicinity who have been insured in a similar way by an agent giving the name of Edmund Jones. The latter would go to the house of different persons and induce the women to insure the lives of any invalid friends or relatives they had. Dr. Green, the reputed physician in the case, cannot be found.

# LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

### DARING BURGLARY.

#### A Safe Cracked Last Night in a Private Residence.

Last night a daring burglary was perpetrated at the residence of Jacob G. Peters, No. 341 West Orange street. Burglars effected an entrance into the house by boring holes in a back parlor shutter until they had a opening sufficiently large to admit a man's hand. They then slipped the bolt on the inside, after which they opened the window by prying under the lower sash with a chisel, breaking open the catch on the top of it. On the eastern side of the room entered was a small Farrell & Herring safe, and to it the thieves at once went. They pried open the front door and in so doing broke it up very badly. In the safe were a number of books, papers and other things, but no money except about $2 which belonged to the children. This the thieves carried off together with a gold pencil, pen and ring. No papers are missing and the books were not injured.

The burglars scattered the furniture, books, &c., which were in the room, around the floor. They left behind them, lying on a table, several pine blocks, one of which was used for a candle stick, a bottle of sweet oil and a common table knife.

Mr. Peters and his family were in the house when the burglary occurred, but have no idea what time it was. Mr. Peters slept in a room directly over the parlor (in which the safe was). He retired about 11 o'clock but was very tired as he had been staying up for several nights with his father, who died yesterday afternoon at Millersville, and he heard no noise. There is no clue to the burglars but it is said that three strange looking young men have been seen around Mr. Peters's house at different times lately by the neighbors, and they have been in the habit of looking in the windows. Whoever the thieves were they secured very little yesterday. They no doubt thought that, as it was near pay day at Peters & Shirk's factory (that being on the 15th of each month), Mr. Peters would likely have money. In this they were mistaken as the firm do not keep the money in their houses or at the mill.

#### Election and Installation.

At a stated meeting of Lancaster Lodge of Perfection A. A. S. R., 14°, held last evening, the following officers were duly elected and installed:

T. P. G. M.—Ill. Comp. John Hull.
D. G. M.—Ill. Comp. David H. Wylie.
V. S. G. W.—Ill. Comp. William N. Amer.
V. J. G. W.—Ill. Comp. Henry F. Slaymaker.
Gr. Treas.—Ill. Comp. Charles A. Heinitsh.
Gr. Sec.—Ill. Comp. Rob't M. Bolenius.
Trustees—Ill. Comps. Henry Carpenter, B. Frank Breneman, William A. Morton.

The T. P. G. M. announced the following appointments:

Gr. Orator—Ill. Comp. B. F. Breneman.
Gr. Keeper of Seals—Ill. Comp. Joshua L. Lyte.
Gr. Master of C.—Ill. Comp. William A. Morton.
Gr. H. Bro.—Ill. Comp. James B. Strine.
Gr. Capt. of Guard.—Ill. Comp. John R. Morris.
Gr. Purs't.—Ill. Comp. Milton Sourbeer.
Gr. Organist—Ill. Comp. William B. Hall.
Gr. Tyler—Ill. Comp. George Lutz.

#### St. Valentine's Day.

This is St. Valentine's day—the day on which the birds mate, if old-time stories are to be believed, and the day on which a great multitude of featherless bipeds do their level best to secure mates by the interchange of very beautiful and highly perfumed missives, filled with poetically-expressed declarations of love. Superadded to these æsthetic epistles are those of more questionable shape, wherein the jilted lads and lasses vent their spleen, or wherein other personal enmities are vented in the form of horrible caricatures. The postoffice clerks say that while they are receiving and distributing very many hundreds of valentines to-day there is nothing unusual either in the number or character of the missives to distinguish them from those of former years.

#### Concert at the Court House To-night.

We trust our readers will not forget the concert at the court house this evening, when Woodward's Continental Vocalists will sing for the benefit of the soup fund, certainly one of the most deserving of our local charities. The fund needs money, and the public should not be backward about accepting this opportunity of aiding it. The price of tickets is low, and outside of considerations of charity the concert invites cordial patronage on account of the merit of the promised entertainment.

## OBITUARY.

### A GOOD MAN GONE.

#### Death of the Venerable Abraham Peters.

The venerable Abraham Peters died at his residence in Millersville yesterday at 2:30 p. m., in the 91st year of his age, after an illness which had confined him to his bed for five weeks, and since Sunday he had been unconscious. The following from Harris's Biographical History of the county gives the leading points of his life:

"Abraham Peters was born August 29, 1791, near Millersville, Lancaster county, Pa. His father, of the same name, emigrated from Alsace, in France (now Germany), about nine miles from Strasburg, when nineteen years of age, and located in the vicinity of Millersville, then called Millersburg. He purchased ten acres of land, for which he paid £270 in the year 1777. He died February 5, 1818, aged 77 years. He kept tavern in an old log house, in which the subject of this notice was born, and also carried on a distillery. Abraham Peters, after the death of his father, still continued the distilling business, and did so up to 1853. He was at the same time engaged in farming. Up to 1851 he also kept tavern. He was married on the 16th of October, 1825, to Miss Fanny Gamber. Abraham Peters was one of the leading movers with B. B. Martin, Lewis M. Hobbs, John Brady, Jacob K. Shenk and others in the establishment of the Millersville normal school. Mr. Peters was elected the first president of the board of trustees, a position he has held up to this time. The meetings that led to the foundation of the normal school were held in the years 1853-54. The institution was opened in 1855 as the Millerstown academy. After Mr. Peters retired from the distilling business in 1853 he prosecuted the business of farming up to 1862. For many years he had carried on the business of saw milling at Petersville on the Conestoga navigation. In 1861 Mr. Peters was nominated and elected on the Union ticket a member of the House of Representatives and discharged the duties of this position with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of his constituents. Since 1862 he has retired from active pursuits and resides on his place in Millersville."

Few citizens of the county were better known and none were more highly respected than plain old Abraham Peters. He had long been identified with the promotion of moral and material affairs of his community, and besides the presidency of the normal school trustees he was president of the Manor turnpike company. He was a member of the Reformed church. In every relation of life he had the respect, the confidence and good will of his fellow citizens.

Mrs. Peters, now aged 80, survives him, and of their twelve children, seven are living—J. G. Peters, the well-known cotton manufacturer of this city; Mrs. H. S. Shirk, of Lancaster; the widow of the late Dr. E. S. Baer, Millersville, and Mrs. George Hornberger, who have been residing with Mr. Peters; Mrs. D. C. Kready, of Millersville; Mrs. William Wilson, Columbia, and the wife of Rev. Lewis Steckle, Womelsdorf.

Mr. Peters's funeral will take place on Thursday at 1:35 p. m., and the friends have been invited to attend it at the Reformed church, Millersville, where the services will be held.

### NEARLY ON FIRE.

#### Carlessness or Incendiarism.

This morning about three o'clock smoke was seen to issue from the hallway of Theo. W. Herr's brick building, northeast corner East King and Duke streets. An alarm was made and an investigation had, when it was discovered that a large pile of rags behind the front door and immediately in the stairway were in flames. The rags were thrown into the street and the fire extinguished. It is said the rags belong to George Welsh rag dealer, who was arrested on the street a few days ago. He placed the rags where they were found, and, being committed to prison, had no opportunity to remove them. It is not known whether they were intentionally or accidentally set on fire. The front door is nearly always open. There is a printing office on the second story front, and a club room occupied by young men in the rear, while one or two families occupy rooms on the third story, and the stairway which came so near being burned is the only means of exit. It is thought that some one on going up or down stairs may have thoughtlessly thrown a cigar stump into the corner, not knowing that the rags were there. The timely discovery of the fire probably saved the destruction of valuable property and perhaps life.

#### A Scare but no Damage.

This morning there was a scare at the American tea store in Centre square, which is managed by Samuel Clark. For several days a smell of gas had been noticed in front of the store and it was believed come from a leak in the pipe supplying the light hanging in front of the store. This morning the boy who works in the store put a light to the pipe and the gas at the leak took fire. In a short time there was a very large blaze and the fire soon melted off the large tin lantern which fell with a crash, almost hitting Mr. Clark on the head. The fire was not extinguished until the gas had been turned off.

#### Runaway this Forenoon

This morning a horse hitched to a top buggy and belonging to D. B. Hostetter, grain dealer, was standing in front of that gentleman's office in East King street, when a large freight wagon was backed to a neighboring store. Mr. Hostetter's animal frightened at this and tearing loose from the post started up East King street, running a portion of the way on the pavement on the south side of the street. At Duke street the animal turned up and fell, but soon regained his feet and collided with a carriage belonging to Michael Metzger, badly bending one of the wheels. The runaway horse continued up Duke street, passing over the railroad bridge, and was not caught until he had almost reached Walnut street. No damage was done the buggy except to one wheel which was "dished."

#### Injured by the Upsetting of an Engine.

Yesterday a heavy portable engine belonging to Philip Lebzelter, which had been down near the river, was to have been brought to this city. When it reached the bridge at Graeff's landing the wagon on which it was broke down. This morning workmen went down to the bridge to move the engine, and in trying to raise it so that a wheel could be put on, the machine was upset against a wing wall of the bridge. Daniel Easton of Mt. Joy, was standing between the bridge and the wall at the time, and Wm. Youart, seeing his danger, cried out to him. He attempted to get away, but the engine caught his right arm, which was broken in two places besides being very badly cut. The injured man was taken to the office of Dr. M. L. Herr, where he was attended, and afterwards left for his home.

#### A Gold Watch Case Found.

Yesterday as a gentleman of this city was riding on the cars on the Pennsylvania railroad, between Lancaster and Parkesburg, he found in the water-closet of the car a heavy gold case of an old-fashioned bull-eye watch, which had evidently been mislaid there by some passenger. On reaching Lancaster, the case was handed over to Capt. George Boyle, dispatcher at the passenger station, where the owner can get it.

## THE LEAF.

#### Local Tobacco Market.

A good deal of leaf tobacco continues to be received at the city warehouses, and packing goes on briskly. A number of buyers are traversing the county in search of bargains and some sales are reported, though the complaint is that the farmers hold their crops at exorbitant figures. This is a matter that concerns only the buyer and seller, and they will probably come to terms between now and the first of April.

There are reports of the sale of 400 cases of 1880 tobacco at Marietta, and Teller Bros., are credited with having sold 1,600 cases of the same crop.

Below are reported a few sales of new tobacco

J. Shuman, Lancaster township, to Spingarn at 23½ round, 3 acres, amounting to $1,000.04.

Thomas J. Baily, Sadsbury, to Prangley at 18 round.

Adam E. Rauck, Drumore, to Lederman at 30, 15, 8, 3.

Another lot to same, Pequea township, 20, 10.

Mr. Breneman, Pequea township, to McLaughlin at 13, 6, 3.

Frank Haines, Lebanon county, to Hershey & Shindle at 14 around.

David Stauffer, E. Earl township, to D. Levy at 27, 14, 8, 3.

C. B. Hershey, E. Hempfield, to D. Levy at 18, 10, 6, 3.

Thomas McVey, Drumore township, to Skiles & Frey at 25, 13, 8, 3.

S. L. Nissley, Drumore, to Lederman at 25, 13, 10, 3.

Martin Pyle, Chester county, to Skiles & Frey at 25, 10, 6, 3.

David Odenkirk, Chester county, to Skiles & Frey at 27, 10, 5, 3.

Henry Fagan, Little Britain, to DeHaven at 21 around.

J. D. Ecklin, Drumore, to DeHaven at 24 around.

Ebenezer Worth, Chester county, to Shultz at 27, 18, 7, 3.

Joseph Carroll, Fulton township, to Kreider & Sener at 28, 14, 8, 3.

Joseph Good, Rapho, to Lederman at 22, 10, 6, 3.

The following tobacco sales have been made in Upper Leacock township: Daniel Weidler sold 2 acres to Rosenbaum, for 27, 10, 3; E. Brown, to same, 25, 12, 8, 3; Harrison Smith, to same, 25, 12, 8, 5; Franklin Bender, to same, 27, 13, 8, 4; Aaron Stoltzfoos, to same, 30, 15, 10, 5; Reuben Landis, to same, 25, 10, 5; Geo. Mengle, to same, 26, 12, 8, 4; George Shirk, to same, 26, 10, 3; Daniel Ranck, to same, 25, 8, 3; Peter Ludwig, to same, ½ acre lot at 25 round; George K. Mearig, to same, 2 acres at 25 round; Amos Koehel, to same, 18 round; Elias Bard, to Gershel, 30 round; Role Greiner, to McLaughlin, 25 round; Milton Landis, to Mayer, 25 round; Frank Weidler, to Brownstine, for 30 round; Benjamin McElroy, to same, for 25, 10, 4; Peter Ludwig, to same, 25, 10, 4; Isaac L. Bard, to Schultze, for 30, 12, 5; Geo. K. Mearig, ½ acre, to Jac. Zook, for 27 round; John Urban, to Fenstermacher, for 20, 10, 3; John Simmons, to Rosenbaum, 25, 10, 4. Israel Mearig, to Reist & Co., 25, 13, 5; Wash. Simmons, to Mayer, 25, 14, 8, 3; Theodore Stauffer, to same, 28, 14, 8, 3; William Barton, to Frank Pentlarge, 30, 10, 5; Albert Roland, to Rosenbaum, 29, 10, 4; Jacob Weidler, to same, 28, 8, 3; Adam Rohrer, to Jac. Zook, 19 round.

#### Court Proceedings.

BEFORE JUDGE PATTERSON:

The case of Henry Melchor vs. Rosa Ripple and her husband John Ripple and Gabriel Hirsh, terre tenant, was argued by counsel, plaintiff's counsel holding that a certain mortgage given by the Ripples to plaintiff for $650 took precedence of a certain judgment for $1,300, that had been previously given by the same parties to Mr. Hirsh, but which judgment had lapsed, and been revived after the $650 mortgage had been given. No witnesses were heard and under direction of the court the jury found for plaintiff in the sum of $806 65. H. C. Brubaker and Chas. B. Kaufman for plaintiff, Johnson and Reynolds for defense.

Evan Busler vs. Nathaniel Burt. This is an issue to determine the ownership of a reaping machine that was purchased from plaintiff by defendant, and afterwards sold to W. S. Kennedy, by plaintiff, for the alleged reason that defendant had not complied with the conditions of the sale. On trial.

In the case of Christian O. Groff vs. Solomon C. Groff, judgment of non suit was entered against the plaintiff and in favor of the defendant. This was an action in ejectment brought by the plaintiff, who claimed to have in himself the title to a farm in Upper Leacock township valued at $25,000. H. M. North and E. D. North represented the plaintiff and B. F. Eshleman and W. M. Franklin the defendant.

BEFORE JUDGE LIVINGSTON.

Robert Carroll vs. the Pennsylvania railroad company. Action to recover damages for the loss of a foot by plaintiff, from being run over by the cars in the Pennsylvania railroad depot, this city. After the jury had been empaneled, they were taken to view the scene of the accident, which took place on the 11th of October, 1879. This morning the case was opened and the plaintiff was the first witness called. His testimony was to the effect that while standing in the railroad depot, a train east passed through, and when it had passed plaintiff attempted to cross the track and was struck by a train passing west, his foot being crushed beneath the cars, and afterwards amputated.

### THE FIRE COMPANIES.

#### Action of the Humane and American.

The American fire company had a meeting last evening, at which they agreed to not allow a fire alarm box to be put in their engine house because, as they claim, an effort is being made by the city to take their property, which they will resist.

They also refuse to lease their apparatus to the committee on reorganization of the fire department.

A communication from the committee asking the company to remain in service as long as needed was laid on the table.

A resolution was then passed to remain in service in the interest of the citizens but not because the committee asked it.

#### The "Big 6" Will Stay.

At a meeting of the Humane fire company held in their hall last evening they agreed to remain in service as long as the city may need their assistance.

#### The East Donegal Democracy

The following is the ticket nominated for the township election by the Democracy of East Donegal township:

Assessor, Joseph Shireman; assistants, David Grove, Abraham Martin; school directors, Simon L. Brandt, John Ebersole; supervisors, John Grady, Jacob G. Henderson; justice of the peace, Dr. John Beshler; auditor, Sylvester Griffith; town clerk, John Maize; constable, James Myers; judge, Jacob Z. Heisy; inspector, Paris Libhart.