Lancaster Intelligencer.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, JUNE 7, 1882.

The Retirement Bill.

The Senate is considering a bill which retires all officers of the army who have reached the age of sixty-two. A similar law has long been in operation in the navy, and it would seem that if it is good for one branch of the military service it is good for the other. But it is a very debatable question whether it is good for either; and especially whether if officers should be retired at a fixed age, sixty-two years, is not too early a period at which to release them from active service.

The officers of the army generally favor the proposed measure; the younger ones because it gives them promotion; and those who are to be retired do not object to it because a like law applies to them all, and no reflection is cast upon the capacity of any beyond that which is due to their declining years; and as a balm for this reminder of their growing feebleness they are given a good salary with nothing to do. No doubt great injustice is done to the active men in the army by keeping the higher ranks filled with men no longer capable of doing their full duty; and so far as promotion can be made more rapidly, by weeding the active list of the aged, who are also incapable, a good thing is done both for the efficient officers and for the service. But a great many officers are still very efficient at sixty-two years and even at a much greater age; and the question is whether the service is improved by putting them away. The country ought not to pay for services which it does not get if the capacity for service remains. A retired list is good; but those only seem to be properly placed upon it who are incapacitated for duty. If we could conclude that all officers, or nearly all, are thus incapacitated by sixty-two years of service, a rule retiring one at that age would be well enough. But this is not the fact; and such general incapacity can hardly be predicated of any age short of three score and ten.

We have now a retiring law which discharges from the active list all who are pronounced incapable; but it does not appear to work satisfactorily. If it was fairly and judiciously administered it ought to answer the purpose. But it is not so acted upon; the army is full of officers who do not do their duty. They do not want to be retired, because a measure of stigma attaches to them for a premature failure of their powers; they do not go out in company with those of their years. It is pleasanter to be hung in company; and they muster their influence to avoid execution, and succeed in doing it. Gen. McDowell, for instance, by reason of the political or other favor which he commands at Washington, remains on the active list, while younger and abler generals have been retired. There is rank injustice in this; and retirement will never be gracefully accepted when it is thus obnoxiously thrust only upon those who are too powerless to protect themselves.

There is a crying need that the active young officers of the army should have speedy advance in rank as an incentive to their exertions and a reward to their ambition. Grey-haired lieutenants are not an agreeable contemplation upon the army register. If it was possible promotion should be made rapid for the efficient officer and the inefficient should be retired, whatever his age. Promotion by merit should be the rule; but the practical difficulties in the way of securing it are such that probably promotion by seniority is the only recourse left. To make this promotion sufficiently rapid death must not be relied upon as the only agency in time of peace; but should all officers be cut off at the age of sixty-two? Senator Bayard proposes sixty-four as a substitute, which is something better; but it would be still better to enact that at a certain age, say fifty, and every ten years thereafter all the officers should pass under the harrow of an examination into their fitness for active duty; to the end that if unfit they may give their place, rank and enrolments to those who now do their duty for them and get none of the rewards; which is not just to them nor beneficial to the morale of the service. Weeding is good, but the weeding out of a hale officer just because of his age is a mistake. Many men are more active at seventy and eighty than others of half these years. Age is a poor criterion of physical ability.

As to Editors.

The Philadelphia *Times* is fond of charging against the Stalwart Republican Lancaster *Examiner* that it is edited by a howling Democrat. The *Times* is not remarkable for the accuracy of its knowledge about the editorship of the Lancaster journals, which yet it quite often imparts; but supposing that it is right in its conjecture that Mr. Hiestand has employed a Democrat to edit his journal for him, and supposing that he is wrong in doing so, is it for the *Times* to cast this stone? The *Times* has, and boasts that it has, men of both parties among its editors; why then may not the *Examiner* indulge in the same luxury, free at least from its animadversion? Is it because the *Examiner* is Stalwart and has principles, while the *Times* is independent, with none to speak of?

The editor in chief of the *Times* has been around among all the parties; that of the *Examiner* has staid contentedly in one; and has feathered his nest in it. That ought to make his newspaper a good Republican organ, and it may be that a Democrat is not the fittest man to grind his machine. But by the same token neither a Democrat nor a Republican is fitted to grind an Independent organ, since Independence is not their creed. It requires a mixed political creature to becomingly get out the Independent *Times*. He should have had an education all around the political arena and have rested nowhere so long as to have achieved a disposition to cling to any fixed principles.

The responsible editor of the *Times* has been well qualified to figure at the head of an Independent organ; in like measure Mr. Hiestand has been fitted to stand sponsor for a Stalwart Republican organ; and so far as we can see, if one has the right to travel outside the ranks of his party for his organ grinders, the other has an equal right; and for the *Times* to abuse the *Examiner* for it is only a case of the pot calling the kettle black. If the *Examiner* is now edited by a Democrat, Col. Hiestand has had better luck in getting a man qualified for the place than he had on previous occasions, when he went down to the *Times* office for a supply. And this suggests the query as to how the Independent *Times* could properly supply the Stalwart *Examiner* with editors from its corps, if the *Examiner* cannot properly go to any but Stalwart sources for its music grinders.

THE Democratic county convention to-day was well attended, discharged its duties promptly and harmoniously, nominated a fit ticket and adjourned in good time and good order.

The delegates to the state convention are representative Democrats who will go there, uninstructed and uncommitted, to act for the best interests of the whole party.

For jury commissioner, the nominee to which office at least is certain to be elected, the choice of Mr. Wm. Ellmaker is no disparagement of any of his competitors, who were worthy men; but as Mr. Ellmaker came within a few votes of being nominated three years ago, the place seemed to fall to him this year by natural political succession.

THE way it strikes an esteemed contemporary is that Mr. Blaine took a great many words to state a very short determination. "I will be president or nothing," expresses the whole matter.

GENERAL GRANT has had his alleged losses in Wall street denied through the roundabout way of a Mexican newspaper at third hand, passing through the Mexican minister in Washington and the Mexican foreign minister in Mexico.

THERE is said to be a scheme on foot to put ex Senator Conkling into Secretary Frelinghuysen's place, and Senator Don Cameron into Secretary Folger's place, the retiring secretaries being provided for by sending the former as minister to Great Britain, and by inducing the latter to accept the Republican nomination for governor of New York.

JUDGING by the bill presented Congress, the committee intended that the clouds of dust which made Yorktown intolerable to the visitors, were to have been laid by spirits of the most potent sort. The items presented Congress contain such suggestive details as 325 cases of champagne—or 3,900 bottles—68 gallons of whisky, 22 dozens of quarts of sherry, 15 gallons of brandy, $1,250 worth of cigars!

THERE is one newspaper, and only one so far as we have noticed, that endorses Senator Logan's position on the Senate military committee as the solitary opponent of the bill to do partial justice to General Fitz John Porter. It repeats the old argument as to the legality of the judgment of the original court-martial, and to the illegality of the body that, on a rehearing of the case, recommended his restoration to the army. That very conservative journal, the Philadelphia *Ledger*, thinks it is amazing that in view of the terrible wrong done General Porter—a wrong proved as clearly and completely as anything about the war is ever likely to be—that any man should stop to raise legal and technical objections to the righting of that wrong when a way of doing it has been pointed out.

PERSONAL.

MR. A. J. CASSATT, first vice president of the Pennsylvania railroad company, desired to retire from the exacting duties of railway management, and it is now currently reported on what appears to be trustworthy authority that he will retire some time during the present year and make an indefinite visit to Europe.

MRS. GARFIELD has $300,000 in government bonds, the result of the subscription. Then her husband's life was insured for $50,000, which she promptly received. She also was paid the salary of the president for the unoccupied first year, amounting to about $20,000. Then add to it about $30,000, the total value of Garfield's estate. She is also put on the pension list at $5,000 a year. So she is comfortable and can raise her children well.

LEAR WILL NOT OBEY.

The Chairman of Cameron's Convention Severely Criticizes Cameron's Methods.

Ex-Attorney General George Lear, who was permanent chairman of the "regular" Republican state convention at Harrisburg has written to Senator Thomas V. Cooper, chairman of the state committee, a long letter, dated "Doylestown June 3," in reference to Mr. Cooper's call for the reassembling of the convention on June 21, to nominate a candidate for congressman-at-large in place of Thomas M. Marshall, who declined. Mr. Lear opens by remarking that his attention was drawn to Chairman Cooper's call by E. G. Harrison, Bucks county member of the state committee, who, although within three-quarters of an hour's ride of the Republican headquarters had no notice of any such meeting as ought to have been held to authorize Chairman Cooper's order. Mr. Lear then declares that he will not attend the convention for reasons based upon principle and policy. He goes into an elaborate explanation of the causes that have led to the Independent revolt. Appointments are made in the interest of ambitious politicians for the purpose of increasing or perpetrating their power, and conventions for the nomination of candidates are packed with delegates for the same purpose by methods inconsistent with a fair representation of the Republican masses. The justness and truth of these allegations, Mr. Lear says, were recognized and admitted by the peace conference, to which Mr. Cooper was a party. Good faith requires that the compact then made and approved by the Harrisburg convention shall be rigorously maintained in letter and spirit. Any other course will be equivalent to an attempt to obtain votes under false pretences.

A Child Drowned in a Cesspool.

In Reading, last evening a sad accident occurred, by which one child, aged seventeen months, lost its life, and another, aged seven years, made a narrow escape. The children are the daughters of Cyrus Maurer of the firm of Christian Grunder & Co., horse-collar manufacturers, residing at 1038 Elm street. The children had been playing in the yard. While their mother left them for a few moments they went into the outhouse to play with some kittens. The younger child lost its balance and fell in the cesspool, a depth of twenty feet, and was drowned before it could be rescued. The elder made a narrow escape from falling in while attempting to catch its sister.

A MEMORIAL MEETING.

STUBBS REUNION IN LANCASTER COUNTY.

One Hundred and Sixteen of the Decendants of Vincent Stubbs Assembled at the Old Homestead—Planting of a Memorial Tree—Reading of Historical Family Documents, &c.

Oxford Press.

Thursday, June 1st, will be ever recollected as a memorable epoch among the descendants of an old established family in Lancaster county. On this day, at the old homestead, among the Susquehanna hills, in Fulton township, now the residence of Thomas Stubbs, a grandson, was gathered the descendants of Vincent Stubbs, in memory of their worthy ancestor. The time of meeting was 10 o'clock a. m., when the various preparations made by the host were complete and everything in order for the arrival of the expected guests. By twelve over a hundred persons had arrived and at one o'clock the last installment reached the ground by train from Oxford. At the latter named hour the chairman of the committee on refreshments, Mrs. Mary H. Stubbs, who, by the way, deserves great credit for her good management, announced that everything was in readiness, when grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great great grandchildren, to the number of one hundred and sixteen, sat down at tables placed on the lawn, well loaded with the good things eatable of this earth.

At two o'clock all those present were assembled on the spacious porch in front of the old mansion, where a meeting was called by selecting John Coates, of Parkesburg, Chester county, as president, with Miss Bella Neel and Lewis K. Stubbs as secretaries. Dr. Chas. H. Stubbs being called on, read a paper giving a historical record of the Stubbs family from the original settler in this county down to a period cotemporaneous with the settlement on the present farm of Vincent Stubbs—whose memory was this day being celebrated. He was followed by Mrs. Priscilla Coates, who read an essay in memoriam of Dr. John Stubbs Parry and Vincent S. Barnard, worthy members of the family. She was followed by Mrs. Rebecca D. King, of Little Britain, with a brief eulogy to the memory of Mrs. Sarah Preston, another descendant of the family. Miss Neel, one of the secretaries, by request, read the original copy of the last will and testament of Thomas Stubbs, the first known of the name in this country. She was followed by Lewis K. Stubbs, who read a copy of the will of Daniel Stubbs, the first settler of the name in Lancaster county.

The exercises at the house being partially completed, the guests repaired to the site of the old mansion house where Vincent Stubbs and Priscilla Cooper began married life. Here the most impressive ceremony of the day took place. Near what was supposed to be the corner of the wall of the old building a hole had been dug and lined with a quantity of rich loam, in which a memorial tree (a walnut) selected for the occasion was planted. During the ceremony the tree was hold in position by the present proprietor of the farm and his wife, while those present threw in the earth around the roots. The first assigned to this duty was the oldest descendant present, a grandchild, Mrs. Priscilla S. Walton, of Erceldoun, Chester county, who was followed in turn by Joseph C. Stubbs and Rachel B. Gatchell, of Fulton, Reuben and Vincent Stubbs of York county, Mrs. Rebecca Richards and Mrs. Sarah Lincoln, of Cecil county, Md., and many others, down to the youngest child able to throw a shovelfull of dirt. The tree having been planted and secured by a board enclosure, those present again repaired to the mansion, where they were requested to sign a memorial paper to be left with the hostess and his lady as a memento of this family reunion. This having been completed the setting sun gave warning that the day was far gone, when the guests departed for their respective homes, after having spent a pleasant time at the home of a common ancestor.

MARTIC MATTERS.

The Latest News From Down the River.

Owing to the very cold weather to which our section has been subject this spring, the different crops are in a very backward condition. The most of the corn planted is hardly visible. Very few persons have commenced planting tobacco and it is the opinion of nearly all our farmers that hardly half a crop of hay will reward their toil. The condition of the weather during the present spring has been so very cold and blustery that even our oldest inhabitants have been unable to recollect of any spring that equalled it. Overcoats have not been entirely discarded, and during the entire day fires are kept brightly burning in every house.

During the night of May 27, a dreadful thunder storm visited Martic. The war of the elements was terrific for a considerable period of time, and the rain descended in torrents. Some of the results of the storm were washed fields in every direction, and Mr. Patrick Moss had five calves struck by lightning, all of which were killed.

The school directors of Martic township met during the afternoon of the 3d inst. at the hotel in Rawlinsville for the purpose of reorganizing for the present year and for appointing the teachers to serve during the coming term. After the reorganization was effected the following teachers were appointed: For Mt. Nebo, U. S. Clarke; Rawlinsville, Fannie Stevenson; Red Hill, Olie Robinson; Sunnyside, Effie Smith; Marticville graded to be supplied; Marticville primary, Dora McGuigan; Cedar Grove, Annie Montgomery; Crystal Brook, Lillie McGuigon; Rock Run, Edward C. Young; Bridge Valley, H. B. Hambleton. The action of the directors in appointing applicants from our own township in preference to all other applicants can not be commended too highly.

Reunion of the Ninth Penna. Vet. Vol. Cavalry.

The 13th annual reunion of the survivors of this regiment will take place in this city to-morrow. The attendance is expected to be large, although many of the comrades have gone to their eternal camp since their muster-out at Harrisburg in July, 1865. It might be well to remember that they were the only regiment of Pennsylvania cavalry which "marched down to the sea" with Gen. Sherman. And at the muster-out of Sherman's army they were retained for service in North Carolina, and were denied the privilege of participating in the grand review at Washington, D. C., but like good soldiers they quietly waited until their muster-out, which occurred as above stated.

It is hoped there will be a full turn out of the survivors of the ninth from this county, as two companies were organized here.

All soldiers and citizens are invited to be present at the reunion which takes place in the G. A. R. hall, Centre square, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon when an oration will be delivered by Maj. A. C. Reinoehl. The visiting comrades will be well taken care of in the evening, and a pleasant time is anticipated.

Headquarters of the 9th Pa. cavalry will be at the Keystone house

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The Lititz and Brickerville Turnpike.

At the last meeting of the persons interested in the Brickerville pike in Lititz, it was shown that $18,000 has been subscribed, enough to construct a good portion of the road.

THE CASE AGAINST SHALLER.

Abandoned by the District Attorney.

Michael Shaller appeared at Alderman Donnelly's last evening to answer the charge of incendiarism preferred against him at the instance of District Attorney Davis. The chief of police testified that he made the complaint at the direction of Mr. Davis, and had no further knowledge of the accusation. Officer Leaman testified that he obtained a subpœna and went to the district attorney to get the names of witnesses, and that he told him he had quashed that case and ordered the alderman to abandon it, that as he had instituted the suit, he had the power to stop it. No other witnesses being present, the alderman dismissed the case.

"From An Unknown Cause."

New Era.

The investigation now pending before Alderman Barr as to the origin of the incendiary fire started by the fire bug, Alexander Lemon, is peculiar in many of its phases. The act under which the district attorney ordered the investigation was passed April 17, 1869. It makes it lawful for any mayor, alderman or justice of the peace having jurisdiction, "whenever it shall be made to appear, by the affidavit of a creditable witness, that any building or other property has been set on fire maliciously, or burned from an unknown cause," to summon a jury consisting of not less than three, who shall hear the testimony produced before them, and find and certify the facts, as far as ascertained, and the party or parties implicated shall be bound over to the court of quarter sessions for trial.

The object of this act is manifestly to aid in ascertaining the cause of the destruction or injury of property "burned from an unknown cause," or, when caused by an incendiary act, the incendiary is unknown. Neither of these conditions exists in the case now pending. The cause of the fire is known and the incendiary is in custody on his own plea of guilty, having been duly committed for trial in default of bail. Having implicated the special officer who arrested him as a party to the crime, the district attorney caused his arrest, but pending the hearing these proceedings under the act of 1869 were instituted before another alderman.

As we have before stated, all the facts bearing upon the administration of justice in the case could have been brought out in the trial of Lemon before a court and jury. Shaller, the special officer, would have been a principal witness for the commonwealth, and his cross-examination would have developed all the transactions to which he and Lemon were parties, the jury being competent to pass upon the facts. If the district attorney is sincere in his new zeal for giving the public the benefit of the almost forgotten act of 1869, there are other cases where he might invoke its application with promising effect. A quite recent example is in point. The stock of Gottschalk & Lederman's store was "burned from an unknown cause" and a great deal of mystery hangs around it in the public mind. Here is a legitimate field for the exercise of the most sagacious jury that the zealous district attorney could cause to be empanneled. In the one case the origin of the fire is known by the direct testimony of an eye witness, and emphasized by the admission of the incendiary. In the other, all is surmise and suspicion, and the suspicions may reflect unjustly upon innocent parties, who might be vindicated by an investigation under the act of 1869, and some light thrown upon what is now a dark mystery.

Why is the district attorney so jealous in the one case, and so impotent in the other? Are the business men of a crowded thoroughfare, packed with valuable property, less interested in ascertaining the origin of incendiary fires in their midst, than the owners of a tobacco shed in the Seventh ward?

BART ITEMS.

The News Around Georgetown.

Items of importance have been very scarce in Bart for some time past. The usual routine of work among the farmers has been somewhat varied by the uncommon weather. Tobacco plants are backward, few of the farmers having them ready to set out. Charles E. Steacy was the first in this section to get a start made. He has about 2,000 plants out and looking fine.

Sales of the last crop are occasionly being made, the principal buyers being Phenekar and Rowe, of Strasburg, and John Eager, for Kendig, of Lancaster. Benjamin Fritz sold at 10 and 2, and several others among whom are Jerome Keely, B. F. Reed and Geo. Papson, prices not known. Aaron Hartman has had his crop cased amounting to 21 cases. Martin & Fritz have closed their packing house, having filled nearly all their storing rooms.

Cyrus Simmons, an old resident of Bart, died on Friday morning, June 2, aged 75. Mr. Simmons was one of the last to submit to the removal of the Orthodox Friends' place of meeting from Bart meeting-house to the new house in Christiana, he having gone several times on regular meeting days to the old place entirely alone.

The usual quiet village of Georgetown was treated to an exhibition of pugilistic abilities, on Saturday evening, June 3d, by the Knox family, Newton, Elwood, Will and some of the females of the family were present. The quarrel arose from some little occurrence during the past winter between Morris Eavenson and one of the Knoxes. Eavenson was the objective point aimed at by the Knoxes, and they (the Knoxes) were successful in giving Eavenson a few scratches. Eavenson is a young man of 16 or 18 years, and this was the first quarrel he ever got mixed into, while on the other hand the parties are old hands at the business, especially where talk will avail. The affair was a disgraceful one and one not calculated to reflect credit on any of the participants.

The Independent Movement.

The action of the Independent convention was looked forward to with interest by all parties in this neighborhood, and when the result came "to town," it had different effects on different persons. For instance, on the face of a prominent Democrat was seen a broad smile, indicating the humorous propensity was touched; on the face of an intelligent Independent there appeared a look hard to read, the only certain feature being a look of determination, while the straightouter turned livid, the lips trembled, the nerves twitched, and curses loud and deep were seen if not heard.

The Independent ticket will undoubtedly get a following in this township, and one not to be lightly considered.

A Lancaster Barber Dead in New York.

Postmaster Marshall has received the following communication inquiring after the identity and relatives of a young man who died recently in New York:

NEW YORK, June 5, 1882.

SIR: A young barber, Simon Combe, died in the Presbyterian hospital, Madison avenue and 70th street, New York city. He said he came from Lancaster, Pa. Would you be kind enough to communicate with his relatives, if he has any?

Respectfully,

P. LECKLER.

The Fire Alarm.

For the INTELLIGENCER.

The citizens and property owners are hereby notified that when any of the alarm boxes on East or West King streets are struck for fire, the whole department responds. This would have been the case at the fire Monday afternoon but for the striking of three boxes at the same time.

HENRY N. HOWELL,
Chief Engineer of Fire Department.

COUNTY CONVENTION.

IT NOMINATES A FULL TICKET.

Abraham Collins for State Senator—The Delegates to the State Convention—Ellmaker for Jury Commissioner.

The Democratic district and county conventions met in Lancaster to-day, and nominated a full ticket of county officers, besides electing delegates to the state convention. Mr. Abram Collins was named for senator in the upper district, and for jury commissioner, over which nomination there was the most interest excited, Wm. Ellmaker, of New Holland, who was second highest candidate in 1879, was nominated on first ballot. Below will be found the proceedings in detail:

The City Convention.

The delegates from the city were called to order in one of the rooms on the lower floor by Wm. H. Roland, esq. George Darmstetter was called to the chair and John A. Coyle and Philip Bernard were chosen secretaries. The roll was called, and after a few substitutions had been made stood as follows:

First Ward—William Shultz, Theodore Trout, Samuel Slaugh, James McElhone, Allen Pyle.

Second Ward—Levi Bartle, Philip Bernard, Edwin H. Bartle, James R. Donnelly, Hugh Keogh.

Third Ward—John A. Coyle, B. F. Davis, John F. Deichler, Chas. Effinger, B. Frank Leman.

Fourth Ward—H. Brinkman, D. W. Dietrich, L. Falk, Henry Wilhelm, John Ochs.

Fifth Ward—O. B. Shertzer, Peter Alabach, M. M. Sourbeer, John S. Beck, Jos. Kautz.

Sixth Ward—Wm. Johnson, John Riley, John B. Sener, George Prentiss, Charles F. Beitzel, jr.

Seventh Ward—Bernard Kuhlman, Geo. Darmstetter, Davis Kitch, Adam J. Sauer, Fred. Arnold.

Eighth Ward—Jacob Burke, John A. Frailey, A. F. Oblender, J. J. Hartley, John A. Bradel.

Ninth Ward—John McKillips, Harry Miley, Jacob Pontz, J. A. Metzger, Chas. E. Broome.

Nominations for representative delegate to the state convention being in order, the names of Henry Wolf, James R. Donnelly, James Plucker and B. F. Davis were presented, but the latter gentleman stated that he was no candidate and he was withdrawn.

Mr. Wolf received the votes of the 3d, 4th, 5th, 7th, 8th and 9th wards: Mr. Plucker of the 1st and 6th, and Mr. Donnelly of the 2d. The election of Mr. Wolf was thereupon made unanimous and John Ochs, Davis Kitch and Harry Miley were appointed a committee to notify him. Mr. Wolf appeared before the convention, expressed thanks for the honor conferred, and said he hoped to go to Harrisburg to help to nominate our next governor, a Democrat.

The convention then adjourned.

Lower Representative Convention.

The delegates from the lower end assembled in the room adjoining that occupied by the city convention. Robert Montgomery was elected president and D. F. Magee and W. F. McSparran were chosen secretaries.

The list of delegates was called as follows:

Bart—

Colerain—Milton Keylor, J. J. Galbraith, Marian Harrar, Sam'l W. Swisher, James M. Walker.

Conestoga—

Drumore—E. M. Stauffer, David Weidley, Jas. G. McSparran, Jos. Carrigan, E. P. Ambler.

Eden—T. L. Thompson, Robt. Montgomery, Geo. McIlhenny.

Fulton—W. Whittaker, S. M. McSparran, E. E. Woodward.

Lampeter, E—W. H. Simons, John A. Birkinbuil, J. B. Martin, Daniel L. Erb, O. D. Simmons.

Lampeter, W—J. R. Dietrich, Abr. Sides, Eph. Eckman, Chas. Velder, B. F. Sides.

Lancaster—Sam'l W. Potts, S. H. Dunlap, W. H. Stehman.

Leacock—R. N. Knox, Wm. Bender, W. W. Busser, Jacob R. Rutter, Daniel Diller.

Little Britain—B. S. Patterson, D. F. Magee, Julius Fiege, J. S. Patterson, Dr. J. W. Zell.

Indiantown—H. G. Dornheim.

Millersville—John Kautz, Fred. Fenstermacher, John Musselman, Abr. Leonard, Daniel Smith, jr.

Martic—S. C. Stevenson, John Montooth, David Creamer, John K. Mull, Frank Breneman.

Manor, New—John S. Mann, Henry Young, Abram Young.

Paradise—George Diller, Jno. F Lefever, Jacob Brua, C. Harsh, J. A. Irwin.

Pequea—Geo. W. Sawville, John M. Miller. A. A. Sullivan.

Providence—A. L. Winters, G. J. Hildebrand, John Duffy, W. H. Brown, B. F. Worth.

Salisbury—Jacob Wise, Christian Berkeyheiser, Wm. P. Linville, Preston Creamer, Geo. Stern.

Sadsbury—H. L. Townsend, Geo. S. Boone, John M. Rutter, Isaac Albright, Joshua Brosius.

Strasburg Boro.—W. B. Clark, H. M Black, J. C. Beam, E. E. Harnish, Geo. B. Eager.

Strasburg twp.—W. J. Wentz, B. B Myers, Ph. Miller. F. Clark. S. H. Wiker

Washington Upper—Geo. W. Roberts, Henry Wertz, Aaron Kise.

Washington Lower—J. W. Kise, Martin Bitner, Wm. Allison.

For representative delegates to the state convention, J. Charles Beam, of Strasburg, and Elias M. Stauffer, of Drumore, were chosen, and for Assembly James M. Walker, esq. of Colerain, and Charles J. Rhodes, of Manor.

The convention then adjourned to meet the city delegates in senatorial convention.

Lower Senatorial Convention.

The city and lower end delegates, comprising the 13th senatorial district, then assembled for the purpose of naming a senatorial delegate to the state convention. Mr. Darmstetter, who had been chairman of the city convention, nominated Mr. Montgomery, who had presided over the lower end representative convention, for chairman of the joint assemblage, and he wa elected without dissent. The secretaries of the former conventions were chosen to act in the same capacity for the senatorial convention.

Nominations for senatorial delegate were called for, and W. U. Hensel, esq., was nominated and elected by acclamation.

Adjourned.

Northern District.

The convention was called to order by Mr. Wm. B. Given, of 1st ward, Columbia, and G. W. Schroder, 2d ward, Columbia, was appointtd reading clerk.

The credentials of the delegates from the several districts, were read as follows:

Adamstown—Augustus Regar, M. H. Clark, H. R. Stark.

Brecknock—J. F. Kern, Isaac Bordenhard, John B. Lorah, C. B. Beninger.

Columbia, First Ward—Wm. B. Given, Geo. Young, jr., Jacob Sneath, R. W. Keech and John Swartz.

Columbia, Second Ward—H. M. North, Wm. Patton, John C. Clark, Geo. W. Schroeder, George Tille.

Columbia, Third Ward—John Harsh, G. L. Lyle, Frank Janson, Frank Long, Andrew Hardnele.

Cærnarvon—R. M. Arters, Dr. W. B. Irwin, G. W. Simpson, Edw. Miller, John Quaintance.

Clay—Aaron Kline, Peter O. Elser, John Keener, H. L. Erb, John H. Achey.

Conoy—J. W. Morrison, Christian Hoover, David Mentzler, Peter Sides.

Cocalico E.—H. E. Shimp, W. C. Zell, Frank Fritz, Abraham Lawrence, Jacob Davidson.

Cocalico W.—L. M. Weist, John Stober, Wm. Bechtal, John Bixler, E. B. Wolf.

Donegal E., Maytown—David Grove, Arlile Houseal, Henry Beschler, John Morton, J. L. Hayes.

Donegal E., Springville—Geo. T. Grosh, Henry Schlegelmilch, John Rohm.

Donegal E.—Lincoln.—S. L. Brandt, E. J. Myers, John Grady, Aaron Saurbeer, Joseph Clinton.

Donegal W.—G. W. Wormley, Abram Forney, James McGill, Daniel Sweigart, Cyrus Oldweiler.

Earl.—

Earl E.—Philip Ruff, I. D. Worst, Jonas Z. Stauffer, George Dunlap.

Earl W.—Henry Kaffroth, Levi Ragen, H. Heiler.

Elizabeth.—James K. Reddig, D. E. Youtz, Franklin Ruth, Samuel Keath, G. F. Shultz.

Elizabethtown.—Col. H. M. Breneman, Emanuel Hoffman. C. M. Simmers, B. F. Baer, J. B. Buch.

Ephrata.—Martin S. Kline, J. W. Leber, A. G. Killian, Allen Ulrich, F. W. Hull.

Hempfield E.—Rohrerstown — W. H. Dietrich, E. L. Hambright, J. K. Davis, John Stewart, E. C. Livingood.

Hempfield E., Petersburg—C. G. Bassler, J. C. Workman, B. F. Lutz, Jacob Minnich, H. G. Bishop.

Hempfield W., Silver Springs—Christian Misekey, John Herbert, jr., Bernhart Neucher, Samuel Getz, Henry M. Weller.

Hempfield W., Norwood.—Hiram C. Lockart, William Heidler, John Clark, Henry Nissley, Daniel D. Fory.

Hempfield W., Northwestern.—Solomon Zeamer, Wm. Walker, Henry Zeamer.

Hempfield W.. Mountville.—John S. Hoover, Conrad Waltz, Urich Kauffman, David Yohn, Henry Lawrence.

Leacock Upper—Elias Bard, M. B. Weidler, Michael Gross, Frank Weidler, D. S. Parmer.

Marietta—Sam'l Loucks, Fred. Waller, A. Collins, Walter Freyberger, Fred. Maulick.

Mt. Joy, Leaman's—W. L. Diffenbaugh, J. W. Nauman, Fred. Oldeveiler, Solomon Baker, Christian Hummel.

Mt. Joy, Breneman's—John H. Menaugh, David Shadel, Samuel Walter.

Mt. Joy Borough—James Montgomery, M. T. Bowman, Jacob Shride, S. P. Heilig, M. Hildebrand.

Manheim Borough—F. B. Brosey, H. J. Schriver, J. M. Fetter, J. W. Pritz, B A. Donavan.

Manheim twp.—Amos Meese, John Rebman, Geo. B. Grube, S. K. Hostetter, Samuel Hasson.

Rapho, Newtown—Jac. Habecker, John C. Deirt, John Shenk, John Kemerly, Frank Girfin.

Rapho, Strickler's—H. F. Hamilton, Henry Baker, John G. Hamilton.

Rapho, Union Square—

Rapho, Sporting Hill—

Penn—Emanuel Keener, M. G. Burkholder, David D. Conrade.

Warwick—Dr. J. H. Shenk, H. C. Hull, Weidler Bender, Josh. Snavely, Jacob A. Buch.

Wm. B. Given, of Columbia, was chosen permanent president by acclamation, and Jacob Sneath, of Columbia, Hiram Erb, of Clay and Franklin Brosey, of Manheim, were oppointed secretaries.

On motion the convention proceeded to make general nominations for delegates to the state convention. The following were placed in nomination:

Wm. H. Diffenbaugh, Mount Joy twp; David Grove, East Donegal; Martin Bowman, Mount Joy; Henry M. Weller, West Hempfield; Hiram Erb, Clay; Emanuel M. Hambright, East Hempfield; Jacob A. Buch, Warwick; C. Hanlen, Marietta; Wm. B. Irwin, Cærnarvon.

On motion the nominations closed.

G. W. Schroeder, Columbia, and E. C. Diller of Earl, were appointed tellers.

The districts were called and the vote was announced as follows:

Mr. Diffenbaugh had	8	votes
" Grove	17	"
" Bowman	6	"
" Weller	24	"
" Erb	3	"
" Hambright	25	"
" Buch	13	"
" Hanlen	20	"
" Irwin	25	"

Messrs. Weller, Hambright, Hanlen and Irwin were declared elected, and it was left with Messrs. Hambright and Irwin to decide between themselves which should be senatorial delegate. Dr. Irwin said he deferred to age and that makes Hambright Senatorial delegate.

For Senator of the Northern senatorial district Abraham Collins, of Marietta, and Henry E. Shimp, of East Cocalico, were placed in nomination.

The districts were called and the result of the ballot was announced as follows:

Mr. Collins had	21	votes
" Shimp	14	"

Nominations for assembly were made as follows:

E. C. Diller, of Earl; G. W. Simpson, of Churchtown; Henry E. Shimp, of East Cocalico.

There being no further nominations the gentlemen named were nominated by acclamation.

On motion adjourned.

County Convention.

The convention was called to order by the chairman of the county committee.

Messrs. John A. Coyle, city, Jacob Sneath, of Columbia, and D. F. Magee, of Little Britain, were chosen secretaries.

Two of the delegates of the Second ward were in favor of one substitute and two others of another.

On motion no substitution was received until a majority of the delegates agreed upon his substitution and finally Levi Bartle was agreed upon.

George Darmstetter, of the Seventh ward, was unanimously chosen temporary and permanent chairman.

On motion of W. B. Given, esq., it was ordered that the nominations be made in the order in which they are printed in the call for the convention.

The convention proceeded to nominate a candidate for Congress, and on motion S. H. Reynolds, esq., was nominated by acclamation.

The following persons were then placed in nomination for the office named, and were chosen by acclamation:

RECORDER OF DEEDS.

W. W. Busser, Leacock.

COUNTY SOLICITOR.

D. G. Eshleman, esq.

PRISON INSPECTORS.

J. H. Schlegelmilch, Springville.

John Rebman, Eden.

DIRECTORS OF THE POOR.

J. P. McIlvaine, Paradise.

Philip Bernard, 2d ward, city.

For jury commissioner the following were nominated: Wm. Ellmaker, Benj. Huber, A. Z. Ringwalt, Jerome B. Shultz.

On motion Davis Kitch, Seventh ward, city, and W. B. Given, of Columbia, were appointed tellers.

The districts were called and the vote resulted as follows:

Mr. Ellmaker	44
Mr. Huber	16
Mr. Ringwalt	1
Mr. Shultz	10

Mr. Ellmaker having received a majority of the votes was declared the nominee for jury commissioner and on motion his nomination was made unanimous.

Judge Ellmaker being called upon for a speech, thanked the convention for the honor conferred, and promised if elected to see that the wheel was filled with proper names. He believed the prospects for the election of a Democratic governor were excellent, and he advised all Democrats to work unremittingly for that result. He opposed any alliance with the warring factions of the Republican party or any other faction, but to stand squarely on the Democratic platform, and if we then go down we can go down with colors flying. (applause).

On motion the convention adjourned.

The County Committee.

Following is a list of the county committee, so far as returned to the convention. Any corrections which may be made should be sent to this office or to the chairman of the county committee:

District.	Name.	Postoffice.
Adamstown	N F Hartman	Adamstown
Bart		
Brecknock	C B Reninger	
COLUMBIA.		
1st ward	C F Young	Columbia
2d ward	W H Grier	"
3d ward	Frank Janson	"
Caernarvon	G W Simpson	Churchtown
Clay	H L Erb	Clay
Colerain	J M Walker	Clonmell
Conestoga		
Conoy	Jac R Kobb	Falmouth
Cocalico East	Jac Davidson	Reamstown
Cocalico West	L M Weist	
DONEGAL E.		
Maytown	H Terry	Maytown
Springville	Geo L Grosh	Spring Garden
Donegal West	Peter A Ruft	Elizabetht'wn
Drumore	E P Ambler	LibertySquare
Eden	D Haverstick	Quarryville
Earl	Isaac Holl	New Holland
Earl West	Hen Kafroth	West Earl
Earl East	J Z Stauffer	Goodville
Elizabeth	G F Shultz	Brickerville
Elizabethtown	C M Simmers	Elizabetht'wn
Ephrata	J W Leber	Ephrata
Fulton	Amor Jenkins	Rock Springs, [Md.
HEMPFIELD E.		
Petersburg	C G Bassler	E Hempfield
Rohrerstown	W H Dietrich	Hempfield
HEMPFIELD W.		
Silver Spri'gs	H M Weller	Silver Springs
Norwood	Dan'l D Forry	Columbia
Northwest'n	Sol Zeamer	"
Mountville	Jno S Hoover	Mountville
Lampeter E	J L Lightner	Soudersburg
Lampeter W	B F Sides	Lampeter
LANCASTER.		
1st ward	W H Roland	Lancaster
2d ward	W U Hensel	"
3d ward	J F Deichler	"
4th ward	J T McGonigle	"
5th ward	P Allabach	"
6th ward	Geo S Landis	"
7th ward	Davis Kitch	"
8th ward	W Wolpert	"
9th ward	Chas Roth	"
Lancaster twp.	S W Potts	
Leacock	W W Busser	Intercourse
Leacock U	Elias Bard	Leacock
Little Britain	B S Patterson	White Rock
Manor,—New	Jno S Mann	Columbia
Indiantown	Chas J Rhodes	Safe Harbor
Millersville	Fred Gerth	Millersville
Martic	D Cramer	Rawlinsville
Marietta	J M Hanlan	Marietta
Lincoln S H	A Saurbier	"
Mt. Joy—B S H	Jno Menaugh	Spring Garden
Mt. Joy—L S H	W Diffenbaugh	Elizabetht'wn
Mt. Joy bor	Jac Shride	Mt Joy
Manheim bor	B A Donavan	Manheim
Manheim twp	Jno Rebman	Binkley's Br
RAPHO.		
Newton	Jac Habecker	Columbia
S. S. H.	H F Hamilton	Mt Joy
U Square	Reub Shelly	Old Line
Sporting Hill	H K Nauman	Sporting Hill
Paradise	Geo Diller	Leaman Place
Providence	A L Winters	N Providence
Penn	Em'l Keener	White Oak
Pequea	A A Sullivan	Willow Street
Salisbury	W P Linville	Gap
Sadsbury	H L Townsend	Smyrna
Strasburg bor	E E Harnish	Strasburg
Strasburg twp	Jno Eitemiller	N Providence
Washington U	G W Roberts	Washington B
Washington L	J W Kise	
Warwick	I F Bomberger	Lititz

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS.

Events Near and Across the County Lines.

A new railroad will be constructed shortly from Cornwall to Lebanon.

At a furnace in Reading, while John Frietag, a Pollander, was engaged at some work one of the iron rods which are used to run through pipe, struck him with terrible velocity and went crushing through his right side, breaking the ribs and tearing away a portion of his lungs. He was carried several yards, and also had his back severely bruised. He was injured fatally.

Nineteen more mutual insurance companies were dissolved yesterday by the court at Harrisburg. Under the order of the attorney general for the dissolution of graveyard insurance companies 170 of them have been dissolved. Of this number 44 will contest the right of the state's officer to close them up.

The Steelton *Reporter* is a bright daily paper just started in Steelton, Dauphin county.

A number of collieries in Schuylkill county have been drowned out by the recent heavy rains.

Seventeen thousand tons of iron are being taken out of the Cornwall hills, at Lebanon, every month.

A gray eagle, measuring seven feet from tip to tip of wings, was killed in Butler township, Adams county, recently, by Henry Deatrick.

The last smallpox patient in South Bethlehem was discharged yesterday. During the prevalence of the disease there 119 persons died.

The commencement exercises of the Pennsylvania military academy at Chester will begin next Sunday, when the baccalaureate sermon will be preached by Rev. Dr. George Dana Boardman, of Philadelphia, in Ridley Park Baptist church.

A NARROW ESCAPE.

Trying to Drive Over a Locomotive.

Yesterday morning Wm. Ayars, late a printer in Washington, now a sewing machine agent in Lancaster, and Samuel S. Dorwart, late in the employ of Harry A. Diller, now also in the sewing machine business, left this city with a horse and wagon belonging to Agent Eppler, and set out to deliver two St. John sewing machines, one to James Frey below Quarryville and the other to Martin Rinear in that village. At the first railroad crossing below Refton, just beyond the Beaver creek bridge, the railroad runs nearly parallel with the dirt road, and Ayars, who was driving, recklessly got the team up on the crossing just as the down passenger train, drawn by the engine Lititz, came thundering along. Dorwart seized the lines and pulled the horse aside, but the step which hangs down from the locomotive cabin caught the hub of the front wheel of the sewing machine wagon, and vehicle, horse, agents and machines were tumbled over, down the bank, smashing the fence and rolled down into the field. The wagon was wrecked, the machines were broken to pieces, and when the train had stopped and the passengers had taken Ayars and Dorwart out from the wreck, it was found that the latter was considerably bruised and Ayars' head was badly cut. They were taken to Quarryville. Dr. Thad. M. Rohrer sewed up the big gash on Ayers' head and they returned to this city on the afternoon train, leaving their team behind to be called for hereafter.

The Union Testimonial.

The beautiful testimonial prepared by the Union fire company No. 1, of this city, for presentation to the Union fire company of Trenton, N. J., was taken yesterday from the show window of Astrich Brothers, where it had been on exhibition, and was boxed and shipped to Trenton to-day. On Tuesday morning a committee of the Union consisting of H. E. Slaymaker, Samuel D. Bausman, E. E. Snyder, John Copland and John B. Lebkicher, will leave Lancaster for Trenton to formally present the testimonial to their Trenton namesakes.

Rev. Gernant Sick With Varioloid.

Lebanon Times.

Rev. Edwin A. Gernant, the esteemed and talented young pastor of Zion's Reformed church, of Allentown, is sick with varioloid in Philabelphia. Rev. Gernant left Allentown on Monday last to visit his grandmother at Lebanon, who is ill. Thence he proceeded to Philadelphia to visit friends. The disease first manifested itself in a mild form last Thursday. Rev. Mr. Gernant is stopping at No. 1006 Mt. Vernon street, and is receiving the most careful attention.