

Lancaster Intelligencer.

TUESDAY EVENING, JAN. 30, 1883.

Uncertain Legislation.

It is a fortunate thing for the country that Congress will have to adjourn by the fourth of March. It would be well if Congress was never permitted to remain in session longer than three months in any one year. All the legislation the country needs could be considered in that time. The country is always easier and safer when Congress is not in session. Just at present it is particularly uneasy, since many of its most important interests are awaiting the result of legislation. What hurts our business interests is uncertainty. When Congress deliberates upon a question of tax or tariff no fellow can determine what it is going to do. So merchants, buy as little as they can while awaiting congressional action. The amount of a tariff duty would not be of vital consequence, if its permanency was established. The iron trade, for instance, can adapt itself to almost any rate of duty. If it is made so low as to admit English iron at present prices, the remedy is to reduce the cost of production here. The workman must get less, the transporters less and the ore and coal producers less. If the duty should be made higher than it is at present, the price of iron would not be increased, since the home competition now fixes it. But the uncertainty as to what the future duty may be leads consumers of iron to buy from hand to mouth, fearing lest prices may be lower.

The tobacco interest is in like manner in a state of depression, because of the uncertainty as to the action that will be taken relative to the tax on cigars, and also to some extent in expectation of some action as to the importation of Sumatra tobacco. The talk about Sumatra tobacco is, however, a good deal for effect. This tobacco is largely imported because it makes a good looking and cheap cigar wrapper. A case of it will wrap a good many more cigars than will a case of Pennsylvania. But the quality of the tobacco is inferior, and there is no danger of its supplanting the Pennsylvania growth. The crop packed last year in this state was of fine quality, and will certainly be marketed as soon as Congress adjourns. The crop grown this year is also of excellent quality, although in nearly all sections the quantity of good leaf has been greatly diminished by the cutting of the hail stems. Growers, who have good tobacco, need not apprehend that it will not command a good price, but they may have to wait till we get rid of Congress. The cigar manufacturers, however, seem now to be plucking up courage to continue their business, suspecting that after the tax on cigars is not to be reduced. For several months the cigar production has been greatly curtailed by the general expectation that the tax would be lessened, owing to the redundancy of the revenue. But there is no reason for the reduction of this tax. It is one that is rightly imposed, and that the country can readily bear. The consumer is the only one interested, and it will not do him any good to give him a cheaper cigar. He will only smoke the more of them; and he should not smoke any. Particularly if he cannot afford it. It is a source of great satisfaction to the good citizen to see the tobacco consumer heavily taxed. It is really delicious to see the man smoking a cigar and chewing a quid, while you realize that he is paying an appreciable sum towards the expenses of the government. You feel that if he is hurting himself he is helping his fellows, who have no such small vices, and who enjoy their citizenship more cheaply by reason of the folly of those who consume tobacco and whisky.

Salaries for County Officers.

The members of the local bar took a step forward some years ago in preparing and publishing the legal fees of the various county officers of this county, and in agreeing that the lawyers would protect their clients from greater charges than those presented by this schedule. For various reasons they weakened in the resolution. They found it inconvenient to inaugurate and maintain controversy with the court house officials over what in most individual cases was a slight imposition, but what in the main has amounted to a heavy tax upon the community, an aggregation of violations of the law and a sink of official meanness and political corruption. Besides, the new fee bill of 1875 changed the costs and rendered the schedule prepared by the bar useless. The INTELLIGENCER has printed the new fee bill and prepared copies of it for gratuitous distribution, and it has had a wide circulation. Nevertheless the public continue to be imposed upon, and exorbitant charges in the court house are the subject of much scandal and the occasion of loud complaint. The lawyers, who suffer as much as anybody in their practice and in the derogation of their profession by these abuses, now propose to appeal to the Legislature to enact a law fixing salaries for the local county officers instead of making their emoluments depend upon the fees which they can grab. The spirit of the new constitution and the better sense of publicists now favor salaries instead of fees in all important offices. In counties of over 150,000 population they are already fixed by law and the allowances suggested by the bar association are sufficiently liberal to compensate the incumbents of our court house. It is to be remembered that such a law will not affect those now in office; that these salaries are for the principals only and the county commissioners and auditors are made a board to fix the number and salaries of deputies and clerks; that the legal fees continue as now fixed, but all go into the county treasury and that the necessary furniture, stationery, fuel, &c., are furnished by the county.

Did Not Come Off.

A boxing match between Mace and Slade, announced to take place last evening in Madison Square Garden, New York, did not come off. Mace and Slade were arrested and held to bail, and the "public" were not allowed to enter the garden.

Storm and Flood.

DESTRUCTION BY THE ELEMENTS.

Engulfed by the Waves—Drowned by the Flood—Storm Swept and Sunk—A Trail of Disaster.

The British bark Argo, from New York for Queenstown, is ashore at Bally Cotton island. Assistance has been sent to her. The British iron ship Plasey, of 1,683 tons, belonging to London, is ashore at Hythe. She has lost her rudder and is a wreck. The Norwegian bark Adulguende went ashore at Fleetwood and has become a total wreck. The crew were saved. The British bark Rance, from Liverpool for Galveston, has returned to Liverpool. She lost sails and sustained other damage. The Norwegian bark Caren, from Galveston for Queenstown, has taken refuge at Whitehaven. Her forecast is sprung. She has lost sails, is leaky and badly strained. The British ship Royal Tar, from Philadelphia for Liverpool, has been driven into Fenarth Roads. Her decks have been swept and other damage done. One man was lost. Wreckage is washing ashore at the Solly Islands, which is believed to be from the British ship Arzilla, from Cardiff for Montevideo. The British ship G. W. Wolf, from Philadelphia, has arrived at Belfast. She reports that on Wednesday last, in latitude 47° North longitude 20° West, she passed a disabled steamer. This was probably the steamer Quebec. The schooner F. Chisholm, from Gloucester, Massachusetts, was spoken recently on the Grand Bank, having lost two of her crew, Angus Melsaun and Martin Flaherty, whilst visiting twale. A terrific wind storm visited Denver, Colorado, yesterday morning, demolishing what is known as the "unroofing" as many more. The wind blew in gusts, each succeeded by a dead calm. While D. Hope, of Dahlonega, Georgia, was exploring Tallulah Falls, on Saturday he got lost. He was found on Sunday night clinging to the side of a chasm, 300 feet below the surface, and preparations were made to haul him up with ropes.

Obituary Notes.

Stephen G. Gould, president of the American Insurance company, died yesterday at Gardfield La., N. J., senior member of the firm of Larned, Thompson & Co., publishers of the Shipping List, of Boston, died yesterday in West Newton, Massachusetts, at the age of 75 years. J. K. Bowles, postmaster of Bedford, died yesterday. He was first appointed postmaster by President Grant in 1875. Gen. E. E. Ryan, senior member of an insurance firm in Chicago, died yesterday from an illness contracted in Anderson prison during the late war. J. W. Wister, a well known citizen of Germantown, died on Sunday last, aged 79 years. Theodore S. Fulton, formerly of the firm of McCarter & Fulton, painters, Philadelphia, died on Saturday last, aged 53 years. Mary Ann Conrad, niece of Hon. Conrad, a soldier under Napoleon Bonaparte, died yesterday at Philadelphia, at the alleged age of 103 years, 1 month and 3 days.

Founding in a Metal Coffin.

Early yesterday morning a metal coffin was found floating in the Mississippi river at Delta point. It contained the body of a young lady handsomely dressed in a white rep silk dress, with a rich lace collar around her neck. The dress and collar were white and perfect as when first buried. Her face was much discolored. The coffin was of old style, in use some twenty years ago, heavily enameled in white. It is thought the body must have been buried fifteen or twenty years ago and then fallen into the river at Lake Providence, or near Goodrich's Landing, where cemeteries are carving into the river. The body, after being viewed by a number of persons, was buried at Delta Point.

Three Drunkards Playing With Fire.

John Brown, Daniel McElroy, jr., and Gideon Johnson, jr., the latter colored man, while intoxicated on Saturday night, went to a cabin about three miles from Millville, N. J., occupied by Charles Richmond, a laborer, and his two sisters, and, driving off the hinges, set fire to the building. The fire contents of the hut were destroyed. Warrants have been issued for the arrest of the three incendiaries.

The Mine on Fire.

The fire in the Bear Valley shaft, near Shamokin, Pa., being extinguished by the fire department. There was an explosion of sulphur on Sunday night, but no damage was done. A hole is being driven into the mine, which, it is believed, will enable them to reach the fire and completely extinguish it. It is said work in the other portion of the mine will be resumed today.

PERSONAL.

MR. GLADSTONE felled a tree in wet weather the other day, and the lumbago immediately felled him. NIELSSON'S parents, who were Swedish peasants are dead. She is the youngest of seven children. All living, and exchangeably fond of their life and unable to understand the change in their sister's associations. J. SIMPSON AFRICA, who will take his seat as secretary of internal affairs next May, will listen he says to all the advice he may have to offer, but will announce a single opinion or proclaim his definite policy until he has assumed the duties of the office.

THE PRACTITIONER.

We have upon our table the initial number of a new medical monthly entitled THE PRACTITIONER, and published by Dr. H. B. Stehman, of this city. The paper contains eight large quarto pages, filled with matter that cannot fail to be of great value to the medical profession. The leading article is an interesting one on the life and medical and surgical practice of Dr. John L. Atlee, of this city, and the publisher promises to follow in succeeding numbers with similar sketches of Drs. Humes, Muhlenberg, Cassidy, Burrows and others. The paper is well edited and contains some good articles. The question for debate was, "Resolved, 'That the use of tobacco is a greater evil than the folly of fashion' and was discussed by D. F. Magee, and W. B. Faxon, on the affirmative, and negatively by Mr. L. S. Will, of this county, who made a very excellent clerk under a Republican administration.

SCHOOL DIRECTORS.

Following are the names of the school directors who were elected next October, and whose successors are to be chosen at the municipal election to be held February 20th: Democrats—F. W. Haas, Dr. John Levergood, Peter McConny, Adam Obendorf, H. Z. Rhoads, W. Zecher. Republicans—H. R. Breneeman, C. F. Eberman, John I. Hartman, Dr. M. L. Herr, Joseph Samson, John B. Warfel.

Went to Wilkesbarre.

W. N. Stark, commander and M. V. B. Keller, Peter Altabach and Wm. Roehm, delegates from George H. Thomas Post, No. 64, accompanied by Thomas Hubley, of Mount Joy, left for Wilkesbarre at 9:40 this morning, to attend the state meeting of the Grand Army of the Republic, which will be held there to-morrow and Thursday.

THE BAR ASSOCIATION.

REFORM IN THE COUNTY OFFICES.

Substituting Salaries for Fees—Proposed Legislation For Counties of Between 100,000 and 150,000. A special meeting of the Lancaster county bar association, called to consider the propriety of securing legislative action to salary our county officers, was held this morning in the main court room. H. M. North, esq., president of the association, was in the chair; and A. Wilson, esq., acting as secretary; and E. K. Martin, esq., in explaining the object of the meeting, said the call for it had been signed by every member of the bar except one. The meeting was attended by over forty active practitioners. After some discussion, and a general agreement that the proposed manner of paying the county officers was desirable, a committee, consisting of W. A. Atlee, S. H. Reynolds, Geo. Nauman, E. K. Martin and M. Brosius, esqs., was appointed to consider the matter and report at once to the meeting such legislation as was necessary. While the committee was out, at the instance of President North, a beautiful eulogy of Counsellor Hungerford, pronounced by Hon. R. D. Hubbard in the supreme court of Connecticut, was read from the XXXIX Connecticut Reports by J. H. Brown, esq. The sentiment and diction of the address were the subject of general admiration. The committee returned promptly and reported favoring legislation supplementary to the present law, classifying counties of over 150,000 population, which would provide for a fourth class, embracing the counties of Lancaster, Luzerne, Schuylkill and Berks, providing salaries for their county officers instead of fees and mileage, and appointing a county commissioner and auditor; a board of control to fix the number of the deputies and clerks, all fees under this act to go into the county treasury. The report of the committee was considered and after some discussion the meeting adopted the following schedule as its idea of what the salaries should be in these counties in lieu of all fees: District attorney, \$3,000; sheriff, \$4,000; prothonotary, \$3,500; clerk of orphans court, \$2,500; clerk of quarter sessions, \$2,500; recorder, \$3,000; treasurer, \$3,000; county surveyor, \$150; county commissioners, \$1,000; auditors, \$250; county solicitor, \$500; jury commissioner, \$100. It was then agreed that the committee above named be continued to draft the necessary legislation to carry out the proposed changes, to secure the repeal of all inconsistent laws and to present the proposed new measures to the Legislature and to the representatives and members of the bar of other counties interested. T. D. Holahan, esq., moved that the committee be authorized to secure the legislation necessary to increase the salaries of the judges from \$4,000 to \$5,000. This was laid upon the table, and the association adjourned.

DANCES OF THE DAY.

The Motions, Waltzes, Steps and Genuities of the day are of a most desirable character. Fashions in dancing present no striking change since last season. The American society of professors of dancing, which has its headquarters in this city, held its annual meeting last week and decided to recognize the waltz as the "racket" from their lessons and to forbid it altogether in their academies. Notwithstanding this action I have seen it indulged in at every ball which was attended. Its name is slang and its character is that of a "racket" step, and originated in the fact that the music which was at first used for it was "the Raquet Waltz." It is called, in various sections, the "Society," the "Newport," the "Ripple" and the "Rockaway." It is regarded as too showy for modest girls to fling themselves into, and this is why the professors have undertaken to place it under taboo. The round dances which strict propriety permits this year are the plain waltz and the slow waltz. The latter may be varied by what is called the polka schenka, a two-and-a-half step that is not theatrical if danced and gracefully done. The close hugging, sometimes indulged in last winter by couples who ought to have known better, is a "vicious" relaxed, and to be avoided. I think that dancing rather from abuse than that dancing. The square dances in use at the public balls are the plain quadrille and the plain and Saratoga lancers. In the latter the couples form parallel lines and dance together, the figures being of a simple and unassuming character. The German is danced still in private assemblies, but never at large balls. A new round dance in some vogue in parlors is called the Kusse and partakes of the character of a waltz and mazurka combined. There is also a square dance called the National Guard, composed of squares and circles of a somewhat military character. The Polo quadrille, with its rapid all-hands-round, proved too much of a circus to please women and has gone out of vogue nearly everywhere. The old-fashioned Virginia reel is extensively revived.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS.

Events across the County Line. A petition for an extension of the borough limits of Steelton has been laid before the Board of Supervisors. Complaint has been made among Reading housekeepers that the market butter is always short in weight. The market commissioner has been notified. An application for a charter for a Farmers' and Drivers' national bank in York has been made and will probably be granted in a short time. There is a great scarcity of water in Berks and Lebanon counties and the upper end of Dauphin and Perry counties, and the farmers carry the water used at their houses by a long line of pipes. A circular has been issued from Co. E, Seventieth regiment of Cavalry, P. V., who served in the late war, to other comrades, asking for a regimental union to be held at Lebanon, May 28.

Deaths from Distemper.

During last week eight valuable draught horses on William M. Singery's sheep farm, near Spring House, Montgomery county, died of a shocking distemper. The farm is tenanted by Jackson Sexton. The disease attacked the mares at my home farm that I would have refused \$2500 for. That was in 1874. It's all nonsense about distemper from opened silos. The disease has been known for years in Montgomery and Bucks counties as choking distemper and it was never heard of anywhere else. Nobody has ever been able to ascertain its cause and I don't suppose they ever will.

White Rock Lyceum.

At its last meeting this society was called to order by President G. W. Collins and a full house was present. Some interesting information was had from a discussion of referred questions, by Miss Annie W. B. Paxon, D. F. Magee and others. The exercises were attended with some instrumental music, by J. K. Fairbank, Chas. Flora, Albert King and Chas. Kuhns. The Herald, was read by Mrs. Annie Barnett and contained some good articles. The question for debate was, "Resolved, 'That the use of tobacco is a greater evil than the folly of fashion' and was discussed by D. F. Magee, and W. B. Faxon on the affirmative, and negatively by Mr. L. S. Will, of this county, who made a very excellent clerk under a Republican administration.

A SIGHT MISLEADING.

In the list of contributors to the German relief fund, which was published in the INTELLIGENCER last night, we inadvertently omitted the name of Mr. H. E. Leman, who donated \$5. It was not Mr. Henry Schuster who collected \$5.50, but Henry Schuster, the bartender of the William Penn hotel on North Mulberry street.

Will Must Go.

Charles Barr, a brother of the editor of the Pittsburgh Post, has been appointed commission clerk in the state department in place of Mr. L. S. Will, of this county, who made a very excellent clerk under a Republican administration.

Justices to be Drawn.

The jury commissioners and Judge Patterson finished their selection of the list of jurors this morning, and this afternoon the wheel was filled. The first jury will be drawn on Thursday morning at 10 o'clock.

On the Road.

Last night Matt Gible's combination of specialty artists gave an entertainment in Christiansa to a large audience. They gave great satisfaction and will appear in Litzitz on Thursday evening.

Sale of Bank Stock.

J. B. Long, broker, sold today at private sale, 25 shares First National bank of Strasburg, at \$148 per share, and 3 shares Farmers' National bank at \$110 per share.

Before the Mayor.

This morning the mayor had seven cases before him. One drunk got twenty days, one ten and five vagrants were discharged.

REPUBLICAN PRIMARIES.

General Nomination of Candidates.

The Republican voters of the several wards met last evening at their usual election places and put in general nomination the following named candidates for ward and city officers, from which they will make up a ticket on Friday evening next, to be voted for at the city election to be held on Tuesday, February 20: FIRST WARD. Common Council—W. K. Beard, Sam'l L. Levan, Dr. S. T. Davis, H. H. Power, J. P. Stormfeldt, Dr. A. J. Herr, Geo. H. Hartman, James A. Miller. Constable—Samuel Sweenk. Assessor—C. Wetohans, H. M. Greenwald, Chas. Brimmer. Judge—J. B. Lebkicher. Inspector—M. L. Rathvon. Delegates—John A. Hiestand, J. Hay Brown, J. B. Lebkicher. SECOND WARD. Common Council—Frank H. Bare, David S. Rettew, B. F. Sker, Hervey N. Hurst. Alderman—F. A. Dittendorfer, Wm. D. Stauffer. Assessor—Jerome Vondersmith, Philip Smith. Constable—George Cramer, Zebulon Wise, George Schoenberger. Judge—H. L. Henderson. Inspector—Edw. E. Edgerly, jr. Delegates—George W. Kline, Barton P. Meizer, Edward Price, W. L. Sutton, John B. Shiffert. THIRD WARD. Common Council—D. B. Landis, B. Henry, S. H. Rice, H. C. Demuth, Dr. M. L. Herr, Samuel B. Cox, P. M. Zwalley, W. H. Powell, Eugene Bauer, W. G. Rapp. Constable—C. I. Stormfeldt. Assessor—Joel L. Haines. Judge—Thomas A. Deen, S. H. Price. Inspector—H. F. Metzger, E. S. Kurtz. Delegates—M. E. Steigerwald, Prof. B. Stauch, Dr. M. H. Herr, Peter M. Zwalley, James Sweger, Henry Shoffstall. FOURTH WARD. Common Council—Geo. W. Corney, John E. Schum, Dr. R. M. Bolesius. Assessor—John W. Habley. Constable—Andrew Eckholtz. Judge—Robt. J. Evans. Inspector—Jacob M. Wilhelm. Delegates—A. K. Spurrier, J. W. Johnson, Thomas Hays. FIFTH WARD. Select Council—Harry A. Diller, John DeHaven. Common Council—J. F. Remley, jr., Clarence V. Lichty, Frederick A. Albright. Constable—J. P. Killinger, George Winour. Assessor—Henry Hartley. Judge—Harvey T. Riley. Inspector—Wm. DeHaven. Delegates—Julius Levy, jr., J. R. Jeffries, C. A. Gast. SIXTH WARD. Common Council—John McLaughlin, Wm. Riddle, Miller W. Fraim. Constable—John Flory. Judge—John W. Samson. Inspector—Wm. L. Gable. Assessor—A. L. Thomas. Delegates—John C. Hoffman, L. C. Eby, Samuel G. Gensamer, Lewis S. Hartman. SEVENTH WARD. Select Council—Wm. Wohlson. Common Council—Christian Nauman, Wm. Connelly, Wm. B. Bateman. Assessor—Joseph E. Dorwart. Constable—Wm. Leonard. Judge—John R. Smith, Bernard Brecht. Inspector—Robert McDonald. Delegates—Wm. J. Smith, Jacob E. Price, George P. Miller, W. S. Burns, C. L. Smith, Robert McDonald, Wm. Wohlson. EIGHTH WARD. Common Council—John Snyder, Daniel Sneych, L. W. Shaw, Henry Shindel. Constable—Henry Benner, Henry Wagner. Assessor—J. B. Millhiesch. Judge—Albert Nichol. Delegates—Andrew J. Blucher, George Gezell, J. Frederick Suter, Adam Blumenstock, Henry Graham. NINTH WARD. Select Council—Dana Graham. Common Council—William C. Daisz, Henry Gorrecht, John S. Kendig, John Fox. Assessor—Linnaeus Rathvon. Constable—Jacob Boas, Geo. W. Fordney. Judge—Geo. W. Fox. Inspector—Carson Miller. Delegates—J. W. Byrne, I. N. Stauffer, Joseph Dellel, John Graham, John Jacobs.

INCIDENT.

James F. Brown's trial in Philadelphia. James F. Brown, a cooper of the Philadelphia almshouse, was yesterday placed on trial, charged with forgery, and conspiring with Ellis Phipps to defraud the city by uttering and publishing bogus bills, amounting to \$1,754.41, for leather and to have been supplied by P. Steel. The Commonwealth was represented by Assistant District Attorney Biezy and District Attorney Graham, assisted by Thomas W. Barlow, of counsel for the Committee of One Hundred. Messrs. Emanuel Cohen, Samuel M. Jones and William B. Mann appeared for the defence. Mayor MacGonigle, R. A. Malone, J. J. Fitzpatrick and B. J. McGrann, of this city, were witnesses for defendant's good character. Brown, upon taking the stand in his own behalf, said that he first went to the almshouse as superintendent's clerk. He was elected storekeeper in June, 1880. He never received one penny in connection with these bills. The bills were generally brought to him by Major Phipps, and after going over the calculations he would mark them correct if the items corresponded with the contract price. He never had cause to suspect that there was anything wrong with the bills handed him by Major Phipps, and as to those spoken of by the prosecuting attorney. He kept no book in which to enter the goods received; all he did was to examine the figuring. He did not take any books away with him when he left the almshouse. There was no one in the institution who kept an account of all the goods received. He never was shown any rules for his guidance in matters of this kind. On cross-examination he said that he had marked all the bills correct without seeing whether a single pound of goods had really been received. Upon argument by counsel and the charge of the court, the jury retired shortly after six o'clock.

A PROPOSED EASTERN MARKET.

Its Location Not Yet Fixed. Subscription books are in the hands of Philip Ginder, A. A. Herr and Alderman Donnelly, for the erection of a new market house in the eastern section of the city. It is proposed to form a company with a capital stock of \$50,000, divided into 1,000 shares of \$50 each. A considerable portion of the stock has been already subscribed. The location of the new market has not yet been determined, but will be fixed hereafter by a vote of the stockholders.

Improvement in Mail.

Additional mail facilities have just been provided for Hempfield postoffice (Rohrerstown). Heretofore it only received one mail from this city and that left here at 1:50 p. m. According to this new arrangement mails for that office will leave here at 9:40 a. m. and 5:30 p. m., and will be received at 8 a. m. and 1 p. m.

COLUMBIA NEWS.

OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE.

Events Along the Susquehanna—Items of Interest in and Around the Borough Picked Up by the Intelligencer. This evening the "Opphean" musicals will be held at the residence of Mr. Henry Pfahler, on Locust street. Mr. John Barr, formerly of Lancaster but now a resident of Philadelphia, is visiting Columbia friends. Four tramps were booked for the county jail by Officer Stunk, this morning. Officer Gilbert only had two. Miss Alice Adams, of Harrisburg, is visiting the family of Mr. William Baight, on North 64 street. Mr. John Vanhau, who has been in Evansville, Ind., for some months past, has returned to his home in Wrightsville. A frame dwelling house on 5th street was slightly damaged by fire this morning. The flames were extinguished by neighbors of the family occupying the building who came to their assistance. A team belonging to a Mt. Joy man ran away on Locust street this morning. The driver was thrown out, but escaped unhurt. The right front wheel of the wagon was broken, necessitating a visit to a wheelwright's establishment for repairs. The largest attended sale which has been held in Columbia this winter was that which was held at the residence of the late Mrs. Mary Thomas, on 5th street, yesterday. The house was filled and the crowd overflowed into the street. On Saturday evening, February 3d, at 7:30 o'clock, the Democrats of the First ward, will hold a meeting for the purpose of choosing candidates for a borough ticket. The meeting will be held at Jos. Deak's saloon, under the instruction of the party. It is requested, as the nominations are important ones. Mr. Jacob Sneath has the contract for putting up two new residences in the spring; one for Mr. Henry Westerman, and the other for the Reading & Columbia railroad superintendent, Alex. Wilson. The latter will be situated on Third street, between Walnut and Chestnut streets. Mr. A. J. Musser in his possession a well preserved watch, which was printed in Zurich, Switzerland, in 1799. It was brought to this country by Peter Musser, great grandfather of the present owner, and is quite a curiosity. Several ladies were insulted by a wretch on Second street, last evening, as they were returning from a social gathering. A rolling mill employee happened to be passing at the time and to him the ladies appealed for protection; and not in vain either. John Sullivan could not have trimmed the fellow up in better style than did the ladies' protector, and when he had finished his little work of punishment, both left the place, the insulters vanquished to have his face patched up, and the victor to proceed on his way chuckling at his late amusement, followed by the thanks of a championed lady, who had been frightened witnesses of the encounter.

A Railroad Collision.

While the train of engine No. 114 was standing west of the tunnel above this place this morning about half-past five o'clock, the rear end of the train was struck by engine No. 16 of the Reading & P. local freight. The eighth car from the rear of the front train was thrown from the rails and somewhat damaged. The accident was caused by the inability of the engineer of 161 to see the train in front of him, on account of the dense fog which prevailed. The wrecking crew from this place was sent to the scene of the wreck, and cleared the tracks in a short time. No person was injured by the collision.

WILLIAMSTOWN ITEMS.

Sleigh Masses—Quitting Party. The village of Williamstown boasts of its educational facilities, which it claims to be among the best in the county. Its public school building is large and comfortable, and the school consists of over seventy scholars, under the instruction of Prof. J. W. Weaver, of Gordonville, who on Tuesday, the 23d, treated about fifty of the larger scholars to a delightful sleigh ride. They visited the Spring Valley school, and also Mr. Christian at the Block House, on Wednesday. There was an entertainment in the school room given by Prof. Dyer, a blind vocalist. On Tuesday evening a large number of young gentlemen and ladies made a surprise visit on sleds to the residence of Mr. Porter, on Locust street. A delightful drive was followed by a very pleasant reunion, and the festivities were kept up until the wee sma' hours of the morning. On Saturday there was a quilting party at Mr. E. Brown's, a cooper of the Philadelphia almshouse, was yesterday placed on trial, charged with forgery, and conspiring with Ellis Phipps to defraud the city by uttering and publishing bogus bills, amounting to \$1,754.41, for leather and to have been supplied by P. Steel. The Commonwealth was represented by Assistant District Attorney Biezy and District Attorney Graham, assisted by Thomas W. Barlow, of counsel for the Committee of One Hundred. Messrs. Emanuel Cohen, Samuel M. Jones and William B. Mann appeared for the defence. Mayor MacGonigle, R. A. Malone, J. J. Fitzpatrick and B. J. McGrann, of this city, were witnesses for defendant's good character. Brown, upon taking the stand in his own behalf, said that he first went to the almshouse as superintendent's clerk. He was elected storekeeper in June, 1880. He never received one penny in connection with these bills. The bills were generally brought to him by Major Phipps, and after going over the calculations he would mark them correct if the items corresponded with the contract price. He never had cause to suspect that there was anything wrong with the bills handed him by Major Phipps, and as to those spoken of by the prosecuting attorney. He kept no book in which to enter the goods received; all he did was to examine the figuring. He did not take any books away with him when he left the almshouse. There was no one in the institution who kept an account of all the goods received. He never was shown any rules for his guidance in matters of this kind. On cross-examination he said that he had marked all the bills correct without seeing whether a single pound of goods had really been received. Upon argument by counsel and the charge of the court, the jury retired shortly after six o'clock.

DEST TO DEST.

Funeral of the Late John W. Claxton, D. D. The funeral of the late Dr. Claxton took place yesterday, the services being at St. Andrew's Episcopal church, Eighth street, above Spruce, Philadelphia. The church was hung in green, and the coffin was placed near the altar. The services were conducted by the rector, Rev. Dr. Paddock. Psalms and hymns were sung by the united choir. Rev. Dr. Robbins read the scriptures and Rev. Charles Logan, of Manayunk, read the prayers. The coffin was carried by the pall bearers down the aisle, followed by the mourners, and passing up the side aisle was carried to the place of interment in the churchyard, beside the grave of deceased's parents. Prayers were offered at the grave by Rev. Dr. Paddock. The pall bearers were Orlando Greene, A. Ireland, John A. Clark, Dr. Muhlenberg, of Lancaster, Horace N. Claxton and Wm. R. Claxton.

Sales of Tobacco.

Our Bird in-Hand correspondent sends us the following sales of 82 tobacco, recently made in that vicinity. Adam Swope, three acres to Mr. Alt schul, at 28, 10 and 3. Emanuel Reib, 1 acre to same, at 22, 8 and 3. Jacob Stoltz, 3 acres to same, at 20, 10 and 3. Joshua Lapp, 6 acres to same at 16 through. Jacob Mace, 11 acres to C. G. Herr, at 20, 8 and 3. Wm. Gortner, 1 acre to same, at 20, 8 and 3. Peter Dorshimer, 2 1/2 acres to Mr. Sterner, at 11 cents through.

Our Insane Patients.

The insane patients belonging to this county, who were taken to the Northampton insane asylum after the destruction by fire of the Lancaster county asylum, were brought on from Norristown today, arriving at Lancaster at 2:10 this afternoon, and were returned to their wards in the recently rebuilt asylum. They greet the officers in charge but very little trouble during the trip from Norristown.

Large Lot of Scenery.

The "White Slave" company arrived in town at noon today from York, where they had a packed house last night. They have a whole car load of scenery and baggage and a very large troupe.