

For Charity's Sake.

We understand, from the debate on the free pass bill, that Senator Stewart, and those senators favoring the enforcement of the constitution in this regard who unite with him in opposing Senator Cooper's amendment permitting the issue of free passes for charitable uses, do so upon the ground that the constitution forbids such an exception and that they will not vote for an unconstitutional provision. Neither should they; but they should be very sure indeed that the constitution does forbid a railroad corporation to exercise charity before they incorporate the prohibition in the law. It seems clear to us that the constitution does not such thing. It says that no transportation company "shall grant free passes or passes at a discount," but that declaration must be intelligently construed by the Legislature. It is its duty, quite as much as it is that of the judiciary, to give effect to the obvious meaning of the constitution, and not to stick at its letter when to do so would clearly do violence to the spirit. Certainly the sweeping words of the constitution would forbid the issue by railroad companies of tickets at a discount; for a ticket is a pass; if it is not then the constitution does not prohibit free tickets; and so its mandate is nullified at once.

No one in sound mind, we suppose, will maintain that the constitution was intended to forbid railroad companies to sell tickets to the general public at any discount they see fit. It is their common practice, and entirely unobjectionable when there is no unfair discrimination in its exercise; when there is no favored class and when every one under like conditions can obtain tickets on like terms. The companies sell their tickets at a discount on business principles. They make special terms to associations, or to enterprising men who desire to get up excursions. They make one discount for the first hundred tickets, a larger one for the second hundred and so on. Does the Legislature contemplate prohibiting this method of doing business? We imagine not. If the members are fit for their places they will frame a law to carry out this provision of the constitution which will leave it entirely clear that transportation companies have full liberty to sell their tickets at such discounts as they please from their regular rates, provided that they make no distinction among persons in their issue, and show to no man or woman any special favor.

And if the Legislature is not only allowed, but required by its duty to intelligently except from the unheaped prohibition of the constitution the issue of railroad tickets at a discount for commercial purposes, why may it not be similarly commanded to declare it to be lawful to issue tickets or passes—we care not by which name the paper is called—at a discount, or wholly without price, for charitable purposes? This we should very much like to know, if there is a senator wise enough to find it out. We know of no law that ever prohibited the exercise of charity by those in sound mind. There is a statute which prohibits men near the gates of eternity from leaving their wealth to charitable institutions, but that law had a reasonable foundation, since it aimed to prevent undue influence upon men at a time when their strength of mind was most probably not at par.

Who would think that the constitution prohibits charity by railroads? No one. Senator Stewart declares this to be so plain that he thinks it unnecessary to embody the declaration in a law. How then would that declaration be unconstitutional if so embodied in the law? Is it not a gross contradiction in Senator Stewart to maintain that it would not prohibit charity by a railroad, in prohibiting free passes for charitable objects, because the companies could give the money to buy the tickets? But is not that giving a free ticket? Does not one pocket right into the other? And is it not a well known principle of the law that what cannot be done directly may not be done indirectly. The law does not countenance evasions. Either a transportation company may issue free passes in charity or it may not in any way devote its carrying facilities to charitable uses.

We abhor the declaration that the constitution of Pennsylvania forbids charity, and we hope that the Legislature of Pennsylvania will see to it that no such charge may be brought against the state. If the constitution is ambiguous let the law-makers make its meaning plain in the statute, so that those who run may read. And let them take their intelligence as their guide in construing it.

The bill to abolish the office of sealer of weights and measures has finally passed the Legislature and gone to the governor, whose approval it will unquestionably receive, as one of the issues upon which he was elected was opposition to all useless and oppressive offices, of which this sealer has proved itself to be one of the most notable wherever it has been exercised. There is little occasion for it, complaints of false weights and measures being very uncommon. When preferred they can be provided for by the new law now on its passage, making the issue of short weights and measures a misdemeanor; and as most of the counties have provided themselves with standards, which can be taken charge of by the commissioners and put into the custody of their clerk, there is a ready and accessible standard by which all such complaints can be adjudged. Now that the office is to be abolished and the representatives of the people have declared against the necessity for it, there is nothing in the way of Governor Feltson's prompt removal of all the appointees who are exercising it, before they have any further chance to levy toll upon the mercantile community.

FAULTY ASSESSMENTS.

WHAT HAPPENS IN PHILADELPHIA.

Important testimony presented yesterday at Harrisburg in the hearing of the tax assessors.

The state board of tax revision having added large amounts to the return from Philadelphia of personal property taxable for state purposes and the city having taken an appeal, the matter came up in the Harrisburg courts yesterday, and a dispatch from the city to the Record, gives the following interesting account of the origin of the suit:

Of the \$45,000,000 returned in 1882 by the board of revision of taxes as "money at interest" taxable for state purposes at four mills on the dollar, it was shown that a large proportion of this amount was levied upon poor women and children and large number of taxable persons had been overlooked. Although seven eighths of the city is under mortgage, as appeared by the investigations of the real estate title insurance company in preparing its abstracts from the county records, the board of revision did not represent more than one-tenth of that sum. The board had levied to the extent of \$37,412,198 upon trusts and estates which are administered mainly in the interests of women and children; it had levied \$5,327,476 upon women and \$13,237,911 upon children. The board of revision of the city had been able to find only 1,005 men, 324 women and 288 trustees and estates which held money at interest—an average of 37 taxable persons for each assessor in a population of 848,990. The assessors found only one person in 539 who had money at interest. In fact, the board of revision of the city had overlooked for every lawyer and conveyancer who places money on investment. They made the Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth and Twenty-second wards bear the city's burden, and made the Philadelphia savings fund, which partakes of the nature of a public institution, pay one-ninth of the total tax against the city. In the first six wards, with a population of 135,000, the tax assessors returned only 37 persons as taxable for money at interest.

Between the 1st of January, 1879, and the 1st of January, 1882, there were sixty millions of dollars placed at mortgage; but the board of revision could only add one million to the forty-four millions returned in 1879. In the vaults of one concern (the Fidelity trust and safe deposit company) it has been stated that securities valued at eight hundred million dollars are stored; but "overlooked such a trifling matter."

Under a peculiar construction of the act of 1881, taxing "all mortgages," etc., the board of revision has exempted nine trust companies from the tax; so that they can loan money at lower rates than individuals, and thereby make greater profits. The board decided that as these companies paid taxes on capital stock and on net earnings they were not required to pay what might be called a double tax by returning money at interest. The effect of this decision was that on company which should pay \$33,000 on its company interest now pays only \$8,000 on tax on capital stock. By paying \$20,000 three of the companies are freed from the imposition of a tax which would amount to \$71,000 if the taxable property was held by an individual. Practically, the effect of this decision makes the dollar of the corporate money-lender worth seven cents more than the dollar of that individual money-lender who pays his tax and honestly strives to live up to the obligations of citizenship.

Oppressing individuals and favoring corporations.

The board has neglected to assess large classes of the community which are taxable under the law. It has levied upon some corporations belonging to the class known in tax parlance as corporations without stock, and has exempted others failed to assess many other corporations coming under precisely the same view of the enactment. It has oppressed those individuals who do respect the laws by neglecting to make the tax assessments full and complete.

The board has ignored the facilities which the public records afford for ascertaining the amount of taxable property liable to state taxation. Upon a few women and children and a comparative handful of taxpaying citizens it has imposed the burdens of the entire city, because a full and complete assessment of money at interest would work such a large increase of revenue as would warrant the state in reducing the rate. Instead of levying a tax of 4 mills on the dollar, the state could reduce it to 1 mill, and obtain three times the amount now returned.

Senator Cameron's Health.

His condition critical, but strong hopes are entertained for his recovery.

Washington Dispatch to the Times.

Senator Cameron's health is much more seriously impaired than is generally supposed, and his condition is regarded by many as really critical, but not at all hopeless. He has been very much prostrated by the operation of the return of fatal in an aggravated form, and the habitual use of opiates necessary to enable him to obtain sleep under the constant and severe pain has shattered his nervous system and generally prostrated him mentally and physically. He should have submitted to a surgical operation long ago, but he was seldom able to appear in the Senate and then not fit for participation in its deliberations. His fretful controversy with Van Wyck was the result of his extreme nervous irritability, and it is not generally known that he fainted away just as the adjournment of Congress, Senator Cameron has not been well enough to stand the intended surgical operation, and some apprehensions are felt that he may not, with his present exhausting disease, become strong enough to submit to the operation which is necessary to cure and alleviate one, and must greatly prostrate him, and in his present weakened condition, it is feared that he would not survive it. He is in the hands of the most experienced medical experts, and it is now hoped that he can be rallied enough to undergo the operation without fatal shock to his system, he will speedily regain his strength and health. He is not suffering from any organic disease. On the contrary, his malady is purely local, and the operation is not a radical and necessary use of opiates, and if he can be made to come safely out of the hands of the surgeon, there is no apparent reason why he should not fully regain his health and vigor.

Sworn Returns That Were False.

The sworn returns by the board of revision of property taxable for state purposes have been false and misleading. The board sent out set of figures to the state auditor and put other amounts on the tax duplicates and put other figures on the tax duplicates. During the past two years the board of revision has levied a tax upon twenty-five million dollars of money at interest, of which it gave no account to the state, nor would this fact have been disclosed at any time had not the city editor of the Record probed into the subject and exposed this glaring discrepancy, as well as the conversion of \$28,120 of state money into the city treasury without warrant of law. A formal demand has been made by the auditor general for the latter sum.

MAIL MISCELLANY.

Condensed from the Morning Dispatches.

The assistant secretary of the interior yesterday received a dispatch saying that about two hundred settlers recently invaded that part of the Missouri reservation which lies east of the Missouri river and put up shanties there; also that thousands of others are preparing to follow. The intruders will be removed to the Cooper tract, was brought in yesterday morning and is good for about twelve hundred to fifteen hundred barrels the first 24 hours. The production of the first hour was, by actual gauge, 85 barrels, but gauges taken at subsequent hours showed considerable falling off.

Harry Jefferson, 14 years of age, employed at Turkey Run colliery, near Shenandoah, as a pickler, was seized with a fit in the suburbs just before quitting time

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The schooner Adele Thacker, from New Orleans for Providence, put in at Key West yesterday for some repairs. She encountered continuous gales in the gulf for eight days, during which she made only 60 miles.

The barkentine Wolverson, from Cardenas for New York, with sugar, struck on Turner's Shoals, near Chincooteague, early yesterday morning. Two of her crew were taken off, the remaining eight were on the wreck. Life saving crew again started for their rescue.

An unknown schooner of about 150 tons burthen has been wrecked at Green's Point, New Brunswick. Two of her crew were lost.

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A. L. Johnson, a popular young man, was shot dead in the court room of the Miller county, Ark., courthouse, in the presence of the judge, jurors, attorneys and spectators, by C. E. Dixon, sheriff of that county. The trouble arose from Dixon's making war on gambling institutions in which Johnson was silently interested.

John Carver, a young man from Rich Valley, Ind., drew \$300 from bank on Saturday, and since then has not been seen or heard of, though diligent search has been made for him. He is thought to have been robbed and murdered.

The trial of Henry D. Debonoy's at Elizabethtown, New Jersey, for the murder of his wife, resulted yesterday in a verdict of guilty, after ten minutes' deliberation by the jury. He was sentenced to be hanged on April 27.

Samuel Utium, a life convict, has just been paroled out of the Michigan state prison, after serving 29 years of a term of which he is now believed to be entirely innocent.

LITTLE LOCALS.

Here and There and Everywhere.

David Lyter, his lately wedded wife, and his mother-in-law, Mrs. Rhoads, were driving across the Lebanon Valley railroad, at Beaver station in a one horse sleigh, when they were struck by a freight engine. Mrs. Rhoads was instantly killed. Lyter was injured internally and cut about the body and legs. It is thought he can recover. Mrs. Lyter escaped with four slight injuries.

Chas. W. Eckert has on exhibition at his green grocery a large white swan, shot on the Chesapeake yesterday and shipped to him by Thos. Schall, the Baltimore sportsman.

Daniel Kelley has been awarded the contract for completing the Philadelphia & Chester county railroad. The general belief is that the road will be ready for travel by the first of next January.

Down at Pleasant Grove, the visiting new law from Colorado, the boys amused by playing with powder in the absence of Uncle John Trimble and his wife. Two of their children were seriously burned.

John A. Coyle, esq., of this city, has been appointed by the governor and confirmed by the Senate a notary public.

Mrs. G. H. Healy, of Fulton township, has a wax plant with a branch 49 feet long that has 75 flowers in bloom at one time.

Three suspicious characters, with ferocious bulldogs in their wagoons, ran the toll gate at Robersonia and beat the gatekeeper's head, but the Indians popped rose up and landed them in the Reading jail.

Chas. Stepper, a young Harrisburg, was killed by the cars at Rockville yesterday morning.

Juries for the April courts will be drawn at 9 a. m. to-morrow and entertainment of St. Anthony's school will take place on the 26th and 27th of March.

CITY GOVERNMENT.

LAST MEETING OF THE OLD COUNCIL.

Various Reports Presented and Read—The Ordinance to Increase the Firemen's Wages Passed—Matters Before Select Council.

The last meeting of the old council was held last evening, and numerous important measures in the city government were brought up for consideration.

SELECT COUNCIL.

Present—Messrs. Baker, Baldwin, Bitner, Brown, Evans, Wise, Wolf, Zeher and Borger, president.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Evans presented the report of the city treasurer and receiver of taxes from which it appeared that the receipts during the last month were \$3,450.47; the payments \$7,766.97; and the balance in the city treasury March 1st, \$13,310.95.

Mr. Evans presented, also, an abstract of the proceedings of the finance committee for the past month, showing that bills had been approved to the amount of \$7,895.80; that an estimate of the receipts and expenditures for the ensuing year had been made, and directing the chairman of the committee to report a resolution laying a nine mill tax on all property subject to taxation in this city proper. The estimates are as follows:

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS.

9c. in the \$100 valuation on \$12,000,000	\$108,000 00
Additional percentage for default of promissory payments	300 00
Additional percentage on \$1,000,000 of promissory payment of Water Rent	150 00
Market Rent	42,000 00
Rent of City Property	1,250 00
Miscellaneous receipts and fines for mayor	4,000 00
	\$155,700 00

EXPENDITURES.

To pay interest on loans, including sinking fund	\$3,800 00
To pay F. P. on Loans as required by law	28,000 00
To pay State Tax	2,700 00
To pay for Street Damages	10,000 00
To pay for Gas	5,000 00
To pay for Grading, Gas	5,000 00
Maintenance Streets	6,000 00
To pay for Water Works	2,000 00
To pay for Laying Water Pipes	2,000 00
To pay for Salaries	7,000 00
To pay for Police and Turnkey	11,000 00
To pay for Lighting City	13,000 00
To pay for Lamps and Posts	750 00
To pay for Medicines	4,000 00
To pay for Printing	1,000 00
To pay for Apparatus and Bell	1,000 00
To pay for Fire Department	6,235 00
To pay for Police Department	1,000 00
Amount for prompt payment of City Tax	2,650 00
Abatement for prompt payment of Water Rents	1,750 00
Percentage for Collectors	800 00
City Tax	800 00
Contingencies	10,000 00
	\$163,900 00

ROBERT A. EVANS.

H. N. HURST.

SAMUEL R. LIGHTY.

Attest: DU BOIS ROHBER, Clerk.

MARCH 7, 1883.

Mr. Evans presented the following resolution:

Resolved, by select and common council of the city of Lancaster, that for the year 1883 there shall be laid, assessed and levied on all the real estate and personal estate in the city of Lancaster subject to tax action for city purposes, a city tax of nine mills on the dollar—five mills thereof to pay interest and principal and state tax of four mills and four mills thereof for city purposes.

The resolution was adopted. Common council concurred.

The report of the street committee showed bills paid to the amount of \$12.14 and the report of the water committee bills to the amount of \$28.35.

A message from the mayor, announcing the dismissal of Altee Mercer from the police force and the appointment of Wm. Weidner in his stead, was read and action of the mayor approved.

Lighting the City.

The annual report of the lamp committee was read. The number of street lamps lit by the city, and the gas light company, to be 630, which under the contract are lit at \$23 per annum; 216 of the lamp posts, and the twelve lamps in Centre Square are the property of the company, the others are the property of the city. The gas light company is to pay for the gas, and the city is to pay for the gas light and fuel company at \$2 per 1,000 feet of gas. The appropriation of \$12,000 for lighting the city is nearly exhausted and will not pay beyond the 1st of April. The committee estimate that \$4,400 will be necessary to pay bills for lighting to the 1st of July, at which time the contract with the Globe company will expire. They recommend that \$750 be taken from the appropriation for lamps and posts and be transferred to the appropriation for lighting the city.

Matters.

Mr. Wolf presented the following preamble and resolution:

WHEREAS, The lease of the Union engine and other apparatus belonging thereto has about expired, and

WHEREAS, The engine is now the property of the city of Lancaster, and it is deemed advisable that a suitable place be selected in the western section of the city, above or beyond Mulberry street.

The resolution was adopted by common council.

The ordinance increasing the pay of firemen was put on final passage: Common Council Ordinance, No. 2, to increase the pay of the firemen of the City of Lancaster, Pa., was read three times as follows:

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the Select and Common Councils of the City of Lancaster, that from and after the first day of June next, the salary of the drivers of the several steam fire engines, hose carts and truck, as well as the fireman of the truck company, shall be forty dollars per month, and the fireman of the hose cart and fuel company at \$2 per 1,000 feet of gas. The appropriation of \$12,000 for lighting the city is nearly exhausted and will not pay beyond the 1st of April. The committee estimate that \$4,400 will be necessary to pay bills for lighting to the 1st of July, at which time the contract with the Globe company will expire. They recommend that \$750 be taken from the appropriation for lamps and posts and be transferred to the appropriation for lighting the city.

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Sale of Real Estate.

Henry Shubert, auctioneer and real estate agent, sold at public sale last evening at the Leopard hotel, for Julia A. Hepting, executrix of Charles A. Hepting, deceased, the undivided half of that certain lot of ground situated at the east side of North street and on the west side of South Duke street, with two story brick dwelling and a one story frame dwelling, to Julia H. Hepting, for \$1,000.

Police Cases.

In the Mayor's and Aldermen's Courts.

The mayor had nine customers this morning, all of whom had been driven to shelter by the cold weather. Eight of them were discharged, and the other, Tom Houston, who was drunk and disorderly, was sent to jail for 35 days.

Alderman McCoomby held John Hodgson for a hearing for disorderly conduct in the vicinity of the opera house. Several others of a gang of youngsters who are in the habit of congregating in front of the opera house and insulting and annoying persons passing in and out will be arrested.

Alderman Spurrier committed Mark Stookton and James Rodgers for a hearing to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. The prisoners, who are inmates of the almshouse, got drunk and had a fight, creating quite a disturbance in the institution.

Alderman Spurrier also committed Millard Smith and Frank West for five days each and Samuel Seel for ten days for drunken and disorderly conduct.

THE EASTERN MARKET.

Second Meeting of the Stockholders.

Last evening the stockholders of the Eastern market house met in the orphan's court room. There was a large attendance and Chairman George K. Reed called the meeting to order.

Secretary Herr reported that 485 shares had already been taken up.

John F. Stauffer, of the committee to procure subscriptions of stock, stated that they had experienced a great deal of difficulty in procuring subscribers, as every one desires to know where the building is to be located. Many country people, as well as those from the city, have asked that question and do not want to sign until the site of the building is given.

The report of Messrs. Sener, Lant and Ginder, the committee on location, was read by the secretary. It showed that they had found three locations, which are the only desirable ones to be had. They did their best to obtain the lowest prices at which the properties could be secured. The locations with their prices are given below:

No. 1.—Corner of East King and Church street consisting of the Barde Gelman and Carpenter properties, fronting on East King and a front of 100 feet on Middle street, of the MacGonigle property; price, \$21,500.

No. 2.—On north side of East King street, between Shippen and Plum, consisting of property of Mrs. Matthews, Lehigh College, Col. S. H. Fries and Mr. Henry Stamm, being 130 feet front by 245 back; price, \$23,500.

No. 3.—On north side of King street between Plum and Ann, consisting of the Methodist church property and property of Mrs. Lawrence Knapp, being 150 by 245 feet; price, \$12,000.

Mr. Jacob Shirk moved that No. 1 be purchased. Mr. Sener of the committee thought that the selection of the property should be postponed at least until Friday evening. Before that time those interested could visit the different properties and see their advantages and disadvantages and would know more concerning them. Mr. Houston and others were of the same opinion and it was agreed to postpone final action until Friday evening.

A long discussion followed in regard to the different locations proposed. The majority of those present seemed to be in favor of the Church and East King street properties. It was claimed that this place being very high could be provided with sewers easily, while if the properties on the other side of the street were taken the sewage would flow from the rear of the reservoir. Mr. Herr exhibited a map of this site, as it will appear when Shippen street is opened. This was carefully examined by those present. Dr. Carpenter said that the properties, &c., are doubtless together in such a manner that no one could tell much about them by looking at them. He has owned one of the properties for years and they are a puzzle to him yet.

In answer to an inquiry as to what the whole triangle was by Church, East King and Middle streets would cost, Mr. Sener stated that the price would be about \$35,000. He did not think it advisable to buy all and run into debt, if what they did not use could not be sold at once.

Mr. Flanders moved to reconsider the matter and settle upon No. 1 as the location, but he withdrew his motion.

Further discussion in regard to properties and the subscriptions the meeting adjourned to Friday evening at 8 o'clock. Meanwhile the committee on location is continued.

THE MINSTRELS.

An Excellent Show Last Night.

No better minstrel entertainment has been given here for years than that of Barlow, Wilson & Co., at the opera house last evening. The audience was of good size, but not as large as might have been expected. The first part showed thirty-two people, including eight men and four women. They were arranged in tiers and it was a pretty sight to see the music of the best and the singing excellent. Messrs. Barlow, Wilson, Wagner and Schooler kept the audience roaring with new jokes and good songs. The part closed with the finale entitled "Fun by Telephone." In the second part, Barlow, Wilson & Co. were seen, and he gave his familiar and very popular impersonations of the aged negro. A very genteel song and dance by four neatly dressed young gentlemen, who could sing as well as dance, followed.

The four ladies, a quartet of real fire acrobatic artists, astonished the audience by their twisting, turning and high kicking. Wood and West followed on skates, giving their great specialty. George Wilson entertained his admirers in his usual very funny style and the sketch of the "Gobbie Doo" by Gale and Coos. The curtain ran down on a highly delighted audience and Barlow & Wilson's party added greatly to their established reputation of having strong people.

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GOVERNOR'S INQUEST.

Sudden Death of a Child.

Yesterday morning Walter Short, a five-month old son of Henry Short, corner of Frederick and Christian streets, died suddenly in its mother's arms. The child appeared to be in good health, and while nursing was taken a spasmodic fit, its mother noticed that it held its breath, and appeared to be unable to breathe. Dr. Albright was hurriedly sent for, but before his arrival the child was dead. Coroner Shiffer was notified and held an inquest this morning. His jury returned a verdict of death from congestion of the brain.

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The Record of Murders.

William Lyons, 55 years old, yesterday was taken to the killing of his divorced wife in Cleveland, O., and she had her face, inflicting a severe and perhaps fatally wound. He then placed the pistol in his right temple and fired, dropping dead almost instantly.

A. L. Johnson, a popular young man, was shot dead in the court room of the Miller county, Ark., courthouse, in the presence of the judge, jurors, attorneys and spectators, by C. E. Dixon, sheriff of that county. The trouble arose from Dixon's making war on gambling institutions in which Johnson was silently interested.

John Carver, a young man from Rich Valley, Ind., drew \$300 from bank on Saturday, and since then has not been seen or heard of, though diligent search has been made for him. He is thought to have been robbed and murdered.

The trial of Henry D. Debonoy's at Elizabethtown, New Jersey, for the murder of his wife, resulted yesterday in a verdict of guilty, after ten minutes' deliberation by the jury. He was sentenced to be hanged on April 27.

Samuel Utium, a life convict, has just been paroled out of the Michigan state prison, after serving 29 years of a term of which he is now believed to be entirely innocent.

LITTLE LOCALS.

Here and There and Everywhere.

David Lyter, his lately wedded wife, and his mother-in-law, Mrs. Rhoads, were driving across the Lebanon Valley railroad, at Beaver station in a one horse sleigh, when they were struck by a freight engine. Mrs. Rhoads was instantly killed. Lyter was injured internally and cut about the body and legs. It is thought he can recover. Mrs. Lyter escaped with four slight injuries.

Chas. W. Eckert has on exhibition at his green grocery a large white swan, shot on the Chesapeake yesterday and shipped to him by Thos. Schall, the Baltimore sportsman.

Daniel Kelley has been awarded the contract for completing the Philadelphia & Chester county railroad. The general belief is that the road will be ready for travel by the first of next January.

Down at Pleasant Grove, the visiting new law from Colorado, the boys amused by playing with powder in the absence of Uncle John Trimble and his wife. Two of their children were seriously burned.

John A. Coyle, esq., of this city, has been appointed by the governor and confirmed by the Senate a notary public.

Mrs. G. H. Healy, of Fulton township, has a wax plant with a branch 49 feet long that has 75 flowers in bloom at one time.

Three suspicious characters, with ferocious bulldogs in their wagoons, ran the toll gate at Robersonia and beat the gatekeeper's head, but the Indians popped rose up and landed them in the Reading jail.

Chas. Stepper, a young Harris