

COLUMBIA NEWS.

BALLOONING AT COLCHESTER. Interview With an Old Lancaster Aeronaut. We had the pleasure of a conversation with our old friend, Prof. Charles E. Wise, to-day, and elicited the following interesting information from him: He has been at a summer resort below Baltimore called "Tolchester Beach," in Kent county, Md., a Sunday school picnic ground, and an agricultural temperance place, comprising a splendid country surrounding. He has been there for seven weeks and in that time has put up an apparatus for the manufacture of hydrogen gas comprising three tanks, one of which holds 4,000 gallons, the other two 2,000 apiece, and has decomposed 32,000 gallons of water by the addition of 200 carboys of vitrol, weighing on an average 170 pounds each, 17 tons iron turnings, and from the product made 150,000 feet of hydrogen gas. He has a small house, comprising a high at the end of a rope; taken up by people from all parts of the country and made two free ascensions, the last of which was made on last Wednesday by his son John, the youngest aeronaut in America, aged 23 years, and a young man, aged 18, who has already made five ascensions, and will be ready to take a trip to the Pennsylvania canal company's mud swamp in view of deepening the boat channel at the river bridge landing.

Mr. Frank Hertz started on a bicycle for Pottstown, yesterday. Mr. Barton A. Bean left here yesterday after making a brief visit to Mr. N. H. Stevens. Mr. Young is confined to his home from the effects of a surgical operation, which was performed yesterday. Mr. Jackson, Clair and family left yesterday for Elizabethtown, where a daughter of the former is lying at the point of death.

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We learn from a reliable source, that the "plant" of the Lancaster watch company, though not the largest, is the most complete in the United States, and that the watches manufactured are the best in the United States or the world. But the company is a young one, and its manufacture is not so well known as those of other factories, hence the company has been at disadvantage in competing with older rivals. Its capital has been absorbed in the erection and equipment of the factory and the manufacture of great number of watches for which there has not been a ready sale—the market being dull during the past year, not only here but all over the country.

The capital stock of the company is \$250,000, held by 13 stockholders, several of whom have invested in it as much of their fortune as they feel warranted in doing, and in the Lancaster plant, \$100,000 more to set the factory fairly on its feet and liberally advertise its manufactures. Whether this additional sum will be raised depends on the capitalists of Lancaster. If it is not, the plant will probably be sold to some other party.

Another meeting of the stockholders was held this morning, but no definite policy was agreed upon as to future action.

HERB AND THESE AND EVERYWHERE. Wanbold's is arrested recently on a charge of stealing a set of harness from Prison Keeper Barkholder. He was heard and dismissed for want of evidence. Since that time it has been discovered where he sold the harness. He was rearrested this morning and returned to prison.

Yesterday County Commissioners Hill, Debrand and Sumney met Messrs. James and Reynolds, commissioners of Chester county, at Ross' Fording, on the east branch of the Gettysburg, to view the site for a new bridge over the Gettysburg river, near the mouth of the river. They then adjourned to meet at the residence of the same parties, but concluded not to build it this year.

About fifty colored excursionists, accompanied by the Good Will band, left Lancaster this morning for Philadelphia to participate in a convention held there in commemoration of the emancipation of slaves in the West Indies. This morning the sheriff received a subpoena of divorce from Westmoreland county, to serve on the defendant, a resident of this city, Thomas May, her husband, who resides in Westmoreland, is applying for a divorce from her there.

An aged named J. Hauff was knocked down last evening by the irate husband of a lady boarder at the Franklin house for using improper language to her at the supper table. On being taken before a justice the assaulting gentleman was promptly discharged.

REGULAR AT HARRISBURG. A Store Room and Dwelling Robbed. Some time during Tuesday night burglars broke into the store room of Danner & Fox, in the borough of Manheim and robbed it of \$800 worth of goods. An entrance was effected through a second story window, the burglars climbing in above the awning. They entered Mr. Danner's sleeping room, which communicates with the store, and approaching his bed took his pocket-book from his pocket, robbed it of about \$7 in money which it contained, and replaced the pocket-book, with some valuable papers, in the pocket from which they had taken it. They then appear to have descended to the store room, and stole from the shelves nearly a dozen pieces of silk and some other valuable goods. They broke a show-case and stole therefrom a watch, jewelry, silver and plated ware that was in it. There were about a dozen watches in the case, all of which were taken except one which the thieves dropped and which was found lying upon the floor. The burglars broke into the blacksmith's shop of Mr. Apple, near by, and stole therefrom a large chest, eighteen inches long and some other tools used to break into the premises and force open the show case. These tools they left behind them.

Thus far there has been no clue to the thieves.

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DEATHS. HARRISBURG, July 31, in West Lampeter, Mrs. Susan Harsh, widow of Michael Harsh, deceased, in the 86th year of her age. The relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from her late law, Amos Weaver, on Thursday at 1 o'clock, and at 2 o'clock at Longenecker's meeting-house. Preaching by John Kohr. 11 WATER. On July 30, at Christina, Ellen S., wife of Britton Walter, 69.

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SECOND EDITION.

STATE CONVENTION. PRELIMINARY WORK OF THE DAY. McGRANN of Lancaster, Prominent at 2 p. m. for State Treasurer—A Large and Orderly Convention—R. E. Wright, of Northampton, Temporary Chairman—The Result Un-

Special Dispatch to the INTELLIGENCER. HARRISBURG, Aug. 1.—Precisely at 10 o'clock Chairman Hensel called the convention to order and read the list of preliminary officers agreed on by the state committee at its meeting last night. He invoked the forbearance of the convention in the matter of inauguration, and the preliminary work and ordered the roll call to proceed. When Wyoming county was reached the delegates offered to substitute L. W. Buck, of Bradford county. Chairman Hensel asked if Mr. Buck lived in Wyoming and receiving a negative answer decided that no substitute could be made unless he resided in the district represented by the absent delegate. Senator Homer J. Humes, at the conclusion of the roll call, nominated E. E. Wright, Jr., of Allentown, for temporary chairman. E. E. Wright, of Northampton, moved that he be elected by acclamation, which was agreed to. The chair named Senator Humes and J. H. Pow to conduct the temporary chairman to the chair, and on assuming the gavel Mr. Wright made a personal appeal. The preliminary officers were continued during the temporary organization.

Preliminary Work. Senator Bidis moved that the rules of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives govern the convention, which was agreed to and Senator Hensel moved that the committee on credentials, organization and resolutions be named and that all resolutions be referred to the committee on resolutions without debate, which was likewise adopted. A motion to take a recess was amended, making the recess commencing at one p. m. The amendment was rejected by a division vote of 175 to 178, and the original motion agreed to.

McGrann Prominent for State Treasurer. There is no certainty as to the result of the afternoon session. The treasury nomination has been between Powell, Manley and McGrann. There seems to be a drift in favor of Powell now, but the least swerve is likely to divert it to McGrann, and the indications point to that result. Whitman and Bigler Leading for Auditor. For auditor general Terry is out of the field and the issue seems to lie between Whitman, of Erie, and Bigler, of Clearfield. Bigler is here and says he "doesn't want it," and Whitman is away and doesn't want it, but there are pointers that indicate that one or the other will be chosen. A boom was started for Strahan, of Mercer, but his record on the liquor question seems to interfere to his injury. It is almost certain that the convention will declare against summary laws and Strahan's record in the Legislature and out of it would come in conflict with such a platform.

The Result Uncertain. Nobody has the convention at this time, and this afternoon will show a free for all contest, but it will be as fair as it promises to prove uncertain.

THE CONVENTION. Getting in Order all Around. Associated Press. HARRISBURG, Aug. 1.—There is apparently more interest taken in the Democratic convention than at the one held by the Republicans last month. There is a large attendance, due to the fact that the number of delegates is much larger than in previous conventions.

The Convention Assembled. The convention assembled at 10:15 and was called to order by Chairman Hensel in a few remarks. The list of delegates was called for the first time in a formal manner, and the number of delegates in previous conventions was announced. J. F. Wright, of Lehigh county, temporary Chairman.

Robert O. Wright, of Lehigh county, was chosen temporary chairman by a unanimous vote. He then introduced the officers for the transaction of the preliminary business. After being conducted to the chair and returning his thanks for the honor conferred, Mr. Wright stated that this was the first time in a quarter of a century that a Democratic convention was held when all the state officers, with but a single exception, were filled by Democrats. He further said that all the promises of reform made presumably by the party had been faithfully carried out. He paid a tribute to the governor, who he believed was a "superb executive." The speech was received with continued applause. A resolution that the committee of credentials, permanent organization and resolutions consist of one delegate from each congressional district, to the fact that the delegates, was adopted and the convention adjourned until 2 o'clock.

A Harmonious Convention. The convention is very harmonious and indications point to the transaction of the business with dispatch. Robert E. James, of Northampton, will likely be selected as permanent chairman. The Platform. The committee on resolutions presented the following report, which was unanimously adopted as the platform. The Democracy of Pennsylvania, true to the fundamental faith of their party, renews their belief in a strict construction and rigid enforcement of the national constitution. They uphold the sanctity of personal liberty, the security of private property and the rights of local self-government. They believe in that genius and deep reaching civil service reform, which consists in the election to office of honest, intelligent, capable and courageous public servants, who will faithfully administer their trust, and who will be held to strict accountability for such a discharge of it, and who will renege and purge the department of the general government from that corruption and fraud with which they have been permeated under Republican rule and which that party has shown itself unable and unwilling to eradicate.

They believe in such taxation of the people as will be equitable for the necessities of the government, economically administered, and that import duties should be so adjusted in their application as to prevent unequal burdens, encourage productive industries at home and afford just compensation for labor, but not to create or foster monopolies. They denounce the proposition of the Republican party, that the people should be taxed to raise a surplus fund for the federal government to distribute among the states. The people should only be taxed so much as is absolutely indispensable for the frugal conduct of their affairs; not one cent for surplus and no unnecessary taxation. The existing surplus in the treasury should be faithfully applied to the payment of the public debt. The money not needed for the expenses of the government should remain in the pockets of the people. "To this end we favor the abolition of the present system of internal taxation as a measure of relief demanded by the people in an unnecessary and unequal burden." They demand that the government should redeem all its express and implied obligations as to the coinage, that it shall maintain and defend the dignity of American labor and the rights of American citizens at home and abroad. They insist in reserving the public lands for actual settlers; not another acre for corporations, and they further declare that the administration of Gov. Pattison has vindicated the pledges on which he formed upon which it is elected; and his upright, intelligent and courageous exercise of the executive power deserves the unqualified approbation of his party and of the people of the Commonwealth; 2d, the economy enforced by the Republican House of Representatives and in the department of the state government which have passed under Democratic control, and the abolition of useless offices that were a burden upon the people, and the giving assurance that the extension of that control to other departments of the state government will be accompanied by real reforms upon the extravagance and irregularities which have prevailed under the Republican administration; 3d, that public servants for public use, and all appropriations should be the subjects of rigid scrutiny to the end that these uses may be served without personal or local favoritism waste or peculation; 4th, the long continued abuses and improprieties of the state treasury, and the defiance of law by its management make essential a radical reform, so that large funds should not be accumulated by taxation of the people to be distributed among the favored depositaries of state officers; 5th, that the necessities of the immediate necessity of the state government shall be invested in interest-bearing state or federal securities, until it may be applied to the extinguishment of the state debt; 6th, the demand of the democratic sentiment of the people, that the honest, just and true apportionment is in accord with the letter and spirit of the constitution and with the rights and interests of every section and of all the people of the state. 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