

Lancaster Intelligencer.

FRIDAY EVENING, FEB. 15, 1884.

Great Expectations. The great holders of stocks, who are standing under them now, with the expectation that the investing public will some day take them off their hands at their valuation, have certainly a very poor idea of the sagacity of the general public. It is an idea that has been taught them by their experience and, to some extent, is justified. The only question of doubt is whether the average investor is an intelligent creature, a little above the trout or the snapping mackerel, for instance, in intelligence. If he is not, then it is safe enough to calculate that the patient and skillful fisherman will sooner or later have him on the hook. But even the trout demands a fresh fly occasionally, and it seems an unwarranted hardship which expects the people who have been swindled so often on keep on biting at them in their old and tattered garb.

There is Western Union telegraph stock, for instance, that every child knows not to be intrinsically worth one fifth the sum to which the capital has been swelled; and which will not be worth that which when the postal telegraph is established. It is held at figures which clearly do not represent its value, and demonstrates in its attitude the unsoundness of stock quotations as tests of real value. The floods have come in the rivers, and floods will come in watered stocks. Keep your boats back on the shore.

When a Democratic mayor succeeded to the executive chair of the municipality of Lancaster in 1878, he established certain principles of administration in striking contrast with those which had guided the official career of his predecessor. He laid down these cardinal doctrines, which have become the basis of his party:

"No expenditure in excess of appropriations."

"No permanent debts for merely temporary improvements."

"A strict accountability of all the departments of the city government."

"A reduction of the rate of interest on the bonded city debt."

"Equal advantages for all taxpayers."

By adhering to these principles, a Democratic administration in six years and a-half, reduced the city debt \$50,000, whereas by contravention of such policies a Republican administration in four years had increased the city debt \$200,000. It is reasonable to believe that a continuance of Democratic administration means a continuance of economical, prudent and progressive local government; a return to Republican administration means a return to shiftlessness, recklessness, jobbery and waste of the public moneys, without anything to show for their expenditure. Vote for McMullen.

This New Era was unquestionably right in its editorial of February 9, 1883, when it said:

"Experience has shown that the best care is exercised in the administration of municipal affairs when the executive and legislative departments are in the hands of opposing parties, as at present. They act as a wholesome check upon each other. We therefore believe that the public good will be best subserved by maintaining this balance."

Councils are now and in all human probability will remain in the control of the Republican party. The city is so distracted as to render it well nigh impossible for the Democrats to get a majority in the legislative department. "The best care in the administration of municipal affairs" will be exercised if the executive department is committed to Democratic hands, "as at present." Mayor McMullen will be a "wholesome check" upon a Republican council.

The New Era is right in its advice to voters to maintain "this balance" by electing a Democratic mayor. Vote for McMullen.

No good citizen of any party can justify himself in voting for the reelection of any officer, at the coming city election, who has abused his office. It may be that a new man elected to it will abuse it in his turn; but the way to get good officers is certainly not to reelect bad ones. If wrongful acts are potent to put the wrong doers out of their places, it will be a very wholesome restraint on official conduct. If Alderman Barr, for instance, is made aware by the result of the coming election, that he has barred his reelection by collecting \$413.05, last year from the county which did not belong to him, it will be a good lesson taught not only to Alderman Barr but to other aldermen and justices alike generally.

It does not appear that the Republicans of Philadelphia have much sagacity in the management of their present municipal campaign. John Hunter's is the only name on their ticket which makes the battle for its election hopeful, and yet it is snubbed and sneered by the speakers at their public meetings, and hissed by "the boys" who make up the audiences. Smith is going through the canvass carrying water on one shoulder, whisky on the other and beer on his back. The Press, which bears the burden of the canvass, is so transparently mendacious in its methods that it is a question whether the Republican candidates suffer more from their opponents than from their superserviceable friends and supporters.

The Democrats of the Third ward have a very competent candidate for Alderman in William T. Wylie, and will be careful to see that his name is on their ticket before they vote it. Alderman Barr has no claim upon them for reelection; and even the Republicans of the ward will find it difficult to vote for him, knowing that last year he obtained \$413.05 from the county to which he was not entitled, according to the report of the county auditors. It will be remembered that Alderman Barr was paid by the county last year \$1,899.80, of which

sum the commissioners have been surcharged with \$413.05 as improperly claimed by Barr and allowed by them. A vote for Rosenmiller will be a step backward toward the old system of piling up city debt at the rate of \$50,000 a year and adding nothing to the sinking fund. A vote for McMullen will be a vote for the continuance of honest, intelligent, progressive and economical administration.

CREATED ANTIQUA, like old Joey Backstock, is "devilish sly," but he is not going to have a walk over in the race for the presidential nomination.

The February horn will find plenty of food and peace of mind. Freedom from passion and from care. If they the antidotes; will wear Old Notion.

The bitter despairing cry that comes from the Western flood sufferers should find a responsive echo in the hearts of their sympathetic and more fortunate Eastern brethren.

Ten thousand copies of the first edition of the queen's diary were sold the first day of its appearance. How many thousands of them were taken by the royal family is not stated.

LANCASTER'S mayor must be something more than a negative "good fellow." He must be a positive man with the courage of his convictions, and experience in municipal affairs. Vote for McMullen.

It is sad to reflect that while the globe is teeming with plenty, a tragedy is reported from Vienna, in which a waif-stricken father kills his son with these words: "Boy, I cannot see you hungry and starving." The hope is cherished that such extreme misery from want is of exceptional rarity.

When Rosenmiller was district attorney and abused his office to shield lawbreakers who happened to be his political friends, the editor of the New Era visited upon him deserved condemnation. When Mr. McMullen was the Democratic candidate for district attorney against the regular Republican nominee, the New Era gave him a consistent and unreserved support. It knows the two men and their records, and that McMullen is beyond all comparison the better man for mayor. Vote for McMullen.

An interesting libel suit has been revived in Boston, caused by the complaint of a Cape Cod man against the publishers of a book entitled "Cape Cod Folks" for having used his full name as one of the characters in the story. The plaintiff claims to have been injured by the unwarranted use of his name, while the defendants assert that there was no malice in its use, and consequently no libel. Whatever the result of the trial, the book will be well advertised, and that is what the publishers are probably after.

Mr. McMULLEN in public office has been a faithful, intelligent and worthy representative of the people's interests. Mr. Rosenmiller has been tried and found wanting. Upon one occasion when, as district attorney, it was his duty to indict one of his political friends for a misdemeanor, Rosenmiller reported to the court that he could find no law for it. "Look again," said Judge Livingston. When Rosenmiller comes to vindicate the majority which the Examiner has promised him on election night, he will have to "look again," but like his lost law he will never find it. Vote for McMullen.

PERSONAL. Mrs. CONRAD B. DAY died in Philadelphia, of pneumonia on the 13th inst.

LADY CARNS consoled Miss Fortescue for the loss of her son by giving her a Bible.

Superintendent HESSE, does not think the education distribution scheme will be passed by Congress.

Mrs. LUCRETIA GARFIELD, widow of the late president, contributes \$100 to the relief fund for the Ohio flood sufferers.

THOMAS KISSELLA's will divides his estate equally among his five children and gives his former wife \$150 per annum.

SEAYTON COXON, of Michigan, is the only member of the Senate who wears a dress coat during the session of that body.

D. R. LEONARD, of Mauch Chunk, is mentioned as the possible successor of the late Hon. Harry E. Packer as associate judge.

PAUL HALDEMAN and Joseph Wharton are members of a committee appointed by the American Iron and Steel Association to go to Washington and protest against the passage of the Morrison tariff bill.

WM. McGLORY, sent to the New York jail blacksmith shop, for six months on hard labor, for violation of the excise law, passed out through the grating of his cell to his wife, who had been waiting for him, and she came to him with a diamond, a gold watch and chain, with heavy pendant diamond horseshoe, gold sleeve and collar buttons. He found them of no use in his new residence and trade.

BANDED FOR ROBBERY.

Wanted a Pound of Bacon. Many Forrest, of No. 564 Fulton street, Philadelphia, had a great variety of his house on last Saturday night, when a young man named Swartz, living in the neighborhood, entered and said he was going to have a pound of bacon. He was ejected, and upon telling his father Casper the latter went to Mrs. Forrester demanding an explanation. A quarrel followed, and the woman was struck in the head with a hatchet. At the central station on Wednesday the elder Swartz was held for trial.

A Bar Room Murder. Fred Plattenburg, of Selma, Ark., shot and killed W. J. Robinson, a horse driver from Murfreesboro, Tenn., in a bar room Thursday afternoon. Both men had been drinking. They had never met until a few minutes before the shooting occurred. Only one shot was fired, the ball striking Robinson in the heart. The quarrel arose over Plattenburg's refusing to lend Robinson's friend two dollars. Robinson leaves a widow and seven children.

Mr. Gladstone was on Thursday afternoon subjected to an extraordinary experience. He was walking in Bond street quite unattended, on his way to the House of Commons. Suddenly a man seized him by the collar and brought him to a stand still. The prime minister with some difficulty shook off his assailant and continued on foot to his destination. It is asserted that the man made the attack on a wager.

A Stage Coach Full of Passengers, which left Orville, Utah, more than two weeks ago, has not been heard of since. It is believed to be buried in the mountain snow.

Carried to Sea on Floating Ice. It is reported that a mass of ice near the Caspian Sea, upon which about fifty fishermen were at work, was carried out to sea by a strong wind. The fishermen are believed to have been drowned.

A PLEA FOR THE POOR. Reading Matter Solicited For the Almshouse. Rev. John W. Swank, chaplain at the Lancaster county almshouse and hospital, makes the following appeal:

"A plan for the instruction of a reading room and library at the almshouse for the use of the inmates and patients at the county hospital was broached by me at the meeting of the board of directors, and it looks as if some advance is likely to be made towards the accomplishment of the desired end. My own conviction is that it would be impossible to confer a boon on the population of these institutions more frequently and more beneficially than by the use of books. The expense involved in the measure proposed will be an objection, but let it be remembered that ignorance is always more costly in the end than education. The inmates of the almshouse are composed of various nationalities. Their requests are often numerous and urgent for reading matter. There are some things hard for them to bear, which a good book has the power to alleviate. The sight of some hundreds of these poor people assembled in a room, reading good books, is a sight that would melt the heart of the coldest man. It is a sight that would raise the pity and compassion that man can feel whose life has, through God's mercy and good fortune, been saved from ending his days in such a institution. No man whose heart has been broken by the sight of the hospital and almshouse not only to preach but also to circulate truth. Books, tracts and papers, evangelical, scriptural, pungent and adapted to the needs of sinning and suffering men, must be put in the way and the means of their circulation secured. If any citizen reads this communication and perceives in this plan the smallest hope of redeeming one soul, and does it not, he places himself in this condemnation. Therefore, to him that knoweth a good and doeth it not, to him it is sin."

"Donations of books, papers, magazines, and other reading matter, are earnestly asked for. If a postal card is addressed to the chaplain, Rev. John W. Swank, or sent to the hospital, the donor's name will be sent for contributions. Save bank numbers; Jesus after the miracle of the loaves and fishes directed the disciples to 'gather up the fragments, that nothing be lost.' Bank numbers of magazines and religious papers will be made useful if sent."

THIRD WARD POLITICS. The issue is the Aldermanic Contest. The contest for alderman in the Third ward of the city is one of the most interesting phases of the pending local elections. The contest is between J. K. Barr, the present incumbent, who made such a gallant fight against his nomination, are not satisfied with the result at the primaries, accomplished as they were by fraud and false voting. The snubbing which they received from the caucus met has not had a tendency to appease them.

On the other hand the Democrats are solid for the regular nominee of their party, Mr. William T. Wylie, whose qualifications are generally recognized, and who in the canvass of the ward and every reason for encouragement. There is almost universal complaint against Barr and dissatisfaction with his method of administering the office. It is pointed out that in the election which made the office of alderman a snubbing to J. K. Barr, the present incumbent, who made such a gallant fight against his nomination, are not satisfied with the result at the primaries, accomplished as they were by fraud and false voting. The snubbing which they received from the caucus met has not had a tendency to appease them.

At a convention of educators in session at Washington, D. C., Ex State Superintendent J. P. Wickersham, of this city; State Superintendent E. E. Higbee and Deputy State Superintendent Henry Hook, of Harrisburg; W. H. Shalley, of York; S. A. Barr, of Reading; Capt. B. H. Pratt, of Carlisle; B. F. Patterson, Geo. F. Stone, H. S. Jones and other eminent Pennsylvania school men are in attendance.

Police Cases. The mayor had eight cases to dispose of this morning—one drunken and disorderly was required to pay costs for his frolic, and seven lodgers in the station house were discharged.

Thomas Carberry, for being drunk and disorderly, was committed to Alderman Sanson to the county jail for ten days.

OUR FIRE LADDIES.

A CHAT WITH THE FIREMEN OF NO. 2. The old Miller Hose House Thoroughly Repaired—Some of the Logicians' Opinions on the Use of a Fire Engine.

Fire company No. 2 consists of the following force: Foreman—Charles Franciscus. Driver of Hose Cart—Edward Platt. Driver of Engine—Joseph Kitch, Jr. Engineer—Harry Shultz. Hose Cart—Hosmer—John Davis, David Forrest Elmer Sing and John Boyle.

The company occupies what was formerly the Miller hose house on South Queen street, a building eight by six stories high, and admirably arranged for the purpose. The company took possession of it only a few weeks ago. Several valuable additions have been made to it since it was occupied by the Miller volunteer fire company. A two story building for the storage of hay and straw, annexed to the rear of the main hall which is 48 feet long and 23 feet wide. The first floor of this addition is divided into three stalls for the horses, and a gangway for the feed chests, etc. The second story is for the storage of hay and straw. A ventilator which can be opened or closed at pleasure extends from the horse stalls to the roof, thus affording plenty of fresh air for the horses and keeping their stalls fresh and at a proper temperature.

A new sleeping apartment has been added to the rear of the main hall, which is now used as a sleeping apartment for the men. And we may say right here that the sleeping accommodations are miserable nothing but little canvas cots without bedsteads, and the comfort and unhealthful during the bitter winter weather we have had. Some two months ago counsils ordered beds to be procured for all the firemen in the city, but up to the present time none of them have come. We must not make a fuss about it, we were not assured that the beds will be along next week.

Logicians' Opinions. The stairway, which used to be at the rear end of the engine room, has been torn away and in its stead has been erected a new one, which is a great improvement at the top, on which can be hung 500 feet or more of hose. The company has now in the tower 500 feet of new Eureka cotton hose that has never been used. This mode of hanging the hose is much preferable to the old one, in which the hose was not easily handled, is kept perfectly dry and has the advantage of constant ventilation.

Hanging harness, similar to that used by companies 3 and 4, heretofore described, is used, together with Josselyn's patent, but an article of the harness snaps. These patent appliances have been purchased by the firemen out of their own private purses. The Josselyn bits and the Hyde snaps we believe, cost \$10 each—\$50 for all—which is rather a heavy pull on the pockets of the firemen. The company No. 2 also purchased the patent appliances at their own expense, and company No. 4, which manufactured hanging bits of their own, are threatened with a lawsuit for infringing on Josselyn's patent.

An Electric Alarm Attachment. Engineer Schaub, who is a practical machinist, has constructed a very ingenious attachment to the electric alarm, so arranged as to turn up the gas all over the house at the first stroke of the alarm bell, and open the stall door of "Charlie," the hose cart horse, who, without further orders, runs between the shafts of the cart and is harnessed in a few seconds. The driver from his seat pulls a rope, which opens the front door of the engine house, and away he goes to the fire. Five seconds after "Charlie's" door is opened the same automatic arrangement opens the stall doors of "Kate" and "Jim," the engine horses, and they take their places beside the pole of the engine and the hanging harness drops upon their backs, and in much less time than it takes to tell it, they are galloping after the cart, the fire in the engine in the meantime having been lighted by a heavy jet of gas thrown into the boiler by the pressure of the engine wheel on a gas stop, which automatically closes as soon as the wheel has passed over it.

Among a number of other conveniences in the hose house, may be mentioned a hydrant in the stable, a permanent washstand in the hall, and a blackboard on which to record the day and hour of each alarm of fire, the box from which the alarm was struck, the location of the building on fire and the purpose for which it was occupied.

The engine used by company No. 2 is the Haupt engine, formerly used by the Sun company, No. 1. It has the disadvantage of being very heavy (weighing nearly 7,000 pounds) and requires heavy pulling to get to a fire, but when it gets there it does efficient service. With a pressure of 60 pounds of steam it will discharge 400 gallons of water per minute and throw it to an immense distance. The engine is, naturally, proud of its engine and the clock attached to it, which keeps excellent time whether in the engine room or on the run and under all conditions of heat or cold to which it is exposed. They have not yet had time to clean the ground in the rear of the engine house, but will do so as soon as spring opens.

HANDSOME TESTIMONIAL. The Union Fire Company thanks its firemen for their services. At a meeting of the Union Steam Fire Engine and forcing hose company No. 1, of this city, held last evening Henry E. Slaymaker formally retired from the presidency, which he held continuously for a period of twenty years, and was succeeded in the chair, made a short address, highly complimentary to his predecessor, and in behalf of the members of the company presented Mr. Slaymaker with a handsomely engraved and elegantly framed series of resolutions, of which the following is a copy:

HALL OF THE UNION STEAM FIRE ENGINE AND FORCING HOSE CO., No. 1, OF LANCASTER, PA. At a stated meeting of this company held on the 10th day of February, 1884, the following was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Union Steam Fire Engine and forcing hose company, No. 1, are due and the same are hereby most heartily tendered to Henry E. Slaymaker, for the ardent, able and faithful manner in which he has continuously, from 1864 to 1884, a period of twenty years, discharged the duties of an active member, the impartial manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of the company for the past twenty-eight years and the energy which he has ever displayed in the fulfillment of the duties of president, ever on the alert in all that concerned the affairs of the company, and in his activity, never ceasing in his watchfulness, to seek for the prosperity of the organization and his determined and faithful endeavors to keep and promote its standing which under his presidency has not retrograded one step from its high position, and which the company has ever held in the esteem and confidence of the citizens of Lancaster.

G. EDW. HOSNER, Secretary. The plain type as it is printed above conveys no idea of the beauty of the engrossed resolutions executed by the skillful hand of Mr. Chas. B. Fryer, and the great variety of styles of letters used, their delicacy of finish, the artistic manner in which the display lines are arranged, the graceful curves of the flourishes, the care given to the most trifling details, and the unity of the whole a work of art, evidencing that Mr. Fryer has lost none of his old time vigor as a master penman.

Mr. Slaymaker received the beautiful gift in a feeling speech in which he returned his hearty thanks to the Union Fire Company for the kindly manner in which they had been pleased to receive his humble efforts to further the prosperity of the company. He accepted the beautiful testimonial and would ever cherish it as a souvenir, coming as it did from those in whom he felt so warm an interest.

MRS. UHLER'S DEATH. Additional Details of the Death of Mrs. Emma H. Uhler, whose tragic taking off was noted yesterday, show that the unfortunate woman passed away from an overdose of morphia, taken double with suicidal intent.

Further particulars of the deceased left New York to go to Long, Nevada, with her brother, the slayer of her paramour, nothing particular was known of her until she again appeared in the metropolis, some time since. Before her separation from her husband he accused her of being addicted to the use of morphia, and it appears that since the tragical her appetite for deadly drugs has grown stronger. She has for some time past been living in furnished rooms in Twenty-eighth, Twenty-ninth and Thirtieth streets, and on Thirtieth street she was ejected a short time ago, either for non-payment or non-payment of rent. Early last week she called at the private boarding house of Mrs. Adams, near West Twenty-ninth street, and secured a furnished room for eight dollars a week. A servant in the house said: "When she took possession the only baggage she had with her were two brown satchels filled with letters and little articles of any friends of the deceased. I noticed that the light in her room was not burning. It was her custom to keep the gas lit. I entered and found her lying on the bed as if dead. Her eyes were turned up, I spoke to her, but she did not answer, and she remained in that position. She was insensible. Last evening she asked for some brandy and it was given to her. I saw no bottles of medicine or poison in her room."

The unfortunate woman was taken to the New York hospital in an ambulance. She expired three minutes after her admission to the institution. The remains were enveloped in a shroud and taken to the dead house of the hospital, where they now lie temporarily, awaiting the arrival of any friends of the deceased who may appear. The effects of the woman are in the hands of the police. In one of her satchels a bottle containing what is believed to be morphia was found. When the deceased Mrs. Adams' house she was wearing a dress and a long, fur-trimmed cloak.

The name under which Mrs. Uhler had been living for several months in New York is Emma Haight. J. Clement Uhler, her husband, lives at 210 West 10th street. He emigrated to New Jersey in introducing a new system of exchange between country banks. His friends say that he had nothing to do with his wife from the date of his discovery of her infidelity until the day of her death, and that his action against her for divorce is pending. Their two children are with his relatives in Lebanon.

POLITICAL POINTS. What Democrats Administration Has Done to the City. Hundreds of intelligent and influential Republicans, business men, taxpayers, mechanics and laborers will on next Tuesday cast their votes for David McMullen for mayor. They will do this, they say so—because they know the man and trust him. They remember that it was as a councilman from the Second ward that Mayor MacGonigle first displayed his acquaintance with municipal affairs and his determination to reform existing abuses in them. After his election to the mayoralty Mr. McMullen was elected to council from the Second ward and his service in the legislative branch of the city government was so successful that he was elected to the Republican ward. He was identified with and supported the reform measures of the Democratic mayor and may be expected to continue the Democracy to point to these significant reforms as a record of his administration as an earnest of what may be expected from a continuance of its policies by Mayor McMullen.

LYDIA SMITH DEAD.

THAD, STEVEN'S OLD HOUSEKEEPER. Lydia Smith, for many years the housekeeper of Hon. Thaddeus Stevens, died at her home in Washington, D.C., at an early hour, Thursday morning, February 14, of a stroke of apoplexy, which the immediate cause of her death.

Mrs. Smith was born in Adams county, Pennsylvania, in 1815, her maiden name being O'Neill. She was regarded as a colored woman, but had very little negro blood in her veins, and could anywhere have passed as a Spaniard or Cuban, her features being finely cut, her lips thin, her hair long and wavy and her eyes black and piercing. In her younger days she was considered a handsome woman, and even in her later years she retained many traces of her former beauty.

Mrs. O'Neill, her mother, removed from her country home to Gettysburg, while Lydia was but a child, and remained there until her death, which she died at the time of his death.

When Mr. Stevens was elected to Congress, Mrs. Smith went to Washington with him and had charge of his household, during his entire congressional career of twenty years. She was a prudent housekeeper and a faithful nurse to Mr. Stevens in his declining years, and he remembered her in his will by bequeathing her \$5,000 in cash and some real estate both in Washington and Lancaster. After Mr. Stevens' death Mrs. Smith occupied his home on South Queen street for some time, subsequently removing to Washington, where she opened and successfully conducted a boarding house in Newcapitol Hill, near Willard's hotel, where her death took place yesterday. During the Centennial celebration of 1876 she conducted a large boarding house in Philadelphia, where she was also very successful. She died peacefully at her home, after a long illness, including the Stevens household and several other homes in this city.

After a short funeral service in Washington on Saturday, her remains will be brought to Lancaster for interment in the Stevens family grave at the cemetery.

Death of Horace B. Zahm. Horace B. Zahm, youngest child and second son of Godfrey M. Zahm, died yesterday at the family residence, No. 445 West Chestnut street, after a lingering illness from consumption. The deceased was in his 36th year, and occupied a responsible position in the Farmers' bank, this city, until a few years ago, when failing health obliged him to seek a more congenial occupation. He was afterwards associated with Mr. John C. Burrows in the business of the Farmers' bank at Metcalf's Ferry. The deceased was a young man of great social popularity and was highly esteemed in the circles in which he moved. His funeral will take place on Monday at 3 p.m., interment at Lancaster cemetery.

THE MAYORALTY. A Good Paper comes Wrong Again. "The people of Lancaster are running candidates for mayor who do not suit the editors of Lancaster. The people often do this sort of thing."—Phil's Record.

Our esteemed Philadelphia contemporary has again lost its bearings. The people of Lancaster have only one candidate for mayor—David McMullen—and he suits them and the editors. The Philadelphia Record and the Democratic nominee and the editor of the New Era are for him because it is a "wholesome check" upon a Republican council; the Examiner is for him because he has been a faithful councilman, is an honest and upright man, an intelligent lawyer and has good business qualifications.

Some of the politicians and placid hunters are running D. P. Rosenmiller for mayor. But he don't suit the people nor the editors. He does not suit the Examiner because he is a weak and unprincipled politician, and he is not a "wholesome check" upon a Republican council; he does not suit the Democratic editors because he is not a "wholesome check" upon a Republican council; he does not suit the date of a party which in four years' administration of the mayor's office added \$200,000 to the city debt.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY. An Aged Couple Celebrate Their Village Year of Wedded Life. On the 10th inst. the anniversary of the marriage of the village of Quarryville and its worthy couple, Mr. Quarryville Lefever and Susanna, his wife, both of whom have passed the three score and ten milestone of life. They have resided in this neighborhood all their lives. Their married life has been a happy one, and they have been blessed with numerous family, the members of which are now widely separated from each other.

Tuesday evening last was the 50th anniversary of the married life of this now aged couple. The occasion was celebrated by their numerous friends to give them a surprise. About dusk they assembled to the number of about fifty, armed with well filled baskets, and marched into the house. The surprise was complete and highly enjoyed by the couple. The house was taken possession of by the visitors, and Mr. and Mrs. Lefever escorted into the parlor, where they and the rest of the company were entertained by vocal and instrumental music, after which a hearty supper was served. The well filled baskets of the visitors, of which all partook. After supper a small sum in gold and greenbacks was presented to Mr. Lefever by one of the company, which was feelingly responded to by that gentleman. After a fitting hymn and prayer by Mr. Edison Aston, the company separated, all agreeing that it was a happy and enjoyable occasion.

COMMON PLEAS COURT. William Miller's will sustained. Yesterday afternoon the case of Catharine Bahlweil vs. Mary Elizabeth Smithhurst, by her guardian, William A. Smithhurst, issue to try by a jury whether a paper purporting to be the last will of William Miller, late of this city, is his last will and testament. The case was set for trial on the 10th inst. Owing to the absence of the defendant the case was continued until this morning and the other jurors were discharged.

This morning the case was opened and the plaintiff presented the will in evidence which they read. No testimony was offered for the defense, and a verdict was taken in favor of the plaintiff.

Divorced. Ella A. Fisher was divorced from her husband, David F. Fisher of Salisbury, on the grounds of cruel treatment. Court adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Sale of Real Estate. Henry Shubert, auctioneer and real estate agent, sold at public sale, at the Cooper house, on Thursday, the property belonging to the family of the deceased, Mrs. Weaver, deceased, situated No. 19 South Prince street, to Mrs. M. E. Metzger for \$1,600.