Lancaster Intelligencer.

MONDAY EVENING, FEB. 18, 1884.

Who is Responsible.

The *Examiner* gives itself and its cause away badly when it undertakes to discuss the sinking fund of the city, which has been increased so largely under Democratic administration and to which, under the management of Mayor Stauffer and Select Councilman Evans, not even the interest on its own bonds was added during the mayoralty of Mr. MacGonigle's predecessor. The *Examiner* quotes the city ordinances to the effect that "the finance committee shall be the commissioners of the sinking fund;" but it omits to say that the essential difference between Republican and Democratic administration of the mayor's office was that Stauffer allowed these commissioners to neglect their duty while MacGonigle made them attend to it.

The *Examiner* admits that "during Mayor Stauffer's administration not one cent of principal was put into the sinking fund"; but it adds, by way of apology, "*there being no law compelling it*, the fund got only the benefit of yearly interest." Now mark how plain a tale shall set it down: The law regulating city sinking funds was enacted May 23, 1874, and was the law at the beginning of every fiscal year, which began under Stauffer's administration. The *Examiner's* statement to the contrary is a wilful misstatement, a flagrant perversion of the truth, as any one can see, by turning to page 234, sec. xi, P. L. 1874. That law directs that not less than 1 mill on the assessment of property, together with the interest on the amount already in the sinking fund, shall be put into the fund annually.

According to the direction of the law, there should have been made in the fiscal years of 1876, 1877 and 1878 an annual addition to the sinking fund of not less than $17,000. Let us see if this was done, and if not, who was responsible for the violation of the law.

By the message of Mayor Stauffer, June, 1875, it is reported that the additions made to the sinking fund during the year were $10,600, which was a few thousands more than the interest on the bonds in the fund. Next year, however, the addition was only $4,200; in 1876-7, it was $3,500 and in 1877-8 only $1,000—a total of $19,300 in four years, averaging $4,825 per year, or really less than the interest on the bonds in the fund" itself.

By the finance reports of the city it is to be seen that the finance committee of councils—"the commisioners of the sinking fund," were:

June, 1876: R. A. Evans, chairman; John Baker, C. A. Bitner, J. B. Kevinski. Four Republicans, no Democrat.

June, 1877; R. A. Evans, chairman; Thos. W. Brown, John A. Boring, John A. Erben. Three Republicans, one Democrat.

June, 1878: R. A. Evans, chairman; Thos. W. Brown, John D. Skiles, Benj. P. Miller. Three Republicans, one Democrat.

Now, since the *Examiner* has shifted the responsibility of managing the sinking fund from the mayor to the finance committee, let it explain as best it can why Mr. Evans neglected to comply with the law and his sworn duty. It will not do to say this was not the law then, for the law was passed in the first year of Stauffer's administration. If the tax to raise money for the sinking fund was not levied, why not? If it was levied what became of the $17,000 raised by it, of which so small a part—one year only a thousand dollars—was paid into the sinking fund? The application of city funds to another purpose than that for which they are specifically raised and appropriated is a high misdemeanor in office. Whether it was the sinking fund commissioners' neglect of duty or a Republican mayor's, makes no difference to the present issue. The way found to prevent it during the past six years is a Democratic mayor. Let the citizens continue this "wholesome check" upon councils.

The Mayoralty.

Before the Republican nomination for mayor the *New Era* said: "We understand that an effort will be made to elect delegates on Thursday evening in the interests of candidates who it is well known could not command even the party vote much less the business vote independent of party considerations, which every year is making itself more and more felt in municipal affairs."

It was well understood that this had direct reference to Rosenmiller's nomination. The *New Era* so intended it; its party so understood it.

Before the Republican nomination for mayor the *Examiner* said: "All that is needed is a citizen familiar to all, who is known to have ability in the management of business affairs, the integrity which gives assurance that city matters will be managed honestly and with that independence of character to prove he will be neither the mouth piece of a ring nor the tool of a clique. No man can be elected mayor of this city who has to be defended or whose weakness must be apologized for."

The man whom this described as not being wanted was promptly recognized as Rosenmiller. The *Examiner* so intended it; and its party so understood it; he was the one conspicuous candidate who had to be "defended" or whose "weakness must be apologized for"

No other man in the Republican party was willing to take the nomination. It was offered to a dozen—any one of them fitter for the place than Rosenmiller. They, each and all, declined it, no doubt because they believed with the *New Era* 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."

The only way to "maintain this balance" and preserve a "wholesome check" upon the profligacy of a Republican council is to vote for McMullen.

A News Copyright.

Mr. Henry Watterson, of the Louisville *Courier-Journal*, wants Congress to pass a law giving the right to news manufacturers to copyright their work. Mr. Watterson says that what he writes and publishes in a book he can preserve the ownership in by applying for a copyright, and he thinks that he should have the same privilege for what he writes and telegraphs to his journal. Maybe he should; but probably if he had, he would find that it would cost him more trouble and delay to get his copyright than it would be worth to him after he had it. Perhaps Mr. Watterson may be able to persuade Congress to give him the doubtful privilege he seeks; but probably there will be conditions coupled with the gift which will make it quite unacceptable. If the newspaper editors ask Congress to protect their proprietary right in their publications, Congress should take the opportunity to relieve the country from the prevalent nuisance of false news. It is safe to say that half of the news that is published is untrue as it is published, and that of the portion that is true, a good part is not proper for publication. People who are injured by newspaper publications do not often seek redress, because experience has shown that it is unprofitable; but if Congress is to take a hand in protecting proprietary rights in news, it may, very advantageously to the public good, seize the opportunity to make newspaper news what it should be. It may do this by establishing a censorship, to which all proprietary news shall be submitted before publication; or requiring news proprietors to deposit an adequate sum in United States bonds, to be distributed to injured persons, or charities by a censor, who shall find the news published to be untrue or in any way impertinent.

We fancy that under such proper restrictions to proprietary news, not many newspaper publishers would want a copyright. We are heartily in favor of Mr. Watterson's law, amended so as to secure us veracious information. It has become an intolerable nuisance to be compelled to read to-day what is contradicted to-morrow, and long stories of special correspondents prepared without the slightest regard to the truth. Congressmen and public men generally, who are lied about without the possibility of redress, will welcome a law which will put metropolitan editors under bonds to tell the truth and nothing else. And the private citizen too who don't like to be belied will heartily applaud it. Mr. Watterson thinks it is a bad thing to steal news; but it is a worse thing to steal circulation and stab reputation with lies. Let him amend his law to secure the public redress from these wrongs, and we will cheerfully accord him the redress he seeks from his wrongs.

VAULTING ambition overleaps itself. Jimmy Doebler will never be lockup keeper. The people will vote for McMullen for mayor.

THERE'S many a slip 'twixt the cup and the lip. Buck Leibley's programme to be mayor's clerk will fail. The people will elect McMullen mayor.

BISMARCK'S latest conduct shows him to be the prince of continental hogs, and his hostility to the American porker is therefore in exceeding bad taste.

HENRY WATTERSON wants an exclusive copyright of twenty four hours on news specials. The country wants Henry to give it a lengthened period of rest.

EXAMINE your ballot carefully before voting and see that every name on the ticket in your ward corresponds with the correct ticket as printed in this evening's INTELLIGENCER.

THE circulation of a false ticket with intent to deceive voters is now a punishable offence. The prison door will open for those guilty of such deception. Vote your honest convictions and let no man tamper with them. Vote for McMullen.

WHEN Philip D. Baker tried to run the school board and oust old and faithful directors, the Independent Republicans aided by the Democrats, blocked his little game. Now Baker wants his man for mayor. The way to beat him is to vote for McMullen. "Patty cake, patty cake, Baker's man."

DEMOCRATIC administration of the mayor's office in six years and a half reduced the city debt $90,000; a Republican administration in four years had increased the city debt $200,000. A vote for McMullen is a vote to keep on in the good way; a vote for Rosenmiller is a vote to return to the old and evil ways.

As Mayor MacGonigle's administration has paid off $62,500 of the city debt, and therefore decreased the tax burden 55½ cents on every $100 valuation, and as W. D. Stauffer's Republican administration increased the tax burden $1.75 on every $100 valuation, every owner of property in this city who is in favor of low taxes, and every tenant in favor of low rents should vote next Tuesday for David McMullen, who will continue the good work done by Mayor MacGonigle.

A PRETENDED "old Democrat" who asked Mr. McMullen through the *Examiner* whether he voted the Democratic city ticket in 1875, can get a direct answer from Mr. McMullen if he will apply in person. McMullen will tell him he *did* vote for ex Mayor Sanderson in that campaign. And now will the *Examiner* tell us whether or not its proprietor threatened to kick Rosenmiller out of his office in 1878, because he accused him of helping to defeat Leaman for the Legislature?

"ONCE upon a time," as the old fashioned stories begin, when Rosenmiller was district attorney and some of his political friends had got into such a tight place that there was no other means of escape for them, he took the bull by the horns and boldly stated to the court that the witnesses necessary to make out the case of the commonwealth had fled the jurisdiction, when in reality it was the defendant himself who had "gone west," and the witnesses in the case were sitting in court waiting to be called. It is to be feared that such tenderness of heart as this toward law breakers, because they happened to be of his political faction, does not qualify a man for the administration of an office that the *New Era* says should be conducted on business principles.

FRANKLIN and Marshall college was recently made the recipient of a donation of $10,000 for an astronomical observatory. A correspondent in another column makes the very sensible suggestion that the citizens of Lancaster should supplement this gift with a fund of from $3,000 to $3,500 for the purpose of building an annex to the observatory, the annex to contain a clock for keeping the correct time of the city. When the present imperfect and unreliable local time standard is considered, such a consummation as that suggested cannot be too devoutly wished. The college and city are closely identified in interests, its presence in our midst attracting and disseminating culture, and where such important mutual benefits would result as in the plan proposed, the work of securing from public spirited citizens the amount of money required should not be difficult.

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PERSONAL.

IRVING'S receipts in Chicago last week were $18,300.

VICTOR HUGO has subscribed 5,000 francs to the homeless of Paris.

GENERAL GRANT is reported as much depressed in spirits by reason of his sickness.

WILLIAM WALTER PHELPS has bought an $8,000 site for his proposed Washington residence.

ADMIRAL CARR GLYN, who was made heir to her estate by the late Miss Neilson, the actress, is dead.

SCHAEFFER, the billiard champion, is about to return from Paris to America; he has beaten Vignaux.

REUBEN WOOD, the champion fly caster of America, dropped dead from heart disease at Syracuse, N. Y.

J. B. MCCULLAGH, of the St. Louis *Globe Democrat*, thinks Arthur will be the candidate, and the bloody shirt the issue.

GEORGE C. GORHAM has severed his connection with the Washington *National Republican* and departed for New York to assume the management of the Dinsmaugh telephone company.

MISS CARRIE SHEADS, who, at the battle of Gettysburg, earned a national reputation by her heroic conduct in succoring wounded federal soldiers, died in Washington recently, where she was a department clerk.

LADY RANDOLPH CHURCHILL and Lady Mandeville overshadowed all their English competitors as barmaids at the international peasant festival, and the fatuous dudes who went there were fleeced unmercifully, the rule being to return no change.

GENERAL SIMON CAMERON left New Orleans for Florida on Tuesday. He has received great attention during his stay. On Sunday he drove with Senators Hoar and Cameron to Lake Ponchartrain and pointed out the reservoir which he dug by contract fifty two years ago.

MARQUIS OF LEINSTER and Lady Hermione Duncombe, the beautiful daughter of Lord Feversham, were lately wed in London. The bridesmaids, eleven in number, are described as being all handsome girls and all brunettes, which shows that the reign of the blonde is over, and that her dark haired sisters have come once more to the front.

PROF. S. WELLS WILLIAMS, of Yale college, two years ago fell and broke his collar bone. This was closely followed by a paralytic shock, from which he recovered. About two weeks ago he began to fail, and he died on Saturday. The first professor of the Chinese language at Yale college, he was, until a late period of his life, better known in China than in his own country.

GEN. BOOTH, of the Salvation Army, has been held guilty of deception and untruthfulness in one of his recent real estate transactions. He took a theatre on a promise to properly maintain the liquor selling part of the business, and then did his best to destroy it by substituting some teetotal bibulous abomination for genuine whisky or beer. He has been fined heavily, and compelled to restore the premises.

HON. M. F. ELLIOTT, Democratic congressman-at large, made a great hit in the House the other day. He spoke on the Chalmers Manning case, and no young member in twenty years has made a better impression on the House. He spoke because he had to speak, and because he had something to say, and his modesty, his eloquence, his earnestness and his strength of argument were so equally mixed that he quite captured a House always jealous of a new member. He spoke, not as a partisan, but as a lawyer, and by this one speech he has put himself high up among the big lawyers of the House. He was warmly congratulated by scores of Democrats and Republicans.

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A Church Quarrel in Wilkesbarre.

The pastor of St. Mary's Catholic church, Wilkesbarre, Rev. Father O'Horan, Sunday afternoon refused permission to the members of the Grand Army of the Republic to enter his church with their uniforms on. They had charge of the funeral of Captain John Mundy, who was refused burial in the Catholic cemetery, because Father O'Horan had not been notified one day in advance of the funeral, as is the rule. The Grand Army post was then notified by friends of the deceased to take charge of the remains, and it was about to do so when word came from Father O'Horan that he was ready to receive the body of John Mundy in his church. The wife of the deceased then agreed to the priest's wishes, and the remains were taken to the church, but the post was excluded. The Grand Army post voted that each and every member should act as he pleased in the matter. Some followed the remains to the funeral and others repaired to their homes. Much excitement prevails in all circles over the action of the priest.

Killed by a Falling Wall.

About 4 o'clock Sunday morning the western wall of the flour warehouse, heretofore occupied by E. Lathbury & Co., on the south side of Vine street, above Broad, Philadelphia, being deprived of its supports by a fire which started about eleven hours before, fell with great force, almost completely demolishing the tenement house owned by Miss Leeds, at 1416 Vine street, and burying several of the occupants under the debris. Edward Curran was killed and his wife and two others injured.

Murderer Rugg Escapes From Jail.

Charles H. Rugg, the negro who was under arrest awaiting trial for the murder of the Maybee family and the assault upon Mr. and Mrs. Townsend, of Long Island, escaped from the Queens' county jail about ten o'clock Sunday night.

UNEXPECTED RICHES.

FALL INTO A POOR FAMILY'S LAP.

A Poverty Stricken Widow and Children Inherit $50,000—A Mother's Brutal Murder Revenged.

The poverty stricken widow and two children of John Davison, a drunken matricide, who killed himself in Moyamensing jail on July 10, 1882, while awaiting trial, on Saturday last came into an estate valued at $50,000. James Scanlon and his wife came from County Donegal, Ireland, to New York in 1844 and a year or so later to Philadelphia, with James, their only child. Scanlon and his wife did not agree and in 1848 he left her and went West. His wife never heard of him again. He became one of the pioneers of Denver, Colorado, and accumulated an estate the value of which is estimated at from $60,000 to $75,000.

After Scanlon deserted his wife and child she married a tailor named John Davison, with whom she lived eighteen years, and her son was known only by his stepfather's name. When young Scanlon, or Davison, was twenty five years old his stepfather died from excessive drink and the widow supported herself and grown son by peddling fruit. Finally he married a young woman named Duffy and they went to live with his mother. For a time Davison worked as a laborer, but after he became the father of two boys he took to drink and allowed his wife and aged mother to support him and his children. He not only made them support him, but he extorted from them money to buy liquor, and on many occasions they paid his fines when arrested and locked up in the Second district police station. Early in 1882 young Mrs. Davison, unable to longer endure his ill treatment, left her husband (Scanlon) and found work with a private family. Davison, his mother and his sons, lived in a wretched tenement hovel at 718 Swanson street. Except the little assistance received from her daughter-in-law old Mrs. Davison supported her son and grandsons. The old woman at that time kept a fruit stand at Second and South streets, but her profits were so small that she was unable to pay her rent. In April, 1882, she wrote to her brother in Ireland, asking him to send her $50. On Friday evening, May 5, 1882, she closed her little stand and went to her wretched home to prepare supper for her grandchildren. A few minutes she reached home her son came in drunk and demanded money. She said she had none to give him. The neighbors heard him say: "You lie; you got that money from Ireland and I want some of it." When the old woman persisted that she had but thirty eight cents in the world, he grabbed up a hatchet and struck her in the forehead.

She fell, and he stood over her unconscious body and hacked it about the head, throat and shoulders until life was extinct. Covered with blood he ran into the street, brandishing the murderous hatchet, and was captured two squares away and was locked up in the station house of the Second police district. On the night of July 10, 1882, he hung himself in Moyamensing with a rope made from his under shirt.

The widow Davison, after some search, was found working as a domestic in a private family. She received $2.50 per week and on that sum clothed herself and her youngest boy, who was living with a distant relative on Christian street. The eldest boy was a bootblack and supported himself. Immediately after the heirs of James Scanlon, of Denver, were found suit was begun to break the will. The suit ended on Saturday last, when the jury to which it was referred after being out twenty minutes returned a verdict in favor of the widow and her children, who have left for Colorado.

An Unprovoked Murder in Virginia.

A dastardly crime was committed at Floyd Court House, Va., several days ago which in all probability will result in the perpetrator being lynched. Jacob Dulaney, a desperate character from Montgomery county, created a disturbance and the sheriff of the county being unable to arrest him without assistance summoned J. J. Dehart, a respectable citizen, to aid him. Dehart approached Dulaney and commenced to expostulate with him about his disorderly conduct, whereupon the latter drew a pistol and deliberately shot Dehart down, the ball taking effect in the left breast, causing a mortal wound. Dulaney was seated on his horse at the time and immediately galloped off, but was pursued by two citizens and captured. The pursuers were unarmed, while Dulaney had a pistol and threatened to shoot them, but finding that they were not to be intimidated he surrendered and was brought back and lodged in jail. According to last accounts there were serious threats of lynching.

Death in the Flames.

A fire occurred at Prescott, Arizona, Saturday morning which destroyed an entire block, comprising several stores, saloons and law offices. S. N. Holmes, proprietor of the *Daily Miner*, attempted to save some valuable papers and was burned to death. A woman named Kitty Purcell rescued a child from the flames at the risk of her life. This was the most disastrous fire that ever occurred there and in order to save the town several buildings were blown up. The loss is not known.

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TRANSFIXED BY A ROD.

A Man Coolly Directs His Funeral While in His Death Agony.

A very singular and fatal accident occurred on an oil lease on Rutherford Run, three miles from Bradford, Saturday afternoon. Jacob Dickey has charge of the lease, and was agitating the well, using for the purpose an iron rod about eleven feet long. This was attached to a rope passing through a crown pulley, the rod dropping down the tubing till it reached the sand rock. The rod agitated the well so effectively as to cause a strong flow of gas, which blew rod and rope out of the well and up into the derrick. In its descent the point of the rod struck Mr. Dickey square on top the head, passed through his head toward the left, came out at the occipital bone, passed on down through the left shoulder, through the left lung, narrowly escaping the heart, and passed out below the last rib, protruding several inches.

The man did not lose consciousness through the whole of it, and stood without flinching the operation of pulling the rod from his body. He lived long enough to give directions about his funeral. Leaves a wife and two children.

Nilsson Takes Up a Collection

The concert for the benefit of the sufferers from the flood, given at Music hall, Cincinnati, Sunday afternoon by Abbey's opera company, produced a gross sum of $7,641. Nilsson sang for an encore "Give Me a Penny," and then, taking a basket, and assisted by Scalchi, Sembrich, Fursch, Madi, Lablanche and Valleria, each attended by a gentleman, passed through the aisles and took up a collection, amounting to nearly $1,400.

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A Bill to Protect News.

Mr. Henry Watterson has drafted a bill and prepared an argument to be presented to Congress to protect news within twenty-four hours after its publication.

THE DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

See That Your Ballot Has These Names On It

Following is a correct list of the Democratic nominees for to morrow's election:

FOR MAYOR.
D. McMullen

FOR SCHOOL DIRECTORS.
Samuel K. Lichty.
Thos. F. McElligott.
A. Z. Ringwalt.
Jacob Shindle.
A. J. Snyder.
Henry Smeych.

THE WARD NOMINATIONS

First Ward.

Select Council—Geo. W. Brown.
Common Council—S. M. Soner, Jacob L. Porter, Wm. H. McComsey.
Constable—A. G. Pyle.
Assessor—Emanuel Miller.
Judge—John E. Malone.
Inspector—Henry Altick.

Second Ward.

Select Council—Fred Brimmer.
Common Council—Jno. P. Eohternacht, John Rausing, Theo. Wenditz.
Constable—Bankson Smith.
Assessor—F. R. Donnelly.
Judge—Jno. R. Henkel.
Inspector—Robt. Clark.

Third Ward.

Select Council—Henry Wolf.
Common Council—Jno. M. Eberly, F. H. Willig, C. F. Oblender.
Alderman—W. T. Wiley.
Constable—Geo. Deorr.
Assessor—John A. McGinnis.
Judge—B. F. Davis.
Inspector—Adam S. Rhoads.

Fourth Ward.

Select Council—George Steinman.
Common Council—Landis B. Norbeck, Henry E. Carson, John Steigerwalt.
Assessor—Isaiah McKillips.
Constable—James Coyle.
Judge—Lawrence Falk.
Inspector—Simon Shissler.

Fifth Ward.

Common Council—Daniel Trewitz, jr., Frederick Sener, sr.
Constable—H. K. Furlow.
Assessor—John J. Jeffries.
Judge—Philip Wall.
Inspector—A. F. Barringer.

Sixth Ward.

Select Council—Jacob Zecher.
Common Council—Adam Mischlich, John McClane, Frank McLaughlin.
Constable—Martin Daly.
Assessor—Charles R. Frailey.
Judge—Byron J. Brown.
Inspector—Jno. B. Senor.

Seventh Ward.

Common Council—Frank Everts, Philip Dinkelberg, B. Frank Adams.
Alderman—Alex. F. Donnelly.
Constable—John Merringer.
Assessor—James R. Garvin.
Judge—Wm. McLaughlin.
Inspector—Wm. Dorwart.

Eighth Ward.

Select Council—John V. Wise.
Common Council—Charles Lippold, Joseph Adams, Benjamin Huber.
Constable—George Shay.
Assessor—Christian Frailey, sr.
Judge—C. T. Dougherty.
Inspector—Jacob Kurtz.

Ninth Ward.

Common Council—D. S. Sweeton, John McKillips, D. S. Mearig.
Constable—John Herr.
Assessor—Jacob Metzger.
Judge—Charles Broome.
Inspector—John Nixdorf.

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AN OBSERVATORY ANNEX.

A Correspondent's Suggestion to Lancaster's Public Spirited Citizens.

EDITORS OF THE INTELLIGENCER:—The recent liberal donation of $10,000 to erect and equip an astronomical observatory on the college grounds, has been kindly noticed by the local press, and the question has been raised whether in an improvement which is of such public interest Lancaster might not feel disposed to have some part. In this connection we have a proposal to make to our public spirited citizens and friends of the college. The generous lady who made the donation has chosen the observatory as the object on which her contribution is to be expended, and she has named it in memory of her father. Now there is a way in which the city can have some share or representation in this improvement, and yet not trench on the personal interest of the donor, but rather add to its effect. The observatory will be equipped with a first class telescope and other astronomical instruments usually employed in such a building.

An Annex.

What we propose is that the city undertake to build a neat annex to the observatory and place in it a clock for keeping the correct time for the city. If desired it might serve also by the use of telephone connection for Reading or other surrounding towns. Prof. Kerslner would undertake to attend to keeping the correct time for the city. A first class clock for such purposes could be purchased for $550, and the annex could be erected for say $1,500. To make it a comfortable and pleasant room and present a fine appearance, something more might be expended on it. The sum of $3,000 would be a liberal sum to cover the whole expense, while $2,500 might be sufficient.

Are there not some liberal public-spirited citizens who would contribute to this object?

Such an annex would add something to the apppearance of the observatory, and as not much can be expended on the observatory, after purchasing the necessary instruments, it is all the more desirable to have this addition. And as it would serve a public interest in keeping correct time for the city the object all the more commends itself to the liberality of our citizens.

As has been already said, it is the purpose of the committee having the matter in charge to raise funds for some other improvements to the college, including a building for libraries, reading room and museum. It is thought, therefore, that the friends of the college in the city might feel interested to make some contribution.

We might urge this appeal on the pecuniary ground that the college, seminary and academy bring into the city from $40,000 to $50,000 every year, in addition to the support of the professors, who receive their salaries almost entirely from the endowment. But we put it on the ground of interest in science and learning. The contemplated improvements look towards the purely scientific department, and this is an interest that is common to all. We believe no other ground of appeal than this need be urged to enlist the attention, and call out the liberality of our citizens. Hence we urge nothing more. From letters we have received we are encouraged to believe that the church will do its part in carrying out the plan of adding other improvements and facilities to the college, and we feel assured that the city will be interested in making a suitable contribution to the observatory when the matter is brought to the attention of the citizens. The college co operates with the city high school in furnishing facilities for obtaining a complete education. A.

P. S.—After getting estimates it is certain that an addition of $3,500 would suffice to make the buildings present a respectable appearance and be an ornament to the college ground.

Dog Shot.

A dog belonging to Dr. Baker, residing at Orange and Lime streets, which showed signs of hydrophobia, was shot this forenoon.

THE CITY CAMPAIGN.

DEMOCRATIC RALLY IN MŒNNERCHOR HALL.

Col. McGovern Presides—Speeches by Candidate McMullen and Counsellors Steinmetz, Davis and Hensel—Editor Schaum's Ringing Address.

Although there were a number of empty seats in the spacious auditorium of Maennerchor hall on Saturday evening when the Democratic meeting was called to order they rapidly filled up and more than 700 persons had gathered on the main floor and galleries, when W. U. Hensel proposed and the audience elected the following officers of the meeting:

President.

COL. EDW. MCGOVERN, Sixth ward

Vice Presidents.

First Ward—Wm. McComsey, D. A. Altick, R. J. McGrann, H. Yeagley, M. D., W. H. Roland, S. M. Soner.

Second Ward—C. M. Howell, H. E. Slaymaker, Wm. Laut, George Nauman, Herman Hirsh, Hugh Kehoe, Charles Stewart.

Third Ward—John S. Givler, C. Peters, George Wall, C. Widmyer, Philip Doersom, Geo. F. Springer, George Kirchner, C. Hagelgans.

Fourth Ward—H Carpenter, M. D., H. Wilhelm, D. B. Bartholomew, Geo. Poutz, Alex Harberger, Robert B. Bruce.

Fifth Ward—P. McConomy, Abram Erisman, F. Hartmyer, D. Trewitz, Peter Allabach.

Sixth Ward—H. B. Swarr, W. R. Wilson, H. E. Leaman, John Best, W. B. Wilson, Daniel McLaughlin, John McCulley, C. F. Rengier, jr., George W. Zecher.

Seventh Ward—Wm. Sales, Philip Kuhlman, John Franciscus, F. R. Evarts, H. McNabb, sr., Martin Blankenmyer, Philip Dinkleberg, John Free.

Eighth Ward—George Gans, Albert Kohlhaas, A. Iske, Christian Wise, Peter Sigler, Herman Wiseman, Benj. Huber, Chas. Wolbert, Joseph Gantz, C. Krieg, John Pontz.

Ninth Ward—C. Zecher, Edw. Layden, Chas. Broome, John Rose, W. C. Buchanan, D. S. Sweeton, John S. Stahr, Arnold Haas.

Secretaries.

Jno. P. Adams, Isaac McCutcheon, F. R. Donnelly, J. J. Keenan, G. E. Hegener, W. H. Hull, David Harlan, J. W. Anderson, Peter Fasnacht, D. H. Wylie, Wm. Schaum, Henry Karer, Jacob Shay, Chas. Lippold, W. T. Guthrie, Jos. Arnold, C. F. Anderson, H. N. Mohler, W. T. Jefferies, Wm. Jordan, Jas. P. Plucker, Jno. S. Gyler, H. Z. Rhoads, Wm. Johnson, Fred Arnold, Jno Miller, John Westenberger, James Waters, Adam Trost, jr., Leo Jacobs, Harry Schuster, John Hutchinson.

Upon taking the chair Col. McGovern returned his thanks for the honor conferred and spoke upon the importance of the campaign and the results for good or evil to the city of the issue of next Tuesday's election. He eulogized the Democratic party and its work in the nation, state and city, and declared that it had a fit standard bearer in the present municipal contest in Mr. McMullen, whom he took great pleasure in introducing. [Long continued applause.]

Mr. McMullen said that he spoke with some embarrassment, since he was to such extent personally interested in the pending election; but he took the opportunity to return thanks to the Democrats of the city for the distinction they had conferred upon him, and he embraced the chance to say that if elected he would try to see that no official act of his ever gave them cause to regret it. There were certain cardinal features of Mayor MacGonigle's administration which had commended it for the past six years or more to public favor, [applause] and he had only to say that if elected he would adhere to the same principles of honest, economical, efficient and progressive city government. [Long continued applause.]

Mr. H. Schmidt, of the *Frei Presse*, made a half hour speech in German and his eloquent and earnest address was listened to with marked attention and interrupted time and again by rapturous applause and cheers.

J. L. Steimetz, esq., followed in a twenty minutes speech in which he dwelt exhaustively upon the importance of municipal elections and the maintenance of good city government. His references to Mr. McMullen as the man to secure and promote this, and to Rosenmiller as the choice of a clique of politicians who would run the city for their own aggrandizement, were greeted with warm applause.

B. F. Davis, esq., made a brief but capital speech, encouraging all Democrats to vote for Mr. McMullen, and especially directing attention to the existing inequality of assessments which Republican councils permit.

W. U. Hensel spoke for about a half hour, and Geo. Pontz closed the meeting with a spirited campaign ballad.

THE REPUBLICANS.

Getting Ready for Their Primaries.

Political interest in Republican circles is centred chiefly upon the primary elections of that party, fixed for the unusually early date of April 12th, in order to elect state and national delegates. The elections will be the most important ever held by the party, as never before was there such a list of nominees to be chosen at a single election, the call including judge, Congress, senator in the lower district, sheriff, prothonotary, register, treasurer, clerk of quarter sessions, clerk of orphans' court, two commissioners, prison keeper, coroner, two poor directors, two prison inspectors, two national delegates and alternates, eight state delegates and county committeemen.

In view of the magnitude and variety of spoils at stake, the importance and advantage of combinations and of organizing a ring have been recognized by some of the politicians, and as less than seven weeks remain for them to get their work in, the past few days have been busily employed in hatching a scheme to get up an invincible combination, that will have the support of the *New Era*, and which will be too strong to fear the influence of the *Examiner* and its faction. Lew. Hartman, it is understood, aspires to be the new big boss, and the only interest which is manifested in the election of Rosenmiller by the city politicians, whose larger profit lies in bossing the county politics, is the hope of manipulating the police patronage under him so as to further their schemes. The incubation of some of these plans during the past week has led to a great many mysterious movements on Barbary Coast and some of the workers have been prancing the court house corridors daily showing unmistakable signs of the big head. Jimmy Doebler has taken the war path and his whoop is occasionally heard with blood curdling effect as he unfolds his tale to listening and astonished audiences.

Brown, Sensenig and McMellen do not take kindly, it is said, to a proposed coalition with the *New Era*, though their candidate for reelection, Senator Amos H. Mylin, is not at all averse to it. Mentzer is said to be on the outs with McMellen though friends are trying to conciliate him; neither is there any love lost between McMellen and Lew. Hartman, especially since the latter had the McMellen delegates from the Third ward so contemptuously kicked out of the Republican city convention. They have rubbed brine into his wounds by the support and sympathy given to Alderman Barr, and the *New Era*, Johnson faction lose no opportunity to show their exhultation over the discomfiture of Mr. McMellen in the Third ward; and openly boast that they will show that they can run the politics of his ward and of the city without any consideration for him.

The Judgeship.

William Augustus Atlee, esq., is announced as a candidate for judge; and there has never been a day in the past nine years and a month that Judge Patterson has not been understood to be a candidate for re election. There had been some talk of a third candidate, but it seems to have subsided—until after the primaries, at least. The *New Era*, Sensenig and Judge Livingston are understood to be against Judge Patterson's re-election. It will be a bitter contest; it was severe and close before, and although the lines are not formed yet the struggle for the judgeship will be the most picturesque point in the impending battle.

For Congress A. Herr Smith is as yet conceded to have a walk over.

Amos H. Mylin is understood to be a candidate for re election. John H. Landis is talked of as his opponent; if he runs the *New Era* will support him. H. H. Kurtz, a very intelligent farmer and active politician of Conestoga, formerly of Salisbury township, says he will be a candidate. The opponents of Mylin say this is a blind to intimidate Landis with the threat of drawing votes from him in Conestoga, Pequea, Manor and Salisbury, where Kurtz has a big following. But Kurtz's friends say he means business and will be in the race when the vote is counted.

For Assembly A. C. Baldwin of Salisbury, who is inclined to be Independent, and W. H. Brosius, of Drumore, will be the *New Era* candidates, and Hiram Peoples, Milton Heidlebaugh and Harry Worst will be "forninst" them. In the upper district Dave Courtney, D. W. Graybill and D. Stoner will try to catch on, but what faction will take them up is unknown. McMellen's friends are for Courtney. Sammy Moore, who was frightened or bulldozed off the track in the contest for mayor, will be the candidate for Legislature from the city, if he will consent to take it; and should he be in the field from April 12 to November, and experience seven months of a city campaign, he will retire from it a wiser and a sadder man.

The Sheriffalty.

For this important office there may yet be a number of candidates. George Tomlinson, who owns a stone quarry in Manheim township, where he resides, and does a great deal of business in this city, seems to be a leading candidate. He will secure the support of Sensenig and McMellen and likely the *New Era*. Jack Sides, of the Pennsylvania depot hotel, intends making a fight for the office. An old politician, who knows something of the working of the machine, said a few days ago in speaking of Sides: "He will make a strong candidate with the 'boys,' who know that he has little knowledge of politics and spends money recklessly; they will lay for him, thinking he can be easily 'worked.' This has been shown in the city campaign where he has been making a big display, which is unnecessary and will hurt him to a considerable extent among friends, who would do good work for him at the primaries. He will learn later that candidates always do better to pay more attention to their own battles." There is a good deal of truth in these observations and it is a fact that Sides will make a strong candidate, as he has a great many friends both in the town and county. Harry Hippey, who has made a very efficient deputy under Sheriffs High and Strine, is hanging fire and does not know whether to become a candidate or not. If he was sure of "catching on" to a strong combination he would know better what to do. Things have changed considerably since last year, when he had no doubt of his candidacy. Harry knows all about the office and would fill it better than any of the candidates so far mentioned.

The Prothonotary.

For this office there may be a big fight. John D. Skiles, who was defeated by Matt Fridy—or Harve Raymond—three years ago, has announced that he is a candidate, and the *New Era* is said to be "for 'im." Fridy will be a candidate, but may be dropped. His firm friends, Senators Mylin and Stehman, desire that he be supported by Sensenig, but if Levi and the *New Era* combine this will be out of the question. The fight promises to be as mixed as the others and not much will be known until a combination is made. Fridy has made an excellent officer, and is the stronger by far with the bar, and with those who do business in the office.

Clerk of Quarter Sessions.

Captain Abe Setley will be Sensenig's candidate and will make a strong fight. Other parties are looking around for a man to pit against him and they will take no one who is known to be at all weak. It if said that many are dissatisfied with Setley because it is understood that he intends keeping George W. Eaby as clerk and the latter is not as popular as a few years ago. John D. Clinton will run as usual.

For Register.

In this fight it looks as though Christ. Stoner would distance all of the others, and any of the rings would be glad to take him, knowing as they do that he is strong. Christ. has had five years experience in the office, and has proved a good clerk. He comes before the public with a good record, and the endorsement of Judge Livingston and almost every member of the bar. J. A. Sollenberger, of Leacock, wants the office, but he is not well known and will have no show. Dr. Compton is not often heard of, but he is "sly," and may be busy "laying pipe." Harry Diller, the "electric light," who but recently began to shine as a politician, without much brilliancy, however, would like to be register, but some of his friends, who are supporters of Stoner, will endeavor to keep the Fifth ward statesman on ice for future honors.

Clerk of Orphans' Court.

For this office M. V. B. Keller, at present clerk in the recorder's office, will be the "crippled soldier" candidate. He has been in the court house for years and his work has been satisfactory. Sympathy will do a good deal for him and he looks like a winning horse, although his limbs are certainly badly crippled, the results of wounds in the war and under cars. Two others mentioned for the place are Levi Kreider, a store keeper, and George Ulmer, farmer. Both are from East Lampeter, and that fact will damage their chances. Amos Sourbeer, who has spent considerable money in politics and has always run well, without being in any of the set-ups, again talks of trying his luck. He is now a resident of this city and has plenty of friends.

Treasurer.

For the treasurer's office John M. Greider, ex commissioner's clerk, and Steve Grissinger, the standing candidate, will again struggle. The latter will receive the warm support of Brown and Sensenig. The jolly 'squire will have to hunt an organ and draw his supporters into line.

The Commissioners.

For commissioners there are plenty who are anxious to serve and the following are likely to be out: A. B. Worth and James Collins, Colerain; S. M. Myers and Philip Lebzelter, city; Henry Musser, West Lampeter; John J. Long, Drumore; John Johnson, jr., and Benj. Furniss, Little Britain; E. B. Boyd, Penn; John Gingrich, C