

DEMOCRATIC NOMINATIONS:

CANAL COMMISSIONER, THOMAS H. FORSYTH, OF PHILADELPHIA COUNTY. AUDITOR GENERAL, EPHRAIM BANKS, OF MIFFLIN COUNTY. PORT SURVEYOR GENERAL, J. FORSTER BRAWLEY, OF CRAWFORD COUNTY.

Death of Judge Gibson.

This eminent Jurist died at Philadelphia, on Tuesday morning last, after a protracted illness, aged 73 years. His gigantic intellect, it is stated, remained unclouded to the last, and he departed from among men in the full possession of all his mental faculties.

JOHN BANISTER GIBSON was a native of Cumberland Co., and the son of Col. George Gibson, a distinguished officer of the Revolutionary war, who fell while fighting the Indians, at St. Clair's defeat in 1791. He was born in the year 1780, graduated at Dickinson College in 1800, studied law under Judge Duncan, and was admitted to the bar in 1803. He soon acquired a high reputation as a lawyer, and after practicing for some years at the Carlisle Bar, was elected and served for several years as representative from Cumberland county in the State Legislature. Attached to the Democratic party he gave a cordial and active support to the administrations of President Madison and Governor Snyder, and wielded great influence in the body of which he was a member. In 1812 Governor Snyder appointed him Judge of the 11th Judicial District, just organized in Northern Pennsylvania, and in 1818 he was appointed to the Supreme Bench. In 1827, on the death of Chief Justice Tighman, Gov. Shultz appointed him to the vacancy, and he held the office from that time until 1851, when the amendment to the constitution made the Judiciary elective. He was then nominated by the Democratic State Convention for election, and upon his election drew the nine years term, of which not two years had elapsed at the time of his death.

In the death of Judge Gibson, the Judiciary of Pennsylvania has lost a bright and distinguished ornament—a Jurist who for the long period of forty years has shed lustre upon the Bench, and whose decisions have every where been looked upon as the emanations of a powerful intellect.

His death has caused a vacancy on the Supreme Bench, which must be filled by the people at the election in October next. In the meantime the Governor will make an appointment to hold good until the 1st of December.

Upon the announcement of his death, the several Courts in session at Philadelphia immediately adopted suitable measures to testify their high appreciation of his distinguished talents, and services.

The Gardner case drags its slow length along. There is no knowing when it will terminate. The prosecuting Attorney, not long since, despondingly declared that he did not feel that it would end in six months. Nobody doubts that a huge swindle has been perpetrated. Yet strange to say, we hear it distinctly whispered in professional circles that Gardner will not be convicted. It is believed there is and will be hard working to raise legal doubt of his guilt, and on this question will turn. But there are other indications against Gardner, and if he escapes on this, he will be looked on another and another, so that he is likely to have anything but an easy time of it for months, and probably years to come. And it is confidently anticipated that if one dodge of the law does let him escape, enough others will be found to enable the Government to keep him out of the large portion of the award in his favor, which has not yet found its way into his actual possession.—Tribune.

The McCready case.—A paragraph is going the rounds of the papers, to the effect that Gov. Bigler, of Pa., has withdrawn his nomination for McCready. This we learn from Annapolis, is a mistake. The resignation has not been withdrawn. Gov. Lowe has the whole matter under consideration and has not yet made his decision known.—Baltimore Argus.

What will the Abolition editor on the other side of the Square say to this? Will his masters permit him to do justice to Governor BREXEN by publishing this authoritative denial of the falsehood which he has assisted in giving currency to? Doubtful.

N. B. Since the above was in type we learn that the Governor of Maryland has refused to surrender McCready on the requisition made by Governor BREXEN.

RELIEF NOTES.—The provisions of the late Act of Assembly respecting the cancellation of the relief tickets, if faithfully carried out, will rid the community of this trash in about 3 years at farthest. By the last annual report of the Auditor General, it appears that there are about \$650,000 of this "watered and torn" currency yet in circulation, and from the report of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, for the year 1852, the amount paid into that Fund was \$214,108 85—consequently these notes will all have been absorbed by the year 1855. We begin to "breathe freer and deeper."

SOMEBODY NEW.—The Saturday Express says that Judge Gibson was Chief Justice of the Supreme Court at the time of his decease, and that now Judge Lewis will occupy that position on the Bench. We always thought that Judge Black was the Chief Justice, he having drawn the short term, and that at the end of his three years, Judge Lewis' promotion takes place, he having drawn the next shortest term. Perhaps we have been mistaken.

SANTA ANNA ARRIVED in the city of Mexico on Sunday morning, the 17th ult., amidst the rejoicings of the inhabitants, who testified by their manner the great joy they experienced at his return. The whole city was brilliantly illuminated at night and amidst the booming of cannon and firing of rockets, their new chief resumed his power. A triumphal arch was erected in Santo Domingo street, and the Government had appropriated \$25,000 to defray the expense of his reception.

Wonder, how long he will remain in power?

GO TO EUROPE.—Martin Van Buren, and his son Martin, Jr., sailed for Europe, on Saturday week. The ill health of the latter is said to be the chief cause of the trip; but, it is said, the old gentleman, now in his 72d year, has long had a desire to see the Continent and visit the principal cities and other places of note.

A short account of a terrible accident, on the New York and New Haven Railroad, on Friday last, will be found in another column. One of the persons lost was Mrs. Flourent of this city.

The Governor has appointed Col. GEORGE R. BARRETT, of Clearfield, President Judge of the District recently provided for by the Hon. N. B. Eldred, now Naval Officer, at Philadelphia.

J. M. HALDEN, Esq., has been elected President of the Harrisburg Bank, in place of Thomas A. Elder, Esq., deceased.

A slight shock of an earthquake was felt at Washington city, on the 2d inst.

The Crows.—The papers throughout the great West speak of the growing grain crops as being in the most promising condition, and giving token of an abundant crop.

A True Picture!

Genl. reader I have you perused the last number of the Abolition organ of Lancaster county? If you have not, be you of you to provide yourself with a pair of tongs and a smelling bottle, and, thus armed, examine at such respectful distance as your nasal organ will permit, this most villainously vile nuisance, which seems to have become a sort of spittoon for the loathing, unprincipled politicians who daily frequent its misnamed sanctum, and expectorate upon its surface the morbid and offensive humors of festering corruption. Degrading and disgusting as the task may be to every virtuous mind, we advise you, nevertheless, to look upon the spectacle it presents. You will require no microscope to discover behind the black and misanthropic types, the hoary-headed, lecherous miscreants of the creature in the shape of men who control its columns, and who would not hesitate, to accomplish their purpose, to "throw conscience to the wind," and play such fantastic tricks as would cause horrible delight in the dark and cavernous regions of despair. This hideous mass of bloated and festering corruption, composed of the offscourings of the Whig party, without political character or influence in this community where they are so well known—whose pestiferous breath is certain decay to all with whom they come in contact, and who have vainly essayed to intise their deadly virus into the veins of the Whig party—now turn round and bespatter their filthy upon the Hon. JAMES BUCHANAN, a gentleman far above the scum and scum, morally, politically and socially, as light is superior to darkness in the physical world.

We entreat you to pause for a moment and examine the features of the politically blasted and withered faces before you, and to note in every line the broad declaration of treachery to their own party, and malice and cowardice towards others.—Made up of bigoted, unscrupulous and besotted parvenus, broken down politicians, church-burners in sentiment and negro sympathisers and amalgamationists in feeling and action, these are the hissing, crawling, slimy things, whose forked tongues have been displayed to your view—whose raven-like, ominous croakings have grated so harshly upon the ear of the community. These are the unclean spirits, whose tortuous and "tape-worm" windings and sinuous and dishonest courses, mark with their poisonous slime the once respectable Whig party of Lancaster county—until hunted forth, by common consent, as the offspring of all that is mean and contemptible in politics and odious and repulsive in morals, they have sunk so low in public estimation, that they are forced, as it were, to seek retirement with the toad and the bat, and from thence pour forth bitter, malignant and hell-encouraged maledictions and slanders upon those whom their crawls souls will not permit them to meet in the public arena. These are the sneaking, skulking, cowardly political assassins, whom you may behold, pen in hand, editing columns against the honest and trust-worthy of their own party, and scattering far and wide the Sybilian leaves of vituperation and detraction against the prominent men of the Democratic party. This is no overdrawn picture of the miscreants who write for and control the columns of the Abolition organ of this county, when the leader of the gang first sets his foot in their midst, and they will long have cause to regret the period when, by their suffrages, they elevated him to place and influence.

Look again, and you may observe crouching at the feet of his masters, the poor, abject slave, who is compelled to labor all the monstrosities that appear in that detestable sheet. With canine servility, this Cassius-like creature tremblingly follows the whistle of his superiors, and is biased on or biased off at a beck or a nod, whilst the poor craven droops beneath the honest gaze of those who are the objects of his spleen and malignity. An eye sore to the Whigs of a neighboring county, where he came well high destroying it by his advocacy of Abolition, and his abuse of Messrs. Fillmore, Webster, and the other distinguished men known as leaders, he became odious to the respectable portion of his own party. From thence this holding was brought to Lancaster, for the purpose of being a supple tool in the hands of his demagogical masters in their efforts to disorganize the Whigs of this county—and he here catches with a greedy ear the lying accents of their impotent wrath, hoping to earn his two pence per line for every character murdered and every reputation blackened in the community. Immersed in the chin in the nauseous pool of infamy, he wades forward amidst the oozing mass of putrescence that sends forth pestilence and disease upon the breathing world, a grim and ghastly-looking figure, wallowing in the filth by which he is surrounded. This is the pitiful biped, whose doltish insinuity should place him amongst the quadrupeds of the Asiatic race—a mere Airing, who lives only on the breath of scandal, and receives sustenance from the scanty drippings furnished forth at the price of detraction.

These, O reader, are the hissing, venomous things that are trying to scatter "fire-brands, arrows and death" in the land. These are the brazen-faced advocates of a "higher law" policy, Abolitionism, Native Americanism and its twin-sister Church burning, with all the other mischiefs are sapping the foundations of the Republic, and which, if successful, would destroy this fair fabric of government reared and cemented by the blood and toil of our forefathers. These are the foul-mouthed political charlatans who set themselves up as a sort of censor morum in our midst, and talk disparagingly of the high moral and political character, as well as the distinguished abilities of Mr. Buchanan, and would fain pull him down from the lofty position he occupies before the American people on his own governing level.

And now, gentle reader, have we too highly colored the picture of these men? Were it necessary we could particularize and show them up in yet darker colors to the astonished gaze of the public. But we have done enough for the present, and want of room and inclination to use the tongs and smelling bottle too long at a time admonish us to stop. Hereafter we shall not trouble ourselves with the youth, who should have tarried at Jericho, or Gettysburg, or some other outlandish place, "until his beard had grown," but shall make it a point to carry the war into Africa, even if by so doing we should tread heavily upon the toes of the renowned projector of the celebrated Railroad which began in the woods and ended nowhere, and some others of the same stripe. We shall drop the hiring and take hold of the EMPLOYERS—we shall abandon the servant, as of no account whatever, and hold the MASTERS up to the gaze of this community. We shall unmask their batteries, and give them a small dose of the grape and canister which it is sometimes necessary to administer to corrupt, dishonest and unprincipled political knaves.

Postmaster General CAMPBELL has rescinded the contract made by his predecessor, for conveying the mails between Sacramento and the Salt Lake City, which was to cost the government fifty thousand dollars per annum, and made a new one with other parties for fourteen thousand dollars a saving to the country in that one item alone of \$36,000!!

Governor PHILIP ALEXER, of Rhode Island, has been elected U. S. Senator, by the Legislature, without opposition. Good for "Little Rhode," she will now be represented in the Senate exclusively by Democrats.

A barn, belonging to Adam Waiker, in Albany township, Berks county, was struck by lightning and consumed with all its contents, on Wednesday last.

The Barn of C. Landis, in Dauphin county, Pa., was struck by lightning on the 21st ult., and consumed with all its contents. Loss \$4,000.

The Reason Why.

The cause of the bitter and unrelenting hostility of the real editor of the Abolition organ to Mr. BUCHANAN, is a matter of wonderment to many. It is easy of explanation, however, and may be summed up in a few words.

That reckless and designing demagogue was the Chief of the Triumvirate who moulded the poor imbecile Executive of 1852 to suit his own base designs, and who committed the unparalleled outrage of attempting to set aside the sovereign will of the people of Pennsylvania as expressed through the ballot box, and consummated their career of villainy by attempting a revolution with the aid of buckshot and ball. Soon after that occurrence—a dark spot which can never be effaced from the proud escutcheon of the old Keystone State—Mr. BUCHANAN, in a letter to Mr. Ritchie, of the Richmond Enquirer, exposed the treason in a masterly manner, and took occasion to bear down somewhat severely upon the traitors. For this patriotic act they have never, to this day, forgiven him, and we suppose, never will as long as they and he have an existence among men. This is the cause of their malignity, and it is to this, more than all other causes combined, that he is indebted for the virulent attack made upon him in the last number of the Independent Whig, as well as for most of the assaults to which he has been exposed in this region for the last four or five years.

The administration of Joseph Ritner commenced with a high handed, diabolical outrage against the constitutional rights and liberties of many of our most respected citizens in various parts of the State, by dragging them before an inquisitorial tribunal, of which the Chief of the Triumvirate was the officiating High Priest, and then and there attempting to compel them to disclose the secrets of a time-honored institution which has, at various times, numbered amongst its members some of the brightest intellects and purest patriots of the Nation. They next outraged the people of Pennsylvania by charting that corrupt, demoralizing and availing concern, the U. S. Bank, by which hundreds of widows and orphans were eventually robbed of their all, and those penniless upon the world, while many of them were instrumental in reviving the "Monster," after the mortal blow had been given from General Jackson, afterwards rolled in luxury, and had thousands of dollars at their command to bet on the re-election of their autocrat Governor. After an uninterrupted series of outrages and peculations, during their three years of misrule, they closed their infamous administration with the treasonable attempt above alluded to, and were driven from Harrisburg to be loathed and despised for all time to come by every honest man and every pure patriot of every party. In comparison with their, the treasonable attempt of Aaron Burr was as an atom floating in the air to a millstone, and had the vile miscreants received their just deserts, the quality of the hemp for sale at the time in Harrisburg would have been tested in the neighborhood of Capitol Hill, and this community would not now be poisoned with the pestiferous ravings of this modern Robespierre, this arch traitor and arrant demagogue.

The abuse of these men is of vastly more service to Mr. BUCHANAN than their praise would be, and his friends should deprecate any attempt on the part of such political knaves, to take the other tack and bespatter him with their praise. Such a course on their part would be his political death, as it has every other man of note they have ever taken their wing. Their touch is the rankest, most sublimated poison, and we betide the statesman, whether Whig or Democrat, into whose ear they breathe a whisper of adulation.

We learn from the Ohio papers that a National Abolition Convention was in session, at Cincinnati, week before last. Samuel Lewis, the Abolition candidate for Governor of Ohio, presided, and was assisted by William L. Garrison, of Boston, Hon. G. W. Julian, of Indiana, a Mrs. Ernst, Mrs. Guild, Mr. Charles A. Raymond, (a colored gentleman) of Massachusetts, and Hon. S. C. Stevens, of Indiana. The Indianapolis Sentinel thinks Indiana was highly honored. On one side of the President sat Hon. George W. Julian, late candidate for Vice President of the United States, flanked by Mrs. Ernst, a Woman's Rights advocate in Bloomer costume, and C. L. Raymond, a huge Darkey from Massachusetts. On the other side of the President was Hon. Stephen C. Stevens, late of the Supreme Court, flanked by Mrs. Guild and Loyd Garrison, an opponent of the Bible, the Church of God, and the Constitution and Government of the United States. This would make a beautiful picture on an illustrated edition of the "Key to Uncle Tom's Cabin." The picture, we think, would be still more striking, if the Abolition organ of Lancaster county had been represented in the person of its "Woolly Head" editor. We marvel that he was not there. His relief from the cares and responsibilities of public life have given him leisure—and, besides the mingling of "black spirits and white" upon that interesting occasion, would have been so much to his taste.

Our Foreign Missions.

Under this caption the St. Louis Republican, the leading and able organ of the Whig party of Missouri, says the following complimentary to Mr. Buchanan. Speaking of the Mission to England, the Editor says:—"Mr. BUCHANAN, from his great abilities and long experience both in the Senate and at the head of the State Department, during the entire term of President Fox's administration, is eminently qualified for the position, and will make a worthy successor to EVERETT, BANCROFT and LAWRENCE. He is a statesman in the broadest sense of the term, and although politically opposed to him, we recognize this fact, and cheerfully do justice to the policy which commits to his care our relations with England."

How beautifully this contrasts with the vile assaults of the Abolition organ in this city, on Mr. BUCHANAN. The Republican, however, is a respectable paper and the organ of a respectable party, whilst the Independent Whig is a mere spittoon, owned and controlled by a batch of political knaves who are despised by their own party—whose hands like the Ishmaelite of old, are against every decent man, and every decent man's hand against them. They will find their doom levelled up by!

Editors Looking Up!

JOHN M. COOPER, Esq., of the "Valley Spirit," Chambersburg, has been appointed an Inspector of Customs, at Philadelphia, at a salary of \$1100 per annum. WILLIAM C. GOULD, Esq., of the Eaton (O.) Democrat, has been appointed Postmaster of that Borough.

These are both capital appointments, and we are pleased to see two such worthy men and true-hearted Democrats getting so well in the world. The latter gentleman "served his apprenticeship" with us in the "Volunteer" Office, at Carlisle, and we therefore speak knowingly on the subject.

LABORERS' STRIKE AT SHARON, PA.—By the N. York papers we learn that the steamer Ocean Bay was destroyed by fire on Saturday week, 50 miles above Kingston, on Lake Ontario, while on her passage to Ogdensburg. Out of 50 passengers and the crew only 22 were saved, including Capt. Wright, the vessel was 14 miles from the shore. Her upper deck was consumed in 15 minutes. The hull drifted off to the shore and sunk in two hours. Those saved were picked up by vessels passing at the time. The boat was owned by the Northern Railroad Company at Ogdensburg, and was fully insured.

12,000 GYPSIES.—It will be noticed that the time for distributing the presents to the holders of tickets has been extended to the 20th of May, to accommodate all who wish to see this beautiful Paragon. (Read advertisement in another column.) Arrangements are in progress to greatly reduce the fares on all Railroads at time of distribution. See your ticket at once.

Another Falsehood Named!

Ben CORNELL—The Editor of yesterday says: "We are amazed at the rumors from Harrisburg as to the cause of the Legislature's failure to change the York Gazette, that the public treasury must be the amount of six to eight thousand dollars for the fee." This is monstrous! About thirty dollars a head for each member of the Legislature of Pennsylvania and Maryland! Reader! HAVEN'T YOU PAID YOUR STATE TAX? HURRY UP! THE MONEY IS WANTED!"

Does our neighbor remember that this was a movement of Gov. Bigler's, and that it was carried out by a Democratic Legislature? We never heard a reason assigned for getting up this blow-out—but presume it may have been intended for the good of the party.—Phil. Daily News.

The remark of the Philadelphia News in relation to Gov. Bigler, is a direct falsehood, and the editor must have known it to be such. Mr. Siler, a Whig Senator from Union county, offered the resolution, and had it passed through a Whig Senate by telegraphic speed. When it was read in the House, Mr. Henderson, a Whig member from Cumberland county, moved its adoption by that body. Mr. Siler was chairman of the committee of arrangements in the Senate, and Mr. Henderson occupied the same position in the House of Representatives.

This whole matter, whether of praise or censure may attach to it, lies at the door of the Legislature, and the Whig members of both Houses took the most active part in it. It was exclusively a legislative movement—extended by a concurrent resolution of the two Houses, which did not require the signature of the Executive. This, therefore, was no movement of Governor Bigler's, and he had nothing to do with it, except to act at the request of the committees of the two Houses, and treat our neighbors civilly and gently after they arrived here.

These seem to be a systematic effort on the part of the Whig editors, to misrepresent all Governor Bigler's actions, but they will fail in their objects. All his movements, the Governor has pursued an upright, honorable, and straight-forward course, and Whig detraction cannot injure him.

But the most extraordinary matter in reference to this attack, is that it comes from a Whig editor, Mr. Flanigan, who participated largely as a member of the Legislature from Philadelphia, and whose actions in reference to this, as well as other similar matters, are as open to censure as any other member of the body.

We trust, therefore, to hear no more of this matter, particularly from this source, as if we do, we might say something that would not be so agreeable.—Democratic Union.

DESIGNS OF FRANCE UPON THE SANDWICH ISLANDS.—APPEAL TO THE UNITED STATES.

The Providence Journal of Monday week contains a communication which states that—"Private letters of recent date from Peru bring very important intelligence respecting the islands which comprise a squadron consisting of two 60 gun ships and four other vessels of war, a fleet fully capable of seizing the islands and subverting the government, as was done with the Society group a few years ago. The enormous cost of France to her navy does not deter her from the attempt. King Ka-mehameha III, unless the protection now so urgently claimed by our government or that of Great Britain, will see the islands of the Pacific to the United States, from the fact that the Hawaiian government owes its existence and its subjects their civilization to this country; and their acquisition by any great naval power, which could control them to our injury, could not be allowed. Franking at they do the coast of California and Oregon, and furnishing the key to our Pacific seaboard. The writer states that the appeal comes with double force to the United States, from the fact that the Hawaiian government owes its existence and its subjects their civilization to this country; and their acquisition by any great naval power, which could control them to our injury, could not be allowed. Franking at they do the coast of California and Oregon, and furnishing the key to our Pacific seaboard. The writer states that the appeal comes with double force to the United States, from the fact that the Hawaiian government owes its existence and its subjects their civilization to this country; and their acquisition by any great naval power, which could control them to our injury, could not be allowed. Franking at they do the coast of California and Oregon, and furnishing the key to our Pacific seaboard.

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CITY AND COUNTY ITEMS.

By reference to our advertising columns, it will be seen that two Grand Concerts are to come off at Fulton Hall, on Friday and Saturday evenings next, by Artists of great merit, and that tickets of admission are put down at 25 cents. The Philadelphia Press are unanimous in pronouncing LE FETTY ORZ BULL a prodigy of genius; whose attainments are unequalled by any of his years—whilst Madame JULIA is conceded to be a Contralto of extraordinary merit. They will be assisted by Professor GOODALL, an eminent Violinist, and will doubtless draw, as they deserve, crowded audiences.

The meeting of the State Medical Society, will take place on the 25th inst., and not on the 15th, as previously stated in this paper.

The Mechanics' Institute is being remodelled by the 2d Presbyterian congregation, by whom it has been purchased for a place of worship.

Mr. JAMES DEWART, in North Queen street, has a fine assortment of fresh and cheap groceries, &c. See advertisement.

Mr. Elisha Geiger, late of the firm of Russell & Geiger, has taken the Foundry of his brother, (C. Geiger), on the Corner of North Duke and East Orange Streets. Mr. C. Geiger has purchased the Foundry of John F. Shroder, in this city, near Grace's Landing, and is altering it for the burning of Anthracite instead of charcoal. He expects to have it ready for use by next fall.

The following gentlemen are announced as Whig Candidates before the next Whig County Convention, viz: DISTRICT ATTORNEY—Gen. George Ford, Col. David W. Patterson, John B. Livingston, W. V. Brown and Isaac N. Ellmker. COUNTY TREASURER—Joseph Clark, Benjamin Reinhold and Charles Boughter, Jr.; David Hunt, Elizabeth, Daniel Herr, Pequear, and John Denlinger, Manor.

NAVIGATION MATTERS.—At a meeting of the Stockholders of the Lancaster and Susquehanna Slack Water Navigation Company, on Monday the following gentlemen were elected Managers for the ensuing year, viz: G. W. Aspinwall, John Reynolds, Lewis Hurford, Abraham Peters and Jacob Basmann.

THE COUNTERFEITING CASES.—On Monday week, George Bowman, of this city, charged with passing counterfeit gold dollars, was tried in the U. S. District Court, in Philadelphia. He was defended by J. S. Cohen, Esq., of Philadelphia, and Resh Frezer, Esq., of this city. There were five bills against him, but as the principal witness relied upon by the U. S. District Attorney to substantiate the charge, had escaped, the prosecution failed in its object. The Defendant was acquitted, as well as all the other persons charged with the same offence.

A SAD ACCIDENT.—On Saturday afternoon last, a young man, named WILLIAM JONES, a resident of this city, was killed on the Railroad near the Green Tree, on his way home from Philadelphia. It is supposed he was endeavoring to arrange the break, when he became dizzy, fell between the bumpers of the cars, and was literally crushed to death. He was a very worthy man, and, we understand, leaves a wife to mourn his loss. His remains were brought to this city the same evening, from whence they were taken to Ephrata, on Monday morning, for interment.

THE OLD COURT HOUSE, that has so long occupied a central and prominent position in our City, is being demolished. The venerable building, which has stood the storm of more than three-fourths of a century, has at length yielded to the spirit of improvement, and soon nothing will be left to mark the place it once occupied in Centre Square. We part with it reluctantly, as with an old friend, and could almost wish that we were again privileged to look at the face of the old clock that, for sixty-eight years, pointed, with such unerring certainty the flight of time to the inhabitants of the City and County of Lancaster.

The Courts will be held in Fulton Hall, until the new Court House is finished.

CONTRACTS.—Messrs. KATZ & KING have been awarded the Contract for making the Turnpike to Oregon, a distance of five miles, at \$3000 per mile. The same gentlemen have also obtained contracts for grading two of the heaviest sections on the Lehigh Valley Railroad, at very fair prices.

Their industry and energy are a sure guarantee that the works they have undertaken will go ahead with locomotive speed, and we have no doubt they will make something handsome over and above all expenses. They richly deserve it.

SCHOOLS.—DIRECTORS.—The following gentlemen were elected School Directors, for three years, at the annual election on Tuesday last, viz: Gen. Geo. Ford, Charles A. Heintz, Rev. Bernard Kemon, Rev. N. A. Keyes, Peter McConey, Amos Slaymaker, John Wise, John Zimmerman, George M. M. Steinman, Dr. John L. Atee, Thomas H. Burrows and Dr. P. Cassidy.

An unsuccessful effort was made to defeat two of the candidates, by trying to get up a sort of Native American, Anti-Chinese feeling. It was a shabby trick, and the "sub editor" of the Abolition concern over the way ought to be ashamed of himself.

The Board met on Thursday evening, and re-organized by electing GEORGE M. STEINMAN, Esq., President; JOHN ZIMMERMAN, Secretary; PETER MCCONEY, Treasurer; J. W. WESTERFELDER, Collector of Tax; and MATHEW ZAMM, Messenger.

RESTORE YOUR SIGHT.—Dr. HESTER from the City of New York, would respectfully inform the citizens of Lancaster, that he will visit this city and remain two days only, on the 11th and 12th of May, at Hubley's Hotel, at which time he will exhibit the Ladies' Par, at which time the most wonderful instrument ever invented, a sure remedy for restoring the sight of aged persons and others whose sight may have been impaired by disease or weakness. Explanations of mode of use and adaptation given free of charge.—See small bills.

A F. A. TALK.—John M. Cooper, Esq., editor of the Chambersburg Valley Spirit, has been elected to the Philadelphia Custom House, with a salary of \$12,000 or \$15,000; and in addition, a situation in the editorial corps of the Pennsylvania, with a salary of \$1000 or so.—Gaitsburg Compiler.

Friend Cooper's editorial brethren are determined to make the most of his streak of good luck. Not satisfied with giving him two offices, they have added a cipher to the salary of the first, which unfortunately for him, makes it some eleven or fourteen thousand dollars more than it really is. We should like vastly to see the editor stepping into a \$12,000 or \$15,000 berth! It is a fact that such a thing had happened, it only once in the whole course of political events, would incite the lean and hungry corps to greater activity than ever in the irksome and thankless work of political drudgery. The bait of a reward like that, is something to teed upon even, though it may never come into possession.—Reading Gazette.

WASHINGTON, May 6.—Letters received here from Mexico, bring intelligence that Santa Anna acquiesces in the Slocum treaty, and has accepted the second instalment of the last half of the bonus of fifty thousand dollars. Lombardini had turned every second pecuniary asset of his administration into cash, and had procured a discount of the remaining two hundred thousand dollars from the Slocum Company at 25 per cent.

Mr. Bartlett, in regard to the statement that "a large portion of the inhabitants now claim the protection of the United States, and solicit the re-annexation of their territory to New Mexico," he can assure an authority obtained by him in New Mexico and Chihuahua, that the whole population of the Mexico Valley consists chiefly of people from New Mexico and Texas, of Spanish descent, who, failing to receive protection from our authorities after the late war with Mexico, colonized that place.

The President has removed Governor LAW, of New Mexico, and appointed Hon. DAVID MARSHALL, of Kentucky, in his place.

THE POPULAR EDUCATOR.—This is the title of a new candidate for publication, in the shape of a periodical to be issued monthly, at New York, by A. Montgomery, at \$1.50 per annum, or 12 cents per single copy. Through the politeness of the Publisher, the first number of the "Popular Educator" has been forwarded to us, and we have no hesitation in pronouncing it to be an excellent publication, and eminently deserving of patronage. It presents the outlines of a course of practical education in the most attractive and instructive form, giving the reader, in a few pages, clearer views of the progress of the human mind, than can be obtained by poring over large volumes of some other works.

Programme of the work, see advertisement in another column.

The Philadelphia and Baltimore Railroad Company is preparing to proceed at once with the erection of a bridge over the Susquehanna river, in the purpose of the project of ascertaining the best point for the location of the bridge.

Our Foreign Policy.

We have every confidence that the administration, and its exponents abroad, will fully carry out the spirit of President Pierce's admirable inaugural, and particularly that portion in which he said:—"I intend that my Administration shall leave no blot upon our fair record, and I may give assurance that no act within the legitimate scope of my constitutional control, shall be undertaken on the part of my Administration, which cannot challenge a ready justification before the TRIBUNAL OF THE CIVILIZED WORLD. An administration would be unworthy of confidence at home, or respect abroad, should it cease to be influenced by the conviction that no act of a despotic character should be PURCHASED AT A PRICE SO DEAR AS THAT OF NATIONAL HONOR OR DISHONOR."

At the same time, we have no doubt that no proper step will be left untaken to conduct our diplomacy, so as to secure the honor and interests of our confederacy, and the peace of the American continent. There is much force in the annexed extract in which the last New York Herald refers to the management of three important subjects which have engaged public attention and are now before the