The Convention was very fully attendedevery district and county in the State being represented. This fact itself goes to show the spirit that animates the Democracy, and is an earnest of the result in October next. The Cannon, invented and manufac-

tured by John Griffin, Esq., at Safe Harbor, and for which he has taken out Letters Patent was the great attraction during the celebration at that place (the proceedings of which are published at length in another column,) on Wednesday last. It is a handsomely finished piece of ordnance, and its utility was fully tested in the numerous rounds fired from it during the day. One shot was made at a target, 300 yards distant, and struck the centre. so admirably was it managed, and with such great precision does it throw a ball. The invention of this cannon (made from wrought iron, and weighing but little over one-half the ordinary cannon of the same bore) is a mos important improvement, and reflects great credit on the ability, ingenuity and skill of Mr. GRIFFIN. He is now engaged in manufacturing another piece of larger calibre, which will be sent to Washington City to be tested. If found to be equal to the expectations of the inventor-as we have full confidence it willit will doubtless be adopted by the Government, as far superior in every way to the brass and iron ordinance now used in the Army and

The nomination of Mr. PLUMER, for Canal Commissioner, is received with much favor by the Democratic press of the State-and even many of the Whig and Know-Nothing organs are constrained to speak of him in the most exalted terms, such is his force of character and high standing morally, socially and politically.

Convention voted as follows:

Messrs. Bare, Baker, Worly and Raub voted all with a capital of \$250,000. the time for ARNOLD PLUMER.

Messrs. Swarr and Wolf voted on the first and ond ballots for WLLIAM S. CAMPBELL, and on the last ballot for ARNOLD PLUMER.

The storm of Friday evening was very severe n some sections of this county—prostrating the grain crops, and doing considerable damage to the groing corn. The rain fell in torrents. Mr. BUCHANAN has had the degree of Doctor

Canon Law conferred upon him by the University of Oxford, in England.

The Know-Nothing State Council Pennsylvania met at Reading on the 4th inst. (what a desecration of the day!) After a stor my session of two days, they finally split on the slavery question-one section going in for the Philadelphia Platform, and the other opposing it.

CONSISTENCY !- The Harrisburg Keystone of Wednesday last, has taken ground in favor of Mr. DAL-LAS for the next Presidency-and in the same issu publishes several articles deprecatory of any agitaon of the Presidential question until after the ens ing October election !

The Fourth was celebrated at Cape May in quite a patriotic manner. Amongs the distinguished visiters present were Presiident Pierce and ex-Governor Bigler. The latter read the Declaration of Independence, and the former delivered a short and appropriate address.

THE FOURTH IN THE CITY. - The Annivarsa ry of Independence was celebrated in this City, by the ringing of bells, firing of cannon, muskets, pistols, crackers, &c, &c., as also by a very creditable Firemen's Parade. Many of our citizens took a ride to the country, and spent the day in a rational manner at the several watering places for which our county is so justly celebrated.

The Know-Nothing Council recently held in Philadelphia, provided for a National Council to be held in the same city, commencing on the 22d of February next, to select candidates for President and Vice President of the United States. The delegates are to with the remembered, an applicant to the President for the offices of Minister to Berlin and of consul to Liverpool. His qualifications for those places were more correctly estimated by the Executive than himself, and he was not apbe from each State, equal in number to its representation in both branches of the U.S. Congress, and to be chosen by the State Councils, two being from the State at large, and one from each Congressional district.

COAL BURNING LOCOMOTIVES.—The Philadelphia Ledger states that the great saving in the consumption of fuel between the coal and wood burning locomotives, is causing the former to be introduced very rapidly upon the various lines of railroad travel. At Taunton, Mass., a new coal burning locomotive was tried last week, and was found to consume \$18 50 of coal, under circumstances which would have caused \$60 of wood to be burned to perform the same work.

RICH TRACT.—Darlington township, Ben ver county, Pa., contains a tract of about 1200 acres of land underlaid by a stratum of cannel coal, estimated to contain 20,000,000 tons On the same tract are three strata of hitumia ous coal, estimated to contain 9,000,000 tons. The land lies along the Little Beaver river, convenient to water, and fire clay is abundant in the locality.

The deaths by coup de soleil during the recent heated term, have been numerous in New York, Albany, Troy, and Boston. There were also several victims in Philadelphia

PORT OFFICE ARREST .- A clerk in the Chicago Post-office, named Theodore P. Denniston, was ilrrested on Saturday week, by a special agent of the Department, on charge of robbing the mail. Four thousand dollars in bank bills were found in his oom. It is the general belief that his depredation n the aggregate amount to ten or fifteen thousand dollars. `A brother of his was arrested in April last.

Democratic State Convention. The Difference. The Democratic State Convention to nomi A year ago, the earth was dry and parching ate a candidate for Canal Commissioner, asunder a burning sun, that forced the thersembled at Harrisburg on Wednesday the 4th mometor up to 98 degrees, and served to reninst, and was called to order at 10 o'clock by der the long continued drought yet more un-Hon. H. B. Wright, of Luzerne, who nominaendurable. In most sections, the most lated John B. Guthrie, Esq., of Allegheny, as mentable prospects were seen for the harvest, emporary Chairman, which was agreed to.and the sear and stunted crops foreboded Wm. V. McGrath, of Philadelphia, and Thomominously the hardships of the coming winter. as A. Maguire, of Cambria, were then chosen In many places, it rained not for the space of

plain of the superabundant rains. In many

places, the swollen streams and rivers have

caused destructive freshets, doing much dam-

age to property. The earth is saturated with

the rain that has unceasingly drenched the

ground, during the several weeks past. A

year ago, the poorer classes were almost tam-

ishing from the scarcity of provisions. Every-

market price of which was almost unprece-

dently high, continued to advance, until it was

quoted at \$15 per barrel. Other provisions

were as dear in proportion. Now, the price has

fallen nearly one-half, and proposals for selling

the best of flour at \$9, sixty days hence, are

refused. Summer fruits and vegetables, and

many kinds of provisions, are reasonably

cheap. A year ago, flour was shipped to

California; and although the market was

glutted, still shipments were constantly made,

even against the remonstrances of the mer-

chants there. Many Northern merchants

were thereby ruined. Now, cargoes of wheat

are on their way from California, to be sold

at a less price than that raised here, can be af-

forded at. In California, it sells at \$6 per

barrel. A year ago, the Know-Nothings were

by some, that they would rule everywhere, by

New Banks in Pennsylvania.

The Harrisburg Telegraph contains notice

Harrisburg, with a capital of \$100,000. "The Dauphin Deposit Bank," an extension

"The Millers and Farmers' Bank," at Lan-

caster, with a capital of \$200,000.
"The Mechanics' Savings Bank," at Harris

burg, to become "The Mechanics' Bank," and to increase its capital stock \$100,000.

"The Bank of the Metropolis,', to be located in Philadelphia, with a capital of \$500,000.

The Commonwealth Savings and Deposit

'The State Capital Bank," at Harrisburg

Manufacturers' and Mechanics,

of \$500,000, and the privilege

of Reading, with a capital of \$300,000

"The American Bank," at Philadeiphia,

iii a capitai or 50000,000. "The Metropolitan Bank," of Philadelphia,

of making it \$1,000,000.
"The Republican Bank," of Philadelphia, with a capital of \$5,000,000, and the privilege

f increasing it to \$8,000,0000.
"The Coal and Iron Bank of Philadelphia,"

"The Bank of Commerce of Philadelphia."

increase its capital to the extent of \$250,

"The Union Bank of Reading," with a capital of 300,000.

'The Bank of Pottsville.'' for an extension.

and an increase of capital to the exten-

"The Bank of Mechanicsburg," with

capital of \$100,000.
"The Columbia Bank," at Columbia, Lan-

easter county, an increase, so that the fu

capital shall amount to \$400,000.
"The Leather Manufacturers' Bank

Philadelphia," with a capital of \$500,000.

with a capital of \$500,000.

Mifflin County," to be loca with a capital of \$150,000.

and his speech as follows:

anital of \$500.000.

"The Merchant's Bank of Philadelphia,

"The Union Bank of Philadelphia," with

And "the Farmers and Traders' Bank o

THE KNOW-NOTHING SPLIT.—The Know-

Nothings have been holding meetings in seve

ral of the large cities for the purpose, we pre-

sume, of ratifying the split that lately took

Andrew Jackson Donelson occurred. How he

could cast so much reproach on the name and

fame of the immortal chief of the Hermitage.

whose adopted son he was, we are at a loss to

conceive. The New York Evening Post in re-

ferring to the meeting, speaks of Mr. Donelson

"Among those who were so unwise as to

He plead a severe cold as an excuse for

seek notoriety at the meeting last evening, was Major Andrew Jackson Donelson, of Tennes-

handing to the reporter a long and feeble ti-rade against the present administration at Washington, which he professed to be unable

himself if his cold had incapacitated him from writing as well as reading it. He had been, it

pointed. It is a common infirmity of weak men

to resent neglect in exact proportion to the de-

lothings for the better chance he thought it af-

forded him of striking at the authors of his dis-

appointment, and has published a speech for

them which would occupy a column and a half of the Evening Post, in which nothing is so dis-

tinctly proved as that he is far less troublesome

to the administration as an enemy than as a

The Prohibitory Liquor Law was not enforced

in New York city on the fourth of July, as had beer

expected. That was the day fixed for the law to go

into operation, but liquor was sold openly and plen-

tifully both in New York and Brooklyn. A great

many drunken persons were arrested, but the police

magistrates mostly omitted to ascertain from them

DECLINE IN FLOUR .- The Mobile Tribune of the

19th ult., says that new flour is selling there at \$5

The Editor's Book Table.

IARPERS' NEW MONTHLY MAGAZINE, published by Harper & Brothers, New York.

The July number is before us, abounding, as

sual, in much that is useful, instructive and enter-

taining. It is not only rich in reading matter and

profuse in illustrations, but its admirable typography

unequalled by any similar publication in this

country or Europe. This popular Magazine occu-

The terms are \$3 per annum, or 25 cents a single

The Columbia Spy has been enlarged and therwise improved. It is a good paper, and we

pies the front rank in periodical literature-and has

a patronage commensurate with its excellence.

should be in every family in the country.

per barrel, and confidently predicts that in

weeks it will be sold for \$3,50 per barrel.

where they got liquor.

' to be located at Lewistown

with a capital of \$150,000, to be increased in

Bank," at Harrisburg, with a capital

"The State Bank," to be located delphia, with a capital of \$500,000.

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vith a capital of \$1,000,000.

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on to increase the capital, \$200.

he located in Phila-

of the following applications:-"The Central Bank of Pennsylvania,"

two months and upwards. Now not only do The Convention then proceeded to dispose of our farmers, in nearly every section of our the matter of the contested seats from Dauphin | S. vast territory, rejoice over the abundance of county, when Messrs. Alricks, Heck, and Bowthe already gathered crops, and the approachnan were admitted. ing harvest, but they are beginning to com-

A Committee consisting of one from each Senatorial district was then appointed to select officers for the permanent organization of the Convention, and an adjournment was had until 3 o'clock.

Upon the Convention re-assembling at 3 of clock, the committee on officers made a report as follows, and the report was unanimously thing was enormously high. Then flour, the agreed to:-

PRESIDENT.

Hon. J. GLANCY JONES, of Berks. VICE-PRESIDENTS. VICE-PRESIDENTS.

Joel B. Danner, of Adams.
Cameron Lockhard, of Carbon.
Jesse Lesher, of Green.
John McCarthy, of Philadelphia.
Nathan Worley, of Lancaster.
Thomas Adams, of Perry.
J. R. Jones, of Sullivan.
Thomas Grove, of York.

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John Piatt, of Lycoming.

Dav. R. Miller, of Allegheny. Dav. R. Miller, of Allegheny.
Jesse Johnston, of Bucks.
Wilson Laird, of Erie.
Peter Boyer, of Chester.
Charles Carter, of Beaver.
Timothy Ives, of Potter
Joseph Lippincott, of Philadelphia.
Azor Lathrop, of Susquehanna.
R. W. Weaver, of Columbia.

Alexander McKinney, of Westmoreland John A. Jones, of Northampton. Thomas A. McGuire, of Cambria. Wm. V. McGrath, of Phila. John Orr, of Franklin.

SECRETARIES.

as numerous as the frogs of Egypt, and came The President, on taking the Chair, very up into nearly every house. It was thought briefly addressed the Convention with reference to the purposes and objects of its assemheir overwhelming numbers. Now, though bling, and the position and gallant attitude quite numerous, they lie in heaps along the of the party in the State, and trusted that the banks of Salt River, as they did upon the action of the body upon all questions coming river banks in Egypt, when Moses smote them before it would be frank and conciliatory, and, with his rod, and "a great stench went up." above all, influenced by high patriotic purposes. Like Sampson, they are shorn of their great On motion of H. B. Wright, a committee strength. What a difference !- Democratic consisting of thirty-three, was then appointed to report resolutions for the consideration of

the Convention, viz:

ne Conveution, VIZ:

1st District—Peter Logan, Daniel Barr.
2d ' Jesse Johnson, John Hancock,
Rambo.
3d ' A. B. Longaker.
4th ' Geo. Palmer.
5th ' P. K. Miller.
6th ' Isaac James.
7th ' H. B. Swarr, D. S. Hammond.
8th ' H. Alricks. H. Alricks.
Wm. H. Hutter.
Jno. H. Brodhead
Wilson Reilly.
Eli S. Beak. Jus. Anderson. E. A. Crawford. John Scott. H. B. Wright. B. B. Chase.
W. A. Wallaco.
Wm. McKnight.
J. Porter Brawley.
A. N. Mylert.
Samuel W. Black, R. B. Roberts. J. Lazear.
J. Hugus,
T. B. Loomis.
John S. Miller.
Edw. J. Keenan.
B. Reilly.

The Convention then, on motion, went int nominations of candidates to be balloted for the office of Canal Commissioner, when Col. Bfack nominated Wm. S. Campbell; Mr Reilv nominated John Rowe; Mr. Blair nominated John F. Hoover: Mr. Butler nominated Bernard Reilly: Mr. Palmer nominated Robert Irvin: Mr. Pratt nominated H. B. Packer: Mr. Reilly nominated James Worrel; Mr. Royer nominated Arnold Plumer; Mr. Laird nominated J. Murray Whalon: Mr. Anderson nominated Alexander Small; nominated George Scott.

The Convention then proceeded to ballot for candidate for Canal Commissioner, when three ballots were had, resulting as follows: 1st ballot. 2d do. 3d de

"The Bank of Mount Pleasant," West-noreland county, with a capital of \$100,000. "The Mercer County Bank," to be located rnold Plumer, Venango co., 47 37 Arnold Plumer, Venango co., W. S. Campbell. Allegheny, John Rowe. Franklin, Geo. Scott, Columbia, Robt. Irwin, Cenrre, John T. Hoover, do. Bernard Riley, Schuylkill, Alexander Small, York, Jas. Worrell, the borough of Sharon, with a capital of "The Bank of Cataraugua," Lehigh coun "The Bank of Cataraugua, Lemgii county, with a capital of \$100,000.
"The Bank of Tloga County," to be located at Wellsborough, with a capital of \$100,00.
"The Bank of Hanover," to be lecated at Hanover, York county, with a capital of

Hon. Arnold Plumer, of Venango was therefore, declared the nominee of the party for the office of Canal Commissioner, and, on notion, the nomination was made unanimous The Convention then adjourned till 7 o'clk

EVENING SESSION. The Convention re-assembled at 7 o'clock, and was called to order by the President, Hon. . Glancy Jones.

Col. Black, from the Committee on Resoluions, submitted the following, which were read amid loud applause, and unanimously adopted:
Resolved, That the Democratic party need ot, on old and settled issues, to declare itarrin detail. It is sufficient for us that we belong to the Democracy of the Union and recognize no geographical lines between North and South. The interests of all parts the country are the same to us, and so far as in our power, we will maintain the consti place in Philadelphia. At one of these meetutional rights of every State, and recognize ings, held last week in New York, the name of in its widest extent the principle of popular

overeignty in the territories.

Resolved, That every one who makes ou ountry his home, and loves the constitutiou he laws and the liberty of the Union, is in it argest sense, a True American. His birthlace was not his own selection, and should de im neither good nor harm-his religion is between himself and his God, and should b left to his own judgment, conscience and

responsibility.

Resolved, That we regard the secret order, ommonly called "Know-Nothings," as an organization dangerous to the prosperity and peace of the country. We consider its designs s unconstitutional and void of patriotism being at once opposed to the spirit of true Christianity and a just and manly American He would have had reason to congratulate

sentiment.

Resolved, That the Democratic party reiter ate and reassert their confidence in, and adher ence to the political creed promulgated by Thomas Jefferson, in his first inaugural address, and practiced by Madison, Monroe, Jackson, Van Buren, Polk and Pierce, in their administrations—that these principles require no concealment, and that experience has fully determined their applicability to all the inte gree they may have deserved it, and so it has proved with the Major. He joined the Know-

ests of the American people. Resolved. That we have undiminished confi lence in the ability and integrity of Franklin Pierce, and his administration of the govern-

ment of our country.

Resolved. That the views and principles of the present State Administration, as embodied in the acts passed by the recent Legisla-ture, and approved by the Governor, by which the interests of the State have been or are proposed to be seriously and injuriously affected, contrasts strongly with the wise and judicious management of the Government by Governor Bigler, and tend to show the danger of entrusting the control of the Commonwealth to the hands of men who are swaved by fanaticism

and governed by prejudice. Resolved, Thut we pledge our party and uni-ted efforts to the election of Arnold Plumer, the candidate for Canal Commissioner, whom we have this day nominated without a dissenting voice.

olved. That we are opposed to any change in our State Constitution conferring upon negroes the right of suffrage. We are not willing that this class of Americans shall rule this part of America, conceding to other States the right to gratify their own tastes in this particular, however much we may differ from them in opinions.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be presented to the officers for the able

Quite a large number of the Depositors of the Savings Institution signed off last week; but still has killed one hundred and seven of themthere are many who as yet have neglected to do so. the largest of which had twenty-six rattles The time for its completion is drawing to a close, He says the Indians, who have been in the and unless the thing is done within one week, the habit of hunting them for many years, have Institution, must of necessity, pass into the hands of killed much older ones, and have slain thous

CITY AND COUNTY ITEMS.

pleasant and patriotic celebration of the 4th.; The Rev. N. Dodge was the orator of the day. At Strasburg there was a grand Pic Nic, with all the accompaniaments in eating and drinking. A number of excellent speech

es were made. I. O. O. F .- The following named gentle men were installed on Tuesday evening June 26th, in Washington Encampment No. 11, to serve for the ensuing six months:

C. P., John Evans; H. P. John Dellinger;

Scribe J. Westheffer; Treasurer, M. Zahm. LEWIS HALDY was appointed D. D. G. P. for Lancaster county in place of JOHN LIPPIN сотт, resigned. PALMER'S ATHENÆUM.-On Wednesday

evening last, Fulton Hall was crowded to overflowing. On which occasion the splendid Drama of WASHINGTON, or the Trairor's On which occasion the splendid Doom; together with the Fireman's Address, written by S. S. Steele, Esq., dedicated to the various Fire Companies in our city, and deliv-Palmer, came off at the above place. The following is the Address to the Fire Companies, as delivered by Mr. Palmer:

While Poets sing in bold and thrilling lays The Soldier's valor, and the Seaman's praise; A theme more noble wakes our humble pen, It is the City's Guard—her Firemen! Oft fame and glory call the Soldier on, And lead the Tar where death and billows yawn; But public good alone, in dangers van Can prompt the valor of the Fireman.

And when the loud bell wakes 'larum cries Trom love, repose and fireside he flies;
Through conflagration's flaming path to roam,
To save our lives—our wealth, our hope and home

He gains the spot—he hears despair's wild cry, is't life—or lives' dear treasure meets his eye; He heeds not—but ascends the roof or wall, While hissing fragments hot around him fall; Higher he climbs, and breasts the flaming foe, Hell yawns above—death threatens him below; He grasps a casket—now the all on earth Of some lone widow—quick he hurls it forth. But horror' as he turns him to descend Beneath his weight the blackened timbers bend, Till down at last the flaming ruin falls And buries him beneath its crumbled walls. And buries him beneath its crumbled walls. Now quick they tear him from the smoking pile, Death on his brow, but on his lips a smile! And pressing round—the noble features scan Of some loved friend—and brother Fireman; let though his form lies blackened on the bier lis gallant soul is bright in yonder sphere.

Such are your perils, Lancaster's bold sons, Whose fame shall ring while "Conestoga" runs; And may their "Union" stand like this great da Which now they honor in their bright array— Ennobled be their names in duty's van, And every heart be true "American!", May all their efforts stamp them as "Humane," And "Friendship's" stream be never plied in vain

Undimm'd by discord, ever may their "Sun," Glow brightly as the same of "Washington!" FATAL ACCIDENT .- The Mount Joy Herald states

FATAL ACCIDENT.—The Mount Joy Herald states that last week Martin Buhl, a German, while moving from Lancaster to Mount Joy, met with a fatal accident. He stopped the wagon and stood upon the furniture to reach some cherries that grew along the road, and while in this position the horse started and Mr. Buhl was thrown to the ground. He was injured so severely that he died a few days afterwards. ESCAPED FROM PRISON,-Jacob Kreiner, who was confined in Lancaster County Prise for horse stealing; was sentenced for 4 years and had served about half of the time, ped from it on Saturday evening week, under the following circumstances. He had been unwell and the physician advised that he should have more exercise, &c. He was ac cordingly made fireman, during the day and and while thus employed he managed to obtain the key to the stable yard, by means of which he made his escape through the stable yard. A reward of \$50 is offered for his ap-

The following resolutions were adopt ed, at the meeting of the School board, on Thursday evening last:

Resolved, That to equalize the salaries the Teachers in the respective department those engaged in the first primary school shall hereafter receive one hundred and fifty five dollars those in the second primar schools, one hundred and seventy-five dollars and those in the third primary schools, tw hundred dollars per anum.

Resolved, That the salaries of the Teacher

the High schools, and Secondary school and the African schools, remain as they were Suppen Death,-A German, aged about

while engaged in pitching hay in the field of Levi W. Groff, West Earl, a few days since was overcome by the effect of the heat, and n a few minutes was a corpse. The deceas vas a native of Wirtemburg, in Germany. EXAMINATION OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS .- Th

examinations of the Public Schools by the Su perintending Committee, will be continued du ring the present week. On Monday at 9 A M. at the school of S Reigart, Duke street On the afternoon of the same day, at Miss Sarah Musser's school; Female. On Tuesday morning Mr. Twining's school, Mulberry street. Wednesday the Female High school. Thursday the Male High school. The directors and parents are invited and requested to

ASLEEP ON A RATTLESNAKE DEN-FEARFUL Position.—A correspondent of the Missouri emocrat, writing from Paoli, Kansas Territory, on the 17th of June, relates the following neident of his own personal experience:

"On last Sunday evening the air was so I witchingly balmy, and the sky so softly veiled by shadowy clouds, that I was seduced into a ngthened stroll along the bluffs, which proudly aspire to overlook the umbrageous wood-lands on the one side, and the sun-lit plains upon the other, until I reached an elevated innacle, so tall as to command a panoram iew, whose picturesque and varied beauties avished all my senses and lost me in most reamy reveries.

I reclined upon the summit of a rock with my head upon my hand, until, presently, it ed away upon the cushion of springy moss which grew there like an emerald diadem, and I was locked in that strange slumber which leaves you semi-conscious; and yet restrains I had laid thus several minutes with my left arm stretched to its extent, when at the extremities of the fingers of that hand, there was a sensation, new and peculiar that ent a thrill of pleasure to the mind and heart, t was soothing, drawing, and agreeably titillating, as if the fingers were dissolving away in a delightful self-absorption. Just then, rom a sort of blissful abandon, I was startled by the report of a gunshot within a few paces of me. I sprang to my feet, and with aston-ishment, saw my friend Mitchell standing near and gazing at me with a fixed look of ghastly horror. Before I could inquire what he meant, my attention was caught by the sound of the most shrill, keen, ringing rattle that ever pen-etrated human ear; and on looking down I discovered a huge rattlesnake with gory head, quivering and writhing in the agonies of death, and sending forth from his erect tail the terri-

ble tocsin that I heard. From his fearful propinquity, I began to realize my position, but not until I heard an explanation from M., could I fully undertand and appreciate its horrors. .

He told me that my resting place was the top of a rattlesnake den, and pointed out the orifices through which they passed; that he was in the habit of coming there on Sunday evenings to shoot rattlesnakes; that when he approached that evening, and saw me lying upon the den, he supposed I had been bitten and was dead; that he crept nearer and saw my respiration, and knew I was alive but discovered a monstrous snake licking my hand and covering it with a slimy coating preparatory to deglutition; that he made ight, involuntary shuddering exclamation God! which drew the snake's attention and caused him to turn his head, when he discharged a load of buck-shot into his neck, mangling and tearing them to pieces, and thus saved my life. He had scarcely told me this, which took but a moment, when attles all around brought us to a recollec tion that we were not yet free from danger We saw ten or fifteen rattlesnakes approach ing us from every quarter, with eyes glaring revengefully, barbed tongues thrusting threat eningly and rattles sounding alarmingly eningly and ratties sounding analysis. They are brave and cannot be intimidated, and will die over the dead body of their companion sooner than desert it. We know the

ndomitable character of our enemy, and M and I, with his double-barreled gun, and my sticks and stones, fought our way out as best we could. You may imagine that my nerves were slightly agitated that evening, and that I dreamed of snakes all night. M. Russians. s generally evaded. All the bars have put up a small sign, saying that "imported liquors" are for sale. In Albany, the Carson League have

Celebration. LANCASTER, July 4, 1855. At a meeting of the citizens of the South East and other wards of the city held at the Allegheny House, corner of Duke and Vine streets to celebrate with due solemnity the anniversary of our National Birthday, the fol-

owing proceedings were had:

President—CAPT. ROBERT KING. Vice President-JACOB MYRRS. HENRY LUTZ Secretary—W. F. S. WARREN.
The Declaration of Independence was Charles M. Howell, Rso

The following regular toasts were then read and received with deafening applause:

The Day we Celebrate,—May it be hallowed ever.
The Memory of Washington; "First in ar, first in peace, and first in the hearts of

nis countryme

nis countrymen."

The Sage of Monticello; Jefferson, the im-nortal draughtsman of humanity's great Benjamin Franklin, the Patriot Printer Benjamin Frankin, the Patriot Frinter;
He tore the lightnings from Heaven and the
sceptre from tyrants.
|The Signers of the Declaration of Independence; The pioneers of liberty throughout
the world—may their memory live forever.
|The Old 13; May all their children follow r example in devotedness to the rights di

The Federal Union; "It must and shall be preserved." May the friends of union flour ish and its enemies fade and die. The Memory of Jackson; The boy hero of

the Revolution—the citizen soldier—the victor of New Orleans, and among the first of American Statesmen.

The Soldiers of the Revolution; May their example incite the oppressed of all nations to burst the chains of tyrants, and the results of their sacrifices end only with their memo-

ries.
The Soldiers of the War of 1812—The

noble defenders of the blood bought right of the Revolution, and the prompt and efficient ndorsers of the Declaration of Independence The Army and Navy of the U.S.—May they ever maintain the proud position, to which, be their achievements on land and sea, they are justly entitled. Our Citizen Soldiery-Prompt at the call of their country to avenge her wrongs and defend her rights; may they be duly honest, and ever regarded as the mainstay of our country; in peace, her honor; in war, her

VOLUNTERR TOASTS. Lewis Urban—Stephen Hopkinson: if his hand trembled, his heart was firm, may his memory live forever.
Philip Fitzpatrick—Here is, that the mem-

ory of Washington may be cherished in the breast of every true American, whether native or adopted.
Richard McDonald — "Richard's himself again' —Jefferson and his principles—himself first among the Statesmen of the world, and his doctrines eternal as truth itself. By Major Esrom Spera—To the sages of 1776.

By Col. S. H. Price-The Union of States. The palladium of our country and the hope of humanity, may it be preserved through

By Major Wm. M. Gormly—The memory of John Hancock, the first among the immortal fifty-six, who ratified the Declaration of American Independence. The boldness of whose hand was equaled by the devotedness

of his heart.

By Jno. W. Wealer—My Country, may she ever be true to the high destiny marked out for her, by the fathers of our National Independence.

By Col. Wm. S. Amweg—The Constitution

as it is, now and forever.

By F. H. Carpenter—May the American Eagle ever soar so high, bearing in its beak, the principles of FREEDOM, as permanently established by WASHINGTON and his compeers of Revolutionary memory, that Fanati ism. Priestcraft and misrule cannot rob it of

By J. R. Watkins-Winfield Scott. Lieut General of the United States armies, in his private and social relations, the perfect gentleman and scholar, and, in his official capac ity, the first among the living military con anders of the world.

By S. J. J. Riley—The Sires of '76.—May their many good deeds ever be held in grateul remembrance by every American-wheth r native or adopted.

Ry Henry Lutz, a soldier in the Mexical To the soldiers of the war with Mexico the defenders of our national flag and the

vindicators of our national honor. By James Higgins-Gen. Andrew Jackson. will ever live in the history of our country. By Thomas Wiley, of Cedar Ward-Virtue,

Liberty and Independence.
By Capt. W. F. S. Warren—The unknown
martyrs of the Revolution.
By George Carrigan—Here is that the ashes of Lexington may rise up in a furious whirlwind, and blind the eyes of the first whirehal, and blind the eyes of the his American (native or adopted,) who gives vote or voice for a dissolution of the Union. By A. S. Wingert—Our Country, our Gov-ernment and our Liberty, with our happy in-stitutions.—It should be our first object to preserve them, so that we may hand them lown to posterity as free from corruption as they were when they left the hands of our

they were when they left the hands of our forefathers.

By John S. Dougherty—

"Some folks may envy foreign parts

"And wish to gain a foreign shore,

"Why, let them go with all our hearts

"We shall be plagned with them no more."

Then let us all throughout agree

With a loud huzza, for 3 times 3—

I give the land I live in.

The meeting was addressed by Jacob Myers,

W. S. Amweg, W. F. S. Warren and J. B.

Amwake, Esqs. Want of room compels us
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COMMON SCHOOL ELECTION .- The following is list of Teachers elected by the Board of Commo School Directors of this city, on Monday aftern week; viz:

Wm. V. Davis, re-elected Principal of the Ma-High School. 1st Assistant 2d " ao. Principal of the Femi 1st Assistant Principal of Seconds

C. Twining, "Principal of Secondar Male School, W. W.

Mrs. N. Mailey, "Ist Assistant do.

"V. Row, elected Principal of the Secondar Female School, W. W., in the place of Miss A.

E. Eberman, who declined a re-election.

Miss M. Markee, elected 1st Assistant of same, place of Miss A. Smith, who declined a re-election Miss A. D. Rakestraw, "2d "do.

place of Miss. Row, promoted.

S. W. Reigart, re-eleted Principal of S'y Male, E. W.

Miss M. E. O'Donnell "1st Assistant """

"H. Mayer, elected 2d """

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"S. Smith, "1st Assistant """

"C. Steigerwalt, elected 2d """

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Mrs. E. Reinstein "

Mr. Nourse "
Miss E. Gillespie "
Miss Andrews, elected Bennes, ...
Long, ...
H. C. Walker ...
S. M. Vodges, ...
Semson, elec'd ...
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"E. Samson, elected 1st "Male in place of Miss Mayer, promoted." Rosa Voight, re-elected Principal of can School On motion Resolved, That the election of a te

for the 2d Assistant of the Male Second

ary School, West Ward, be postponed for the pres

A PATTERN FEMALE.-A lady of Plainfield Mass aged 50 years, has the past winter made with her own hands, 17 quilts, consisting of 4209 pieces cut pattern, worked 976 scollops, cut and made 3 resses, knit 3 pair of striped mittens, made butter from two cows, besidet the general housework for family. She has also written nearly a quire of paper-

SMALL POX .- The Chambersburg Valley Spirit says this disease now prevails to a considerable extent in that town, and seems to be on the increase. ILLUMINATED.—The mansion and grounds

of Thomas Winans, at Baltimore, were magnificently illuminated on Thursday night, in honor of the repulse of the Allies by the In New-York city, the prohibitory liquor law

FOURTH OF JULY CRIEBRATION AT SAFE IARBOR .- At 4 o'clock, A. M., the day was ishered in by the ringing o bells, followed Harbor Sax Horn Band.

At 9 o'clock, A. M., a procession was form Col. H. B. Ramsay, of Safe Harbor, as Chief Marshal, aided by Messrs. C. J. Rhodes, J. arrested the syp Ander. Pure and worthy Marshal, aided by Messrs. C. J. Knodes, S. Servants in a glorious cause. May their examples be living monuments for generations from which place the line of march was taken Cedar street, up Cedar to Robinson, down Robinson to Spring, up Spring to Wal-nut, up Walnut to Willow, down Willow to Robinson, up Robinson to Spring, down Spring to Mill, up Mill to the Flag pole, when he procession halted. The Artillery fired sa-utes, and the band played National Airs, the rocession then moved up Mill street to Race, own Race to Water, from Water street over 16. Woman—The noblest and greater help down Race to Water, from water street over the bridge across the Conestoga, down the west bank of the Conestoga to the Susque-hanna; the procession then returned to Man-sion Square, when it disbanded, salutes havng been fired by the Artillery at appropriate oints throughout the line of march

A very important feature in the celebration was the Santa Ana Guards, or rather the renains of his army; they comprised some 40 horsemen, about as miserable specimens numanity as were ever looked upon: their irms, accoutrements, dress and equipage generally were of the most miserable descripand their horses were but little better troop was under Santa Ana's immediate com-mand. The troop was also accompanied by the family of Santa Ana in a barouche which had evidently seen better days, probably it had been injured in so rapidly leaving the and been injured in so rapidly battle ground at San Jacinto. It and the sol-liers had evidently seen hard service, though ooth drill and subordination were far from

The Griffen Artillery commanded by Capt. William Jones made an imposing appearance, liffering much from the Santa Ana Guards, being well and handsomely uniformed, perfect in drill, and their rapid evolutions and firing was the admiration of all. The gun used on the occasion was of wrought iron, manufactured by the workmen at the Iron Works of Reeves, Albott & Co., on a plan recently nvented by Mr. John Griffen, the manager of the Works at Safe Harbor. The gun is ony one half the weight of ordnance, of the ame calibre, used by the U. S. Government, while it has been proved and stood the test to which the Government subject their guns before they are admitted into the service.

At 2½ o'clock the procession again formed t Mansion Square, and proceeded to the drove where preparations had been made for the meeting. The meeting was cappointing the following officers: The meeting was organized by President-JOHN GRIFFEN.

Vice Presidents—J. M. Hess, Col. John itmer, John Brady, John Madden, John Vitmer. Iurray, Reuben Sourbeer, Edward times Sourbeer, David Davis, James Bones, Christian Hertzler, Beni, Hess, Adam Brady, Secretaries-L. M. Hobbs, S. M. Wright, ames O. Conner.

After the organization, the Band played

Yankee Doodie," followed by a discharge Ordnance, after which the Declaration of ndependence was read in a clear and forcible nanner by Mr. C. J. Rhodes of Safe Harbor. t the conclusion of which the Band played Hail Columbia," followed by a discharge of artillery. George W. McElroy, Esq., of Lancaster. was

hen introduced to the meeting as the Orator d the Day, and delivered a very beautiful and effective address, commencing with the causes which led to our revolution and separation rom England, and following the subject down o the present time, contrasting our situation hen, when we numbered but thirteen feele Colonies with our present prosperous con lition, consisting of thirty-one independent and sovereign States, besides very extensive and populous Territories, where every man is

sovereign and calls no man master. Capt. Sanderson, of Lancaster. was then in roduced to the meeting, and addressed hi audience in a very pleasing and appropriate manner, touching on the heroism of our forcfathers during our struggles for independence in the defence of their liberties and rights, he then spoke of our Constitution and the capabilities of a free and enlightened people for self-government. He contrasted our condition with that of the subjects of Kings in Monarchical Europe, and ended in showing the position we occupy in the eyes of the world. After which the Band played the tune of "Red, White and Play"

White and Blue." While Capt. Sanderson was speaking i was announced that Col. Reah Lancaster, had arrived and was at one of our hotels, when on motion a Committee was appointed to wait on him and invite him to at end and address the meeting, which was done After the band ceased playing, Col. Reah razer was introduced to the meeting, who made a very spirited and soul stirring speech replete with glowing description and thrilling choquence, during which he spoke of the durability of our form of Government; going on to show that, whatever for the time-being might apparently disturb the harmony of the Country no serious difficulty could arise while the people were virtuous and intelligent; that so long as we had a free bible and free schools, but particularly if the mothers of our children were educated, our institutions were like our granite hills, however much the storms of party or of passion might beat against them they would resist and endure through all time; that it was now 79 years since the declaration of Independence was penned, and that the affection of the people for our form of government was undiminished; that our Country

was rapidly improving in wealth, in educa tion, in arts, in science, and in manufactures and that the Stars and the Stripes still float ed over us. At the conclusion of which the Band struck up "The Star Spangled Banner," after which the regular and volunteer toasts were read by John Kolp, Esq., as follows: REGULAR TOASTS.

1. The 56 Signers of the Declaration of In lependence; Master spirits of Wisdom, Patri-dism, Philanthropy and Virtue—may their deeds be revered and cherished as long as reublics remain. 2. Geo. Washington-The heroic General.

the patriotic Statesman and the virtuous Sage. et us never forget that the fruits of his labors, and his example are our children's in heritance.
3. Dr. Benjamin Franklin—A consistant Republican; endowed with an extraordinary degree of civil courage; simple in his tastes and habits; unmoved by the pomp and punchabits; unmoved by the pomp and punc-tilios of society; free of all affectation and ar-

rogance; self-possessed and confident on every occasion; a firm believer in the power of reason, the reality of virtue, and the policy of ectitude. 4. Andrew Jackson—A Hero and States man: In manners pleasing, his address commanding, and the most remarkable feature of his character was firmness. Honest and conscientious, no obstacle could prevent his loing what he judged to be right. Benevo-lence was in him a leading virtue, and his moral character was ever above reproach.—

May he never be forgotten by our Republic. 5. Lafayette-He who came to this country and took such a glorious interest in the we fare of our revolutionary struggle with Great Britain, will never be forgotten by Republicans as long as the Republic exists.

6. Our Country—The birth place and hom

f Freedom-whether in the calm serenity of peace or the fiery confusion of war-in enjoyment of domestic happiness or the fierce contests of Party strife—we are proud to susinstitutions, and are proud tain her political o own her as our native land. 7. The State of Penna-Her extensive ter-

ritory—her system of public improvements— her numerous and truly republican population have justly gained for her the proud title of "The Keystone State;" as such she will be the first to resist and the last to yield to the traitorous blow that would destroy the fair Arch of the Union. 8. Agriculture and Manufactures-Two

rand pillars sustaining the Republican Edifice. Untiring industry and unyielding energy mark the character of their supporters, and give assurance of their prospects and permaency.
9. The Printing Press—The most useful

of modern inventions; the capacious reservoir of human knowledge, whose branching streams liffuse sciences, arts and morality, through

all nations and ages."

10. Knowledge and Virtue—are Handmaids, that if properly united, bid defiance to the united efforts of ignorance and tyranny. The two great pillars on which rests our re-publican edifice; the ark of our political safety, which was projected by superior wisdom, and erected by the purest patriotism.

11. The People of our Great Republic-The only safe depository of the ultimate powers of to determine the amount to be forwarded to society. But if not enlightened enough to the seaboard, but also to regulate the prices.

exercise their control with a wholesome discretion, the remedy is, not to take it from them, but to inform their discretion by education. 12. Our Government-A Republic that stands without a parallel in the history of naby a national salute of 31 guns by the Artiltions, and the admiration of the civilized world, by a national sature of 51 guns by the Safe giving peace and protection to all, equally alike, in their religious and political privileges. Let

us hand it unsullied to posterity.

13. In memory of the vigilance and faithed at Mansion Square, under the command of fulness of the three distinguished Militiamen Col. H. B. Ramsay, of Safe Harbor, as Chief —Paulding. Williams and Van Wert—who

14. The 13 Stars and Stripes-Emblematical of the original compact in the great strug-gle for the "Rights of Man." Long may they wave "o'er the Land of the Free and the Home

15. To the victories at Trenton and Princen-which raised from the lowest depression,

to man.

VOLUNTEER TOASTS By Col. H. B. Ramsey We have met this lay, with joyful hearts, to commemorate, peretuate and celebrate the return of the birthday of our National Independence; to do honor to those departed Patriots and Sages, who on the 4th of July, 1776, declared to the World that America must and should be free. We are this day the recipients of that Declaration, which was signed and scaled with a mutual pledge, that has given us life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. May its influence to the control of nce, and our example as a nation, yet free the down trodden and oppressed Nations of the Earth from unjust laws and tyrants' rule. By Geo. McCully-Ben. Franklin-always good, and little aminorease his ability of being useful to his country or to mankind.

By Edward Home

Stripes of America, which bid defiance to Kings and their great guns and fleets. will roll up our wrought Iron Cannon and send them home like the British Lion of old. By Martin Daily-Winfield Scott-the great and successful General, has alike military career, as well as in his brilliant achievements in the late War with Mexico, gained for him laurels which places his name foremost on the page of History, never to be

forgotten. By Henry Hammer-Hon. James Buchanan-alike distinguished for his virtues and eminent talents, whether in private or in publie life. In the Senate of the United States he was the great compeer of Clay, Webster and Calhoun, and occupied the first rank in the brilliant galaxy of American Statesmen; in the State Department he had no superior; and as the Representative of the American Republic at the Court of St. James, he has fully shown his ability to cope with the first class Diplematists of Europe. His brilliant career sheds imperishable lustre alike upon

Pennsylvania and the whole Union.

By John Madden—John Griffen, Esq.—As pure, as patriotic and as upright an American as lives in our grand hemisphere. By D. H. Powel-In memory Starke and his New Hampshire militia, at the battle of Bennington in defeating 500 Hes-

sian troops.

By C. J. Rhodes—Henry Clay—the undying friend of Civil and Religious Liberty, a terror to Disunionists, the successful and master spirit in the Treaty of Ghent. Though he is dead, his name will be forever dear to the hearts of his Countrymen.

By Reuben Sourbeer—Daniel Webster—the

great expounder and advocate of the Constiution, is no more; but his master speeches n the United States Senate, shed imperishable lustre upon the page of history, as lastng as the hills.

By Jos. Johnston—I know not what course

others may take, but as for me—give me liberty; or give me death.—Patrick Henry.

By, M. Mellinger—Col. Reah Frazer—one of the speakers of the day. A brilliant orator, in eminent Lawyer and an upright man. By John Brady Jr., Mr. John Griffenhe inventor of the new cannon; may his name be registered on the pages of as long as the Suh shines on earth. By Jesse Engles-Gen. Lewis Cass-dis-

ore-eminently stands as the bold and fearless advocate of the Union. And as a Diplomatis stands without a parallel in the world. By Oran Quint—John Griffen Esq.,—the nventor of the new improved Wrought Iron Cannon. Superior to anything in the world, nay it be an impetus to still greater improve-

inguished for his eminent abilities as a

Statesman. In the United States Senate he

ments.
By J. C. Matson—Safe Harbor Iron Works, nferior to none in the country. May they continue to prosper.'
By J. N. Purcell—Gen. Marion—he who brove the enemies of our country, may he never be forgotten by his countrymen.

By Jno: Kolp—Our country and its Freeom, Education and Virtue. May these claims

our united support.

By II. Allemare—The Day we celebrate—
A day held sacred by every true friend of
Liberty, throughout the world.

By A. R. Hess—Androw Jackson—The
successful Hero at New Orleans. May his civil auccessful Hero at New Orleans. May his civil and military careers remain lasting monuments for successive generations.

By John Hess—Our Country—May unborn ages celebrate the birth day of her Independ-

By L. M. Hobbs-Three cheers for Lancaster county, the birth place of Robert Fulton; the residence of John Griffen, the Inventor of the Griffen Cannon; the leader of the van of the Educational progress of the Old Key Stone

Pure Religion, releases from thraidom the soul,
And its indwelling voice bids the body be free!
But the sword, and the faggot, usurped the control of both when one for fittings used over the se-Of both, when our forefathers passed o'er the sea. By D. F. Young—The lamented Henry Clay the advocate and master spirit of the Compromise; alike distinguished for his oratory and eminent talents. His long public career had statesman from the west gained for him distinguished honor and re-spectability, alike in this country and the whole world.

By Edward Chandler—The lamented Wm. II. Harrison, the here of the -est; may his civil and military life be an index to all such s occupy similar public positions.

By Col. John Witmer—In time of peace let us make good materials for war.

By E. A. Hess—Here is a health to General Washington who gained our Liberty, and also to all his brave men who set our coun-

try free.
By the Company—Our Host and Hostess may they never want of the good things of this life which they so bountifully spread before us this day.

The Band then played "Hail Columbia,"

when the meeting adjourned amid the roar of artillery.

At 8½ o'clock in the evening the display of fire works began, lasting until a late hour in the night, ending a day well spent; and all present retired with increased love for the ountry of their nativity or adoption, and with a full determination that whatever toe might assail our country or its institutions, be it native or foreign, they would emulate the patriotism of the heroes of the Revolution and put it down, kindly if they could, forcibly if

they must.

Wood Gas. - The editor of the Miners' Journal, has proposed to take the Gas Works of Borough of Pottsville, re-model them, keep them in repair, and furnish Gas at \$3 per 1000 feet, thus relieving the Company from all expenditures but the original investment. His atention was to manufacture gas from wood, nstead of rosin, the material now used in Pottsville. Mr. John C. Cresson, superintendent of the Philadelphia Gas Works, has made a number of experiments in Wood Gas, and constructed an improved apparatus for making it, which satisfies him that Wood Gas can be furnished cheaper than any other kind now made; and it was based on calculations furnished by Mr. Cresson, that the editor of the Journal made this offer to the Pottsville Com-

pany. TRADE CONSPIRACY.—The New York Journal of Commerce mentions as current in New York city, a report that several capitalists and large produce dealers held a meeting at Buffalo, on Thursday last, the 28th ult., to devise ways and means to control the present stock of breadstuffs," and thus not only to determine the amount to be forwarded to