THE LANCASTER WEEKLY INTELLIGENCER, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 1871.

BOUTWELL'S BATTLE.

The Secretary Attacked in the Flank by Detective Wood.

Scandalous Allegations.

Secret Workings of the Treasury Department Exposed.

Glaring Frauds and Delusive Theories.

Enormous Losses to the Government Through the Groton Grocer's Incompetence.

WASHINGTON, August 7.—Mr. William P. Wood, late Chief of the Secret Service of the Treasury Department, publishes a card to-day severely assailing Secretary Boutwell. He was for a long time in a position to know the secret workings of the department, and he threatens to publish a pamphlet in which, he says, he will prove the following facts:

First.—That there are millions of dollars of government bonds which have been or are now in daily progress of exchange and redemption, while the true owners are receiving the interest due on said bonds. The identical bonds on which such interest is being drawn have been redeemed or exchanged by the government under Secretary Boutwell, as also his predecessor, through the connivance of unscrupulous bankers and ignorant and corrupt officials of the government, by erasures and fictitious numbering of genuine bonds, the result of which will be that the creditors of the government will either have to suffer the loss of their bonds or be relieved from loss by some special act of Congress, in which case the government will be the loser of thousands and thousands of dollars on the article of registered bonds alone.

Second—It will be shown that the paper transactions of the Treasury Department are of such a character they will not bear a fair examination without exhibiting the Secretary's ignorance of the subject or his connivance at the glaring frauds or favoritism which has been in practice under his administration of the department. He will also show that fibre paper for bank-note or other purposes as a preventive against counterfeiting is a delusive theory which will be established by statistics, details, and mechanical experiments. It will also be proven that the honorable Secretary disposed of the valuable paper-making machinery of the government at one-fourth its original cost, and at less than one half the price of the machinery by the parties not his favorites.

Third.—That through George S. Boutwell's want of manliness he stoops to petty, mean resorts to defame those around him who do not volunteer subservience to his dictation, indifferent himself as to whether such dictations are in accordance with law or otherwise; and such examples will be given as should make every honorable man detest the political demagogue who now presides over the Treasury Department.

Fourth—A synopsis of the political, mercantile, and political history will be given, as well as his career as Commissioner of Internal Revenue, and by examples an inquiry will be submitted to know in what other light than as a creature to the government can Secretary Boutwell can be regarded because of the amount expended, malappropriated, or purloined, equal in amount to between two and three millions of dollars, during his administration of the Internal Revenue Bureau, and which remains unsettled to the present day.

Mr. Wood closes his communication as follows:

During the interval I may forward a communication to General Pleasonton, the present Commissioner of Internal Revenue, inquiring of him under what law and from what specially appropriated funds I am to be paid the amount of money conditioned by virtue of the commission and written agreement which I now hold from Hon. George S. Boutwell, Secretary of the Treasury, it having been well known that Congress refused to pass a bill giving him authority as Secretary of the Treasury to make conditions in such cases. I will enclose in the said communication of inquiry the original commission to myself from the Groton financier, by which the Commissioner may comprehend the reasons for the interest taken in that specialty, and with the explanations and proof I will furnish show the unfriendly, hypocritical and sneaking treachery of the man who, unfortunately for the country, is now desirous of running the Treasury Department as if he owned the whole concern.

Pleasonton Formally Suspended.

J. W. Douglass his Successor.

At 11 o'clock to-day, the President sent to General Pleasonton the following:

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,
Washington, August 8, 1871.

You are hereby suspended from the office of Commissioner of Internal Revenue, in accordance with the terms of an act approved April 5, A. D., 1869, to amend an act regulating the tenure of certain civil offices, passed March 2, A. D., 1867, and subject to all provisions of law applicable thereto.

U. S. GRANT

To Hon. A. Pleasonton.

On receiving the notification, General Pleasonton vacated the office, leaving his successor the following note:

To J. W. Douglass, 1st Deputy Commissioner Internal Revenue Bureau—Sir: Having this day been suspended from this office by the President, I turn the same over to you. Respectfully,

(Signed) A. PLEASONTON.

About 2 o'clock, Mr. Douglass entered upon the duties of the office, and received the congratulations of his friends.

The news of the President's action towards General Pleasonton spread over the town like wild-fire. Politicians and Government officials generally agree that it irretrievably commits the present Administration to Mr. Boutwell's keeping with the rule of high taxes until the public debt is paid.

Eminent Pennsylvania politicians here think the sentiment will have to be incorporated in the Republican platform of 1872, whether General Grant or Mr. Boutwell receives the nomination.

Mr. Boutwell hurried Douglass down to the court-house to take the oath of office, so as to get Pleasonton out instantaneously. The other public functionaries express the opinion that this was in bad taste. Mr. Douglass hurried through the formality of taking the oath before Judge Wylie and arrived at the Treasury at 2:15 P. M., when he formally entered upon the General Pleasonton handing over the office to him. He immediately took charge and telegraphed his wife of his new elevation.

The following is General Pleasonton's card, in reply to the request of President Grant for his resignation:

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF INTERNAL REVENUE, Aug. 8, 1871.—To the President: In answer to your request, transmitted through Gen. Porter last evening that I should tender my resignation of the office of Commissioner of Internal Revenue, I can only reply that under ordinary circumstances nothing would give me greater pleasure than to accede to any request you might make of this kind, but the cause for making the request, as stated by your secretary, was stated by General Porter to be the difference existing between the Secretary of the Treasury and myself, as regards the government and management of the Internal Revenue Bureau. Mr. Boutwell claims the powers, which, under the laws of Congress governing that Bureau are vested solely in the Commissioner. The question is therefore a purely legal one, and the precedents of our Government have been to have such questions, when appealed to the President, referred to the law-officer of the Government for his opinion, and to this decision which the President would of course bess his decision.

The course was pursued by Pro-idents Jackson, Tyler, Pierce, Van Buren, Fillmore and others, and this was the usual form of practice of the Government. Knowing these facts, and believing this to be the proper way to settle any difference of view, as regards the law, which might exist between the Secretary and Commissioner, I addressed you such a communication some time since making an appeal for your decision of the powers of the Commissioner under the act of July 20, 1868. This appeal, as I understand it, is not to be entertained, but the subject is to be treated rather as a personal difference between the Secretary and myself. In this connection it is proper to add that the personal hostility of the Secretary has been such as to preclude the tender of my resignation until some opportunity is granted for vindicating my administration of the Internal Revenue Bureau.

In justice to the public interests placed under my charge, and the importance to the tax-payers of a proper solution of these difficulties, I must respectfully decline to tender my resignation, and trusting it will not be deemed inappropriate, I will again request that your present determination may be reconsidered, and an investigation of the matter of difference between the Secretary and myself be referred to the Attorney-General for his legal opinion.

With great respect,
A. PLEASONTON,
Commissioner.

Death and Gayety at Newport.

Death has interfered with the gayeties of Newport this season to an unusual degree. A correspondent of the *Evening Express* says:

A death in the family of Wm. R. Travers of New York has necessitated the doing away with Mrs. Travers's August reception, cards for which had just been issued. The death of Miss Weld of Boston, a sister of Mrs. Gardner Brewer, has put an end to the Summer festivities at "Finisterre." Every week some new affliction has been brought to bear upon the gayety here, and one after another of the villas has been made desolate. "Fair Lawn," where the finest entertainments have heretofore been given, was bereft of its mistress, Mrs. Morton, very early in the season. The little colony of Cliff Cottage was shocked and saddened by the sudden ending of Mrs. Henry B. William's fair young life. Mrs. Wm. Bacon, an invalid, who sought for benefit by the sea, died soon after reaching her cottage. The terrible railroad accident in New Hampshire, this week, shocked the Ocean House guests, where the family of the deceased and a large number of friends were spending the Summer. A large dinner party at Mr. Belmont's mansion was broken up by the arrival of the telegram announcing the death of Mr. Slidell, a relative of Mrs. Belmont. The death of Mrs. Field on her passage to Europe, turned the elegant country-seat of Mr. Milton Sanford into a house of mourning. Mrs. Sanford and Mrs. Field were sisters, and Kate Field has spent many Summers previous to this with them. Wensler, the Danish artist, died here while on a visit, after a long and severe illness.

GREAT DEMOCRATIC VICTORIES.

Tremendous Democratic Vote Polled—Kentucky More Thoroughly Democratic Than Ever.

Great Victory in St. Louis.

CINCINNATI, Aug. 8.—Further Kentucky returns show a Democratic majority of from 20,000 to 25,000.

Fifty-five thousand negroes voted for the first time but they were unable to break the solid Democratic column. Not a single Radical candidate in the State was elected.

LOUISVILLE, August 13.—The official returns from eighty-four counties give Leslie (Dem.), 110,442; Harlan (Rep.), 74,126. Leslie's majority in these counties, 36,316. The full returns from the State will probably make Leslie's majority in the neighborhood of 40,000. In the counties given, Leslie gains 5,391 on the vote of Stevenson (Dem.) in the last gubernatorial election, and Harlan gains 50,317 on the vote of Baker (Rep.) in the last gubernatorial race.—The Republican increase is attributed to the enfranchisement of the colored people.

[From the Louisville Courier-Journal, Aug. 12.]

The heading of our telegraphic despatches the morning after the election was premature. Leslie has suffered no loss from Stevenson's vote in 1867. On the contrary, he has gained. Governor Stevenson received, in round numbers, 114,000. From the returns before us we now think that Governor Leslie has received 125,000. This is enough to satisfy the most enthusiastic Democrat, not only in Kentucky but all over the country. The truth is, that Kentucky was never more thoroughly Democratic than she is to day. The increase of General Harlan's vote over that cast for Governor Stevenson's opponent, 3 years ago, was mainly caused by the votes of the negroes.

The returns of the election are coming in freely, and there are enough already to show that the Democratic majority will be much larger than was at first expected.—Leslie's majority is over 34,000 in the fifty-nine counties from which we have complete returns, and the counties yet to come will swell it to the figures. The vote is unusually large, and though the comparison which we make between this and the previous gubernatorial election shows a falling off in the Democratic majority of over 43,000 in the fifty-nine counties, it will be seen that the vote for Leslie is almost invariably larger than that for Stevenson, and that, instead of being weakened, the Democratic party of Kentucky has been made stronger by the active canvass and prodigious efforts of the Republicans. We take the vote of '68 for comparison, because there has been no full political contest since that time, and the seemingly bad showing which it makes in the matter of majorities is easily accounted for when we remember that since '68 the unfranchisement of the negroes has created 40,000 new votes, and that these have been given to the other side. After all, the figures show that the Radicals have gained nothing in Kentucky, and that they will do well if they succeed in polling the 40,000 negro votes and the 99,566 votes that were cast for Grant in 1868.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 8.—The election to-day, for County Judges and Auditor, passed off quietly. Chas. Steck, Democrat, for Presiding Justice, has 1500 majority in the city. The county will probably run it up to 1800. William H. Heath, Republican, for Auditor, has from 200 to 300 majority in the city. Of the District Judges from the city, John H. Fesse and Philip Stremmel, Republicans, are elected, and John D. Finney and John Bussey Democrats. There are not enough returns from the county districts to determine the result, but it is probable that Joseph L. Hyatt, Democrat, and Robert Allen, Republican, are elected.

NEGRO RIOT AND MOB LAW.

Murder of Two White Citizens of Franklin, Kentucky—The Ringleader and Another Felon Hung by a Vigilance Committee.

The Frankfort correspondent of the Louisville *Ky. Ledger* writes to that paper an account of the election riot at the first-named city on the 7th instant, together with the subsequent proceedings, of which meagre mention has already been received by telegraph. The writer says:

"All day long the blacks in great numbers infested the vicinity of the Market-street poll. From early morning until late at night they crowded the precinct, yelling in the most defiant and unrestrained manner in the faces of white men, pushing them from the sidewalks, jeering and insulting them at every point, and using every effort to bring on a collision, in which, from their far superior numbers, they hoped to triumph. The rioters were led by four or five reckless men. More than half of them were armed with pistols, which they freely displayed during the day. Notwithstanding all these demonstrations, but few words were spoken to them by white men, and a disposition to avoid a rupture was clearly manifested. The whites were far more tolerant than the case required, and I doubt if a like forbearance would have been manifested in any other city in the Union. The whites gave way to them in the morning, offering no obstacles to the free suffrage during the whole day. They were allowed to carry out their plan of putting their strength in early, and only after the negroes had all, or nearly all, voted did the white men go up to cast their votes. The negroes, after voting, remained at the polls all day, but the white population, a large majority of them, as soon as they voted went back to their homes.

THE RIOT OPENED

a few minutes before seven o'clock, when the polls were opened, and just as the up train from Louisville arrived, the first blow was given and the first shot fired by the negro. The train passed immediately through the crowd, separating the whites from the blacks, and for a moment or two creating a cessation. No sooner, however, had the train arrived at the depot than a general rush was made by the negroes to the different points of the compass, and white men and negroes were fighting all over the town. One man named Benjamin Davis, who was at work outside of the new gangway, was instantly killed by the explosion. The others working about the mine escaped uninjured. The men in the new gangway are most likely dead, or will be before they can be reached.

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From Washington.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 15.—The prospect for the cotton crop was never so good as at present. The August blooms are perfect. The August blooms have been attached to the small boll which is forming at their base, by the wet and the sun, which has scalded them so that they fall off. The middle crop, procured by the August bloom, will be a failure. The last crop produced from last of August and first of September, is unusually stained and light.

Destructive Fire.

JERSEY SHORE, Pa., Aug. 15.—The fire here last night caused a loss of $30,000; insured about $15,000. The Franklin Hotel, two brick dwellings and a store were destroyed, and other buildings were damaged. The Williamsport fire department came up on the railroad, fifteen miles, and helped to extinguish the fire. The conflagration commenced accidentally, in the hotel.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

RUNAWAY ACCIDENTS.—On Monday afternoon about 5 o'clock as Mr. John F. Eshbach, of Millport, accompanied by another man, was driving along Walnut street between North Queen and Prince, in this city, one of his horses became frightened at something in leaving the work upon railroads, and serious consequences to the mining interests were anticipated. The customs duties had decreased $500,000. Advices from Lima to July 25th, report the celebration of the anniversary of Peruvian independence, had lasted three days. The war-ships had been disarmed and ordered to send part of their machinery ashore to prevent their sailing to other ports and a revolution. The effect of this was to prevent their returning the salute of a Russian War vessel. The captain demanded an explanation of the insult, and was told of the affair coming. The people were dissatisfied with the Government policy on this and other points.

The Inventor of Fruit-Canning Found in Pennsylvania.

It is not generally known that the art of preserving fruit in cans had its origin in Gettysburg, as the result of the experiments made by the late Professor Jacobs, in the Winters of 1845 and 1846 prove. Knowing that meats had been long preserved in cans, and referring the preservation of fruit by means of sugar to the action of the syrup in excluding the air, he contended that a better and more economical application of the same principle might be made. Reducing the fruit to a pulp, or surrounding it with a sufficient amount of liquid to fill up all spaces, the air was expelled by raising the heat to the boiling point. The cans being then filled, and soldered so as to be air-tight, the experiment proved a perfect success. Communicated at first to a few of his friends, the art was rapidly made known, so that in three years' time it had spread to all parts of the country.

Ohio Democratic Campaign Opening.

COLUMBUS, Aug. 11.—General Thomas Ewing, Jr., delivered, this evening, the opening campaign speech for the Ohio Democracy, in the coming contest for Governor. The speech mainly discusses financial issues. He says the Democracy of Ohio propose that the General Government shall furnish all money of the people, in an issue which shall be a legal-tender equally with coin, for all public and private debts whatsoever, except where the contract expressly calls for specie, and with it redeem the five-twenty bonds; and to prevent an undue expansion of the currency, issue three per cent. bonds, which shall be exchangeable at par for legal-tenders at any time, and into which legal-tenders may at the option of the holders, at any time be converted.

A DREADFUL DEATH.

A Baby Dies of Hydrophobia—An Awful Case—The Child Tears its Clothing and Barks Like a Dog.

[From the Chicago Republican, August 9.]

A little son of John McGinnis, an employee at the Stock Yards, died last Saturday morning of hydrophobia. The age of the child was one year and nine months.—The case is a somewhat singular one, and therefore we give it with some particularity of detail. Very few cases are on record of the fearful complaint attacking one so young. The position taken by certain authorities that the disease is simply of the imagination is here proved to be untenable. An unreasoning infant, just beginning to prattle, is not likely to be so disturbed by the fear of imaginary physical trouble as to be in this manner hurried out of the world.

The child was bitten a little over a month ago. The mother had one day seated it on the ground at the back door of the house, when a large Newfoundland dog belonging to a butcher named Shuler, living in the neighborhood, came suddenly rushing up to the child and bit it. No one about the house had seen this animal previously.

Three ugly wounds were inflicted upon the tender infant by the ravaging animal —one at the side of the left temple, another between the eyes, and the third on the top of the head near the edge of the hair. The brute showed every symptom of madness, foaming at the mouth, snapping at everything it passed, without stopping to vent its rage upon any particular object.

The wounds upon the child soon healed, only one slight scar on the nose remaining. The matter laded from the recollection of the parents. Last Wednesday morning the infant began to show singular signs of irritation; and commenced tearing off its clothes, at the same time uttering low, wailing cries, and complaining of thirst. But when water was offered to it the most distressing writhing of the jaws and convulsive movements of the face and throat followed. No one seemed at first to know the real cause of the trouble. The startled mother did all in her power to restore her infant to ease and quiet. Thinking it might be suffering from the heat, she took off some of its superfluous clothing. The wise women of the neighborhood gathered in and gave their opinions of the disease.—Some said the complaint was diptheria, and some said the poor little thing was teething. All day Wednesday the little sufferer exhibited the same symptoms, seeming, at the same time to suffer more acutely. It pulled and tugged at its clothing with such energy as to tear off the buttons, and threw its arms about in the most agonized manner.

This continued until Friday night, neither the mother nor the child sleeping. The infant took no nourishment during all this time, and when water was offered went into convulsions, seeming to reject it with horror.

Dr. W. W. Goodman, living at the Rock Island car-works, was summoned on Friday afternoon. He at once told the grief-stricken parents that their child was dying of hydrophobia, and nothing could be done to save it. He administered morphine to put out effect. The child died apparently in the last stages of the disease. In its convulsions it seemed endowed with preternatural strength.

The foam which issued from its mouth was stained with blood. It uttered an incessant whine, which those about it compared to the whining of a dog. Whenever the hands of those attending it approached its face efforts to bite were manifested. Its fine, silky, but just commencing to talk, it repeatedly uttered the word "dog" during the night preceding its death, as if it had, somehow, in its diseased infantile brain, mysteriously associated the idea of its present sufferings with its being bitten a month before.

At eight o'clock on Saturday, death came to the relief of the sufferer. From Wednesday morning until the hour of its death it absolutely did not a drop of water had passed its lips. The case is a peculiar one, and should attract attention of the medical world.

Seats in Railroad Cars.

A Boston newspaper relates an incident of a man there who entered a rail car, and seeing an empty seat, asked the person who was occupying the adjoining if it was engaged, and notwithstanding he was repeatedly assured that it was, he thrust himself into it and retained "forcible possession." Now that seems very rude act, especially when there were other unoccupied seats in the car. As the counterpart of this case is witnessed almost daily at the starting and at the stopping of almost every railway train where additional passengers get on, it is well to inquire a little into, and see if this rudeness is not the legitimate result of that most outrageous system of hiring which is practiced every day in railway cars in regard to seats being engaged. It is a common thing for travelers of both sexes to enter a car, take a seat next the window, place a shawl or carpet-bag, or newspaper on the other seat, and then go out on the platform and be reserved or engaged, and repeat the fib as often as application for it is made, without apparently any compunctious of conscience. In view of this prevalent system of hiring seats, it is not surprising occasionally there should be one, who, having had his faith in such statements wholly destroyed, should take possession of an unoccupied seat wherever he finds it. At any rate, we are certain of one thing, and that is that there ought to be a reform in this matter of "engaged" or "reserved" seats. If there is not, we are afraid, if the words of the Good Book are true, there are some who carry their heads pretty high now in the moral world, who will have a fearful record to face.—*Phila. Ledger.*

What Gov. Geary Thinks of Grant.

"Perhaps Grant don't like my position on the 'bayonet question,' but I can't help it. As governor of this Commonwealth, I was bound in my message to allude to that, and to condemn the action of the General Government in using the marines at Philadelphia during the elections of last year. I believe in that policy, and I can never be made to believe in it.—Had I the power I would give the South universal amnesty. Then I would say: You are put upon your good behavior. Hold your elections in your way. Elect your own candidates. Let the election be conducted fairly. If you are not able to maintain order, let your Governor call upon Legislature to assemble me, and I will back them with the whole strength of the Government. I believe that would have done more to secure peace than anything else.—You can't govern the people with bay'nets. You can't govern a country in that way. The Republic is a failure, and we had better confess it. Better have fifty fights at the polls than to have the bayonet there."

A Man Seeks Death for having Attempted to Pass a Punched Railway Ticket.

A middle-aged man was arrested and locked up in the station at Newark yesterday for offering a punched ticket over the line of the New Jersey Railroad. He was subsequently bailed in the sum of $500 for his appearance at court. The accused is a man that hitherto has borne an excellent character, and has been in bad health for some time past. He seemed to feel keenly the position in which he was placed, and stated to his bondsman that it was his intention to commit suicide, which the latter replied, "Oh you won't; now don't do anything foolish, but go home and keep quiet." Soon after he was met by his wife below the Centre street depot, and when questioned as to where he was going, told her he was going to drown himself. Fearing that he would carry his threat into execution she prevailed upon him to accompany her home. Soon after reaching home he again disappeared, and the thought of his friends that shame and remorse in consequence of his foolish act may so prey upon his mind as to lead him to do himself some injury.

Late News from South America.

There is later news from South America. Advices from Valparaiso, Chili, to July 1st report a prospect of permanent peace with the Araucanian Indians. The Indian chiefs were said to have declared allegiance to the Chilian Government. A proposition was before Congress extending the term of the President to six years and forbidding his re-election. The Chilian laborers in the Peruvian mines are leaving for work upon railroads, and serious consequences to the mining interests were anticipated. The customs duties had decreased $500,000. Advices from Lima to July 25th, report the celebration of the anniversary of Peruvian independence, had lasted three days. The war-ships had been disarmed and ordered to send part of their machinery ashore to prevent their sailing to other ports and a revolution. The effect of this was to prevent their returning the salute of a Russian War vessel. The captain demanded an explanation of the insult, and was told of the affair coming. The people were dissatisfied with the Government policy on this and other points.

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From Washington.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 15.—The prospect for the cotton crop was never so good as at present. The August blooms are perfect. The August blooms have been attached to the small boll which is forming at their base, by the wet and the sun, which has scalded them so that they fall off. The middle crop, procured by the August bloom, will be a failure. The last crop produced from last of August and first of September, is unusually stained and light.

Destructive Fire.

JERSEY SHORE, Pa., Aug. 15.—The fire here last night caused a loss of $30,000; insured about $15,000. The Franklin Hotel, two brick dwellings and a store were destroyed, and other buildings were damaged. The Williamsport fire department came up on the railroad, fifteen miles, and helped to extinguish the fire. The conflagration commenced accidentally, in the hotel.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

RUNAWAY ACCIDENTS.—On Monday afternoon about 5 o'clock as Mr. John F. Eshbach, of Millport, accompanied by another man, was driving along Walnut street between North Queen and Prince, in this city, one of his horses became frightened at something in leaving the work upon the railroad between Sener's lumber yard and Martin's Relay House. The horses ran in a circle two or three times between these points, and finally upset the wagon throwing Mr. Echternacht and his companion between the railroad tracks, but fortunately they escaped without serious injury. In attempting to turn down Prince street the horses ran the wagon against a hitching post just north of the Relay House, which checked its further progress. Just at this time John Fisher, an old gentleman of about 70 years of age, was passing the hotel, and to save himself from being run over, stepped close to the front wall of the house. The horses, in their struggles to get out, broke the wagon pole, striking violently around against the old man crushing him against the wall and breaking his collar-bone and shoulder-blade, and otherwise seriously injuring him. The horses then ran down Prince street with a part of the wagon tongue and became detached from each other by running against Mr. Mc-Comsey's steps. One of them was captured on reaching Chestnut street, and the other was not stopped until it reached Vine Street.

Mr. Fisher was carried into the Relay House, and Dr. A. J. Herr at once sent for, who administered opium to relieve pain, and had the injured man sent to his home in West King street. He was then taken in charge by his family physician, Dr. H. E. Muhlenberg. On account of Mr. Fisher's extreme age the accident goes very hard with him.

ON Tuesday as Daniel Logan was driving a colt attached to an open top buggy along Prince street, the animal became frightened at something in front of him, and ran away, throwing Mr. Logan from the buggy and bruising him considerably. The horse was pursued and captured after running some distance, having sustained no other injuries. He was carried to his home and Dr. J. H. Weidler summoned, who did for him all that was possible to be done; but his injuries were beyond the reach of the surgeon's art. He lingered until about 7 o'clock in the evening when death relieved him of his sufferings. It is somewhat remarkable that Mr. Kurtz has, on several previous occasions, narrowly escaped accidental death. Some years ago he had a hair-breadth escape on the railroad; at another time the lightning struck within a few feet of him and shattered the porch upon which he was standing; about a year ago, on the R. R. bridge, while in this city, he was accidentally shot with a pistol in the hands of his nephew, and would no doubt have been killed had not his well-filled pocket-book received the bullet, and prevented it from entering his breast. Mr. Kurtz was about 60 years of age, and leaves a wife, four children and a very large circle of warm friends to mourn his sudden death.

BURSTING OF A GRINDSTONE.—A man named William Johnson, was severely injured on Wednesday about 9 o'clock, by the bursting of a grindstone, while engaged in turning the grindstone for Blickenderfer's foundry, corner of Duke and Chestnut streets. It appears that Johnson had recently erected the stone for his own use, and at the time of the accident was the only person engaged in turning the stone. He was seated on the wooden "horse" above and behind the stone which was driven by steam power, and was running at the rate of 1,000 revolutions per minute, when suddenly it broke into three fragments weighing over half a ton each, tearing the woodwork by which it was surrounded into a thousand fragments, and carrying the horse upon which he was seated, and Johnson up to the ceiling, he falling to the floor among the debris and receiving an ugly cut above the eye, and on one hand, besides being injured internally. One fragment of the stone went entirely across the cellar, and coming in contact with the heavy shaft of a large cast-iron wheel, broke and overturned it. Another fragment was thrown against the opposite wall, and the third remained in the wheel-pit. A workman named Levi Landis, was standing beside the wheel at the time, but escaped without any other damage than a bruised leg. He picked Johnson up and carried him from out the ruins and sent for Dr. Atlee, who was promptly on the spot and dressed the man's wounds and conveyed him to his residence in West orange street. The extent of the injuries are not very severe, but the extent of his internal injuries is not yet known.

DEATH OF A FORMER RESIDENT.—Wm. J. Marchbank, of Seaford, Delaware, formerly proprietor of Oak Hill, Lancaster county, was so severely injured on the 3d inst., by jumping from the cars on the Delaware Railroad, near Cannon's Crossing, that he died in 36 hours afterwards. It appears some section laborers wishing to take passage, flagged the train to stop, at which signal the engineer reversed the engine and blew his whistle for "down breaks." Mr. Marchbank and the other passengers apprehended at once a collision with the down freight, knowing it had not yet passed, and against the excitement incident to such an occasion, Mr. Marchbank leaped from the train which was going at the ordinary speed, and was thrown upon his left side and head on a pile of railroad ties lying beside the track. The train was stopped and when he was taken up and found to be entirely unconscious. He was carried home and properly attended to, but died as above stated. His remains were taken to Union, Lancaster county, for interment on Tuesday, the 8th.

REUNION OF THE 77TH P. V. V.—Col. F. S. Pyfer, of this city has been selected as orator on the occasion of the third annual reunion of the 77th Regiment Pennsylvania Veteran Volunteers, which takes place in Harrisburg, on the 21st of September. The Colonel has accepted the invitation. He joined as Captain of Company K at the time of the organization of the regiment, and took part with it in all its marches and engagements up to the battle of Chicamauga, when he was taken prisoner. After this time, the 19th of September 1863, to May 1864, he was confined in the Libby prison, where his health was impaired. On being released he joined the regiment and continued with it until it was mustered out. He was promoted to the position of Lieutenant-Colonel immediately after the bard-fought battle of Murfreesboro. Col. Pyfer is a good speaker and will do justice to the 77th at its reunion.

THE CONESTOGA VALLEY RAILROAD.—A meeting of those interested in the proposed building of the Conestoga Valley Railroad, which is to run from Springfield, on the line of the Wilmington and Reading Railroad, to a point on the Reading and Columbia Railroad, at or near Manheim, was held on Tuesday afternoon in the village of Fairville, Lancaster county. There was a large attendance of citizens living along the line of the proposed road. J. Howard Jacobs, Esq., of Reading, presided, and addresses were delivered by Hugh E. Steele, Esq., President of the Wilmington and Reading Railroad Company, S. Dutton Steele, Esq., Chief Engineer of that Road, and Mr. Jacobs. The greatest interest was manifested, and there is every probability that the road will shortly be put under survey. Another meeting will be held at Vogansville, Lancaster county, on the 22d inst.

SAD SUICIDE.—Wm. Whitman, of Carnarvon, a highly respected farmer, aged about 60 years, was found dead in his own barn on Tuesday morning, with his throat cut from ear to ear. For some three years past he has worried himself a great deal about the loss of some $800 or $1000 which had resulted from his endorsing for other persons. For some time past he has been melancholy, and recently has been much worse, and there is no doubt that he put an end to his existence while laboring under insanity brought on by his troubles. He leaves behind him a fine family to mourn his sad fate, Squire McCaa being summoned, held an inquest on the body, the jury returning a verdict of suicide, in accordance with the above facts.

Local Intelligence.

MAYHEM AND ALLEGED ROBBERY.—A hard-looking customer, calling himself Cornelius Callahan, was taken to the Mayor's office by Constable McCutcheon on Thursday. He was minus a nose, and stated that a man named Frank, (he didn't know his last name) had bitten it off on that afternoon during a squabble they had had, on the Harrisburg Pike near Immel's Tavern; and that a woman whom he called Anna had assisted in beating and robbing him of some $62. The police started in pursuit of Frank and Anna, but did not succeed in arresting them. They learned, however, from Mr. Immel and others, that the three had been traveling together, and begging from house to house, saying that they wanted to get to Harrisburg. Prior to the quarrel between them, Callahan had bought a quart of liquor from Immel, who had to go into the cellar for it, and as he was descending the cellar-stairs the fellow tried to follow him and had to be driven back. After leaving the house the party went to a neighboring shed to eat and drink, and soon afterwards quarreled as above stated. Frank is described by those who know him as an ill-favored young man, saw him as an ill-favored young man, while the young woman is said to be not bad-looking, but very dirty. After the fight the three started off together, but soon separated, Frank and Anna coming in the direction of Lancaster, and Callahan turning off towards Rohrerstown. He reached this city about 6 o'clock, was met in West Orange street by Constable McCutchon, taken to the Mayor's office and given in charge of the police. On Friday morning lodging in the lock-up. On Friday morning after the robbery of Mr. Neff had been announced, an account of which is given elsewhere, it began to be suspected that Callahan and Frank were the men who had robbed him, the more so as the amount of money lost by Mr. Neff corresponds with the amount Callahan says was taken from him by Frank. Callahan was detained for a further hearing of the case, and the police are meantime looking after Frank.

A FORGERY.—On Saturday, July 29th, a man calling himself John Snyder, but whose real name, it is asserted, is Henry K. Hammer, called at the office of S. H. Reynds, Esq., to retain his professional services to assist in settling up his uncle's estate, saying that the parties interested would call upon him in a few days to have the necessary papers prepared. Having finished that part of his business, he asked Mr. Reynolds for a blank check on the Mt. Joy National Bank. Not having such at hand Mr. Reyn