Bradford Reporter.

M. F. MARSH, EDITOR.

Towanda, Pa., March 16, 1882.

Republican County Convention.

Pursuant to a resolution of the Republican Standing Committee of the County of Bradford, the Convention of the Republican party of said county will convene at the Court House, in the Borough of Towanda, on TUESDAY, the 4th day of APRIL next, at 1 o'clock P. M., to elect delegates to represent the Republicans of Bradford County in the Republican State Convention to be held at Harrisburg on the 10th day of MAY next, and for the transaction of such other business as may be brought before the Convention.

The Committees of Vigilance of the several election districts will call primary meetings at the usual places of holding delegate elections for their respective districts for SATURDAY, APRIL 1st, 1882, to elect by ballot two delegates to represent each district in said County Convention.

The Delegate Elections in the Boroughs and in Athens Township, First District, will be organized at 6 o'clock P. M., and be kept open continuously, to close at 8 o'clock P. M. In all other Township Districts from 3 o'clock P. M. continuously until 5 o'clock P. M., at which time they shall close. The votes shall then be counted and the result certified by the proper officers of said meetings to the Chairman of said Convention, and a copy delivered at once to the delegates-elect.

The Committees of Vigilance are requested to give written or printed notice of said primary election, and to carefully observe the above rules in conducting the same.

W. J. YOUNG, Chairman.
GEORGE W. BRINK, Secretary.

VIGILANCE COMMITTEES.

Alba Borough—C. B. Lawrence, W. M. Foss, C. M. Churchill.
Albany Township—Miles Osborn, Alonzo Benjamin, William Weed.
Armenia Township—George Covert, Richmond Sweet, Charles Green.
Asylum Township—Mahlon Hicks, Benjamin Kerrick, Geo. W. Kilmer.
Athens Borough, 1st Ward—M. N. Nevins, F. L. Kisner, J. P. Blood.
Athens Borough, 2d Ward—D. W. Tripp, E. M. Frost, J. M. Ely.
Athens Township, 1st District—W. A. Pimmer, Geo. D. Miller, Wright Dunham.
Athens Township, 2d District—J. Field, Azel Knapp, Dr. Frank Reynolds.
Athens Township, 3d District—W. H. Flory, M. C. Chapman, John Woodworth.
Barclay Township—John H. Davies, John Ditchburn, Henry V. Duggan.
Burlington Township—W. P. Lane, P. P. Burns, Harvey Spencer.
Burlington Borough—S. M. Dickerman, C. E. Campbell, John McKeeby.
Burlington West Township—John Campbell, Alfred Blackwell, Samuel Whitehead.
Canton Township—J. C. Roupp, Charles E. Taylor, Clark Brown.
Canton Borough—M. E. Lilley, J. S. Griffin, Charles Hooper.
Columbia Township—H. E. Young, Hollister Burleigh, Clark Palmer.
Franklin Township—Sterne McKee, A. B. Crandall, O. L. Smiley.
Granville Township—H. H. Heald, Geo. Barnes, Smith May.
Herrick—R. S. Hillis, James Newell, George Titus.
LeRaysville Borough—Dr. C. S. Dusenberry, J. P. Bosworth, Asa Nichols.
LeRoy Township—S. B. Morse, Robert Mason, M. M. Griswold.
Litchfield Township—John F. Struble, A. D. Munn, M. F. Armstrong.
Monroe Borough—D. M. Hinman, E. B. Young, A. R. Owen.
Monroe Township—Charles Northrup, Jedson Blackman, Harvey Cummings.
New Albany Borough—J. W. Wilcox, S. D. Stevegere, S. S. Ormsby.
Orwell Township—Wesley Robinson, Eastman Worthley, Sheldon Chubbuck.
Overton Township—C. M. Williams, C. Streeby, Jas. Molyneux.
Pike Township—L. A. Bosworth, W. W. Doolittle, Wm. B. Stevens.
Ridgbury—D. H. Larrison, P. C. Brown, C. C. Thompson.
Rome Borough—B. G. Wilmot, E. P. Seeley, Leonard Whitaker.
Rome Township—Charles Forbes, W. W. Moody, S. O. Allen.
Sheshequin Township—W. S. Elsbree, Frank Vought, Wm. Snyder, jr.
Smithfield Township—D. W. Lane, E. J. Lewis, J. M. Eaines.
South Creek Township—Fred Moore, Samuel Thompson, Harry Chase.
South Waverly Borough—C. E. Pendleton, D. L. F. Clark, W. H. Pratt.
Springfield Township—Wm. Wigesten, W. A. Brown, Edson Harkness.
Standing Stone Township—John O. Hoff, P. B. Landmesser, Byron Vanness.
Sylvania Borough—Charles Waldo, Horace Alexander, James Bristol.
Terry Township—J. B. Horton, Shubal Bowman, Hiram Terry.
Towanda Borough, 1st Ward—James Bryant, Perrin Pennypacker, Charles Brown.
Towanda Borough, 2d Ward—J. B. Felton, L. B. Coburn, John Dean.
Towanda Borough, 3d Ward—Dr. E. H. Angle, Frank Smith, Will Jennings.
Towanda Township—R. A. Bortley, H. M. Davison, Carey Horton.
Towanda North Township—Bishop Horton, John Lane, Winfield Shutter.
Troy Borough—John Fletcher, H. M. Beales, B. A. Long.
Troy Township—Thos. Manley, John E. Strait, Emory Johnson.
Tuscarora Township—Nathan Strickland, Lester Smith, Charles Taylor.
Ulster Township—James Mather, Thos. Howle, Charles Cole.
Warren Township—A. A. Abel, N. E. Kingsland, R. L. Beardsley.
Wells Township—Geo. Knapp, Wm. Johnson, Morris Shepard.
Wilmot Township—John E. Quick, Daniel Ely, Hiram Meeks.
Windham Township—Lot Shoemaker, Jerre Lakeway, A. Boardman.
Wyalusing Township, 1st District—Adin Lyon, Irvine Houck, H. P. Gaylord.
Wyalusing Township, 2d District—George Peet, Henry Rockafeather, Wm. Biles.
Wyox Township, 1st District—George Pool, Aaron Eddy, Albert Lewis, jr.
Wyox Township, 2d District—E. C. Hull, F. H. Owen, Bird Shorts.

THE *North American* thinks the Czar's rebuke to Skobeleff is not sincere.

FIVE nations have a larger public debt than the United States: France, Russia, Great Britain, Spain and Italy.

THE House passed the anti-polygamy bill on Tuesday without amendment, and the followers of Joe Smith may be expected to secede.

THE Philadelphia *Press* gives the dishonest city detectives no rest; and every day furnishes them with additional proof their iniquity.

UTAH and the Mormons continue to interest Congress and society, and the numbers anti-mormon of meetings attest the popular dislike of the inhuman institution.

SERGEANT MASON has been sentenced to eight years imprisonment for shooting at Guiteau; but a strong effort is being made to get him pardoned by the President.

WE understand that one of the Democratic officers recently elected in Elmira is in jail. It is sad to think that the party of Jefferson and Jackson must look to the penitentiaries for representative men.

ON Tuesday President Arthur nominated Judge Blatchford, of New York, for associate Justice of the Supreme Court, and John Russell Young, as Minister to China. The nominations will be confirmed by the Senate, and the gentlemen will undoubtedly accept the positions tendered them.

GEN. SKOBELEFF, the Russian whore Paris speech caused so much excitement, is said to be an ideal soldier, brave skillful and passionately loved by his men. He goes into battle in holiday dress, carrying a diamond hilted sword and with his famous white uniform which makes him a marked man. No danger appals him, and he is always among the foremost in a charge, leading the men whom he only asks to follow him. An enthusiastic correspondent speaking of him, says that in case of a great European war he will rank with the five great soldiers of the century.

THE election of Hill for Mayor of Elmira seems to please many of the Democrats as little as the Republicans. It is admitted that money was freely used and that Diven's defeat was caused by the wholesale purchase of votes by his opponents. This is Democratic reform and the promise of honest government for Elmira.

IT is said that Henry Ward Beecher's recent illness was caused by drinking the Chicago water. We are surprised that Henry should have been so indiscreet. A man of his intelligence ought to know enough to refuse water in a city where it is only used for bathing and culinary purposes. Hereafter when he visits the western metropolis he will probably conform to the customs of the place, and use beer or wine like an ordinary individual.

A NEW national bankrupt law has been reported by the committee which has some new features. The bankrupt may petition the court for a *pro rata* reduction of his debts which will be granted when, in the opinion of the court, he can profitably continue business. The court may also in its discretion affirm any agreement made between the bankrupt and a majority of his creditors.

Under the proposed law any one having contracted debts exceeding $500, may petition the District Court of the United States for an adjudication in bankruptcy. If good cause is shown he is adjudged a bankrupt and a receiver for his estate is appointed, who shall have sole charge of the estate of the bankrupt and the legislation of his debts, subject to the control of the court. The bill is simple and comprehensive and deserves consideration.

THE discussion of the conduct of President Garfield and Gen. Rosencrans when they were associated together in military life is being prosecuted with some bitterness, and is certainly a very profitless one, even if it works no injury to the memory of the dead president. No one will believe that James A. Garfield ever wrote unfriendly letters to prejudice the department against Gen. Rosencrans and at the same time professed friendship for him; and the statement in the papers of Gen. Rosencrans' view of the case will unquestionably injure the General more than our dead President. But such discussion hurts, and a few will lose a little confidence in the grandeur and honor of a man whom we believe to have been one of the grandest men our country ever knew.

POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE.

If there is anything meaner than an unreasoning compliance with every demand of party, whether right or wrong, it is the so-called independence of men who always dispute the morality of a party measure, and seek to found a reputation for honesty by charging corruption upon the organization which has their nominal support. No man should be censured for an honest refusal to support a party measure or nominee that he considers bad; but no man who is a member of a party, if he joined it from principle and not from hope of spoils, will assume that every action of the party is influenced by selfishness, or that every candidate who is not his candidate is unfit for office.

That there is a class of men growing up in Pennsylvania, led by Chas. S. Wolfe, and represented by the Philadelphia *Times*, who are assuming an independence that shows itself by a perpetual snarl at men in power, and at the measures enacted by legislators and party managers of both parties, is evident. The men in this class are not very numerous or important, but their influence is bad and many times unsettles men who ought to be above the reach of their illogical arguments. They do some harm to both parties by constantly abusing and belittling their men and measures; and never, or almost never, do any good. These men naturally divide into two classes, one being political soreheads, the other political skeptics. The men of the first class are disappointed office seekers whose self-estimated importance has not been recognized by their party; and they therefore find fault with the men who have been more fortunate, and condemn the laws and enactments of the party that gave the spoils they sought to some other men. The second class is composed of men who are born to find fault; and who think everything is either wrong in itself or the result of selfishness or some other equally reprehensible motive. They are men who are perpetually dissatisfied and who have no confidence in the honesty of any profession, whether in business, politics or religion. No matter how noble an act may be, nor how unselfish the motive which inspired it, these men with preternatural insight will discover a latent sinfulness behind all which shall darken the actor and mark him as unworthy. Nothing is good to them; but pervading every human act is a stain of selfishness and wickedness that repels purity and sets the seal of infamy upon the deed. In politics these skeptics show their philosophy by their unceasing fault finding, and by loud-mouthed protestations of independence. Nothing is so grand, so manly, so independent as to cry down a party nominee and by diligent search to find out something in his political or domestic life deserving censure. From a sublime height these moralists look down upon weak individuals who support their party, and who believe that the triumph of principles in which they trust is of importance and worthy of their support. As the Elmira *Advertiser* says in a recent able editorial on Sham Liberalism:

"These men seek a reputation for liberality and non-partizanship by belittling the work of the party whose cause they should defend, and by slandering the men the party has seen fit to honor."

They approve nothing, are satisfied with nothing. To them all men are dishonest, all platforms political clap-trap, all action an emanation of selfishness. A day cannot be so bright that they will not see clouds, nor a measure so beneficent that they cannot find a wrong or some ambitious political project in it. They attack everything and defend nothing; always censure and never approve. They are poor, unfortunate men, who lack the positive manliness that dare decide between conflicting principles, and with strong, earnest support uphold those which are believed to be right. They deal in negatives, and because it is easier to deny all than to trust any, they embrace this unmanly doctrine and call it independence.

Let no man be misled by the name; but let each think for himself and examine the foundation of this boasted independence, which in reality is abject servitude to weakness that dare not trust itself to decide between rival policies. Look over the record made by these men and see if they ever originated a valuable measure, or worked for a worthy object. If it be found that they have attacked everything, and with cynical skepticism have seen only meanness, selfishness and political ambition in the acts of both parties; if they have preached the unworthiness which is, without showing how it may be changed, then mark them as unsafe guides for men, as critics not leaders.

We yield to none in admiration of manly independence which will not yield principle to party dictation; but we do not confuse this with the sham independence which thinks every scratched ticket is indisputable evidence of freedom from base party influence. Working for a party and cordially supporting its nominees is always right when we believe in its principles, and trust the men who have been nominated, and cheap talk about independence ought not to affect us. If voters will be earnest and manly in the support of the party which best represents them; if they will have the courage to decide between the principles professed by the antagonistic organizations, and then support those they believe to be right, the sham independence of self-constituted leaders will fail, as anything so false and unmanly deserves to fail. Be independent; but be frank and manly in the support of some principle, and remember political skepticism is worse than party subserviency. Any faith is better than none, and that man is worthier who supports a wrong party measure because of blind trust to his party's honesty, than he who sneers at all and repudiates all, because he desires to be called an independent. Do not be deceived by specious titles, but look to the principles that underlie them. Independence is a taking name, but it frequently covers a weak dependence, compared to which the subserviency of party politicians is noble.

Chaff and Comment.

PRESIDENT ARTHUR is having a great deal of trouble to get a Judge, but it is gratifying to know that he can find plenty of tenants for the Athens post-office. There is some sweet with the bitter and he will probably find an average of at least one applicant for every office.

SEVEN hundred and thirty pounds of the fat boy, David Navarro, recently died of smallpox at Pittsburg. We do not learn whether the funeral corresponded in size to the boy, or whether it was definitely ascertained that he was dead clear through. We hope however that everything was done properly and in a manner befitting his greatness.

A DOZEN of the young ladies of Elmira are having broom drills and are said to be very proficient in handling the feminine weapon. It is not often that we indulge in prophecy, but we will risk our reputation on this prediction: Not one of those young ladies will be married within a year, unless to some stranger unacquainted with her dexterity in broom handling.

A FOREIGN dispatched informs us that Prince Milan was recently "elevated;" but whether the information is sent as news or as an invitation to Murphy to come over we are unable to say. It is nothing unusual for either prince or peasant to be elevated, and an industrious newspaper man could send to Europe a dozen items a day like this from every town in Pennsylvania if such trash is considered news.

THE Philadelphia *Times* says Scoville expects to take the road as a political evangelist and will try and form an independent party. If that mythical personage, the "fool-killer," spares his life he would do well to form a partnership with the great Pennsylvania evangelist Wolfe. Scoville & Wolfe would make a good firm and would by long odds discount in the political field the achievements of Moody & Sanky in a religious way.

AN exchange heads an article "A dead man twitches his eyes," and gives the name and residence of the defunct individual who conducts himself with such unbecoming levity. We refuse to advertise for such persons, and omit the name of this inanimate crank whose unseemly behavior is thus paraded. There are limits which decency prescribes even for dead men, and this specimen has clearly transgressed them. If newspapers would refrain from giving publicity to such exhibitions the "deaders" would tire of their improper performances and conduct themselves as propriety demands. The thirst for notoriety which pervades some human frames deserves rebuke, and when dead men begin to foist themselves upon the public gaze it is time to use heroic means to stop the nuisance.

MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

Pursuant to call of Chairman Young, the Republican Standing Committee of this County met in the Court House Tuesday afternoon. The full committee consists of fifty-six members. Chairman Young at a few minutes before two o'clock called the meeting to order, and after briefly stating the reasons why it is deemed advisable to hold a County Convention to select delegates to the State Convention, proceeded to read the names of the gentlemen composing the Committee. The following answered to their names:

Athens Township, 1st District—Frank S. Morley
Athens Township, 2d District—Clarence Blood.
Burlington Township—Z. L. Morgan.
Canton Township—Daniel Innes.
Franklin—H. B. Kilbourn.
Granville—Samuel Manley.
LeRaysville—Geo. W. Brink.
Leroy—Leroy Ketcomb.
Monroe Borough—H. W. Rockwell.
Monroe Township—James D. Cummings.
Orwell—William Pickering.
Overton—A. Streeby.
Pike—M. E. Warner.
Troy Borough—Alexander Keefe.
Rome Township—Charles Dougherty.
Sheshequin—U. E. Horton.
Smithfield—E. S. Chamberlin.
Springfield—Finley Hubbard.
Standing Stone—Geo. E. Vanness.
Towanda Borough, 1st Ward—I. McPherson.
Towanda Borough, 2d Ward—C. H. Allen.
Towanda Borough, 3d Ward—L. Elsbree.
Troy Borough—O. P. Adams.
Troy Township—Uri M. Verbeck.
Tuscarora—William Shumway.
Ulster—Geo. B. Rockwell
Wilmot—Geo. F. Ingham.
Wyox, 1st District—Col. B. E. Whitney.
Wyox, 2d District—S. J. Ross.

At the conclusion of the roll-call, the Chairman announced the first business in order to be the election of a Secretary of the meeting, whereupon, I. McPherson, Esq., nominated G. W. Brink, Esq., who was unanimously elected.

The next business in order being the selection of a time for holding the County Convention, Mr. Allen moved the time be fixed for Monday evening, April 3d, at the Court House.

Mr. Warner moved to substitute for April 3d, May 1st.

Mr. McPherson moved to substitute in the original motion, Tuesday, April 4th.

The date named by Mr. McPherson having been accepted by the mover of the original motion, a vote was had on Mr. Warner's substitute, which was defeated.

The motion to hold the Convention at the Court House, on Tuesday, April 4th, 1882, at 1 o'clock P. M., was then adopted.

On motion, the time for holding the primary meetings was fixed for Saturday, April 1st.

Mr. Morley moved that the Committee proceed to name the time for holding the regular nominating convention.

The motion was discussed in the affirmative by Mr. Morley and others, and in the negative by Messrs. Allen, Keefe, and others. A vote being had, the chair decided the motion carried.

Mr. Keefe called for a division. The roll was then called and the aye and naye vote resulted as follows: For the motion, 10; against, 10. The chair declared the motion lost.

No further business appearing, the meeting adjourned, subject to call of the Chairman.

STATE NEWS.

—After boring a depth of 2,500 feet without success explorations for oil in the vicinity of Mount Pleasant township, Westmoreland County, have been abandoned.

—Small-pox is decreasing through the State, while diseases of the throat and lungs are on the increase.

—At a meeting of the Lycoming County Republican Committee, held at Williamsport March 8th, delegates to the State Convention were instructed for General Beaver for Governor.

—The new station at Harrisburg is to be modelled after a railroad station that Colonel Thomas A. Scott saw while in Nice. It will be oblong in shape, 800 feet long, and open in the centre. The grounds will be beautifully laid out, and filled with fountains and statuary and shrubbery.

—The challenge from the University of Pennsylvania was received by the Yale boating authorities recently. It was dated March 6th, and read as follows:

The undergraduates of the University of Pennsylvania hereby challenge the undergraduates of Yale College to an eight-oared shell race; time, place, and conditions to be hereafter agreed upon. By order of the regatta committee.

LOGAN M. BULLITT, Secretary.

—The Secretary of the Treasury has directed a suspension of the collection of taxes—amounting to about $500,000—due on Reading Railroad "pay certificates." Secretary Folger was induced to take this step in view of the fact that two courts have already sustained an injunction to restrain the collection of the tax, and four committees of Congress have at different times reported in favor of measures to relieve the road from it. He has therefore decided that the legality of the tax should be finally and authoritatively adjudicated before proceeding to collect.

GENERAL NEWS.

—Considerable progress has been made by District-Attorney Corkhill and Mr. Scoville in perfecting the bill of exceptions in the Guiteau case. Mr. Scoville left Washington for Chicago Wednesday and will return next Thursday. Judge Porter has telegraphed District-Attorney Corkhill that he will reach Washington on Friday to consult with him in regard to the bill of exceptions. It is expected that an agreement will be reached upon the bill soon after Mr. Scoville's return from Chicago.

—In the House of Commons Friday night the Speaker, replying to a question by Mr. Henry Labouchere (Liberal), member of Northampton, said it would be disorderly for two members to attempt to introduce Mr. Bradlaugh.

—Prohibition has come to be the most hotly contested issue in Massachusetts. Town meetings have been held in seventy-one different places, a popular vote taken and the majority against liquor licenses was very large.

—A delegation representing the employes of the State, War and Navy Department buildings and all the navy yards throughout the country waited upon the President Wednesday and urged the enforcement of the eight-hour law of 1868, as was done under President Grant's administration.

—By the law of England to "compass or imagine the death" of the sovereign is high treason, and the punishment is death. Success in the attempt is, therefore, not necessary. Several of those who shot at Queen Victoria were spared, but it will, probably, be thought impolitic to spare another.

—The injunction applied for to restrain the council of the Zoological Society from allowing the elephant "Jumbo," to be removed from the Gardens has been refused, with costs against the plaintiffs.

—An American company supported by Gen. Wallace, the United States Minister, is endeavoring to obtain a concession for a railway in Providence.

—LONDON, March 8.—A dispatch to the *Times* from Paris reports that the French cabinet has approved the plan of Admiral Jaureguiberry, Minister of Marine, for a scientific expedition to the South Pole in co-operation with other powers.

—Mr. Lowell, United States Minister, replying to an application made on behalf of American citizens arrested in Ireland, says: The coercion act is contrary to the spirit and foundation of the principles of both English and American jurisprudence, but is the law of the land and controls all persons domiciled in the proclaimed districts of Ireland, whether British subjects or not. It is manifestly futile to claim that naturalized citizens of the United States should be exempted from the operation of the act.

—The London *Times* printed a letter from St. Petersberg, in which it says it has the best reasons for knowing accurately describes the situation. The letter declares that General Skobeleff's speeches were prearranged between him and General Ignatieff. It is said that the object of the latter is to embroil matters to such a degree as to create an opportunity for him to offer his services to the Czar as Minister of Foreign Affairs, in order to straighten them.

—The late consul at Panama has been transferred to Bremen. Although his salary at Panama was $1,000 larger than that at Bremen he says he would not live in Panama for $20,000 per annum. He says there are the graves of five consuls there, and nothing but discomfort. The consul at Marticaibo, Venezuela, says that at his post there are the graves of thirty-three consuls. He acts as consul for England, France and Germany, as well as the United States, so great is the horror of that deadly region. Yet there are hundreds of men now pining for consulships.

Conkling and Edmunds.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—The following letters in reference to the vacant Associate Justiceship of the Supreme Court have been made public:

MR. CONKLING TO THE PRESIDENT.

NEW YORK, March 3d.

Mr. President: Absence prevented the prompt acknowledgment of your two esteemed letters, which were found here awaiting my return from Utica. The high and unexpected honor you proffer by selecting me as Associate Judge of the Supreme Court of the United States, is greatly valued. It will ever be a matter of pride and satisfaction that you and the Senate deemed me fit for so grave and exalted a trust. But for reasons you would not fail to appreciate, I am constrained to decline. Although urgent demands on my time, just now, prevent my accepting your cordial invitation to pass a few days with you in Washington, let me hold this as a pleasure deferred but not lost. I have the honor to be, sincerely, your obedient servant, ROSCOE CONKLING.

His Excellency, the President.

SENATOR EDMUNDS TO THE PRESIDENT.

WASHINGTON, March 6.

Mr. President: I have received through the Secretary of State, your very flattering offer of the appointment as Associate Judge of the Supreme Court. I thank you sincerely for this highly valued proof of your good opinion, but I feel for reasons that I have expressed to Secretary Frelinghuysen, that I ought not accept it. I shall cherish this mark of your kindness and good opinion—though I do not need this proof of it—as one of the most pleasant of my life.

I am, sir, very faithfully yours,
GEO. F. EDMUNDS.

The President.

SENATOR EDMUNDS TO THE PRESIDENT.

141 Massachusetts Avenue, March 11.

Mr. President: I am deeply touched at the manifest consideration you have shown me in connection with the Associate Judge Justiceship, but further reflection has not enabled me to change the views I expressed to Secretary Frelinghuysen. With the sincere hope that you have experienced no embarrassment from the delay your kindness has caused, I am faithfully yours, GEO. EDMUNDS

Keystone Politics.

Great anxiety is felt among the thoughtful Republican members of the Pennsylvania delegation as to the outcome of the Gubernatorial contest in May. The decided drift of opinion here is that Beaver will win, but the politicians are vainly striving to overshadow the consequences that may follow his winning. Independent Republicans who would be glad to support Beaver, should he receive the nomination in a fair convention, says that he has committed two mistakes that will result to his disadvantage. The first is in his action at the Chicago Convention, where he is charged with misrepresenting his district. The second was in his coming to Washington last winter after the story was set afloat that at a conference of Stalwart's he had been decided upon as the nominee. There was no such conference as reported, but Beaver's action gave color to the story. "I think Beaver is ahead in the race," said a prominent Independent here to-day. "He is known to the people of the State, and has elements of strength that no other candidate yet named possesses. His nomination, however, depends upon the action of the Philadelphia and Allegheny delegations. If both delegations should be for him, his nomination is assured, and if either of them are at his back I don't see how he can be beaten. I am most afraid of the action of the Reformers in Philadelphia. The Committee of One Hundred is determined to reform municipal abuses, and their power is shown by the recent municipal election. The abuses they are seeking to weed out can only be reached by legislative action. A new charter for Philadelphia is wanted, and there is no use in securing the passage of a bill for a new charter if it will not be approved by the Governor."

"Will the Committee of One Hundred and the Reformers of Philadelphia vote for a Governor who is not pledged to approve measures for the correction of abuses in Philadelphia?"

"I take it for granted after Beaver is nominated or perhaps before the convention is held representatives of the Reformers will ask him in the event of his election for a pledge to approve legislation giving Philadelphia a new charter or satisfactorily amending the old one. What will he or any other candidate say when this demand is made? If he promises, what will the ringsters do? If he refuses, will not the Reformers knife him? If he declines to answer, will not the result in either case be just as unsatisfactory? These are a few questions to be considered by the convention and the candidates."

This talk of an Independent presents some of the questions that are discussed here in reviewing the situation here.—*Philadelphia Press.*

ADDITIONAL LOCAL.

Local Correspondence.

ASYLUM.

The singing school, held in this place, under the instruction of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Titus, together with the convention which took place Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week, closed with a grand concert Monday evening. Among other guests was the "Shanghai Rooster of Shanghai," (represented by Charles Brown), made considerable amusement with his coarse voice, although in a melodious form. The song entitled "The Farm Well Tilled," was loudly applauded; also the solo and chorus, "Byeloland," by Maggie Frisbie, scarcely five years of age, beautifully rendered. The programme was well sustained. Every one seemed to be well pleased unless it should be the lady friend of the expected gentleman guest of Ghent who did not arrive, she bearing a sad countenance. Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Titus gave good satisfaction, and there is no doubt but that he will be asked to give instruction here again. G.

March 13, 1882.

BURLINGTON.

There have been nineteen deaths at the Poor House so far this year. Coffins are furnished at D. Bourne & Son's mill. Burying ground on the place.

Mahlon Knapp has moved to Sayre. M. Douglass and H. P. Mead are going to Sayre with their families soon, to "grow up with the City on the Plains."

L. W. Kendall has lost a horse by "pink-eye," and has three others ill of the same disease, which seem to be convalescing under treatment of Charles Lewis.

William Brown has sold his house and blacksmith shop to a man in New Albany. Consideration, $1,500.

The estate of Justin Morley has been settled by setting apart to the widow's use one-third of the land and personal property. G. Davis, a grand-son by marriage, will work her part of the place.

James Wrisley, one of our respected farmers, died suddenly of paralysis, aged seventy-one years. A telegram was sent his son Charlie, who had been for the past three years a resident of Minnesota, and arrived just in time to see his father breathe his last.

C. H. Pierce is able to get about quite comfortably by the aid of a cane.

W. H. D. Green has gone to Sullivan County to attend the funeral of his eldest sister.

Asa Slayter and his son-in-law, James Wiggins, had an unpleasantness recently, in which Slayter got badly beaten by a revolver in the hands of his adversary. Wiggins was arrested by Constable Jerome Travis, taken before Esquire Campbell, and was cleared.

Tuesday evening's social was held at L. S. Wright's, where new features were introduced. The choir appeared as old folks, dressed in ancient costumes, and entertained the company with selections from old time songs. A ragged negro bearing the name of George Washington, and a jolly Irishman with a shelalah and a monstrous black eye did well at making sport, while an elephant passed through the rooms with a boy riding on his back to the amusement of all. A boiler cover was passed around and a good collection taken.

Our people are again jubilant over the prospect of a railroad. A corps of surveyors have recently been through here, in the interest it is said, of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company, who are in search of a feasible route to Buffalo. We are very much in hopes that able company will avail itself of this direct line, easy grade and prospect of opening up a fine extent of country hitherto untapped by a line of railroad.

There is some talk of overhauling the oil well sunk a number of years ago on the John Ballard farm, now owned by Job Morley, to the depth of more than eight hundred feet, finding indications of oil which the discouraged people strongly suspected was put in at the top, and a flow of gas which, when found, would burn with a rushing blaze. Y.

March 13, 1882.

SMITHFIELD LOCALS.

The sugar maker is still happy. It is generally conceded that Mr. John Tracy is ahead as far as making a really fine quality of the article is concerned.

Our Graded School closed last Wednesday, with appropriate exercises. Nearly one hundred spectators were present.

E. L. Burnett, of Elmira, is conducting a writing class at the school building. Mr. Burnett is a business college teacher, and has had much experience in teaching the art of penmanship.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Andrus again have reason to be proud. It is a boy.

Rev. J. G. Encell returned Saturday last from a lecture tour. He has been away about six week and has probably visited the principal points of the country, as Williamsport, Alba, Granville, LeRoy, and other places of equal note, too numerous to mention.

A church sociable was held at Mr. William Phelps's, last Wednesday evening. Warm sugar was served. We have heard not what the receipts were, but we should judge that they were large, if any relation existed between them and the amount of sugar which disappeared. We enjoyed the music far more than we did the sugar. The solo, by Fausta Jones, was pronounced very fine. Mr. A. T. Seward pleased the young people by singing the Shoemaker's Song. E. Z. Wood and Miss Fausta Jones sang a duet, and Miss Sue Phelps a solo, which added to the enjoyment of the evening.

About fifty young people spent a very pleasant evening last Friday night, at Mr. Wood Gerould's. It was a surprise to some member of the family.

Instrumental music, recitations and declamations formed the principal part of the entertainment. Miss Lizzie Moody's recitation was well rendered and pleased all who heard it. An instrumental solo, "The Thunderstorm," was well rendered by Miss Ruth Gerould.

Two of our young men expect to attend school at Towanda this spring. Miss Nellie Newman is attending the spring term at Troy.

No one seems to know as yet who is to be our next postmaster.

Business is still lively at the hotel.

March 13, 1882.

MORE SMITHFIELD LOCALS.

Our village school closed last Wednesday afternoon. The attendance of pupils has been somewhat smaller than formerly, but no less pains has been taken with those that have attended. The examination papers show good progress. Mr. E. Z. Wood has taught the higher grade, Miss Laura Gerould the intermediate, and (during the winter term) Miss Fausta Jones the primary grade. All are residents of this township, the two former having had the advantage of high school instruction.

The rhetorical exercises on Wednesday were well selected and entertaining. A recitation from a class of Little Bees was very good indeed; Misses Rosa Hibbard, Eva Tompkinson, and Master Warner Yonts, did credit both to themselves and to their teacher.

An amusing singing exercise, entitled, "School Discipline," from a class of intermediates, was well performed; a paper read by Dolly Chamberlain and Mabel Durfey was interesting and spicy; Cora Eames, Ophelia Pitts and Hugh Seward performed their parts nicely; Sammy Hammond's speech caused much merriment.

Several pupils from the higher grade are deserving praise, among whom are Susie Peck, May Andrus and Ernest Wood.

Wishing teachers and scholars future success, I am respectfully yours,

March 11, 1882. M.

OVERTON.

Mr. Michael Lane and wife returned to their home in Athens on Monday last.

Mrs. Betsey Sherman, an old and much respected citizen of this place, was buried on Monday last. She was the wife of the late Henry Sherman, one of the first settlers in this township.

Mr. A. C. Heverly has begun to make preparations for building a new store in this place. Well, Chauncey, you must have good courage to start a store here.

Bert Santee has returned from his visit to California—no, Granville. Ditto, Mr. Sayles.

Mr. F. Heichemer returned from his trip to Elmira on Wednesday last.

Orville Musselman has recovered from his sickness, resulting from an overdose of vaccination.

Mr. Frank Streby, who returned from Michig n a short time ago, is about to set up a wagon shop. Success to him, for a *right good* wagon maker is badly needed.

March 13, 1882. VERNON.

New Advertisements.

FARMS FOR SALE IN TIOGA COUNTY, PA.—I have farms, and will land suitable for farms, for sale on reasonable terms, situated in Elk and Gaines townships, Tioga County, and one lot in Pike township, Potter County. These lands are productive, and situated about midway between three large tanneries, affording the very best market for farm products in the county. Three of the farms adjoining are peculiarly adapted for dairying on a large scale. Containing over 200 acres. A very large spring on the centre lot would afford water power sufficient for churning, and could be brought at trifling cost into the dairy house and used to cool the milk. Temperature, 44°. For further particulars address the editor of this paper or the undersigned. D. K. MARSH.

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EXECUTORS' NOTICE.—Notice is hereby given that all persons indebted to the estate of Daniel Russell, late of Rome township, deceased, must make immediate payment, and all persons having claims against said estate must present them duly authenticated for settlement to

L. F. Russell, Executor.

Rome, February 16, 1882.

Miscellaneous

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Towanda, Sept. 28, 1881.

Legal.

COURT PROCLAMATION—SPECIAL TERM.—WHEREAS, Hon. Paul D. Morrow, President Judge of the 15th Judicial District, consisting of the county of Bradford, has issued his precept bearing date February 16th, 1882, to me directed, for holding a Court of Common Pleas and Orphan's Court at the Court House, in Towanda, Pa., commencing Monday, April 3d, and to continue four weeks.

Notice is therefore hereby given to all persons interested that they be then and there in their proper person, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, with records, inquisitions and other remembrances to do those things which to their office appertains to be done. Jurors are requested to be punctual in their attendance agreeably to their notice.