cra. to act in disobedience to law, the very thing which he refuses to do. He says:

"The tendency of this bill must be to resuscitate the spirit of the rebellion."

What assumption in one who denies the authority to punish those who violate United States laws, under colour of State authority—a doctrine from which the rebellion sprung, and in entire harmony with the declarations of Mr. Buchanan, that there was no power to coerce a State."—But, sir, out of the mouth of Senator Andrew Johnson I will prove that President Andrew Johnson has violated the spirit of the Constitution, in Johnson has violated the spirit of the Constitution, in vetoing this bill. It will be remembered in order to, that he vetoed the bill passed both Houses of Congress by more than the bill passed both Houses of Congress by more than a two-thirds majority, the vote in the Senate being yeas 35 to nays 12, and in the House yeas 111 to nays yeas 35 to nays 12, and in the House yeas 111 to nays 38. I will read from the remarks of Senator Andrew Johnson on the veto of the homestead bill by Mr. Buchanan.

"The President of the United States presumes—yes, sir, I say presumes—to dictate to the American people and to the two Houses of Congress, in violation of the spirit if not the letter of the Constitution, that this measure shall not become a law. Why do I say this? Look, is there any difference in the spirit of the Constitution whether a measure is sanctioned by a two-thirds vote before its passage or afterwards? When a measure is vetoed by the President the Constitution requires that it shall be reconsidered and passed by a requires that it shall be reconsidered and passed by a two-thirds vote in order to become a law; but here, in two-thirds vote in order to become a law; but here, in the teeth of the Executive, there was a two-thirds vote in favor of this bill. The vote was 36 to 2 in this body, in favor of this bill. The vote was 36 to 2 in this body, The two Houses have said that this measure is consti- The two Houses have said that this measure is constitutional and right. In the other House rejecting the tutional and right. In the other House rejecting the popular sentiment of the nation, the vote was 112 to 51 popular sentiment of the nation, the vote was 112 to 51 —ten more than the two-thirds majority which the —ten more than the two-thirds majority which the Constitution requires. And when there is a two-thirds Constitution requires. And when there is a two-thirds vote for a measure I say it is against the spirit of the vote for a measure I say it is against the spirit of the Constitution for the Executive to say, 'No! you shall Constitution for the Executive to say, 'No! you shall not have this measure; I will take all the chances of not have this measure; I will take all the chances of vetoing it.'"

Apply this language to the facts connected with this bill, and then say who has violated the spirit of the Constitution. The bill in no manner interferes with the municipal regulations of any State, which *protects* all alike in their rights of person and property. It could have no operation in Massachusetts, New York, Illinois, or most of the States of the Union. How preposterous then to charge that unless some State can have and exercise the right to punish somebody or to deny somebody a civil right on account of his color, deny somebody a civil right on account of his color, that its rights as a State will be destroyed! It is manifest that unless this bill can be passed nothing can be done to protect the freedmen in their liberty and their rights.

Whatever may have been the opinion of he President at one time as to "good faith requiring the security of the freedmen in their liberty and their property," and even expressing in his veto message his objections to the bill, that he will approve no measure that will accomplish the object. That the second clause of the constitutional amendment gives this power there can be no question. Some have contended that it gives the power even to confer the right of suffrage. I have not thought so, because I never thought suffrage any more necessary to the liberty of a freedman than of a non-voting white, whether child or female. But his liberty, under the Constitution, he is entitled to and whatever is necessary to secure it to him he is entitled to have, be it the ballot or the bayonet. If the bill now before us, and which goes no further than to secure civil rights to the freedmen, cannot be passed, then the constitutional amendment declaring freedom to all the inhabitants of the land is a cheat and a delusion.

I cannot better conclude what I have to say than in the language of Mr. Johnson on the occasion of the veto of the homestead bill, when, after stating that the fact that the President was inconsistent, and changed his opinions in reference to a great measure and a great principle, is no reason why a Senator and Representative who had acted understandingly should change his opinion, he said: "I hope the Senate and House of Representatives, who have sanctioned this bill by more than a two-thirds majority, will, according to the Constitution, exercise their prerogative power, and let this bill become a law of the land, according to the high behest of the American people."

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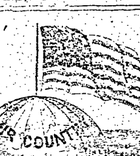
SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 1866.



"Be just and fear not;
Let all the ends thou aim'st at be thy country's,
Thy God's and truth's."

"MY POLICY" CATCHES IT FROM SPEAKER COLFAX.

The general joy throughout the country at the final passage of the bill over the President's veto, guaranteeing civil rights to all classes of freedmen, found expression this week in the firing of cannon, in addresses by patriotic men to the people, and in congratulations with which Union men greeted each other when they met after the reception of the glorious news. We all felt as we used to do when we had gained a signal victory in the field over the rebels, hopeful of the future and more confident that the Right would win in the end.

In Washington City on Tuesday night, citizens of Indiana called upon and serenaded Speaker Colfax. In acknowledging the compliment, Mr. Colfax said that his joy was exceedingly great, and that he was proudof being a citizen of this great country than ever before. We build henceforth on a foundation of liberty. To-day all in this country live in *security under the protection* of equal laws. Mr. Colfax said that he was prouder than ever of the great Union organization. Its record will shine with brighter glory on our country's page than any other in the annals of our history. During the Rebellion that party stood firmly by the Government in its determination to crush the conspiracy. It reinforced the armies and filled the treasury that our flag might be kept flying in the field. The enactments of that great party are imperishable. In 1862 they made by law, the Capital of the country free. In 1863 the noble, great-hearted Lincoln issued his Proclamation of Emancipation, and the Union party of the country stood by him, determined to give that proclamation vitality, as they did by an endorsement of the people in the winter of 1864 and 1865, when the constitutional amendment was proposed in the Congress of the United States, banishing slavery forever from the country, as an unclean thing, and declaring that henceforth and forever it should be the home of the free. That great organization again and unitedly rallied to its support, and placed the Amendment on the statute book, and it is now the supreme law of the land. Again, in this great year, 1866, in the Senate chamber and in the Representative hall, they have placed by overwhelming majorities that civil rights bill on the statute book which declares that every one born on American soil shall have a birth-right as an American citizen. That law, misrepresented as it has been by its opponents in Congress, will never be repealed, and in the years that are coming it will be the proudest recollection and the crowning honor of those men who stood up in the national councils that they gave to that American Magna Charta their cordial support.

Why, asked Mr. Colfax, should there be objections to a law like this? and said:

Every one borne on the soil of the Republic owes to it allegiance, and is it not the reciprocal duty of the Republic to give him its protection? Henceforth wherever in this land a person is born, he is sovereign of himself, in his rights withheld—wherever tyranny may shake its sceptre over him—he has but to turn to the national flag and to the National Government for that protection which the framers of the United States has ordained in his right. [Applause.]

Mr. Colfax does not think that the work of reconstruction has been unreasonably delayed. Congress wants to lay the foundations of that plan of reconstruction which shall make our Union eternal as the age. The test oath which declares that no man should be eligible for any Federal office who could not swear that he had not voluntarily borne arms against the Union and had not voluntarily given aid and comfort to bloody conspiracy and treason, was placed at the doors of Congress as the flaming sword at the gate of Eden, to warn such men that till there were fruits meet for repentance, or bonds for future good behavior, there was no place in those precincts for them. Under the Constitution Congress alone has the power to legalize reconstruction. Mr. Colfax regrets that Congress was not called together after hostilities ceased. He believes that Congress and the President, by his approval of their legislation, would have united last summer on a policy of reconstruction which would have been *acceptable* to both branches of the Government, and in which the South, seeing this concurrent action, would have acquiesced.

Mr. Colfax concluded his remarks as follows:

Congress at last convened on the first Monday in December last. It could not convene earlier, for it had no power to meet until its regular session, unless convened by the President.

It appointed a committee to examine the condition of the late Confederate States, and it was only one short month ago that it received official documents from the Executive Departments, which enabled it to know what transpired during the long recess of Congress, and now, at last, is able to act intelligently with the official knowledge of the situation. You ask me, perhaps, what is my policy of reconstruction? I will tell you in a very few words. It is the policy of reconstruction laid down by Andrew Johnson with such emphasis and earnestness in his speeches made to *the people* between the month of June, 1864, *and the* month of May, 1865. (Cheers.) I endorse his sentiments, proclaimed by him in Nashville the night he was nominated Vice President, and by him in the capitol the day when the news of the surrender of Lee's army was received. I endorse the sentiments uttered by him to various committees upon his entering on the Presidency. I learned those sentiments from him and cannot unlearn them now. I believed them then, and I believe in them still. They showed his construction of the Baltimore platform, and higher still, of his feelings of duty to the country. His radical speeches in Tennessee were endorsed by his election and I stand by those declarations. Yet they can be epitomized into one single sentence "Loyal men shall govern a preserved Republic." [Cheers.] I stand by that doctrine; the Congress of the United States stands by that doctrine; it will prevail—and in the policy of reconstruction which shall be adopted, if we are faithful to ourselves, if we are faithful to the country, if we are faithful to the brave men who stood forth from their happy homes to die for the salvation of the country.

We will proclaim in our legislation, as Andrew Johnson proclaimed at Nashville, "Loyal men shall govern a preserved Republic."

Amen, we respond earnestly, to all the sentiments of Speaker Colfax.

SENATOR COWAN continues to misrepresent the party that elected him. In the Legislature on Wednesday last a copy of the resolutions asking Mr. Cowan to resign was ordered to be sent to each Congressman and the President. If Mr. Cowan had self-respect, he'd resign at once.

Local Affairs.

Weekly Almanac.

1866.—Apr.	SUN RISES	SUN SETS	MOON'S CHANGES.
14 Saturday....	5 24 6	6 35	Last Q. 8 3 46 mng
15 Sunday.....	5 22 6	6 35	New M. 15 2 7 mng
16 Monday.....	5 20 6	6 40	Full Q. 21 5 35 evng
17 Tuesday.....	5 19 6	6 41	Full M. 29 4 27 evng
18 Wednesday.	5 17 6	6 42	
19 Thursday....	5 16 6	6 43	
20 Friday.....	5 14 6	6 44	

Messrs. Seltzer and Dreher have opened a new store in the premises lately occupied by Mr. Henry Guiterman, Port Carbon.

To-morrow.—Fifteenth Sunday of the year, and second after Easter. Day's length, 13 hours and 17 minutes.

A meeting of the members of the Good Intent Fire Company will be held at their hall this evening at 7½ o'clock.

The smaller a bonnet is this spring the more fashionable it is. What an inexorable tyrant is fashion! Who can successfully dispute her sway?

On the 30th ult., Terrence McGovern was accidentally run over by a train of cars at the St. Nicholas works, below Mahanoy City, and instantly killed.

Cricket.—The season for this manly game is opening. A meeting of the Pottsville Club will hold *this evening* at Pennsylvania Hall, at 7½ o'clock.

The wards of Mahanoy City have been changed by the Legislature *from* the North and South Wards to the East and West Wards. Main street is now the dividing line.

To-morrow, April 15, 1866, will be the first anniversary of the death of the martyr-President, Abraham Lincoln. Our citizens should hang their flags at half-mast, in respect to his memory.

Floors on which malt was stored in Yuengling's brewery, this Borough, gave way on Friday evening of last week, letting it into the cellar. The damage was quite heavy, although we have not heard the amount stated.

Those wishing to have paintings or engravings neatly framed, would do well to place *them in* the hands of Mr. F. Altstadt, Centre street, near Norwegian, this Borough. He our knows that the executes work of this kind in the most satisfactory manner.

New Butcher Shop.—Mr. Frank Spohn who as our citizens know, is a practical butcher, has opened a butcher shop in Market street, north side, near Stichter & Thompson's store. He will keep choice meat, and invites the patronage of the public.

Election of County Superintendent.—On Tuesday, May 1, 1866, the school directors of this County, will meet at the Court House in this Borough, at 11 o'clock, A. M., to elect a County Superintendent of Public Schools to serve three years, and fix his compensation.

"Tremont Union."—Mr. Jacob Sanders, editor of this contemplated new paper, requests us to state that owing to delay in receiving his materi ls, it is impossible for him to have his first number out at the time anticipated. As soon however, as the type and presses are received, the Union will appear.

Received an Appointment.—We are pleased to learn that Major Jacob Wagner, of this Borough, and late of the Forty-eighth Pennsylvania Regiment, has been appointed to a first-class clerkship in the Second Auditor's Department, Washington. He has entered upon his duties, which we feel confident he will discharge with ability and fidelity.

Salute in Honor of the Passage of the Civil Rights Bill.—On Saturday last one hundred guns were fired by the Union citizens of this Borough, in honor of the passage of the Civil Rights Bill over the President's veto, by the United States Senate. Having also passed the House the bill is now a law. The rejoicing is natural, for the victory is decisive.

Fine Paintings For Sale.—Miss Mary Peale, the accomplished artist, will soon sail for Italy for the purpose of pursuing her studies. Several of her paintings, which are very fine, are now on exhibition at the Union Hall, and are offered for sale. Those desirous of obtaining beautiful works of art to adorn their houses, should inspect these paintings.

Golden Dwarf Peach Trees.—This tree is quite a curiosity; it only grows about three feet high, and bears abundantly a fine rich golden fruit of excellent quality. It is a sight quite to behold—the shrub when in bloom. It has this advantage of being so small that it can be covered and the fruit protected from late frosts. For sale at Greenwood Nursery.

The Boys Rejoicing.—On Tuesday evening last in this Borough, Young America fired a salute in honor of the final passage of the Civil Rights bill. They selected a favorable position on Sharp Mountain, and the quick reports of their well served piece, echoed and reechoed along the defiles of our hills. No discount on the patriotism of the Pottsville boys.

New Store.—Messrs. Seidel & Co. have opened a store in Railroad street opposite Snyder's machine shop, where they keep for sale flour, grain superphosphate of lime and guano of the most approved qualities. They are also agents for the sale of coal, white and lubricating oils, and red and white ash coal. This firm should and we presume, will receive a fair share of public patronage.

Rev. W. D. Siegfried, Superintendent of the "Home for Little Wanderers," 820 South street, Philadelphia, visited this Borough this week with a number of the children of the Institute, and gave two entertainments at the Union Hall for the benefit of the Home. The little children sang very sweetly, and by their presence created an interest in the important mission. The audiences on both evenings were good, and we believe that the contributions were satisfactory to the worthy Superintendent. We contemplate making another visit here in the Fall.

The cholera has reached our shores, and it is not impossible that we will soon hear of cases in New York and other points not very distant from us. In view of the certainty of its presence in this country this year, we urge our citizens to exercise the greatest care in their habits, and to look well to the cleanliness of their premises. Remove all dirt and garbage from cellars and yards, and be liberal in the use of lime. All of the dirty lanes and alleys of the Borough should have their thorough cleaning and purification. Remember that "an ounce of prevention is better than a pound of cure."

Death of Mr. Hummel.—It will be remembered that Mr. Martin Hummel, a partner of the Schuylkill Navigation Company, was recently robbed at Washington Hall, Schuylkill Haven, of money and checks amounting to $6500, which were taken from his room at night while he was sleeping. Since the robbery no clue to the perpetrators of it, or to the money, has been obtained. Mr. Hummel felt deeply the loss of the money which was entrusted to him, and the wonder of it festered his mind, that his health became impaired, and he died on Saturday last in Schuylkill Haven as we learn, from an attack of brain fever aged 53 years. A lamentable affair.

The New Post Office.—This conveniently arranged office from a plan of the able architect Mr. Frazer, and which is located in Union Hall will be opened to the public on Monday next. This office is beyond doubt, the finest in the State outside of Philadelphia. The size of the mail room is 19 by 33 feet, with two doors opening into it from the street, each 7½ feet wide. There will be a separate delivery for persons having no box es, one window for ladies, and one for gentlemen. The total number of boxes is 1020. The Postmaster intends to furnish each box-holde with a card, and letters will not be delivered, unless the lessee calls in person, or his card is presented by an authorized party. In the rear of the office proper there is an apartment for procuring money orders, registering letters, etc. All in all the new office has long been needed, and we congratulate our citizens on the acquisition.

The Mahanoy City Gazette in summing up an account of the deliberate attempt last week to murder Thomas Lewis, the inside boss at the colliery of Geo. W. Orth, near Mahanoy City, which resulted in the would-be murderer being shot and killed, says:

"What a *terrible commentary* it is on the state of outlawry which is so prevalent in this County. From all the indications, there is no doubt the Dooling came to the place for the purpose of murdering Mr. Lewis, and would have succeeded had his pistol been better aimed when he fired the shot. Mr. Lewis is doing well. It is reported that Johnson has left."

The Johnson referred to in the above is "Patrick Johnson," Dooling's accomplice, who was held in only $1000 bail to answer, which was a great outrage when we consider the magnitude of the man's crime. It is quite likely that he has fled to escape justice.

Melancholy Occurrence.—On Friday morning of last week, about 5 o'clock, Mr. William Sterner son of Mr. John S. Sterner, started in Pressons to go to Beck's Hotel, where he boarded, about a mile distant. Some three hours after, his dead body was found on the railroad track at the depot. He had been run over by an engine and killed. How he got there and the circumstances attending his death, are involved in mystery.

The deceased was a most estimable man; had been a brave soldier during the Rebellion, and at the time of his death was 27 years, 2 months and 18 days old. For three years he served with honor in the Ninety-sixth Pennsylvania Regiment, and passed through all the battles that it fought. Since the robbery no clue to the perpetrators of it, or to the money, has been obtained. Mr. Hummel felt deeply the loss of the money which was entrusted to him, and the wonder of it festered his mind, that his health became impaired, and he died on Saturday last in Schuylkill Haven as we learn, from an attack of brain fever aged 53 years. A lamentable affair.

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All an election held at their Hall on the morning of the 3rd inst., the following persons were elected officers of the "Soldiers' Central League of Pottsville," to serve through the year:

President—Henry Pleasants. *Vice Presidents*—D. W. Bland, Jas. Wren, D.B. Green, J. M. Wetherill; *Secretary*—Oliver C. Boshwell; *Corresponding Secretary*—Bernard Reilly, Jr. *Treasurer*—D. W. Bland. *Trustees*—J. G. Brick, J. E. Siegfried, J. A. Hegarty, Jas. Nagle, Jas. Russell, Pickering Lewis Lorbenkopf.

The High School.—Mr. J. P. Sherman sends us the following correction:

MESSRS. EDITORS OF JOURNAL:—In the account of the standing of the graduates of the High School, published last week, there was a slight error. Master Guldin's average was 95.5 as published. He had the highest average and did not fall below 93 in any of his studies. Miss Sparks obtained an average of 95.25. She stood the highest in *any one study*, obtaining 100 in English Grammar. 100 is the standard for a perfect recitation, and cannot be obtained if a single error, however slight, is made. J. P. SHERMAN.

Military Funeral.—On Sunday afternoon last under the auspices of the Soldiers' Central League, the remains of Mr. Henry Elvill, a soldier of the Mexican war, who had seen active field service in Florida, and who fought bravely in the ranks of the Union Army during the late rebellion, were interred in the Odd Fellows' Cemetery, this Borough. The members of the League attended the remains to the grave, while a squad of Zouaves fired the customary volleys. Mr. Elvill died in reduced circumstances, and the league defrayed the burial and other attending expenses. The practical advantage of such an organization is thus illustrated. We hope yet to see the League embrace every honorable discharged soldier who resided in the county at the time of service, so that its usefulness and means to relieve want may be increased while the social features are stimulated by a well appointed building, with library, reading room, etc. The League should and can have if it so resolves, a building of its own.

A Bill providing for a change in the manner of voting at all elections in this State, has passed both branches of the Legislature; been approved by the Governor, and is now a law. It provides "That the qualified voters of the several counties of the Commonwealth, at all general, township, borough and special elections, are hereby hereafter authorized and required to vote by tickets printed or written, or partly printed and partly written, severally classified as follows: One ticket shall embrace the names of all the Judges of Courts voted for, and to be labeled outside "*Judiciary*;" one ticket shall embrace the names of all State officers voted for, and be labeled "*State*;" one ticket shall embrace the names of all county officers voted for, including the office of Senator and members of Congress, if voted for, and to be labeled "*County*;" one ticket shall embrace the name of all township officers voted for, and be labeled "*Township*;" one ticket shall embrace the names of all borough officers voted for, and be labeled "*Borough*;" and each class shall be deposited in separate ballot-boxes."

Sec. 2. That it shall be the duty of the sheriffs in the several counties of this Commonwealth to insert in their election proclamations hereafter issued, the first section of the act.

Temperance.—On Thursday evening, April 5th, the officers of United Division, No. 79, S. of T., of Minersville, were publicly installed. The installation ceremony took place in the hall of the Division. After the ceremony was over, a short speech was made by a member of the division, and after a number of those present had signed the pledge, the meeting adjourned, evidently pleased with the exercises of the evening.

We are glad to hear that this division is doing a good work in the cause of temperance. The citizens of Minersville should support this division heartily, and aid it by their influence and their means, in its efforts to crush out the monster social evil of intemperance. It is time that all good citizens should awaken and feel the importance of the great temperance question.

The officers of United Division for the present term are as follows:

W. P., James Bush; W. A., T. M. Williams; R. S., Wm. N. Taylor; A. R. S., Abram R. Jenkins, T., John Witzenian; F. S., R. C. Richards; Chap., Wm. James; C., B. H. Davis; I. S., Wm. E. Jones; O. S., Geo. Waffendon; Chap., Geo. J. Pritchard. Lady Counselor, Miss C. H. Kauffman; Lady Sentinel, Miss Lizzie Heisler; First Lady Assistant Conductor, Miss Sallie Spangler; Second L. A. C., Mrs. C. Albright; Third L. A. C., Mrs. C. Hummel.

Alms House Report.—The regular monthly meeting of the Directors of the Poor, of Schuylkill County, was held at the Alms House, April 2, 1866.

The following is the census of the House for the month ending March 31, 1866:

No. of inmates in House Feb. 28, 1866....	435
" " March 31, 1866....	427
Decrease last month.....	8
No. of inmates in House, March 31, 1865..	395
" same time this year.....	427
Increase last year.....	32

Of the above, 56 are insane and idiotic; 62 under medical treatment; 51 children.

Admitted during the month, 34; discharged and absconded, 31; bound out, 1; born, 3; died, 3.

Lodging and meals were furnished to 158 persons.

Out-door relief was granted to 344 persons, amounting to $1294.75.

Bills were read, and orders drawn, amounting to..... $3,283 58

Previous issue..... 22,401 72

Total in 1866..... $25,685 30

From the Secretary of the Washington Literary Society of Tremont, we have received the following, with a request to publish:

WHEREAS, Our worthy member, Mr. Samuel Snyder, who, since our organization, has been an attentive and zealous member, has for reasons of a local nature, removed from our midst, therefore, be it unanimously

RESOLVED, That in the departure of Mr. Snyder, the Washington Literary Society sustains the loss of the services of one who has been an earnest supporter of the advancement of literature and science, and who has labored zealously to sustain the society to which he was warmly attached, and be further

RESOLVED, That while we regret the departure of Mr. Snyder, he has our earnest wishes for his future advancement and prosperity, hoping that he may soon be placed on the literary rank as successful and pleasant as his labors and association have been with us.

RESOLVED, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to Mr. Snyder, and published in the papers.

T. BELMONT, April 10th, '66. J. N. MINNIG, Sec'y.

WHEREAS, Our esteemed member, Mr. Wm. Ashworth, has removed from our midst; thereby depriving us of his direct services in the literary arena, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That in the departure of Mr. Ashworth, we lose a warm-hearted companion, a sincere worker in the cause of mutual improvement, and an intellectual and for the special advancement of Washington Literary Society, and be it further

RESOLVED, That we cherish the hope that the literary, social and religious advancement of our worthy member, being assured that acting upon the principles so often reiterated in our literary and social circles, his future position may be enlightened by the highest lights of integrity and honor.

RESOLVED, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to Mr. Ashworth and published in the County papers.

TREMONT, April 10th, '66. J. N. MINNIG, Sec'y.

A Delightful Concert.—Decidedly one of the most satisfactory concerts ever given in Pottsville and probably, the finest audience we ever saw here, were in the Union Hall on Friday evening, 6th inst. Mr. Frederick Veling, is an accomplished violinist. The solo "Rob Roy Airs with variations," by Bertini, was an excellent piece of music, and while "Fantasie Caprice" by the same author, received full justice at the hands of this accomplished artiste. Mr. Adolph Eiberali, who has a sweet, powerful and highly cultivated tenor voice, sang in a very satisfactory manner, an Aria by Weigl, and one from "Martha"—"Ah, so pure" while his duett with Mr. Spiegel, from the same opera, was an unusually pleasing one, as we never had in Pottsville before, so unexceptionable a tenor voice, as that of Mr. Liberati. Mr. Ferdinand Spiegel of this Borough, was the baritone of the evening. The pure quality of his voice and his very fair power of execution, are too well known to our citizens, to require comment from us. We content ourselves by saying that he met the expectations of the audience, and sang the part which he rendered the familiar "Largo al Factotum" from the opera of the Barber of Seville; that he was *encored* in his duett with Mr. Liberati, and that he sang Russell's song, "The Old Sergeant," in a most impressive manner. He must need on the occasion, is one of Albright, Bickert & Schmidt's make, and was procured from the warerooom of Mr. F. Altstadt, Centre street, this Borough, and is the agent in this County, for the sale of this really fine instrument. Mr. Henry A. Becker, of this Borough, who has favored the public but rarely with exhibitions of his skill on the piano, and whose performance on the occasion of this concert, played in a brilliant manner, "Sonate Pathetique" by Beethoven; "Grand Concert March" by Wehli, and "Danse de Neger," by Ascher. The fine tones of this instrument are the result of the skillful touch of the accomplished pianist. Mr. Becker by his performance, richly merited the warm applause which the highly critical audience bestowed upon him. The concert in our opinion, was a gratifying success, fully the pioneer concert of many similar entertainments to be given in the future.

Destructive Fire in Ashland—Burning of a Block of Houses—Loss, $45,000; Insurance, $28,000.—On Monday morning last about half past 1 o'clock, a fire originated from some unknown cause, in a kitchen attached to the dwelling of Mr. Charles L. Fisher, jeweler, on the south side of Centre street, Ashland, east of the Mahanoy House. The flames soon enveloped the store and dwelling, and extended to the building from corner of Sixth street, consuming seven frame houses, occupied as stores and dwellings, with most of their contents. The following property was destroyed before the flames were subdued:

Houses and goods of C. L. Fisher. Loss on house, $1200, which is covered by insurance in the Lycoming Mutual Insurance Company. Loss on goods, $2400, upon which there is an insurance of $1000 in the same Company.

House of Mrs. Sarah Schlegly, of Pottsville. Loss, $1200; insurance, $700 in Lycoming Company.

House of Patrick Gallagher. Loss $4000; insurance, $2000 in Lycoming. Occupied by Leopold Mayer as a dry goods store. Stock entirely destroyed. Loss, $7500; insurance, $5000, in Lycoming.

House of John C. Kelley. Loss, $3000; insurance, $1462 in Columbia Insurance Company. Occupied by Sutto & Prince, as a clothing store. Stock partially destroyed. Loss, $2000; insurance, $3000 in Home Insurance Company, New York, and $2000 in Kensington Insurance Company, Philadelphia.

House of Hugh McGinnos, merchant tailor. On his loss which is heavy, there is an insurance of $6000—$3000 in the Liverpool and London, and $3000 in the Kensington insurance companies.

House of William Liester. Loss, $2500; insurance, $1550 *in the York Insurance Company.*

House of Anthony Fiest. Loss, $1600; insurance, $866 in the Lycoming Insurance Company. Occupied as a furniture ware room by Wm. Landefeld, whose goods were saved with little trifling damage sustained by removal.

House of William Landefeld. Loss, $1800; insured for $700 in Lycoming. Mr. L. also occupied it as a dwelling, and sustained some loss on his household goods, upon which there is no insurance.

Henry Mayer who had some goods in one of the houses destroyed, sustained a loss of $2000, on which there is an insurance of $1500—$500 in the Liverpool and London, and $1000 in the Metropolitan insurance companies.

The total loss by this fire is, $45,000, on which there is an insurance of $28,000.

Ashland will be wise if she takes steps at once to guard against such a mishap in the future. She should have water works and sufficient fire apparatus. No town, especially one containing so many frame buildings as Ashland, is safe without the guards we have named.

Railroad Survey.—Engineers are now making a survey of the branch road through Hamburg that is to connect the Reading Railroad at Port Clinton with the East Pennsylvania Railroad at Topton. As soon as the exact route has been determined upon, the work of building the road will be commenced.

Fire in Pottsville.—On Thursday evening last about half past 8 o'clock, flames were discovered issuing from a stable on Callowhill street near St. George, owned by Thos. Doman. There was hardly time to rescue a horse and cow that were in the stable, and remove a wagon and sleigh, before the place was completely enveloped in flames throwing out an intense heat. The fire communicated to two frame buildings owned by Geo. W. Snyder, and occupied by two of his workmen, Charles Cramp and Frantz Wang, which were partially destroyed. Through the exertions of citizens who reached the ground early, nearly all of the household effects of the tenants named, were saved. Mrs. Cramp who has been an invalid for many years, was borne from her house, and conveyed to a neighbor's. Two small stables in the rear owned by Isaac Moyer and Alex. Oake, were destroyed. Several dwellings in the vicinity were in imminent danger, but by hard labor on the part of the firemen and citizens, they were saved. The head of water was not as great as was desirable, at that point, the mains being small. In consequence of this fact the firemen labored under difficulty in getting an adequate supply. Steam fire apparatus is needed here; especially in cases of fire on elevated positions in the Borough. We trust that the Borough Council will be urged to make the necessary appropriations, and levy a special fire tax on the Borough to meet the expenditure.

Celebration in Pottsville of the First Anniversary of the Surrender of Lee—Parade, Speeches, &c.—Monday last, April 9, was the first anniversary of the surrender of the Rebel General Lee to the Union forces under Gen. Grant. Arrangements had been made by the Soldiers' Central League of this Borough, to have the day appropriately observed. The weather on Monday was all that could be desired, clear, cool, delightful, the mud in our streets being the only annoyance to those who participated in the parade. Flags were flying to the breeze throughout the Borough, the places of business were closed, and thousands came in from various sections of the County. At the time the parade was formed in line on Centre street, the whole Borough was filled with a dense mass of spectators. All the indications were favorable for a joyous gala day.

At 7 o'clock in the morning a salute of thirty-eight guns was fired.

At 10 o'clock, Major James Wren, Chief Marshal, formed the line of procession on Centre street, right resting on Market, facing west, and moved over the route which had been selected, in the following order:

Soldiers' Central League of Pottsville, with eighteen battle-flags formerly carried by the Forty-eighth, Ninety-sixth and Fifty-second Pennsylvania Infantry and Seventh Pennsylvania Cavalry, bearing the names of the battles fought by bullets and torn and tattered by hard service in the field, attracted much attention. The League turned out about sixty strong, in citizens' dress, each member having in his button hole of his coat, little streamers formed of red, white and blue ribbon.

Pottsville Zouaves, Capt. Frank Leib. This company with its drum corps, numbered sixty-four members, and presented a beautiful appearance. The uniform, dark blue jacket, red pantaloons, gaiters, blue sash, and cap, trimmed with red, is attractive, and *comfortable* to the wearer. We congratulate the Zouaves on the very favorable impression they made on the spectators in consequence of their soldierly appearance; the correctness of their movements, and their splendid appearance generally. The other commissioned officers are, B. Reilly, Jr., First Lieut.; Frank Simpson, Second, and Theo. Patterson, brevet-second.

"Girard Union Guards," Captain John Cohoon Girardville, this County. This Company had forty-five men, and presented a creditable appearance. They were the guests of the League. The two Lieutenants are, First, Philip Mongold; Second, Robert Green. This company is reached here in the morning, and returned in the evening.

Good Intent Engine Company, Pottsville. This efficient fire company paraded with seventy men and with their engine and hose carriage elaborately decorated. Clustered on the apparatus were eight boys attired as Indians. The engine was drawn by four horses. The members, five hundred men, were attired in red shirts, black pantaloons and caps. The entire company presented a fine appearance.

Mountaineer Fire Company, Minersville. Forty men, attired in white shirts, black pantaloons and caps. Carriage tastefully decorated. This company was the guest of the Good Intent.

Humane Hose Company, Pottsville. Twenty members came out, who it should have paraded double the number. The men were attired in gray shirts, black pantaloons, and white fire hat, New York style. The carriage—beautiful apparatus—was bright as a new dollar. A splendid band of music enlivened the march of the enlivener. The band was in attendance.

When the procession reached the American House, the column was delivered by Col. Comley, Col. Green, Col. Wetherill and Capt. Boyle.

Col. Conner was introduced to the vast assemblage by Gen. Pleasants, and after some preliminary remarks paid the following tribute to the soldiers:

To you, my fellow-citizens, who, when this old flag was trampled in the dust, when the federal laws were spurned, when treason fell, when the shrill cry of American blood had been shed on American soil was ringing through the land, left your counters, your ploughs, your workshops, the pulpit, the *bar* and the halls of legislation, and shoulder to shoulder with the stalwart sons of Fredericksburg, of Gettysburg, around Richmond, of Murfreesboro, Chattanooga, and of hundreds of other places, aided the strong arm which they sealed their devotion with their lives.—Alas! how many fell. These dead heroes lie buried in Southern soil. Their dust mingles with the dust of every Southern State, making it richer and preparing it for that crop of loyalty and allegiance which must spring up, like grass after the rain, from the graves of those who *shall have been thoroughly rooted out.* Those nameless graves, lying in unforgotten graves, shall prove the living truth that purity of their lives and their sacrificial immortality ever since, had at length been brought to a fearful issue. Compromise that weak expedient for settling of gigantic evils, was no longer possible, and these two elements stood face to face, thrusting upon each other, neither willing to flee. That spirit of conciliation and compromise which incites to peace and which would rather yield much than come to blows, that feeling time and time again generally with success until the conscience of the North has become blunted, and slavery, always aggressive, had nationalized itself, and perched itself high up above the Goddess of Liberty that surmounts the dome of the Capitol, overpowering, and had at length become to a fearful issue. Compromise that weak expedient for settling of gigantic evils, was no longer possible, and these two elements stood face to face, frowning