Miners' Journal.

POTTSVILLE, PA.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1867.

Be just and fear not;
Let all the world show sin's at be thy country's,
Thy God's and truth's.

THE PRESIDENT'S LAST MAD ACT.

It needed but the issue of the anticipated amnesty proclamation which appeared this week, to settle doubts which may have existed in the minds of any as to the despotic, unlawful disposition of the traitor now occupying the Presidential chair. He has cast aside all respect for the laws of the land, which it is his duty to execute under the Constitution he is apparently, so fond of quoting, and is now found attempting to annul the laws of Congress by promulgating a proclamation in opposition to its will and authority. What renders the movement still more heinous on the part of Mr. Johnson is the fact that he has not even the shadow of a right to issue it. By an act passed on the 17th of July, 1862, the power to issue a proclamation extending "to persons who have participated in the existing rebellion, pardon and amnesty," was granted to the President. But subsequently, the power was withdrawn, by the repeal of the bill on the 3d of December, 1866. The whole movement it will be seen on the part of Andrew Johnson is unlawful and is a high crime and misdemeanor for which he must be answerable to the next Congress.

It would seem that the proclamation of civil supremacy issued last week, and the amnesty proclamation published this week, are part of a deep laid scheme to secure the votes of the classes excluded by Congress. The way in which this is to be done if possible, is thus explained by a Washington correspondent, under date of 9th instant:

In the proclamation of last week the President quotes the Constitution and warns all persons against violating the laws. This was unnecessary, as there was no insurrection or civil war, and the military and naval forces of this country were under his orders to suppress all violence, if any existed. But the purpose of this proclamation is explained by considering the paragraph in the latter proclamation, which has followed by the proclamation of pardon to-day, which restores to all civil and political rights many parties excluded from suffrage under the Reconstruction acts.

These parties will present themselves to the registrars and offer to be registered, or the election officers when the elections occur, and claim the right to vote upon the pardon granted by the President; and on producing the oath taken in conformity with the proclamation, the election officers who refuse their votes, or the registrars who may decline to register them, then become violators of the law, as the President understands it.

The President will then be appealed to and in compliance with an opinion which he will have from his Attorney-General, that the officers in question are obstructing the proper execution of the law, he will then direct the district commanders to remove them, and appoint others who will execute the law as he understands it. If then the district commanders refuse to obey his instructions in this respect he will remove them and appoint others who will.

This will be carrying out the provisions of the civil supremacy proclamation. This is the programme which has been marked out, and is substantially General Butler's opinion. It is no use to say that the registrars have the right, under the law, to reject whom they think are not entitled to vote. They are civil officers of the United States, and the President will claim the right to remove them, and direct the appointment of others, as in the case of other civil officers.

The registrars are not protected by Congress in the law, and will be threatened with arrest and prosecution if they refuse to file the pardons of the Executive. Events will show this to be the true state of the case, and *it will all be communicated before the meeting of Congress in November.*

This is undoubtedly, the true state of the case. Johnson's traitorous object is to set aside the reconstruction act of Congress, and to not only free the traitors in the South from the dangers of confiscation, but to grant them as full political privileges as they had before the Rebellion.

The issue is now fairly made up between a faithless President who would nullify the laws of the land, and the people who will not consent to the admission of representatives from the rebellious States, unless the terms of the reconstruction act are complied with. General Grant would seem to be the only man officially connected with the President, upon whom in this crisis, any reliance can be placed, and the people look to him. No order can be issued to the district commanders except through him. If the registrations are to be operated, and the men who attempted to ruin the country in the field be permitted to rule it in the counsels of the nation, General Grant must agree to the monstrous iniquity. That he will do it we have but little fear, but whether he will or not, the question of the admission of representatives to Congress clearly brief votes, rests for decision with that body, and we know its loyalty too well to believe that one of them will ever get in. So, Andrew Johnson will in that respect, gain nothing substantial by his paper edict.

One duty will devolve upon the next Congress. This man has usurped the prerogatives of Congress; he attempts to impede the execution of its laws; he would if it were necessary to accomplish his tyrannical purposes, plunge the country into civil war. Months since we urged his impeachment, for we estimated his character correctly, and predicted that his course would prove him to be a desperately wicked man and unscrupulous demagogue. We were not generally supported then, because the policy of resorting to such an extreme measure was doubted. All doubt on the subject has vanished, and the loyal people of the country demand his impeachment, while not a few think he merits even a more severe punishment. The constituency of every Republican representative should instruct him that one of his first duties at the coming session of Congress must be to hurl from the Presidential chair the man by whom it is now disgraced.

In voting at the October election, tax-payers should remember that under Republican rule the debt of the State of Pennsylvania is being constantly reduced. It has been considerably diminished in the last seven years, and during the Rebellion, Pennsylvania was the only State in the Union which was enabled to continue the work of liquidation. Governor Geary now announces that the debt has been reduced within the fiscal year ending September 1, $1,794,644 50, which is a very handsome decrease when it is remembered that there are no State taxes on real estate, the revenue being principally from licenses and special duties. According to our present rate of revenue, and our success in paying off what stands against us, but a few years will be required to place this State in the list of commonwealths out of debt. If this cheering state of affairs is to be continued, however, the Union party must be kept in power. If reform in Schuylkill County is desired by the tax-payers, they must elect the Union candidates, who will stop the stealings at the Alms House, and waste and extravagance in other departments. Remember this when you vote in October.

The elections for State officers which took place in California last week, resulted in the defeat of the Republican ticket, not in consequence of any actual increase in the strength of the Democratic party, for the State is largely Republican, but in consequence of internal dissention in the Republican party. Gorham, the Republican candidate for Governor, was very unpopular, and thousands of Republicans did not vote at all, preferring to lose the election than support an unworthy candidate. To claim the victory as a Democratic triumph and protest against the Congressional reconstruction policy, is nonsense. It was nothing of the kind. It was simply the result of an unfortunate nomination and of apathy, losing us the whole State government and the control of the Legislature. California will no doubt give a large majority for the Republican candidate for the next Presidency. In the meantime Andrew Johnson and the Democrats will crow over it, victory (as they choose to esteem it) which will bear to them but little fruit.

THE GRAND JURY inquiring for the body of Schuylkill, visited the Alms House on Saturday last. It was an excellent jury and under the foremanship of our old friend Gen. Washington Reifsnyder, a most capable gentleman, it made thorough inquiry at that Institution, but we believe failed to gain the slightest information as to the whereabouts of "them" Ten Thousand Dollars which the Directors of the Poor drew from the County Treasury this year before publishing their May statement, and for which they have never accounted. The continued reticence of the Directors on this interesting subject, impresses a large majority of the tax-payers of the County with the belief that the only way to obtain the desired information will be to send Reuben Hoy there in the capacity of a Director.

GENERAL FITZ JOHN PORTER, who in 1862, was convicted by court-martial, and sentenced "to be cashiered, and forever rendered incapable of holding office under the government of the United States," asks for a new trial on the ground that he has additional testimony which will acquit him. Gen. McClellan it is stated, will be a witness in his behalf.

Local Affairs.

Weekly Almanac.

'67—Sept.	SUN RISES	SUN SETS	MOON'S CHANGES.	D.	H.	M.
14 SATURDAY,	5 40	6 11				
15 SUNDAY,	5 41	6 9	First Q.	6	6	35 mo.
16 MONDAY,	5 42	6 7	Full M.	13	7	37 mo.
17 TUESDAY,	5 43	6 5	Last Q.	20	10	9 ev.
18 WEDNESDAY,	5 44	6 4	New M.	27	6	46 mo.
19 THURSDAY,	5 44	6 2				
20 FRIDAY,	5 45	6 00				

METEOROLOGICAL TABLE.

Temperature at Greenwood for the week.

SEPTEMBER, 1867.	7 A. M.	NOON.	3 P. M.
6	60°	72°	76°
7	62	65	60
8	54	66	66
9	56	65	64
10	56	63	63
11	49	60	64
12	59	63	65

Tamaqua talks of organizing a debating society.

It is a remarkable fact that we had this week one perfectly clear day.

Tuscarora contains forty unoccupied houses—a proof of the dull times.

The German Reformed congregation of Tamaqua, is erecting a church edifice.

The Reading Railroad Company is erecting a passenger depot at Hamburg Station.

On Sunday last in Ashland the wife of Sheriff Horan fell and fractured one of her arms.

During August Marshal Heisler's police made one hundred and three arrests in this County.

To-morrow.—Thirty-seventh Sunday of the year, and thirteenth after Trinity. Day's length, 12 hours and 28 minutes.

The Tremont Union having suspended, Mr. Sanders is now publishing a little advertising sheet entitled Local News.

On Sunday evening last a runaway took place in town. A young man was thrown from the carriage and injured severely.

Marshal Silverthorn, late a resident of Tamaqua, was recently elected one of the judges of Summit county, Colorado.

A meeting of the members of the Pottsville Cricket Club, will be held at 7 o'clock this evening, at No. 13 Mahantongo street.

The Borough Council would do well offer a reward for the arrest of the parties who have perpetrated the recent robberies in town.

Catharine Mintler of Tamaqua, arrested on the 3d inst., on a charge of larceny, managed to escape from the officers and is still at large.

Jacob Doubenspach of Reppersville, while felling timber on the 6th inst., was killed by a tree falling upon him. He leaves a wife and several children.

Simon Whetstone, of Tamaqua, has been committed to prison charged with the larceny of a carpet-bag, the property of a young woman of that place.

Fruit jars and jelly-glasses of all kinds; also, cut glass-ware, cologne toilet setts, etc., suitable for wedding gifts, can be had at Trexell's, 226 Centre street.

A tumor of about four years' growth, was on the 5th instant removed from the neck of Mr. Jos. J. Applegate, of Catawissa Valley, by Dr. Shirmer of Tamaqua.

John R. Bailey, formerly of Tremont, has received the Professorship of Mental and Normal Science, at Irving Female College, Mechanicsburg, Cumberland Co.

The basement of the Baptist Church, Mahantongo St., has been rented for the temporary accommodation of the Norwegian St. schools. Pupils will be admitted immediately.

An attempt was made on Sunday night last to enter and rob the residence of Saml. Scott, Centre street. The thieves were frightened off, and did not succeed in effecting an entrance.

Mr. Osborn, agent for Chickerings pianos, will remain here for a few days yet and exhibit the instruments he has at Garrigues' store. They are fine toned pianos, well worthy of examination.

The Agricultural Fair will commence at Orwigsburg on next Tuesday week, 24th inst., and continue three days. If the weather should prove favorable, a large attendance may be anticipated.

Charles Hengle, of Port Clinton, a brakeman, had his right hand crushed at Tamaqua on the 5th inst., by being caught between two freight cars. Two of his fingers were subsequently amputated.

On the night of the 4th inst. two dwelling houses in Shenandoah City, the property of Peter Ward and J. Johnson, were destroyed by fire. There was a partial insurance on the loss which we have not heard stated.

Boy Killed.—On Friday of last week a little boy nine years of age, son of Mr. Samuel Tregea, was caught in the cog wheels of Focht & Althouse' breaker at Boston Run Colliery. He lived four hours after the occurrence.

In Donaldson on the night of the 6th inst., a woman while intoxicated, laid on her child, aged nine months and smothered it to death. An inquest was held on the 7th, and a verdict rendered in accordance with the facts.

The Reading Dispatch of Monday says that Emma Heffner, a young girl hailing from Pottsville, was arrested for walking around the streets of that city after 12 o'clock on Saturday night. Nothing could be proved against the girl and she was discharged.

On Sunday night last, the cellar of the residence of Geo. H. Stichter, Market street, this Borough, was entered and robbed of a quantity of butter and lard. As the hole through which the thief effected his entrance was small, the robbery it is supposed, was perpetrated by a boy.

The Mahanoy Gazette reports the running over and cutting the head off of Mr. S. Turtle, of Tamaqua. The accident took place above Middleport. Whether the remains were subsequently converted into soup, or not, remainedh without explanation on the part of our facetious contemporary.

Augustus Frantz and Cornelius Miller were arrested in Mahanoy City last week, and committed, charged with setting fire to a building in that Borough, the property of Mr. Charon. The fire was discovered on the morning of the 4th inst., and the thieves extinguished it before any material damage was done.

Sherry's New York Theatre.—This combination of excellent performers, under the experienced management of Mr. J. F. Sherry, will open at Union Hall in this Borough, on Monday evening, September 23d. The company embraces twenty-four first class artists, together with a full silver cornet band and orchestra.

Blowing up of a Powder Mill.—On the afternoon of the 6th inst., at 2½ o'clock, the powder mill of Mr. T. Carlins, half a mile above Girardville, blew up, caused by some cog wheels getting hot and setting fire to the powder. Fortunately the workingmen were in the drying-house at the time of the occurence, and none of them were injured.

Merchants' is the new name of the late "White Horse Hotel," corner of Centre and Mahantango streets, which has passed into the proprietorship of Jos. M. Feger & Co. From Col. Feger's well known experience and courtesy we anticipate that the traveling public will find the Merchants' one of the most pleasant hotels in the Borough at which to sojourn.

Mahanoy City was visited by a severe storm on the 5th inst., during which considerable hail fell. The storm caused a heavy freshet in that section of the County, doing considerable damage to the embankments of railways leading to the collieries. In some places the track for a distance of a quarter of a mile of the track which had been but recently repaired, was swept away.

The Zanfretta Troupe.—This pantomimic and minstrel troupe, containing twenty-five performers, will give an entertainment in Union Hall this evening and on Monday and Tuesday evenings of next week. Their pantomimes are most admirable, and will keep the audience in a roar of laughter from beginning to end. It is an excellent troupe and well worthy seeing.

L. K. Beyerle & Co., of the steam biscuit bakery, Seventh street, between Mahantongo and Norwegian, this Borough, manufacture all kinds of crackers and cakes. The capacity of this firm to turn out everything in the line from the most elaborate wedding cake to the ordinary water cracker, is so excellent, that it should and we presume, will receive a fair share of public patronage.

Outrage.—On the night of the 6th inst., about 11 o'clock, as Mr. W. H. Seyfert of Schuylkill Haven, who had been on jury duty here during the day, was returning home in a carriage, and when on the pike between Britton's and the dam, a number of stones were thrown at the vehicle, some striking it. If the object of the assault was to punish Mr. Seyfert for his action as a juror, it proves that there are some useless scoundrels yet running at large in the County.

State Fair.—The Pennsylvania State Fair will be held at Pittsburgh from September 24 to September 27th. The premiums offered are very liberal, embracing live stock and all useful articles in husbandry, housewifery, manufactures and farm products. The premiums are most liberal in every department, exceeding $10,000 in the aggregate. The principal railroads will issue excursion tickets, and return all articles which are exhibited, if they remain unsold, freight free.

The Antietam Celebration.—On Tuesday next, the 17th inst., the National Cemetery at Antietam is to be formally dedicated, and extensive arrangements are being made on the part of the government to make this far surpass anything of the kind on any previous occasion. Invitations have been extended to all the military organizations in New York, Pennsylvania and Maryland to participate. It is stated that at least one-half of the Union soldiers slain at Antietam were natives of Pennsylvania.

Debate.—The highly interesting question, "Which exercises the greater influence upon mankind, Hope or Fear?" will be discussed by The Minersville Literary Association on next Monday evening at 8 o'clock, in the Odd Fellows' Hall. This question the Society had intended discussing two weeks ago, but on account of the illness of one disputant, and the unavoidable absence of another, it was necessarily postponed. The live Association has very recently been incorporated, and is making earnest efforts to place itself as one of the established institutions of Schuylkill County.

The "bush meeting" held at the Agricultural Park grounds, on the 7th, 8th and 9th, under the auspices of the African Methodist Church of this Borough, was a success. On Sunday afternoon last there were over a thousand persons present at the services which were of a most interesting character. Rev. Mr. Nelson, pastor of the African Methodist Church, preached an earnest, powerful sermon, followed by Rev. Mr. Moore who made an earnest appeal in behalf of his colored brethren. We understand that the collection lifted amounted to $59. With proper encouragement a prosperous and growing colored church can be established here.

Order of United American Mechanics.—A Council of this Order was instituted in Tamaqua on the 5th inst., on which occasion the following named gentlemen were installed as officers: C.—Samuel Graeff; V. C.—A. H. Jackson; In.—E. Davis; Pr.—A. H. Glassmyer; R. S.—E. O. Wilman; A. R. S.—William De Frehn; F. S.—H. Snyder; T.—J. B. Lindenmuth; J. P.—G. M. Green; O. P.—John Sparks. Since the 1st of April last twenty-six councils have been instituted in the State of Pennsylvania. This Order numbers in members upwards of forty thousand in this State.

The Odd Fellows' celebration at Hamburg to-day, will be largely attended if the weather should prove fine. Among the lodges of this County which will participate in the parade, we have heard of time following:

POTTSVILLE—Minerva, No. 20; Girard, No. 53; Lily of the Valley, No. 281; Franklin Encampment, No. 4—accompanied by Jones' Cornet Band.

PORT CARBON—Schuylkill, with band.

MINERSVILLE—Anthracite, with band.

The excursionists will leave this morning in the 8.45 train. Fare, round trip, 85 cents.

The following colliery accidents happened in Northumberland county this week:

Jas. B. Douty, while oiling the shaft of the monkey rolls, at the Henry Clay Colliery, on Wednesday, had his right hand caught in the cog gearing and so severely crushed as to require amputation.

At the mines of the same colliery, on Monday, Susan Roughtan was caught by a fall of coal and considerably injured about the back and spine.

Philip Scopal was also caught by a fall of coal in the mines at the Greenback Colliery, on Monday, and had both thighs fractured.

Reduction of Postage between the United States and Great Britain.—In our last we noticed this matter. We merely allude to it again to state that the reduction will go into effect on the 1st of January, 1868, when the single rate of postage on letters between the United States and Great Britain will be 12 cents, instead of 24 cents, the present rate. As official instructions for carrying into effect the provisions of the postal convention lately concluded between the two countries named, have been issued by Alex. W. Randall, Postmaster General, postmasters should provide themselves with copies, so that they can act intelligently in the matter. We have not space to publish the instructions. They are too lengthy.

On Monday evening last at the request of the Reading Railroad Company, the Good Intent steamer of this Borough, was taken by some of her members, to Deep Creek near Mahanoy Plane, for the purpose of keeping water out of the Creek at that point by pumping, to enable engineers to prove for a foundation of a proposed culvert. The engine used hard coal for firing purposes. It commenced pumping at 9 o'clock on Monday night, and worked without intermission until 11 o'clock the following morning, pumping at the rate of four hundred gallons a minute. The engine did the work very satisfactorily, and proved that its capacity for sucking and throwing water is equal to any emergency which may arise in this Borough in the fire line. The engine was brought back on Tuesday evening.

Proposed Organization to dispense Charity Systematically.—A number of gentlemen in whose discretion and judgment the community can place confidence, held a preliminary meeting at the office of Wm. L. Whitney, Esq., on Thursday evening last, for the purpose of taking into consideration the subject of dispensing charity in this Borough in a systematic form to prevent the of receiving it. Every season there are numbers of cases which do not obtrude themselve to the public eye, and which are deserving of relief in the liberal sense of the word. Such a organization would do much to abolish the annoying practice of street begging and divert public charity into a channel in which money given in the shape of alms, will do most good. We think the organization will be speedily effected for the benefit of the worthy and suffering poor in our midst.

Fatal Mining Accident.—On Tuesday of last week a miner of the name of James Singleton, was killed at the Gilberton mine by the explosion of his shot. It appears that Mr. Singleton had been working in a breast alone, and that he had lighted the match and gone behind some planks which he had set up for the purpose of security from the blast, and which had answered the purpose before, but this time the full force of the explosion had been thrown against them, splitting them up and killing him behind them. It is supposed that he had been killed early in the day, but it was not known till some hours later when a man loading coal from the chute, found his body coming down with the coal. Mr. Singleton was a man of experienced miner, and has had some important contracts which he finished to the satisfaction of his employers. He leaves a wife and seven children to mourn their loss.

Fires.—On Sunday afternoon last about 1 o'clock, the stable of Mr. Jacob Schweitzer, in the rear of his dwelling, Centre street, was discovered to be on fire. An alarm was given, and our fire companies were promptly on the ground. The stable being brick with a slate roof, the flames were confined to the upper part, destroying some hay and injuring the rafters. The fire it is thought, was the work of an incendiary. The loss which is about $250, is insured in the Lycoming Mutual.

On Tuesday afternoon between 2 and 3 o'clock, a frame stable on Norwegian street, adjoining the one set on fire, and with its contents about a ton and a half of hay, destroyed. A calf which was in the building was rescued uninjured. The loss on the stable and contents, which were the property of Major James Wren, is about $100, upon which there is no insurance.

Boundy's Pictures.—We proposed to notice some of Mr. Boundy's pictures this week, but are compelled to forego the pleasure for want of time, promising ourselves a real feast of criticism on the first opportunity. We cannot get through till Saturday night without sacrificing our sleep, and the temptation of repeating the observation of a celebrated and much honored patron of education and the arts on examination of Mr. Boundy's "marriage shooting" picture, that when he is on a visit to this Region last week:

"That man requires no teacher. He will teach himself, and only requires the opportunity and encouragement."

This or something to the same effect, was said by Peter Cooper, of New York, who has so nobly promoted the cause of education and art in that city by the magnificent gift of the Cooper Institute, and his generosity in supporting it as well as supporting munificently other objects of charity.

We hope our citizens will not fail to subscribe liberally to Mr. Boundy's present "Art Union," which gives them an opportunity to obtain rare and beautiful paintings at one-tenth their real or intrinsic worth.

Proceedings of the Pottsville School Board.—A stated meeting of the Board was held on Wednesday evening last. Present, Messrs. Heebner, Wells, Fox, Harris, Dreyfoos, Little, Wright, Huber, Roseberry, Shaefer, and Boyer, President.

The minutes of previous meeting were read and adopted.

The committee on renting Fishbach Chapel for school purposes, reported that the trustees asked $150 rent per annum.

On motion the committee was authorized to rent the Chapel until the 1st of July next, at the rate of $150 per annum.

The committee on supplying school in lecture room of Pennsville Grammar school building with desks, was continued.

Treasurer's statement was read and ordered to be filed.

The Secretary reported orders amounting to $3081 83 issued to date.

The following bills were read and ordered to be paid:

Bannan & Ramsey,	$52 29
R. M. Johnson,	41 25
Ivison & Co., New York,	18 00
Mr. Patterson, Supt.,	60
Bosbyshell & Bros.,	10 00
Geo. Evans,	92 45
C. Little,	52 58
Previous issue,	$267 17
	3,081 83
Total,	$3,349 00

On motion of Mr. Roseberry it was resolved that the Building Committee be instructed to procure iron railings for the open areas at Female Grammar School building.

Mr. Wright offered a resolution to the effect that balance in treasury be published, which on motion was tabled.

Mr. Wells introduced the subject of establishing a High School of a grade which all pupils through the County might aspire to, which should possess such a school, so that our citizens would not be compelled to send their children to seminaries abroad to prepare them for a collegiate course.

Mr. Shaefer expressed the same views, and urged action in the matter.

Mr. Wells offered a resolution to the effect that the Board take steps to establish the school and procure a competent teacher, and that in the meantime, the matter be referred to a committee of three.

The resolution was adopted, and Messrs. Shaefer, Wells and Little were appointed on the committee.

The committee on depredations at Norwegian street school house was continued.

Adjourned.

Drowned during a Thunder Storm.—On Monday, 23d instant, Mr. James Porter, of this Borough, commenced to row from Schuylkill Haven, plying between this Region and New York, started on a trip to that City. On Thursday afternoon, the 5th, he with his boat, was caught in a tremendous thunder storm, on the Schuylkill Canal, half a mile below the Berks county line, in North Conventry township, Chester county. He was steering the barge and it is supposed was stunned by lightning, which struck the boat, and fell into the water, falling overboard. One of the other hands was in the cabin at the time, and the driver of the boat did not notice the loss until about a hundred yards below where the body was found. The remains were not recovered until between 7 and 8 o'clock next morning, when an inquest was held, and a verdict rendered of "accidental drowning," the falling from the boat during a severe thunder storm.

Mr. Porter's remains reached this Borough on Friday evening, and were interred on Sunday afternoon in the cemetery of St. Patrick's Church, attended to the grave, he having been a brave Union soldier during the Rebellion, by many of his former companions-in-arms. We understand that Jones's Cornet Band volunteered to play on the occasion, but the family of the deceased not desiring any military display, the offer was respectfully declined. At the time of his death Mr. Porter was in the 42d year of his age. He leaves wife a and two children. He was highly respected and esteemed by all who knew him. He possessed a kind, generous nature, being always ready to assist those who were in trouble. During the late freshet here, he rendered several boatmen to extricate their boats from critical positions, and labored as hard as if he had an interest in them.

Of Mr. Porter's military career during the Rebellion, which was exceedingly creditable to him, we might state, that in November, 1861, he enlisted in Battery I, Capt. DeHart, Fifth United States Artillery, and served gallantly and faithfully, participating with the command in all its engagements during the war. In the Battle of Winchester fought June 15, 1863, where our troops were worsted resulting in the surrender of Milroy, his wife and children who were with him at the time, were captured by the enemy, taken to Richmond and imprisoned in Libby Prison. Through the interposition of President Lincoln in their behalf, they were released on the 2d of July following, and on the 3d arrived in Washington. After the defeat of our troops in the battle named, Mr. Porter cut his way through the enemy to Carlisle, where he rejoined our army. He was in the Battle of Gettysburgh where he received a flesh wound. He reenlisted in March, 1864, and served with the dashing Phil. Sheridan until the surrender of Lee and close of the war. He with his company, then went to the Dry Tortugas to guard prisoners, among them Mudd and Spangler, the Lincoln assassination conspirators. He was mustered out of service on the 12th of March, 1867, after an arduous and honorable service of five years and four months.

Temperance.—The proposed County Convention to which we have already alluded in previous numbers at length, will meet in Union Hall this Borough, on Tuesday next, 17th instant.

The friends of Temperance in the County are making we understand, active preparations for this Convention. We are glad that there is so much interest manifested in this important movement. The Convention will not only consist of delegates from all the Temperance organizations in the County, but all friends of the cause are expected to participate in the proceedings. Distinguished gentlemen from abroad will be present and address the Convention. As stated in our last issue, excursion tickets at reduced rates will be issued by the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad. An extra train will leave Minersville at about 8 o'clock, A. M., and returning, will leave Pottsville at about 7 P. M.

We hope this movement will prove a grand success, and we trust that all who are interested in the cause of Temperance will come out and attend the Convention.

Let every Temperance organization, every church, school and academy be well represented, and let the friends of the cause from every section of the County assemble in this mass Convention, and give the cause such an impulse in this County, as will tend to finally crush and destroy the baneful power of intemperance.

A correspondent sends us the following:

MINERSVILLE, Sept. 9.—It was our pleasure on Wednesday evening last, to be present at the instituting of a Temple of Honor, at St. Clair. G. W. C. T., E. L. Lent, of Philadelphia, assisted by W. R. Davis, G. W. C. T., C. A. Boehyshell, and a delegation from Mountain City Temple, of Pottsville, and also from Cressons Temple. The Temple instituted will be known as Eagle Temple, No. 47.

We have attended the instituting of several Temples, but none seemed to have so favorable circumstances connected with it, as this one. Each initiate appeared to have his whole heart in the cause, and I have no reason to doubt, from the apparent interest manifested, but that it will be one of the strongest Temples in this section of the State in a very short time. The people of St. Clair appear to be alive to the work, as all the best and most influential citizens of that thriving borough are now enlisted in the cause of Temperance.

The following are the officers installed by the D. G. W. C. T., C. A. Boebyshell, of Eagle Temple, No. 47:

W. C. T., Wm. Yeo; W. V. T., Paul Attwood; W. R., Ralph Platt; W. A. R., W. J. Yeo; W. F. R., Sam'l Orm; W. T., C. Spencer; W. S., Stevens; W. D., J. George; W. S., J. Lee; W. Chap., James George.

After the installation service was concluded, brother Chambers was called upon to address the Temple, which he did in fine style. He was followed by brother Boebyshell in his lively and eloquent manner, urging the members of the new Temple to be earnest in advancing the cause in which they were engaged. Addresses were also made by brothers Lent, of Philadelphia; McCollin, of Cressons; Auit, of Minersville, and Christman, and Hawley of Pottsville, after which they adjourned, and the delegates returned to their respective homes, much pleased with their flying visit, and encouraged in the good cause of Temperance.

The Temperance cause is on the increase in every section of the State. In Williamsport, on the 3d inst., a Temple of Honor was instituted, to be known as Williamsport Temple, No. 44, under the most favorable circumstances. There will be one instituted in Clearfield Co., under the title of Susquehanna Temple, No. 48, (the town having passed my memory.) "O. S."

A special meeting of Mountain Temple, No. 19, of this Borough, will be held in Union hall, on Wednesday evening next. A general attendance is requested.

The first of a course of free lectures, on Temperance, under the auspices of Sharp Mountain Division, Sons of Temperance, No. 71, of Palo Alto, to will be delivered by Benj. Haywood, Esq., at M. E. Chapel, Palo Alto, on this (Saturday) evening, September, 14th, 1867, at 7½ o'clock. All are invited to attend, and by their presence and influence, help further this cause, the cause of all mankind.

The Democracy of Schuylkill County and their Delegate System.—As the people of the County are aware of the scenes of brutality and outrage which characterized the late nominating Convention of the Democratic party of this County, and the efforts which were successfully made by threats of violence and bloodshed on the part of the lawless delegates to prevent the nomination of certain candidates, we need not review what happened on that occasion. We shall only repeat that in all our experience we never witnessed so great and indefensible an outrage upon the feelings of respectable citizens, as was that day perpetrated on the mass of the German and Democratic delegates there assembled. Cheated and insulted, caught like rats in a trap, and their friends in particular, left the Court House, very properly disgusted at being compelled to submit to nominations effected in such a manner, and upon such a platform. The ticket put upon us was anything but binding upon Democrats. Subsequently, Mr. Seltzer announced himself as an independent candidate for Treasurer.

The present leaders of the Democratic party in this County—men with but few exceptions, of little brains and less honesty—became considerably exercised at this defection of the Democrat who had dared to run against the regular nominee, and they proceeded to make the most desperate efforts to defeat Mr. Seltzer. Mr. Seltzer, however, who drives no trade in his office, who in reality it was intended to do nothing of the kind. The object was to hold out the hope to the outraged German element that the system was to be changed, and thus appease the wrath of the wing which is strongly opposed to a change, they had not the slightest idea of doing any such thing. It was all arranged that Seltzer's friends should be persuaded, thus imposing a second time in a more decent manner, it is true, on the patient and snubbed German element.

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As a matter of information to our readers we will state how the Democratic ticket was created.

When the meeting was called to order by Mr. Hipple, the element which was prominent in the late convention in brow beating and bulldozing the delegates, and which, it was evidently present, prepared to defeat any proposition to revise the delegate system and thereby curtail its power to ride a fifteen County convention into the ditch, had no chance on Monday to have another circus (as a delegate called the late convention) because it had everything its own way, and there was no necessity for it.

Well, after Mr. Hipple had spouted a little, Mr. F. W. Hughes was called to the chair. In taking it he made a very appropriate speech, which we please all. He reviewed the ticket. Complimented Randall at the expense of Judge Reilly, whose name there was certainly, no occasion to mention in terms of such high eulogium, when he is not a candidate. Flattered the legislative ticket, one candidate on which is a relative. Skipped Graeber. Eulogized Bradley very properly. Skipped Yeager and Dreyfoos. There can be no question that some of the suggestions in Mr. Hughes's speech are good, such as limiting the number of delegates, and holding Conventions at an early day but Monday, thereby avoiding the disgraceful drunken scenes which annoy and disgust our citizens every year we suppose Mr. Hughes had no more control over the composition of the lawless delegates to revise the nomination of certain candidates, we need not review what happened on that occasion. We shall only repeat that in all our experience we never witnessed so great and indefensible an outrage upon the feelings of respectable citizens, as was that day perpetrated on the mass of the German and Democratic delegates there assembled. Cheated and insulted, caught like rats in a trap, and their friends in particular, left the Court House, very properly disgusted at being compelled to submit to nominations effected in such a manner, and upon such a platform. That platform was not binding upon Democrats. Subsequently, Mr. Seltzer announced himself as an independent candidate for Treasurer.

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COURT PROCEEDINGS.

(Continued from previous report to Thursday of last week.)

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September Term—Quarter Sessions.

Judge Ryon, President; and Judges Kline and Heilner, Associates.

Jury Trials.

James McGintie—Charged with selling liquor without license. Verdict, not guilty, and County for costs.

James O'Brien was convicted of seduction, on complaint of Ann Lee. Not sentenced.—Another bill is pending against him for fornication and bastardy, preferred by the same prosecutrix.

William Fochl was tried and acquitted on a charge of larceny brought by Isaac Welsh.

John Rodgers was charged with embezzlement by John Dormer. Trial, verdict, not guilty, and County for costs. Dormer was a tax-collector, and had employed Rodgers to collect voids and duplicates, consisting of small sums owing by a number of delinquents residing in different and somewhat distant places in the district. By dint of hard travelling and perhaps still harder dunning, John had succeeded in collecting some five dollars, which he paid over to Dormer, and after some bipedling, received two dollars and a half for compensation. He afterwards collected about $10 more, which he offered to pay over on condition he should be allowed $2 50 for his trouble.—This Dormer refused, and resorted to the law for remedy, with the result above stated.

Thomas Berg—Selling liquor on Sunday. Not guilty.

James Dooley was found guilty of selling liquor on Sunday, and was fined $25, besides the costs, and sent to prison for 10 days.

James Bradbury plead guilty to selling liquor on Sunday, and was sentenced to pay costs and a fine of $25, and to take lodgings with Mr. Ward for ten days.

Thomas J. Williams was charged with assault and battery on Ann Hardy. Found guilty of an assault, and fined $30, and the costs.

Patrick Fox was tried for breaking into Henry Rosengarden's green grocery establishment in Pottsville, and stealing sundry hams, &c. Found guilty, and sentenced to three years' imprisonment, solitary confinement, at labor.

Morgan Fox (same prisoner) was convicted of a similar charge preferred by Isaac Levy, proprietor of Saltzer's Hotel, which had been burglarized, property entered and some liquors and segars carried off. Sentenced to seven years' imprisonment (after the expiration of the last previous term), solitary confinement, at labor.

Fox is a copper-colored nondescript, no doubt one of the thieving worthies that infested the town last winter, breaking into cellars and carrying away provisions, &c., and who would scruple but little to take life, if necessary to accomplish their purposes or to prevent detection. Thanks to his Honor, Judge Ryon, Fox is not likely to trouble the community for the next ten years, and the only regret in that more of the gang cannot be found to bear him company in his present safe quarters.

Thomas Fisher plead guilty to a charge of fornication and bastardy