Miners' Journal.

POTTSVILLE, PA.

SATURDAY, MAY 9, 1868.

THE FIRST—Arkansas proves to be the first reconstructed State to present herself in due form at Washington for restoration to her former place in the national sisterhood, having fulfilled all the requirements of Congress. A certified copy of the new constitution of the State has been received by President Johnson from the President of the Constitutional Convention. General Gillem's official report of the returns of the election, showing the constitution to be adopted, has been received by Gen. Grant. There has been filed in the Department of State, at Washington, a certificate of the fact that the Legislature has ratified the amendment to the national Constitution known as article fourteenth. The State government just elected has been fully organized at Little Rock, and the Legislature has elected two Republicans to represent Arkansas in the United States Senate, who, with the two Republican members elected to the House, now await the action of Congress. Bills for the admission of Arkansas and other States have been introduced into the House, and referred to the Reconstruction Committee.

IMPEACHMENT.

SLANDERING REPUBLICAN SENATORS.

We observe that some of the Republican papers are expressing doubts as to the votes of four or five Republican Senators on impeachment. The testimony has all been given, and the trial closed, and to doubt the vote of any Republican Senator on impeaching the President, after a full hearing of the case, we can look upon in no other light than to doubt his reputation for honesty. Why, under all the circumstances, where on the broad face of this country could such a Senator find refuge from the just indignation of the friends of Republican Institutions? He would be forced like Benedict Arnold, to flee the country to escape the scorn of those who rescued the country from the disgrace of Slavery, and preserved our noble Republic from the fate of all those that preceded it.

The Copperhead Senators vote in favor of the traitor to Republican institutions as they sided treason throughout the Rebellion—and we presume that they would vote in favor of making Andrew a King in his prerogatives, as suggested by Secretary Seward, when swinging around the circle—but we now make the prediction, that not one who votes against impeaching Andrew Johnson will ever be re-elected to the United States Senate.

AN IRREPRESSIBLE QUESTION.

The question of Equality of Race appears once more in the church. The deliberations of the General Conference at Chicago on Saturday last, were vigorously disturbed by it, in the shape of a motion to admit certain Southern Mission Conferences composed wholly of colored ministers and people, to an equality of representation. As usual the question was fairly met, by some of the delegates participating in the very earnest discussion which the motion gave rise to, and who advocated the passage upon the substantial merits which they claimed for it.—Others, however, evinced the disposition often exhibited in deliberative bodies on this question, to give it to the go-by as long as possible, evading direct action by some adroit side-issue. The substantial point involved was really this: Shall Equality of Race be recognized in the Methodist Church polity and discipline? The side-issue, upon which several influential delegates proposed to send it out, was by way of an objection that no "Mission" Conferences, white or colored, were entitled to representation. Those delegates who felt prepared to meet at once the issue, and question involved in the matter were unable to get a direct vote; and upon the suggestion of Dr. Durbin, of Philadelphia, the whole question was finally laid on the table to await the official report from the Bishops upon organization generally.—Undoubtedly, it will be again under consideration before the Conference adjourns, and the spirit already evinced by influential delegates rendered square and triumphant vote upon the principles at issue now unlikely.

In an article on this important question, our able, influential and Freedom-loving contemporary, the Pittsburgh Gazette, utters the following opinions and sentiments, which we endorse and heartily approve:

The efforts of the friends of Equality in political rights will be entirely unavailing so long as any exclusion, for cause by color shall be recognized by the leading religious denominations. Outlawed as the end of life, it is very little use to talk of the Equal Suffrage or to combat the well grounded apprehension or hope of the slightest practical recognition of any rights for the black race which the white majority is bound to respect. Society as it now stands denominations which number eight thousand preachers and more than eleven hundred thousand enrolled members, which is second to no other sect of Protestant faith in its influence upon the morals, the politics, the statesmanship of the nation—which controls the cultivated classes by the force of its intellectual culture, the refined classes, which combining the Bible, the rifle and the grape, has carried the ministrations of the Gospel almost the ear of every civilized and barbarous tribe, which has planted every wilderness of the globe with churches, schools and colleges, which has kept the standard of the Cross in religious ascendancy, and which has given to other Protestant missionary societies their inspiration and guidance in the line of their duty, and which has operated throughout the world by every Christian grace and which, by its faithful zeal in administration and by its unity of purpose and action, has become the most organized power in the land—so long as the Methodist Episcopal Church hesitates to declare for Equality, as a principle, in the Church, just so long the black race will be forced to the recognition by politicians or legislators practicable and desirable.

Is it any cause for wonder that the poor, ignorant world's people, the rank and file of political parties, the masses of the democracy, with a very large proportion of the Republicans, should be influenced which in their way, clearly misinterpreting which seems to several those learned divines?. Are we to be surprised if plain folks, who are not in the habit of reasoning delicately or long before them upon such simple lights as are afforded by their own reasonings, the teachings of the newspapers and the teachings of those in whom certain matters in their weekly issues to, should be controlled by their old fashioned prejudices, and should be indifferent to the nice distinctions of political principle or an elevated morality, when we see that even their clergymen, whose sacred duty it is to confess and declare the truth, hesitate, temporize, and, in deliberatory expository, and diplomatic upon troublesome questions with the cowardly adroitness of small politicians?

The Methodist church has sometimes been denounced as an abolition, "Black Republican" incendiary organization. No doubt a portion of its clergy and lay members sympathize in the sentiment of loyal patriotism, and in principle it marks one great political party. Unquestionably, the membership of the denomination exercises a powerful influence upon Republican sentiment. It is but just to say that it has made progress upon this question in advance to the black race so long as it is disentangled by a portent a body as the Methodist General Conference. Men are doubtless that their deliberations will yet result in a conclusion and hold declaration of the faith which is in them; and we trust that when such a decision is reached, it will yet be made at Chicago, as will go farther to sustain the political upon which ten Southern States are now under going reconstruction and the political success of all the political compromises that may sit this year. Let us have an explicit and bold avowal that shall be a warning and a rallying cry to all other political parties of public sentiment. Let the issue be met, considered, decided and then practically maintained in the pulpit and in civil life, as it is in the Church, and let our pure Christian duty as it is, and it will cease to be trouble-some to political parties, or obnoxious to the popular prejudice which now has grown to be more the neglects and omissions of our religious teachers.

JOHNSON'S TRIAL

In the United States Senate, sitting as a Court of Impeachment, on Friday, 3d inst., Mr. Evarts concluded his argument on behalf of the President, and then Mr. Stanbery began his address. He finished about one-third of his remarks, and then gave way for an adjournment.

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On Wednesday, Mr. Bingham finished the concluded argument on behalf of the prosecution. When he had concluded, the dense crowd in the galleries broke out in prolonged applause, and by order of the Chief Justice, the galleries were cleared. A motion to adjourn until Saturday was lost, and, with closed doors, the orders in reference to the mode of voting, etc., were considered. In its secret session the Senate tabled—28 to 20—Senator Edmunds' proposal that the doors shall be closed when the final question is taken, and that official reporters shall take down the debates. The motion to adjourn the Court to Saturday was negatived—22 to 29. Senator Cragin of New Hampshire, reported from the committee to examine Colonel Forney's accounts that he has received $4,125,714, all of which is satisfactorily accounted for. He is now a small creditor of the government, and no losses have been sustained through him.

On Thursday the Court was in session with closed doors. In secret session Mr. Sumner's order to take a vote at noon on the day after the close of the argument came up. Mr. Morrill moved to amend to adjourn until Monday next, and then take the yeas and nays on the articles of impeachment, any Senator who may choose to have permission to file a written opinion. The subject was then laid upon the table. Mr. Morrill moved that when the Senate adjourn it be to meet on Monday at 12 o'clock to deliberate on the rules of impeachment, and that the vote be taken on Tuesday at noon, each Senator to be permitted to file, within two days after the vote is taken, his written opinion to go on the record. Several propositions to amend were voted down, and the resolution was finally agreed to. The proposed new rules as to the manner of voting were then considered, and were finally laid on the table. The Court then adjourned.

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

Local Affairs.

Weekly Almanac.

May—'68.	SUN RISES	SUN SETS	MOON'S CHANGES.
			D. H. M.
9 SATURDAY	4 49	7 6	
10 SUNDAY	4 48	7 7	Full M. 6 1 41 ev.
11 MONDAY	4 47	7 8	Last Q. 14 9 19 ev.
12 TUESDAY	4 46	7 9	New M. 22 1 40 mo.
13 WEDNESDAY	4 45	7 9	First Q. 28 6 40 ev.
14 THURSDAY	4 44	7 10	
15 FRIDAY	4 43	7 10	

Muslins in greatest variety. Great bargains at Gallands'.

On the 29th ult., Mr. John Howell, miner, aged 50 years, was killed by a fall of coal in the St. Clair shaft.

A young girl was accidentally killed at Girardville, on Monday evening last, by being run over by an engine.

The Pennsylvania National Bank of this Borough, declared on Tuesday last, a semi-annual dividend of six per cent.

Abraham Abrahams, aged 27 years, of this Borough, was run over by cars at Mahanoy Plane on the 27th ult., and killed.

The news depot of Wm. Doubert, Schuylkill Haven, was entered on Monday night last and robbed of $30 worth of stock.

Michael Weaver, of Minersville, has been awarded the contract of carrying the mail between Pottsville and Centralia, to take effect in August.

Two horses attached to a hearse, ran away in Ashland on Sunday last, wrecking the vehicle, and breaking a leg of the driver, a man named Ostrich.

Appointed.—Benjamin E. Drumheller, has been appointed Post Master at Landingville, in this County, in the place of Henry Drumheller, Esq., resigned.

The Reading Journal says that the proposed railroad from Reading to Treverton via Bernville, Behrersburg and Trefront, Schuylkill county, is to go ahead.

Returned from Europe.—Jas. Ellis, Esq., District Attorney of this County, reached this Borough on Tuesday evening, from his European last trip, improved in health.

A match game of Base Ball will be played this morning (Saturday) at Schuylkill Haven, between the Athletic of Schuylkill Haven, at 8 o'clock.

Church Dedication.—The new Evangelical Church at Womelsdorf, will be dedicated on Sunday, 17th inst., with appropriate services, in both the English and German languages.

Picnic Postponed.—In consequence of the inclemency of the weather this week, the picnic of the Humane Steam Fire Engine Company, has been postponed until Monday, 18th instant.

May Party.—Prof. Stouch's May Party will take place on Thursday evening next, at Union Hall. Pupils, parents and friends are invited.—Tickets can be procured at Bosbyshell's bookstore.

The remains of Mr. George Wynkoop, a brother of the late Col. Frank Wynkoop, who died last Sunday, near Fort Laramie, reached this Borough this week, and were interred in Mount Laurel Cemetery.

Measles.—We learn that there have been a number of deaths lately of children in St. Clair, from measles, which disease seems this season to be of a malignant and fatal type in Eastern Pennsylvania.

A horse was shown up yesterday standing in front of the Union Hotel, in the shoulder of which is embedded a silver ten cent piece. The coin has the full mint mark on it, and is quite easy to identify if stolen.

Miss Lizette Reck, of the Peak Family, who will be remembered for her pleasing performances on the stage at Union Hall, in the Bell Ringers' entertainments, died on the 1st inst., in Cleveland, Ohio, of typhoid fever, aged 16 years.

Musical Genius Graves, sister of Rev. Uriel Graves, of this Borough, will deliver a lecture on Temperance in Reading on Tuesday evening next. Miss Graves is an eloquent and eloquent lecturer, and we advise our Reading friends to go and hear her.

A small pair of shoes, lately half-soled, marked 75 cents, and a pound of soap, were found a day or two since on the Mahanoy Road, Allen's Orangutan room. The articles can be recovered by the owner by calling at Garret's Washington Market.

The Episcopal Conference.—The Annual Conference of the Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Pennsylvania will be held on the 12th inst., at St. Andrew's Church, Eighth street above Spruce, Philadelphia. It is expected that the attendance will be large.

President citizens of Schuylkill Haven, are again endeavoring to form a Stock Company for the purpose of erecting a furnace for the manufacture of wrought iron and steel, to be located at that place, and, if the requisite capital subscribed, the buildings, and get fairly underway, is $150,000.

New and Beautiful Goods.—J. Galland & Co., are receiving a new stock of Spring and Summer goods, have just received a large and choice stock of dry goods, consisting of beautiful Spring styles of ladies' shawls, dress goods, etc., with fine muslins, linens, etc., to which they invite a call and get bargains in the dry goods line.

The members of Seneca Tribe, No. 41, I. O. of R. M., will meet at the Wigwam on Tuesday morning, May 12th, at 8 15, to proceed to Cressona, to celebrate the first annual pic-nic of Miama Tribe, and the ninety-first anniversary of the Order. All persons interested in the pic-nic will be present at half fare in the 8 45 train.

J. Madison Bye, the colored poet, reader and orator, will lecture in this Borough on Monday evening, May 18, at Union Hall for the benefit of the "Moral and Mental Improvement Society." His subject will be, "Questions of the Hour." Mr. Bye has been a resident of California for some years, and is recognized as a gentleman of ability, of thought, suavity of manners and of poetic inspiration.

The Mansion House, Mahanoy City, has been refitted and improved, so as to render it in every respect, a first class hotel. It was reopened on Monday last, by its enterprising proprietor Mr. Wilber F. Smith, than whom no more courteous, attentive and genial host can be found in "ye ancient Dominion." We commend the Mansion to those who have occasion to visit Mahanoy City, on business or pleasure.

The sum realized by the dancing party given at the Town Hall on Friday evening, last, for the benefit of Mr. Nicholas Rehr, is about $100.—Mr. Slater gave the free use of the room for the occasion, and the Band volunteered its services. Several members of the American Band took an active interest in the matter, and to them is especially due the fact that the benefit was so successful, in the respect. They deserve great credit for exerting themselves so generously in the affair.

General James A. Beaver, of Centre county, chairman of the State Committee of Soldiers' Votes, which assembled in Philadelphia, on the 8th of January last, has appointed a committee to take active part in the State and National elections this fall. Schuylkill county is represented on the Committee by Col. Beath, of this Borough. The committee will meet at the rooms of the National Union Club, No. 1103 Chestnut street, Philadelphia, on the 4th day of July next, at eleven o'clock, A. M.

The American House.—This efficient Company housed its apparatus in its new quarters in the Council building on Wednesday last. It has now not only ample room for its carriage, but a fine room for meeting purposes. We congratulate the American boys upon the comfortable manner in which they are fixed. The Council has taken especial care to see that the Fire Department should have every facility extended to it, to enable it to maintain its effective condition, and our citizens approve of the judicious expenditures which have been made in that direction.

The following is a list of unclaimed letters remaining in the Post Office, at Pottsville, Pa., May 1, 1868:

Bertolett B	Murphy Joseph	Richards J	
Barber Wm	McGinnes Maria	Richmond Annie	
Bryant Emma C	Meagahan Phil	Roach John ship	
Bowersox Jno	Avery Bernard	Rover Jacob	
Castett E	Moore Rev D	Spyer Harry	
Dolan Mary	Moore Rev W E	Sellers Faber	
Ely Mrs F	Patterson Sarah Ann	Thomas	
Flanagan M J	Potts Joe Jr	Stehle John ship	
Greenwood Maria	Phelan James	Wolf Joseph	
Hall Robert	Rodgers A	Williams A	
Hendrickson J G	Rasbach Moses	Williams Mary	
McNeal Catherine			

Beautiful Monument to the Memory of a Soldier.—A monument to the memory of William R. Weeh, a soldier of the Nineteenth Pennsylvania Cavalry, has just been erected in the Presbyterian Cemetery, this Borough, by Mr. Thos. Wren, his father, late of Mahanoy City, and now a resident of Pottsville. The monument and enclosure were designed and executed by Mr. F. Eisenbrown, in an artistic manner, and reflect great credit upon his skill. The lot was sodded by Mr. Rader, Superintendent of the Cemetery. The entire appearance is very beautiful. In that Cemetery rest the remains of two gallant soldiers, cousins, Wm. R. Wren and Major Gilmore, who gave their lives while fighting to defend our rights. Peace to the ashes, and honor to the memory of the brave.

Temperance.—The following officers of Unity of Temple of Honor, No. 79, Mt. Carmel, Pa., have been elected to serve for the term commencing May 1st, 1868, and ending with October, 1868:—W. C. T., Hezekiah Reed; W. V. T., Jos. Ramsay; W. R., Daniel D. Bolich; W. A. R., Geo. A. Reber; W. Tr., Edw. B. Stillwagner; W. T. R., Joshua Evans; W. U., C. W. Ramsay; W. D. U., James Richardson; W. G., Jonathan Kerr; W. S., Thomas H. John; W. Chap., Rev. Moses Harvey.

A lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars was instituted at Middleport, this County, on Friday evening, the 1st inst.; 27 members were initiated. The officers installed for the present term are as follows.—W. C. T., Joseph Bensinger; W. V. T., Mollie Bensinger; W. R., James A. Selley; W. S., Josephine Hoch; W. T., Charles Hiney; W. F. S., William Miller; W. C., Charlie Bensinger; W. M., John Stephens; W. D. M., Walter Corbe; W. I. G., Geo. W. Shaffer; W. O. G., Harry Eustace; W. R. S., Emma Spears; W. L. S., Eliza Greenawalt.

Beautiful Spring Hoop Skirts, a good article at one dollar, at Gallands'.

The Building Season.—No Time like the Present.—If you are ready to build, and the season for a reduction in prices of labor and material, the strong probability is that there will be no better time than the present for the next six years.—Since the close of the war, there has been a retrogression to the productive forces of the North, through the natural growth of our young men, putting a mighty host into the ranks of toil who were not there when the war ended; and also by immigration from Europe; and the removal of blacks from the South.

On the other hand, in the line of building especially, there has been a great falling off in the demand all through the country, just because other places have been waiting, as the saw, for better times. According to the law of supply and demand therefore, there ought to be a large reduction in prices; indeed it is difficult to see why they should be at all higher than before the war. This reduction we have been waiting for, year after year, and predicting confidently, and yet it has not come, and shows no signs of coming.

It is very evident that there has been some cause operating to maintain high prices which we have not yet discovered. What is it? Plainly mines of Australia and California, within the last quarter of a century. The effect in raising prices has been in exact accordance with the law of demand and supply. Gold is a commodity, not less than brick, and, since gold is the standard of values, to increase the total amount is to diminish its comparative value; or, which is the same thing, to raise the comparative value of all other commodities.

Under ordinary circumstances, the change would take place gradually, as it is taking place in England. Among ourselves, other causes have operated to send prices up suddenly, and now that they are up, the greatly increased amount of gold is keeping them up. We shall never get down as much flour, or coal, or brick, or labor, for a gold eagle as we did ten years ago. And so, if you are ready to build your house, you may as well build this year as wait till next. In all probability, the sooner you build the better, for this reason: A great multitude have been waiting, as you have, until the lack of houses is causing much inconvenience and distress everywhere.

Let this suspension ripen into conviction, as it is rapidly doing, and there will be an amount of building in the immediately ensuing years, such as has never been seen in Pennsylvania within the same period. The sure result of that will be a very decided rise in prices of building materials of every description, since it is simply impossible that there will be an increased supply in proportion to the demand. Besides, your life is passing away, and every year that you put off your new house will be so much gained. That is something.

Off and see the beautiful Spring stock just opening at Galland's.

The Borough Election.—This election took place on the day last, and resulted in the election of all the regularly nominated Republican candidates for Borough offices, and of all the candidates for Council and School Board in the different Wards, except one in the North-East Ward and one in the South-east Ward. As follows:

CANDIDATES.	North Ward.	South Ward.	Mahanoy Ward.	North-east Ward.	North-West Ward.	Total.
CHIEF BURGESS.						
S. P. Rich	154	97	226	204	196	877
D. B. Crist	67	49	49	114	54	333
HIGH CONSTABLE.						
R. Dutt	215	144	276	212	289	1137
TREASURER.						
Adam Shoffe	213	146	275	221	281	1136
COUNCIL.						
Wm. L. Whitney	213	143	265	219	248	1088
J. A. M. Passmore	211	145	248	220	240	1064
J. H. Nagle	210	146	266	219	242	1083
Wm. B. Wells				99		99
H. P. Lee				99		99
C. Little				99		99

Mr. Bell's majority for Chief Burgess, over Mr. Crist, Independent Republican, is 554. Only about half of the aggregate vote of the Borough was out, there being no contests of any note except in the North-east Ward on Council, (the Republicans being divided on the question,) and in the South-east Ward on Council and School Board. (In the latter Ward, Jonathan Wright, the distinguished School Board Reformer, was elected.) In the Mahanoy Ward, the contest for constable attracted great interest. The result was announced at 9 o'clock, when the members of the Committee except one, have excused themselves in favor of selecting Pottsville as the place to hold the next State Fair. The railroad facilities for reaching this point, are large, while the offer of the Schuylkill County Agricultural Park Association is extremely liberal. It offers to let the State Society have the gross receipts and entire control of the grounds during the Fair, and offers to entertain free of charge, the Executive Committee, consisting of some fifty persons, which Committee the Reading Railroad offers to transport gratuitously. The decision of the Committee will be made at an early day and it is confidently believed that it will be in favor of Pottsville.

Alms House Report.—The regular monthly meeting of the Director of the Poor, of Schuylkill County, was held at the Alms House, May 4, 1868. Present, J. Orwig, Jr., B. F. Hughes and M. W. Potts.

The following is the census of the House for the month ending April 30, 1868:

No. of Inmates in the House Mar. 31, 1868	396
" " " April 30, 1868	374
Decrease last month	21
No. of Inmates in the House April 30, 1867	357
" " " same time this year	374
Increase this year	7

Of the above, 61 are insane and idiotic; 83 under medical treatment; 63 children.

Admitted during the month, 35; Discharged and absconded, 54; Bound out, 4; Born 3; Died, 4.

Lodging and meals were furnished to 158 persons.

Out-door relief was granted to 33 families, amounting to $450 50.

Bills were read, and orders were drawn, May 4th, amounting to $5,760 14
Previous issue 17,710 06
Total in 1868 ..... $23,470 20

Proceedings of the Pottsville School Board.—A stated meeting of the Board was held on Wednesday evening last. Present, Messrs. Little, Fox, Heebner, Hodgson, Smith, Huber, Roseberry, Lindenmuth, Derr, Sheafer, Wells, Keim, Wills, and Boyer.

Mr. Thompson, Principal of the Male High School, having resigned, Mr. N. B. Kinsley, an applicant for the position, was examined by Mr. Newlin, the County Superintendent, and his examination was continued until Thursday evening, and finally until yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

A motion to award the contract for erecting the Jalappa school house to Schaupp and Gaman, at their bid, $8,746 76, (No. 2 plan,) was adopted by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Boyer, Derr, Fox, Heebner, Hodgson, Huber, Lindenmuth, Roseberry and Smith—9.

NAYS—Messrs. Little, Sheafer, Wells and Wright—4.

On motion of Mr. Roseberry it was resolved that the Building Committee prepare a written contract, and submit the same to the Board.

The bids submitted for this work, were as follows:

Philip Steinbach for No. 1 plan	$11,550 00
Henry Zimmerman for No. 2 plan	8,900 00
Wm. A. Bock " " "	8,870 31
Moodie Work " " "	8,966 60
Schum & Auman " " "	8,746 76

The Secretary reported amount of orders issued to date, to be, $24,132 38, of which $13,561 91 were for building, and $10,570 47 for school purposes.

The Finance Committee reported that it had fixed salary of Mrs. Martin, for taking care of Third street school house, at $4 50 per month.

The following bills were read and ordered to be paid:

Geo. Rishell	$8 80
Jona Schum	21 22
W. M. Zerber	3 00
P. P. Eisenbrown	370 00
Jon. McAnally	1 50
Snyder & Liebner	2 00
Mrs. Douglas	30 00

Adjourned.

Previous issue	$586 65
	15,717 91
Total	$16,303 96

Adjourned.

Real Estate Exempt from Taxation.—The following real estate is exempt from taxation, according to the provisions of the law on the subject, passed by the last Legislature of our State:

SEC. 57. All lands which have been or may hereafter be granted, within this State, to any officer or soldier of the line of this State, by virtue of any resolution of Congress, or law of this State, as a reward for their services, shall be and are hereby exempted from taxation for and during the life of such officer or soldier respectively, unless the same shall be transferred or alienated to any other person.

SEC. 58. All churches, meeting-houses or other regular places of stated religious worship, with the ground thereto annexed, for the occupancy and better enjoyment of the same, all burial grounds belonging to any religious congregation, universities, colleges, academies and school houses, belonging to any county, borough or school district, or incorporated, erected, endowed or established by virtue of any law of this Commonwealth, with the grounds appurtenant thereto, all court houses and jails, be and the same are hereby exempted from all and every county, road, city, borough, poor and school tax; and all taxes heretofore assessed on property so exempt, if not hereafter be collected, but the respective officers, charged with the collection thereof shall and are hereby directed to refund the money paid and paying over of the same: *Provided*, That five acres of land, together with the improvements thereon, attached to all such religious corporations, or institutions of public charity and school houses, belonging to any county, borough or school district as aforesaid, and no more than five acres of land, with the improvements thereon, attached thereto, shall be exempt from taxation as aforesaid.

SEC. 59. It shall be the duty of the several assessors in this Commonwealth to make return of property now, or which hereafter may be by law, wholly exempt by act of Assembly from taxes, in a separate list to the commissioners of the proper county, for which service the said assessors shall receive the same compensation as is allowed for like services in other cases.

Lovely Shades, Silk Luster, at 40c. and 45c., at Gallands'.

Inspector of Petroleum.—Robert M. Evans has been appointed by Gov. Geary Inspector of refined Petroleum, Kerosene and Burning Oils for the counties of Philadelphia, Montgomery and Schuylkill, with power to appoint such deputies as may be required to enforce the law. It is the Inspector's duty to test all the oils above enumerated that may be manufactured or sold in the county. The law provides that no oil or other article sold will not stand a test of 110 degrees, and the effect of an enforcement of the act will be to prevent explosions and consequent injury to life and property, to be at least equal to a school of fire in Philadelphia, and will no doubt drive out the bogus article.

The mode of determining the fire test consists simply in providing a vessel containing a small quantity of oil, placed in a water bath over a spirit lamp and provided with a flask with a long neck, dipping into the oil, in which the gas is to firm may ascend and collect, and a thermometer connected with the covering to enter the oil by which the temperature of the oil at all times be seen. An opening must be provided at the side of the covering or dome of the instrument, in which a lighted match may be held, when, if it is ready to light the spirit lamp under the oil. This should be very moderate, so as not to heat the oil rapidly. A test thermometer should be placed in the oil to be rising a lighted match should be applied to the opening in the dome with each ascending degree, and as soon as the oil ignites, the heat will be shown by a flash. The temperature shown by the thermometer when the first flash occurs, is called the degree of fire test.

When benzine is entirely discarded in the manufacture of the oil, it will certainly be of a fire test of about 110 degrees. This has been adopted as the standard, both in Europe and the country.

The terms benzine, benzile, naphtha and gasoline, are all applied to the lighter and more volatile parts of petroleum oils. Gasoline is the most volatile and danger-ous. It is a liquid gas. The first part to be owned, the grade of this illuminating material is the oil. If gasoline is left in it, it will pass first any temperature, and a flame coming in contact with it will ignite it, and by following it back we can see the blaze. The same will be the case with benzine, according to its gravity and temperature. Oil in which a small portion only of benzine is contained will take fire the moment it comes in contact with a flame. This is what causes the fire when a lamp is upset and broken. If oil be pure it will not be in much danger of igniting if spilled, and the flame will not spread over the mass, even if cast upon a blazed. Still, the oil becomes heated to the fire test of the oil. An oil of this description can be had of a fire test of 180 to 150 degrees, which will be entirely safe under any ordinary circumstances.

Balmoral Spring Hoop Skirts, a good article at one dollar, at Gallands'.

The Building Season—No Time like the Present.—If you are ready to build, and the season for a reduction in prices of labor and material, the strong probability is that there will be no better time than the present for the next six years.—Since the close of the war, there has been a retrogression to the productive forces of the North, through the natural growth of our young men, putting a mighty host into the ranks of toil who were not there when the war ended; and also by immigration from Europe; and the removal of blacks from the South.

On the other hand, in the line of building especially, there has been a great falling off in the demand all through the country, just because other places have been waiting, as the saw, for better times. According to the law of supply and demand therefore, there ought to be a large reduction in prices; indeed it is difficult to see why they should be at all higher than before the war. This reduction we have been waiting for, year after year, and predicting confidently, and yet it has not come, and shows no signs of coming.

It is very evident that there has been some cause operating to maintain high prices which we have not yet discovered. What is it? Plainly mines of Australia and California, within the last quarter of a century. The effect in raising prices has been in exact accordance with the law of demand and supply. Gold is a commodity, not less than brick, and, since gold is the standard of values, to increase the total amount is to diminish its comparative value; or, which is the same thing, to raise the comparative value of all other commodities.

Under ordinary circumstances, the change would take place gradually, as it is taking place in England. Among ourselves, other causes have operated to send prices up suddenly, and now that they are up, the greatly increased amount of gold is keeping them up. We shall never get down as much flour, or coal, or brick, or labor, for a gold eagle as we did ten years ago. And so, if you are ready to build your house, you may as well build this year as wait till next. In all probability, the sooner you build the better, for this reason: A great multitude have been waiting, as you have, until the lack of houses is causing much inconvenience and distress everywhere.

Let this suspension ripen into conviction, as it is rapidly doing, and there will be an amount of building in the immediately ensuing years, such as has never been seen in Pennsylvania within the same period. The sure result of that will be a very decided rise in prices of building materials of every description, since it is simply impossible that there will be an increased supply in proportion to the demand. Besides, your life is passing away, and every year that you put off your new house will be so much gained. That is something.

Off and see the beautiful Spring stock just opening at Galland's.

The Borough Election.—This election took place on the day last, and resulted in the election of all the regularly nominated Republican candidates for Borough offices, and of all the candidates for Council and School Board in the different Wards, except one in the North-East Ward and one in the South-east Ward. As follows:

As a statement of the result in detail:

CANDIDATES.	North Ward.	South Ward.	Mahanoy Ward.	North-east Ward.	North-West Ward.	Total.
CHIEF BURGESS.						
S. P. Rich	154	97	226	204	196	877
D. B. Crist	67	49	49	114	54	333
HIGH CONSTABLE.						
R. Dutt	215	144	276	212	289	1137
TREASURER.						
Adam Shoffe	213	146	275	221	281	1136
COUNCIL.						
Wm. L. Whitney	213	143	265	219	248	1088
J. A. M. Passmore	211	145	248	220	240	1064
J. H. Nagle	210	146	266	219	242	1083
Wm. B. Wells				99		99
H. P. Lee				99		99
C. Little				99		99

Mr. Bell's majority for Chief Burgess, over Mr. Crist, Independent Republican, is 554. Only about half of the aggregate vote of the Borough was out, there being no contests of any note except in the North-east Ward on Council, (the Republicans being divided on the question,) and in the South-east Ward on Council and School Board. (In the latter Ward, Jonathan Wright, the distinguished School Board Reformer, was elected.) In the Mahanoy Ward, the contest for constable attracted great interest. The result was announced at 9 o'clock, when the members of the Committee except one, have excused themselves in favor of selecting Pottsville as the place to hold the next State Fair. The railroad facilities for reaching this point, are large, while the offer of the Schuylkill County Agricultural Park Association is extremely liberal. It offers to let the State Society have the gross receipts and entire control of the grounds during the Fair, and offers to entertain free of charge, the Executive Committee, consisting of some fifty persons, which Committee the Reading Railroad offers to transport gratuitously. The decision of the Committee will be made at an early day and it is confidently believed that it will be in favor of Pottsville.

Proceedings of the Borough Council.—A stated meeting of Council was held on Tuesday evening last. Present, Messrs. Griffith, C. Heffner, Hill, Lauer, Sheafer, Fox, Russel, Brown, Kienzle, and J. Heffner, Esq., President.

The Finance Committee reported in reference to publication by order of Council, of Jonathan Wright's late communication in reference to the School Board, and presented bills for said publication were ordered to be paid.

Same Committee also reported bill of Borough Auditors, when on motion it was referred back to Auditors to report the legal fees allowed them.

The Ordinance Committee reported on petition of G. Schollenberger and others, in reference to spoolen sheds over pavements, that they had no objection to such sheds to greater distance from river a pavement than three feet from the walls of a building.—Report accepted and filed.

Committee of Fire Apparatus was authorised to sell hose not in use.

Borough Treasurer's statement was read and filed.

Clerk read statement of financial affairs of the Borough Council, which he had prepared.

Clerk read notice to Council of viewers who had been appointed to view and lay out a road from Norwegian street to a point opposite Jas. Clearer's, on the road to St. Clair, that they will meet for the purposes of their appointments on Wednesday, 13th inst., where all interested may attend.

Police report read, and referred to Finance Committee.

John Pass presented bill, $75, damages for injuries alleged to have been received by him in falling into a culvert on Mahanoy street.

The bill was referred to the Street and Finance Committee, to investigate the facts of the case.

B. B. McCool, Esq., President of the Schuylkill Fire Company, applied to the Council for a loan of $400. On motion of Mr. Brown it was granted, without interest, to be repaid at the rate of $100 per annum from the annual appropriation to the Company—an agreement to that effect to be signed by the President of the Company.

On motion of Mr. Griffith it was resolved that a special committee be empowered to consult with Mr. Sup. Thomas, in reference to width of Fifth street, and that the Street Committee refrain from opening down force of water said property pending said consultation.

The chair appointed on said committee, Messrs. Fox, Sheafer and Lauer.

Bill of Charles Heim, $7 80, was referred to Building Committee; and bills of election officers for holding Borough election, to Finance Committee.

The following bills were read and ordered to be paid:

E. O. Parry	$50 00
H. Barr	20 37
Chief Police	187 50
Andrew Kienzle	6 75
John Kutzberger	42 75
Conrad Gutshall	9 50
Shoemaker & Thompson	5 21
Schuylkill County Lumber Company	27 69
Scott bands	183 28
Miners' Journal	$533 05
Pottsville Standard	29 00
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	15,717 91
	$16,303 96

Adjourned.

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