Miners' Journal.

POTTSVILLE, PA.

SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 1868.

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

IMPORTANT MEASURES NEEDED.

Congress it is earnestly hoped by the people, will not think of adjourning without acting on the tax bill and the tariff. It is true that the session has been already long and arduous, and that the torrid season is not the most delightful in which to hold protracted sessions, but the members of Congress receive large salaries and the people will expect them to remain in session until the necessary legislation is perfected.

We are glad to observe that the sub Committee of Ways and Means on Wednesday last reported a tariff bill to that Committee. It is intimated that it will revise the entire subject, and that where needed, there will be an increase of the duties. We hope that the Committee will report at an early day, and that Congress will speedily take definite action on it. The history of this country proves that its true policy is to adequately protect its industry. The beneficent tariff of 1828 infused new life into every department of trade, and all who chose to work had abundant and profitable employment. All classes prospered. This tariff was repealed at the behest of nullification South Carolina, and then the country floundered through ten succeeding years of consequent embarrassment, bankruptcy and wide-spread suffering, ending in the disastrous crash of 1837. To obtain relief the tariff of 1842 was enacted, and the effect was magical. Trade flourished. The national debt was extinguished, and a large surplus was accumulated in the treasury. Looking at these two commercial eras in our history and at the unsatisfactory and ruinous course of things at other times, may we not hope that Congress will give the subject its most serious attention, and so revise our existing laws as fully to establish all internal industries on enduring foundations? Especially should they endeavor to restore to us a favorable balance of trade; that in future we may keep at home our bonds and other securities, as well as such a proportion of our gold production as may enable us to resume specie payments at no distant day.

On Monday last Gen. Schenck presented to the House the new internal tax bill. A Washington despatch to the Press, says:—

Mr. Schenck explained its provisions in an able and exhaustive speech of two hours and a half duration, commanding the close attention of the whole house. He began by stating the object of the bill, namely:—saying that it became apparent to the committee, as it has since to the country, that the diffusion of responsibility as to increase of taxation, rendered it impracticable to increase the existing schedules of revenue. The establishment is in fact, without a head. He gave a complete history of the workings of the present Internal Revenue Department, showing in clear detail the abuses in those offices and the manner in which the committee proposed remedying the same. He concluded by saying that the committee's bill, but thought it did not go far enough, and the provisions in the pending bill an improvement on the same. By the consolidation of the commissioner's office, Secretary of Treasury, he showed that the revenue can be more easily and surely collected, and there can be a saving of $50,000 per annum in salaries alone.—He gave a comparative statement of the changes made in the tax on the principal articles mentioned in the bill, and wound up by stating that he maintained that the leading object of the bill was to carry out the spirit of the Chicago platform, namely:—The perfect equalization of taxes. The only exceptions to be made in the case of luxuries. The speech was well received, and has had a good effect."

Now that these measures are fairly under way, one in committee, and the other before the House, we earnestly trust that Congress will not think of adjourning without definite and satisfactory action upon them.

Since the above has been placed in type, we regret to learn, that the Committee of Ways and Means by a vote of 5 to 4, have agreed to postpone the Tariff Bill until next session. The reason given is that there is no time to act upon it, and that the members are worn out. The members have voted themselves a year's salary, $5000, and therefore we think they are bound to grant such legislation as the people absolutely require.

The Tariff Bill is of as much importance as the Tax Bill, and more petitions have been presented to Congress in favor of the adjustment of the Tariff than any other bill pending before that body. We sincerely hope that the Committee will see the necessity of reversing their decision on this question. If they cannot revise the whole Bill they can bring in a bill embracing those branches of industry that are suffering most. We had always understood that the Chairman, Gen. Schenck, was a friend of Protection; but in this case he voted with the two Copperhead members and two free traders, which gave a majority in favor of postponement.

EDITOR'S TABLE.

The June number of the United States Musical Review contains in addition to much reading matter of a musical character, the following:—Good-bye, Old Home, a charming ballad by Will S. Hays. The Fairies' Dance, Know, (song and chorus), a graceful piece, by Will S. Hays; Fairy Bells, (song and chorus), by C. Kinkel. Pretty as a Pink, a polka redowa by L. Mack, introducing the melody of Will S. Hays' beautiful song: Yourve been a Pink. Published by Wm. A. Pond & Co., Peters, 398 Broadway, New York. Terms, $2 per annum. Single copies, 25 cts. A cheap and most excellent publication.

THE LONDON QUARTERLY REVIEW.—The April number has been re-published by the Leonard Scott Publishing Company, 140 Fulton street, New York. The contents are:—Lord Derby's Translation of the Iliad; Review; Recent Scottish Publications; The Farmer's Friends and Foes; The New Reign of Madame Tussaud; Sir Humboldt; Purchase in the Army; The Irish Church.

ELECTROTYPES OF GEN. GRANT AND COLFAX, have been published by M. B. Longacre, engraver and lithographer, No. 607 Chestnut street, Philadelphia. The Life size, $25,00; 14x16, $16; 12x14, 14; 10x12, 12; 6x8, 8; 4x3, 5; 3½x2, 2; 2½x1½, 1 25.

The above books, "Life of U. S. Grant," and "Base-Ball Player," are for sale by Leonard Scott & Company, 118 William street, New York. These books can be obtained at Bannan & Ramsey's store.

Local Affairs.

Weekly Almanac.

June—1868.	SUN RISES	SUN SETS	MOON'S CHANGES.
6 Saturday,	4 29	7 38	
7 Sunday,	4 29	7 38	Full M. 8 5 1 49 mo.
8 Monday,	4 29	7 38	1st Q. 15 6 1 07 m.
9 Tuesday,	4 28	7 39	New M. 20 9 48 mo.
10 Wednesday,	4 28	7 39	First Q. 27 6 51 mo.
11 Thursday,	4 28	7 39	
12 Friday,	4 28	7 40	

William Knabe & Co., Celebrated Prize Medal Pianos, at Leimmers', 193 Centre street.

Joel S. McCammant, one of President Johnson's numerous nominees for Assessor of this district, was last week rejected by the Senate.

The following income returns are in addition to those published last week:

POTTSVILLE.—Carpenter, John T. $2723; Carpenter, Jas. S. $2713.

On Saturday last Walter, aged 14 years, son of Charles Burke, of Schuylkill Haven, was drowned by injured in consequence of being capsized between two canal boats.

The grand concert and ball of the Mozart Musical Association will take place on Tuesday evening, 23d inst., at Union Hall. Price of tickets of admission, 50 cts.

A meeting of the Pottsville Cricket and Base Ball Club, for the purpose of organizing for the season, will be held at Pennsylvania Hall this evening at 8 o'clock.

To Let.—The brick building corner Sixth and Market square, now occupied by Rev. U. Graves. Possession given about the 15th inst. Apply to P. Nagle, No. 266 Centre street.

An unoccupied dwelling house, in Ashland, the property of Thomas Horan, was destroyed by fire on the 27th ult. The work of an incendiary.—The loss is covered by insurance.

The ladies of Tamaqua are actively engaged in assisting the Odd Fellows in getting up a grand fair, for the improvement of the Cemetery in that Borough, to take place the first week in July.

The annual festival of the Sunday Schools of Trinity Church, this Borough, will be held to-morrow afternoon at 3½ o'clock, in the church. It promises to be an unusually interesting event.

Half a loaf is better than no bread.—If you are not able to insure your life for $10,000, take one or more thousand on the non-forfeiting plan in the North American Life and Accidental Insurance Company of Philadelphia.

Mason & Hamlin's and S. D. & W. H. Smith's American Organs, at Leimmers', 193 Centre street, Pottsville, Pa.

The dedication of a new organ in Zion Church, Lewistown, will take place on Sunday, June 14, 1868. Several ministers from abroad will be present and participate in the services, morning and afternoon. A number of organists from different places will perform on the occasion.

Michael McDermott, a young man formerly of this vicinity, was killed on the night of the 16th of April last, by being run over by a passenger train near the depot in the town of Kawanee, Illinois. Further information concerning the unfortunate circumstance, can be obtained at the Pottsville Post Office.

Fire in Shenandoah City.—On the night of the 29th ult., a dwelling, store, and the property of Martin Fraser, and two dwellings belonging to Michael Brown and Patrick McNelins, were destroyed by fire. The fire originated in Brown's house and is supposed to have been caused by a defective flue. Loss, $500. Covered by insurance.

Mr. Alfred Barlow of Mahanoy City, who lost his house and furniture by fire on the 15th of May, was insured in the Merchant's Insurance Company of Hartford. On the 26th of May he received the amount of his insurance in that Company, $1,230 45. For policies in this Company apply to Sheafer & Lowrey, No. 180 Centre Street, Pottsville.

Temperance.—To-morrow (Sabbath) morning, Rev. Bennet Coombe, of Philadelphia, Corresponding Secretary of the Eastern District of the Pennsylvania State Temperance Union, will preach a Temperance Sermon, in the M. E. Church, in this Borough. Mr. Coombe is an able speaker, and we would advise the friends of temperance in our sister borough to go and hear him.

Hook, Post, G. A. R., of Hazleton, will hold a Fair on the 26th and 27th inst., for the benefit of the widows and soldiers of orphans. They are desirous of borrowing relics for the relic department, and if any persons here having relics will lend them, Mr. H. H. Davis now at the Union Hotel, this Borough, will take charge of them, and be responsible for their safe return.

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Berger Wm
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Engel John
Gerhard William
Hogan Thos
Harrel John
Hovinahan John
Hinchelf Jacob
Hore Marg
Jones John B
Joice Margaret
Kutz & shafer
Kisler James
Lachen John
Mulligan Francis
Mam Coal Co
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Williams Reece
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Alms House Report.—The regular monthly meeting of the Directors of the Poor, of Schuylkill County, was held at the Alms House, June 1, 1868. Present, I. Orwig, Jr., E. T. Hughes, M. N. Fehr.

The following is the census of the House for the month ending May 31, 1868.

	No. of Inmates in the House April 30, 1868	374
	Admitted during the month	31
		May 31, 1868.. 405
	Decrease last month	11
	No. of Inmates in the House May 31, 1867	356
	" " " May 31, 1868..	363
	Increase this year	7

Of the above 59 are insane and idiotic; 76 under medical treatment; 62 children.

Admitted during the month, 29; Discharged and absconded, 29; Indentured, 5; Died, 3.

Lodging and meals were furnished to 139 persons.

Out-door relief was granted to 24 families, amounting to 311 75.

Bills were read, and orders were drawn thus:

In favor of Contractors	$2,509 41
Previous issue	23,470 20
Total in 1868	$25,979 61

The Mourning of Corporal John A. Maurer.—In our last we briefly announced the death of John Maurer, late a veteran of Company A, Fiftieth Pennsylvania Regiment, and at the time of his death a corporal in Capt. S. C. Williamson's company, Forty-second United States Infantry, was accidentally drowned in Sackett's Harbor, New York, on the 22d ultimo. Since then we have received a letter from Lieut. Williamson, which pays a high tribute to the character of the deceased. We make the following extract from the Captain's letter:—

I have never known of his being under the influence of liquor, and have never had occasion to reprimand or punish him for anything. He was a model soldier one whom I was sincerely sorry to lose.

With my permission he went out fishing one evening with Sergeant Kelly and Corp. Wright. Corp. Wright was rowing and in endeavoring to change places with Sergeant Kelly, the boat was capsized. Sergeant Kelly, clinging to the boat, while the other attempted to swim ashore and they both went down. Their bodies were recovered next morning.

The body of Corporal Maurer was placed in a metalic coffin by his Company, and transmitted to his friends in this County. It arrived on Thursday of last week and was interred on Friday in the Burying ground of Salem Church, Upper Mahantongo township.

Captain Williamson and his men are entitled to the warmest thanks for their care and solicitude in transmitting the remains of Corporal Maurer to his relatives.

New Iron Furnace.—All the preliminary arrangements having been made, and the Company having been organized, work has been commenced on Schuylkill Haven on the buildings required for the Griffith Direct Iron Reducing Furnace. The site selected by the Company is one of the most eligible for a work of this kind, in the County, bounded as it is on the east by the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad, and on the west by the Schuylkill Canal. The necessary excavations for the foundations of the buildings are being made, and the stone masons are cutting and preparing stone. The castings are all made, the lumber ordered, and the work on the machinery, etc., is being pushed forward as rapidly as possible.

We understand the Company starts out under very auspicious circumstances. Twenty-five per cent. of the capital subscribed, has been paid in, and under these circumstances the energetic President, T. C. Zalick, Esq., there is every prospect of the early and satisfactory completion of the Furnace. The project promises to result differently from the unfinished steel works at the same point a year since.

It will probably, be of interest to the reader to state that by the new and simple process the ingoting of Mr. Griffith, the iron will be cast at the Furnace, rolled iron of any kind, rails, rods, bars, and sheets, are produced from the ore with only one heating. The apparatus consists essentially of a series of vertical retorts with movable bottoms communicating with a puddling chamber. The retorts are charged with the broken ore and charcoal, in alternate layers, after reduction, is drawn off into a puddling chamber where the anthracite carbon is burned out and the metal is piled into balls for the rollers. The fuel used in the operation is anthracite through which a strong blast of steam is driven; the vapor of water is decomposed by the heat, the hydrogen, released, gives out an intense heat, and the liberated oxygen powerfully supports the combustion.

The works at Schuylkill Haven we learn, will be in operation within two months, and will under the superintendence of Mr. Griffith, the patentee of the direction process.

The Board of Management consists of T. C. Zalick, Esq., President; Thos. Wren, Charles Wilcox and Charles Meck.

Proceedings of the Pottsville School Board.—A stated meeting of the Board was held on Wednesday evening last. Present, Messrs. Little, Wells, Roseberry, Derr, Huber, Lindenmuth, Hodgson, Hetbner, Fox, Martz, and Boyer, President: also Supt. Patterson.

The building has undergone a thorough repair, and the first business was the organization of the Board.

On motion Mr. Huber was elected temporary Secretary, in the absence temporary Secretary.

The new members, Mr. Edmunds, in place of Mr. Roseberry, Mr. Huntzinger, in place of Mr. Keim, Mr. Snyder, in place of Mr. Wright, then took their seats, and on motion the Board proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year.

Messrs. Wm. E. Boyer and D. A. Smith were nominated for President. Mr. Boyer declined on account of ill health, and on calling the roll Mr. Smith was unanimously elected.

Mr. Little was nominated for Secretary, and there being no opposition was unanimously elected.

On motion a vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. Boyer, the retiring President, for his efficient service as presiding officer during the past two years with regret that his health would not permit him to still act in that capacity.

The President elect, Mr. Smith, being absent, on motion Mr. Huber was elected President pro tem.

On motion the rules were suspended in order to allow Mr. Glassmire to make a statement in regard to his son going to school, which, after consideration was referred to a Special Committee consisting of Messrs. Wells, Hodgson and Derr.

Mr. Wells, from Building Committee, reported that work had been commenced on new school buildings at Palo Alto.

The following bills were presented: Wm. H. Davis, hauling away ashes, $3, laid over; Shmn & Altman, for work on new building, $84, 20 referred to Building Committee; John Knarr, for wood, $1, 50, ordered to be paid.

Supt. Patterson presented his report for the last two weeks of the fiscal year ending May 20th, 1868: Whole No. 1,630; average attendance, 1,297; per cent. for month, 90; per cent. for term, 81.

The Secretary reported as follows. Total amount of orders issued to date, $25,121 97, of which $13,740 73, was for school purposes, and $11,380 24 for building purposes.

On motion the Secretary was instructed to employ a person to make out School Tax Duplicate for the year.

The Secretary was instructed to inform Mr. Smith of his election as President.

The Fabrid Death.—Pursuant to instructions contained in Order No. 11, Headquarters G. A. R., Post No. 46, Commander-in-Chief, the following order was issued by Commander Hook:

HEADQUARTERS POST NO. 46, G. A. R.,
Schuylkill Haven, May 30, 1868.

Comrades:—In accordance with the above order, you are hereby notified to assemble at your Hall on Sunday, May 31st, 1868, at the request of Ella Post, as an appropriate confession to the memory of decorating the graves of our dead companions-in-arms.

Resolved, That a copy of this decourse be respectfully requested for publication.

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered on the minutes, and that a copy of the same be engrossed, signed by the proper officers, and presented to Dr. Moore, as a token of the respect and gratitude entertained for him by the members of the Post.

Dr. Fox, from Committee to confer with Mr. S. Thomas in relation to the right of property on the east side of Fifth street, below Pahantongo, reported that the original width of the street at that place was twenty feet; that the former owners of property had granted ten feet on each side to the borough for this there to be added to the deeds to the borough in existence; that the original line of the south side of the street was sixteen feet from the west side of Mr. Thomas' property; that the pavement on the west side of the street extended out over the proper line of the street; and that Mr. Thomas proposed if Council would fix a line for other citizens to build on, in accordance as it now stands on the west side of his property, he would have pavement laid. The Committee was discharged.

The Board of Adam Shertel, Borough Treasurer, in the sum of $5,000, was presented, and on motion of Mr. S. Heffner, was accepted, and ordered to be recorded.

The monthly statement of the Borough Treasurer was read and ordered to be filed.

A request signed by Messrs. T. Hussel, H. Staneh, John Hutchinson, Lally, Jr., and Donaldson, on the part of the members of the former Second Presbyterian congregation, asking the use of Council Chamber for religious services on Sabbath mornings, was read, and the request granted.

The monthly report of the Chief of Police, for May, was read, showing fines collected to amount of $14.

On motion of Mr. S. Heffner, the Street Committee was instructed to have the curb-stones in the middle, and the gutters on the Public Ground, property of Mr. Pott, re-set. The Committee was also instructed to notify the owners of property in High street, below Centre, to have gutters put in proper condition in front of their property.

On motion of Mr. Farquhar, a portion of the lot at Norwegian and Coal streets, adjoining the engine house, was ordered to be fenced in as a site for the Phœnix Engine House, and a Committee of three, consisting of Messrs. Farquhar, Brown and Shearer, was appointed to report a plan for the building, and the cost thereof.

On motion it was ordered that Council meet in Committee of the whole on Wednesday morning, June 3d, to make examination of the streets and pavements of the Borough.

Bills were read and orders drawn as follows:

Colborn & Hodgson, for election notices	$2 50
B. Barry	10 00
Night Police	121 75
Supervisor and street hands	183 25
Good Intent Fire Co., arrearages of appr	50 00
Previous issue	$140 50
	1,035 98
Total	$1,176 48

A Democratic County meeting was called for Monday last by Mr. Hipple Chairman of the Standing Committee. The hour fixed was 1 o'clock. About fifteen minutes after that hour Mr. Hipple called the meeting to order preparatory to it being organized by electing a President and attendance—for there immediately ensued a contest between the Irish and Germans present upon the chairmanship.—J. M. Wetherill and Jillyen, being the candidates. A ballot was had which was carried by the Irish, and Mr. Ryon by the Germans. The Irish vociferously insisted upon Mr. Wetherill taking the chair at once, and amid a brilliant passage of arms between Senator Randall and Mr. John M. Crosland,—during which the former impugned the political sincerity of the latter, and the latter impugned the Senatorial integrity of the former,—Mr. Wetherill took his seat. Then arose a scene short of triumph from the Irish, and the Germans in the meeting assembled, Mr. Wm. Handler, of the Jefferson Democrat, left it indignantly, and did not return. The Irish sing having sung, followed suit, and the Germans sing, and having everything its own way proceeded in a comparatively quiet manner, to appointing the other officers, a committee on resolutions, etc.—During the course of guilty, with a committee on resolutions Mr. Wetherill made a speech remarkable for nothing but its general untruthfulness. The committee on resolutions reported a series, which were adopted. One lauds the Democratic party in their future County conventions at one delegate for every hundred democratic votes and fraction. A fraction of fifty. Another named the County Standing Committee for the ensuing year. Another fixed Monday, July 20, for holding the County Convention for placing in nomination tickets in the field.

The scenes at Monday's meeting showed conclusively, that the Irish vote is bitterly hostile to the Democratic party in Schuylkill County, and will assert their rights in the party. It remains to be seen whether the Germans have the manliness to resent the unfair treatment to which they are continually subjected, by the Irish wing. They acted with spirit on Monday, when they refused to participate in the proceedings, after being bullied as they were. If they act with the same spirit at the polls, as we presume they are, they will be in no mood to submit to any further encroachments on their rights.

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Joice Margaret
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Kisler James
Lachen John
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We understand, we are to have a new mail route for our Southern Branch on the 1st of July, to be carried by the Reading Rail Road Co., *via* Pinegrove and Auburn. This will be good news to our business men, who have suffered great inconvenience heretofore.

A parade of several Councils of the Order of United American Mechanics took place in Lebanon, Berks County, on Monday last. Schuylkill Haven Council, No. 65, with band, was present. Among the speakers on the occasion, were Rev. Mr. Wickley of Port Clinton, and Mr. Helme of Council 65, both of whom acquitted themselves ably.

Married Testimonial.—A number of the German friends of Mr. Max Oestreich, the artizan who built the remarkably fine organ in Trinity Church, this Borough, appreciating the active exertions of Co. Hector Little, Esq., in carrying out for Mr. Oestreich the contract, whereby Mr. O. had an opportunity of demonstrating his ability to construct a first class large sized instrument, and thus establish his reputation as a first class builder, resolved recently to prepare for presentation to Mr. Little a testimonial expressive of that appreciation. They had a valuable and costly ebony, gold-headed cane prepared, and on Saturday evening last to the number of about twenty they invaded the peaceful little residence in Mahantongo street, of the gentleman to be honored, and taking possession of the parlor, proceeded to carry out their resolution. Hon. Myer Strouse made the presentation in a neat and appropriate speech, stating in effect that the present was induced by the very kindly interest which Mr. Little had evinced in the welfare of a worthy German artizan, and for the important assistance he had rendered Mr. Oestreich in establishing his reputation as an organ-builder, by enabling him to obtain the contract to build the organ of Trinity Church. Mr. Little in reply expressed his great happiness that he had to any degree, been instrumental in bringing prominently before the public the skill, taste and talent, as an organ-builder, of Mr. Oestreich. Years ago we had had the pleasure of hearing the Trinity Church organ when it was in process of construction, and on that occasion we had formed a high opinion of the ability of Mr. Oestreich, and when Trinity Church was rebuilt and the necessity of a new and large organ had become apparent, he labored to have the contract given to Mr. Oestreich, in the belief of sending it abroad, and after considerable opposition succeeded. The result, Mr. Little was gratified to say, justified his choice. Mr. Little felt this substantial recognition of his services by gentlemen of culture and taste, as one of the happiest events of his life; one of which he, his children and children's children, would ever be proud.

After the presentation the company partook of an elegant repast, at which the amiable and accomplished wife of the hospitable host gracefully presided.

The evening will long be remembered by the participants, as a most delightful one.

The cane presented to Mr. Little bears an inscription which reads as follows:—"*Presented to C. Little, Esq., by the Friends of M. Oestreich, for his kindly aid in the Organ contract*" *at Pottsville.* 1868."

Proceedings of the Borough Council.—A stated meeting of Council was held on Tuesday evening last. Present, Messrs. Cochran, Seltzinger, Geiger, Heffner, Hill, Shearer, Farquhar, Brown, Lauer, Lee, Leonard, Kiehzle, Farquhar, and Fox, President.

The minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

The Street Committee reported that the streets in Fishbach were being repaired.

The Finance Committee exhibited in favor of the payment of arrearages of annual appropriation to the Good Intent Fire Company, amounting to $50. The report was accepted, and the Clerk authorized to draw an order for the same.

Mr. S. Heffner, from Committee appointed to investigate charges against boys who had broken into the basement of the building and had destroyed property, reported that the case had been settled by the parents of the boys giving security for their good behaviour for one year, and the Committee discharged.

Mr. Fox, from Committee to confer with Mr. S. Thomas in relation to the right of property on the east side of Fifth street, below Pahantongo, reported that the original width of the street at that place was twenty feet; that the former owners of property had granted ten feet on each side to the borough for this there to be added to the deeds to the borough in existence; that the original line of the south side of the street was sixteen feet from the west side of Mr. Thomas' property; that the pavement on the west side of the street extended out over the proper line of the street; and that Mr. Thomas proposed if Council would fix a line for other citizens to build on, in accordance as it now stands on the west side of his property, he would have pavement laid. The Committee was discharged.

The Board of Adam Shertel, Borough Treasurer, in the sum of $5,000, was presented, and on motion of Mr. S. Heffner, was accepted, and ordered to be recorded.

The monthly statement of the Borough Treasurer was read and ordered to be filed.

A request signed by Messrs. T. Hussel, H. Staneh, John Hutchinson, Lally, Jr., and Donaldson, on the part of the members of the former Second Presbyterian congregation, asking the use of Council Chamber for religious services on Sabbath mornings, was read, and the request granted.

The monthly report of the Chief of Police, for May, was read, showing fines collected to amount of $14.

On motion of Mr. S. Heffner, the Street Committee was instructed to have the curb-stones in the middle, and the gutters on the Public Ground, property of Mr. Pott, re-set. The Committee was also instructed to notify the owners of property in High street, below Centre, to have gutters put in proper condition in front of their property.

On motion of Mr. Farquhar, a portion of the lot at Norwegian and Coal streets, adjoining the engine house, was ordered to be fenced in as a site for the Phœnix Engine House, and a Committee of three, consisting of Messrs. Farquhar, Brown and Shearer, was appointed to report a plan for the building, and the cost thereof.

On motion it was ordered that Council meet in Committee of the whole on Wednesday morning, June 3d, to make examination of the streets and pavements of the Borough.

Bills were read and orders drawn as follows:

Colborn & Hodgson, for election notices	$2 50
B. Barry	10 00
Night Police	121 75
Supervisor and street hands	183 25
Good Intent Fire Co., arrearages of appr	50 00
Previous issue	$140 50
	1,035 98
Total	$1,176 48

A Democratic County meeting was called for Monday last by Mr. Hipple Chairman of the Standing Committee. The hour fixed was 1 o'clock. About fifteen minutes after that hour Mr. Hipple called the meeting to order preparatory to it being organized by electing a President and attendance—for there immediately ensued a contest between the Irish and Germans present upon the chairmanship.—J. M. Wetherill and Jillyen, being the candidates. A ballot was had which was carried by the Irish, and Mr. Ryon by the Germans. The Irish vociferously insisted upon Mr. Wetherill taking the chair at once, and amid a brilliant passage of arms between Senator Randall and Mr. John M. Crosland,—during which the former impugned the political sincerity of the latter, and the latter impugned the Senatorial integrity of the former,—Mr. Wetherill took his seat. Then arose a scene short of triumph from the Irish, and the Germans in the meeting assembled, Mr. Wm. Handler, of the Jefferson Democrat, left it indignantly, and did not return. The Irish sing having sung, followed suit, and the Germans sing, and having everything its own way proceeded in a comparatively quiet manner, to appointing the other officers, a committee on resolutions, etc.—During the course of guilty, with a committee on resolutions Mr. Wetherill made a speech remarkable for nothing but its general untruthfulness. The committee on resolutions reported a series, which were adopted. One lauds the Democratic party in their future County conventions at one delegate for every hundred democratic votes and fraction. A fraction of fifty. Another names the County Standing Committee for the ensuing year. Another fixed Monday, July 20, for holding the County Convention for placing in nomination tickets in the field.

The scenes at Monday's meeting showed conclusively, that the Irish vote is bitterly hostile to the Democratic party in Schuylkill County, and will assert their rights in the party. It remains to be seen whether the Germans have the manliness to resent the unfair treatment to which they are continually subjected, by the Irish wing. They acted with spirit on Monday, when they refused to participate in the proceedings, after being bullied as they were. If they act with the same spirit at the polls, as we presume they are, they will be in no mood to submit to any further encroachments on their rights.

It might be added to the account of Monday's proceedings, that they wound up with a grand set-to in Feather's bar-room, during which the tumblers and decanters were freely used, the unanimity of the widows and soldiers of orphans. They are desirous of borrowing relics for the relic department, and if any persons here having relics will lend them, Mr. H. H. Davis now at the Union Hotel, this Borough, will take charge of them, and be responsible for their safe return.

Biography of Gen. Grant.—A personal history of Gen. U. S. Grant, by Albert G. Richardson, has appeared. It is a large and finely printed octavo volume of over five hundred pages, containing twenty-five full page engravings, and is written in an able and interesting style. Mr. James B. Strembeck of Minersville, has been appointed agent, and is now canvassing this Borough for subscribers to it. It is the best biography of the Great Captain of the age which has appeared.

The following is a list of unclaimed letters remaining in the Post Office, at Pottsville, Pa., June 5, 1868:

Bockman Mr
Bolkey Wm
Berger Wm
Brenner Eliza
Engel John
Gerhard William
Hogan Thos
Harrel John
Hovinahan John
Hinchelf Jacob
Hore Marg
Jones John B
Joice Margaret
Kutz & shafer
Kisler James
Lachen John
Mulligan Francis
Mam Coal Co
Powell Jno W
Pohmer Michl
Payne Caroline
Smith Wm H
Thomas J W.
Thornton Chas
Williams Reece
White Bertha

Death of a Soldier.—Oliver W. Swartz, son of Morgan Swartz, innkeeper at Minersville, died at his residence in said Borough, on the 1st day of May, in the 23d year of his age. He was a member of Co. K, 48th Pa. Regiment, and served with great credit. On Wednesday afternoon last his remains were interred in the Cemetery of the Methodist Church, Minersville, attended by the grave by Post No. 17, G. A. R., by the Junior Sons of America, and a large number of citizens. He leaves a wife and child to mourn his early decease.

Base Ball.—A match game was played at Fountain Springs, on the 4th., between the Preston, Club of Girardville, and the Experts of Minersville. Score.—Preston, 24 runs; Expert, 16. Fly catches.—Preston, 8; Expert, 7.

The game was played at Girardville on Saturday last, between the Preston Club, and Mutual Nine, of Mahanoy City. Score.—Preston, 23 runs; Mutual Nine, 16. Fly catches.—Preston, 7; Mutual Nine, 2. Time of game, 2½ hours.

The Preston is a new Club, it being organized late last season. So far this season it seems to be quite successful in its matches.

Soldiers' and Sailors' Grant and Colfax Meeting.—There will be a meeting of ex-soldiers and sailors this evening at 7 o'clock, in the Union League Room, Seitz's building, for the purpose of taking the initiatory steps for a thorough organization in favor of Grant and Colfax. All honorably discharged soldiers and sailors are earnestly invited to attend. Gen. Grant is pre-eminently the choice of those who aided him in the field to whip armed treason. He is again on the advanced picket line, leading the enemy, and we feel sure he will be ably supported by those who were with him through the war, and who love the principles of which he is such an earnest exponent.

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