# Miners' Journal.

POTTSVILLE, PA.

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

## THE NATIONAL DEBT.

### The Reduction during the last Three Years.

### COPPERHEAD FALSEHOODS.

At a Copperhead meeting held in the Court House on Monday evening last, the audience had a rehash from the speakers, Messrs. John W. Ryan and F. W. Hughes, of the following which appeared in the last number of the Copperhead organ of this Borough:

INCREASE OF THE PUBLIC DEBT.

As a complete refutation of the standing assertion of the Radical press that the public debt has been *diminished* since the close of the war, it is only necessary to give the official figures of Mr. Secretary of the Treasury McCulloch. According to these, the debt was,

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| On March 31, 1865 | $2,682,593,011 24 |
| March 31, 1866 | 2,223,234,480 67 |
| July 31, 1868 | 2,611,687,851 34 |

showing an *increase* of the public debt in three years and four months of $388,249,194 52

SIX HUNDRED AND FIFTY-EIGHT MILLIONS, FIVE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-NINE THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED AND THREE DOLLARS AND THIRTY-THREE CENTS!

Unless the figures of the Secretary lie the Radical press must. At present we are decidedly of the opinion that it is not the Secretary.

Without going into the merits of the question in regard to the amount of responsibility of the Copperhead-Rebel party in initiating the Rebellion, causing the loss of hundreds of thousands of valuable lives, bringing mourning to thousands of hearts, and largely increasing the National debt, a question which is definitely settled in the minds of the people, let us see by official statements from the Treasury Department, what the amount of indebtedness incurred by the Government in consequence of the war, has been, and to what extent that indebtedness has been reduced.

After March 31, 1865, the date given above when the indebtedness is stated to be, $2,682,593,011 24, the military movements were on the most extensive scale, and may be summed up as follows:

March 29, 1865—Grant moved on Richmond.
April 2, 1865—Jeff. Davis evacuated Richmond.
April 3, 1865—Gen. Grant occupied Richmond.
April 9, 1865—Lee surrendered to Grant.
April 9, 1865—Defiance of Mobile captured by the Navy.
April 26, 1865—Howell Cobb surrendered to Wilson.
April 26, 1865—Johnston surrendered to Sherman.
May 10, 1865—The rebel navy surrendered.
May 11, 1865—Jeff. Davis was captured.
May 14, 1865—Kirby Smith surrendered to Canby.
June 2—Galveston (the last effort) was surrendered.

This closed hostilities, but contingent upon the termination of the war; the disbanding of the army, numbering nearly a million of volunteers; the payment in full of the troops; for transportation, of bounties, pensions, etc., the disbursements of the War Department for many months after the cessation of hostilities, were necessarily, very heavy. To give the reader an idea of this, we ask attention to the following statement of the expenditures of that Department since the close of the war, officially made by Revenue Commissioner Wells:

The aggregate expenditures made through or under the direction of the War Department from April 1, 1865, to June 30, 1867, inclusive, were $571,117,043 42. Of this aggregate, the disbursements for nine months, or from April 1, 1865, to December 31, 1865, were at the rate of $190,000,000 per annum, or at the rate of $15,833,333 33 per month, and amounted to

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| From April 1 to June 30, 1865 | $414,196,277 39 |
| From June 30 to Sept. 30, 1865 | 165,000,000 00 |
| From Sept. 30 to Dec. 31, 1865 | 91,129,541 65 |
| Total | $247,683,056 32 |

It thus appears that of the above total expenditures of the War Department, $647,683,000, or 70 per cent. of the whole, were directly contingent upon the termination of the war and the disbanding of the army, and were disbursed within the nine months immediately succeeding the surrender of Lee in April, 1865.

The balance of expenditure charged to the War Department on the books of the Treasury, viz: $269,428,787 10, covers a period of thirty months, or from January 1, 1866, to June 30, 1868, and represents the disbursements further contingent upon the termination of the war, such as the settlement of the accounts of troops; the regular expenses of the military establishment; the expense of the Indian War in the summer and fall of 1867; the payment of interest ($4,282,800 from July 1, 1866, to June 30, 1868;) the payments for property lost or destroyed in the military service of the United States ($11,500,000 were appropriated at the last session for claims ($10,330,000 in 1867-8) river and harbor improvements, and the expenses of fortifications entirely of a permanent character, including the expense of the construction, &c., &c.

In his annual report to Congress, Dec. 4, 1865, Secretary McCulloch stated that the debt was, on October 1, 1865, $2,808,549,437 55. That is a fair starting point from the aggregate indebtedness incurred, contingent upon the Democratic Rebellion, and we will take the debt statement published this week for the first of September, and see how the account stands, nearly three years after the appearance of Secretary McCulloch's report.

The exhibit just issued from the Treasury Department shows a total of $2,606,491,750 of Debt bearing Coin interest, $75,800,410 of Debt bearing Currency interest, $12,685,213,-64, which formerly paid interest, but which draws interest no longer (as the Government stands ready to redeem it on presentation.) The Debt bearing no interest (Greenbacks, &c.) is $412,984,911 37. The Public Debt of all kinds amounts, therefore, to $2,643,-256,285 01; from which deduct $107,641,-971 98 cash in the Treasury ($92,570,901 21 of it in coin) and the actual Debt is $2,535,-614,313 03; from which deduct the $35,314,-000 of bonds issued to the Pacific Railroad Company, and payable, principal and interest, by them, and the actual Debt is but $2,-500,300,313 03.

Now let us make a comparison with the Debt three years since:

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| National Debt, Oct. 1, '65 | $2,808,549,437 55 |
| " " Sept. 1, '68 | 2,500,300,313 03 |
| Reduction in 3 years | $308,249,124 52 |

Besides this we have paid more than $100,000,000 for Soldiers' Bounties, State War Claims, and other forms of National Debt, since the 1st of October, 1865. Thus far, we have reduced the actual National Debt by more than $100,000,000 per annum, since our Volunteers were generally paid off and mustered out.

While the National Debt has been thus satisfactorily reduced by the Republican Party, Congress by various amendments made to the internal revenue laws, has reduced taxation on the domestic industry of the country, as follows:

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| By act of July 13, 1866 | $60,000,000 |
| By act of March 2, 1867 | 40,000,000 |
| By act of February 3, 1868, (exemption of raw cotton) | 23,000,000 |
| By act of March 31, 1868 | 43,500,000 |
| Total | $167,269,000 |

Of this reduction $67,269,000 has been made by the late Congress.

To sum up, the Republican Party has in the last three years *reduced* the National Debt **Three Hundred and Eight Millions, Two Hundred and Forty-nine Thousand, One Hundred and Twenty-four Dollars and Fifty-Two Cents!** and reduced the taxes **One Hundred and Sixty-seven Millions of Dollars!**

Comment on this state of facts is unnecessary. We can but pity the mondacity of the speaker who utters, or of the newspaper editor who publishes, statements so utterly at variance with truth as the one we extract from the Copperhead organ. The reader can judge who does lie in this matter.

## Local Affairs.

### Weekly Almanac.

| Sept.—'68. | SUN RISES | SUN SETS | MOON'S CHANGE. |
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| 12 Saturday | 5 37 | 6 15 | |
| 13 Sunday | 5 38 | 6 13 | Full M. 1 31 1 er |
| 14 Monday | 5 39 | 6 11 | Last Q. 9 15 8 ev. |
| 15 Tuesday | 5 40 | 6 9 | New M. 8 23 mo. |
| 16 Wednesday | 5 41 | 6 8 | First Q. 23 10 24 mo. |
| 17 Thursday | 5 42 | 6 6 | |
| 18 Friday | 5 43 | 6 4 | |

### METEOROLOGICAL TABLE.

*Temperature for the Week.*

| September—1868. | 7 A. M. | 2 P. M. | 9 P. M. |
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| 5 Saturday | 69° | 74° | 69° |
| 7 Monday | 67 | 74 | 70 |
| 8 Tuesday | 68 | 74 | 72 |
| 9 Wednesday | 65 | 67 | 79 |
| 10 Thursday | 68 | 74 | 78 |
| 11 Friday | 70 | 79 | 80 |

*Samuel McGee* who was brutally beaten in Ashland, still lives, is recovering.

*G. W. Haupt, Esq.*, has resigned the Superintendency of common schools of Northumberland county.

A miner named Mathias Miller had his right hand severely injured in a mine near Ashland on Friday last.

On the 29th ult. in Mahanoy City William James had one of his feet crushed by being run over by a locomotive.

On the 2d inst in Mahanoy City a son of Wm. Wertz had one of his ribs fractured by being run over by a cart.

*The* Elastic Sponge Mattresses of any size, can be had at Fochtz's store. See advertisement in another column.

*Three* stables in Mahanoy City belonging to Messrs. Hosael, Kaley and Smith, were destroyed by fire on the 1st inst.

*General Grant Lodge*, No. 575, I.O. of O. F., of Mahanoy City, intend to have a parade on Wednesday, the 23d of this month.

*Hester Vaughn*, lately convicted in Philadelphia of infanticide, has become insane. She is to be conveyed to the State Insane Asylum at Harrisburg.

*Wm. Jones* who had his back broken in a mine near Ashland, about two weeks since, died on Friday last and was buried in this Borough on Sunday.

*Charles Lesgarin, jr.*, of Bear Gap, Northumberland county, was locked so securely by a colt on the 25th ult., that he died. He was aged about 40 years.

*Daniel Graves*, of Port Clinton an employee of the Phil. and Read. R. R. Co., was run over on Monday last by a train of cars and had both of his feet cut off.

*The Mozart Musical Association* gave a successful concert in Ashland on Thursday evening last. Odd Fellows' Hall was crowded, and the people were delighted.

*Lutheran Church.*—By invitation Rev Daniel Stock is to town on a visit to his first charge in the ministry, and will preach to-morrow morning and evening at the usual hours.

*At the* approaching County Fair at Orwigsburg there will be State as well as County premiums. These however, considering for County premiums, must be residents of the County.

*The* wife of David L. Davis of Mahanoy City, committed suicide last week, by taking rat poison. She was temporarily insane. She was 40 years old and leaves several children.

*Coal.*—The Ashland *Advocate* predicting that Lebanon county will give a majority for Seymour and Blair in November. It is about as probable as the Democratic party ever becoming honest.

*The Rev. Dr. Nevin* will preach in the Council Chamber, old Second Presbyterian Church, Market street, to-morrow at 10½ A. M. and 7½ P. M. The public are respectfully invited. Seats free.

*Mr. V. Mosher* has opened a restaurant in Centre street nearly opposite the Episcopal Church. Mr. McAfee understands the business thoroughly, and should be liberally patronized by the public.

*Mystery Solved.*—Lewis Burkhard, the carriage builder, who lately disappeared in a mysterious manner from this Borough, has been heard from by his wife. He is in Chicago, working at his trade.

*The* new Town Hall in Mahanoy City is nearly completed, and will contain nearly seven hundred people. It is painted on the 16th inst., with a Ball, for the benefit of the Mahanoy City Cornet Band.

*The* agents of Pianalito are in town, and have made arrangements to give a series of entertainments in the Union Hall, on Sept. 24, 25 and 26. We understand they are very successful in pleasing their audiences.

*A curiosity* in the shape of a huge bean stalk, can be seen in front of the store attached to the premises of B. Dodderweich, No. 14 East Norwegian street. It was grown there; is 40 feet in length, and contains it is estimated, a bushel of beans.

*The* new iron works at Schuylkill Haven are nearly completed and ready for operation. Mr. John Lucas of this Borough, the Republican candidate for Assembly, is the principal owner and will start the works, taking stock in exchange for the same.

*Happy Symptoms.*—So sure are the young folks of prosperous times in view of the election of Grant and Colfax, that quite a number of wedding are on the tapis to come off before the Presidential election. Blessings given to everybody and his wife are for Grant and Colfax.

*Three* miners named Josiah Donnell, Croft Bartlett and Richard Pegg, were seriously injured last week at the mines of Borda & Carter, Greenwood, in consequence of the car in which they were coming up the slope, being drawn up too high, upsetting and throwing them out.

*A family* named Weitzwein, mother and six children, being deserted by the husband and father, a worthless fellow, were recently found by a farmer wandering in the woods near Ringtown, in a starving condition. He took the sufferers home, refusing to send them to the almshouse.

*A Valuable Soap.*—S. Nathans' original transparent crystalized vegetable soap, has a good reputation for its bathing properties, softening, cleansing the teeth, hardening the gum, and for removing blotches, pimples, sores, freckles, &c. It will also, remove grease, tar and paint. Nathan & Sachs, proprietors. It is sold by all druggists, and at the headquarters, A. P. Holms, Coal street above Norwegian.

*A Ladies' Fair* for the benefit of the English Reformed Church of this Borough, will commence in Union Hall on Wednesday next and continue six days. This congregation recently purchased a lot, erected a neat edifice, Market street, and desire to furnish it suitably. As the object is a very worthy one, and the ladies have used great taste in preparing to render the fair attractive, we trust that the public will liberally patronize it.

*On* Saturday afternoon Thomas Rodgers, of Girardville, was in Ashland attending a funeral. In the evening he started home, and at Girardville crossing he attempted to jump upon the front end of a moving train; missing his hold he was thrown under the car and the entire train passed over him. One leg was severed from the body, the other cut to pieces in two places. He died in about an hour. Rodgers leaves a family to mourn his loss.

*Returned from Europe.*—Judge Riley and Mr. Richard Riley, of Pottsville, arrived at New York on Monday last in the steamship "City of London." Mr. Edwards reached this Borough on Tuesday evening last. We understand that Judge Riley was very unwell during the entire passage out to Europe, and continued so sick after his arrival in England, that he remained there only two weeks, returning as stated. His health is now much better.

*Mrs. Elizabeth Conner*, mother of Col. J. J. Conner, died at her residence, located at the residence in Ashland, on Sunday morning last, at the advanced age of seventy-one years. Her remains were conveyed to Pottsville for interment, where the latter were accompanied by a large concourse of relatives and friends. Mrs. Conner was a resident of this County for more than thirty years and had resided in Ashland for the past fourteen or fifteen years.

*Knights of Pythias.*—A new lodge of this Order was instituted in Ashland on Tuesday evening last by the following officers:—W. C.—R. F. Potter, V. C.—J. M. Miller, W. F.—James Lowry,—R. S.—Geo. Strauch, F. S.—Frank Hunsinger, R.—G. H. Deacher. After the installation and adjournment, the Grand Lodge officers were invited by the new lodge to partake of a sumptuous Pretzel. It passed off we understand, very pleasantly.

*At the* annual festival of the Baltimore Schuetzen Association, which commenced on Monday, the 21th ult., and terminated on the 26th, the following prizes were awarded to our fellow-townsman, G. Schalk:

*For* 200 feet, off hand, 4th prize, $60; 500 feet, rest, 8th prize, $30; 900 feet, rifle target, 12th prize, $10; and the first prize for the best shots at targets A, B, C and D, $30. Mr. Schalk took a prize in every match in which he participated.

*A Ku-Klux* organization has we learn, been unearthed at Orwigsburg. A loyal resident discovered the secret meeting by peeping one night lately at the door of a certain prominent rebel sympathizer, while on a business visit. Supposing it to be one of their confederates, they opened the door, and admitted the visitor to the room where the conclave was at work. Such a getting up and down stairs, and concealing of books and papers, as then took place, of the visitor was never ascertained, and such a hustling of him out in short order, may be imagined but cannot be described.

*Theodore Tilton*, editor of the *Independent*, in a note to Mr. Bradbury, says:

"MY DEAR BRADBURY:—I have had the beautiful Piano sent home, and want to see how I like it, or like asking me how I like one of my children? In fact, if you were to ask the children, I'm afraid they would say that I like the Bradbury as well as they like me! It speaks every day the year round, and never loses its voice. I wish its owner could do half as well."

The Bradbury Piano is a delightful, sweet as well as a powerful instrument, and grows in favor every day. Orders for these Pianos, are taken at Bannan & Ramsey's bookstore.

*The following* is a list of letters remaining in the Pottsville Post Office, Sept. 11, 1868:

Bright Wm. Bryan, Jno. Bowen Matthew Mrs H
Beck Clarinda Graber & Kelchner Morrison Mrs B E
Coner Miss ClaraGallagher Ellen, Potts John C
Cadiers Peter Guffy Quinn Jane
Donohue Francis Houser Aaron Riley Michael
Dorsey Peter Keener Emma Reilly Catharine
Dyer Sarah Kessler Peter Scott Springfield
Evans J J Eckert John E Schuylkill
Eckert Caroline McNamara Park Miller Sarah B
Fuller Catharine Parfield Thomas Snyder Elizabeth
Weaver C

*Base Ball.*—A match game of base ball was played last Saturday, between the Keystone of Saratoga and the Mahanoy of Mahanoy City, resulting in even score, each club securing 30 runs. The game was very exciting owing to the light ball being used.

On Tuesday last the Mahanoy Valley Club played a match game at Tamaqua, with the Pioneer Club of that Borough. The game was called off in the seventh inning in consequence of darkness. Score, Mahanoy Valley, 43; Pioneer, 13.

The third match between the Lightfoot of Pottsville, and the Quickstep of Schuylkill Haven will be played on the grounds of the latter, on Saturday, Sept. 12th, if the weather should prove unfavorable it will be postponed.

*The Hornbeck School Board* met on Wednesday evening last. Present Messrs. Maltz, Hodgson, Fox, Bickel, Weidner, Hechner, Boyer, Hubber, and Smith, President.

Mr. Maltz, for Committee, reported that he had conferred with Judge Hofmeister, in regard to the Fiebbach Charge to be used for school purposes, but that the use of it could not be had.

It was resolved to proceed with the arrest and prosecution of boys who for some time past have been annoying the Pt. Carbon Road and the Mahanoy ville Road School Houses.

The bill of Mrs. Phillips, for labor, $1 50, was presented and ordered to be paid.

The resignation of Miss Southard, teacher at the Sharp Mountain School Building, was accepted, and to take effect on the 18th inst., and the Secretary was instructed to correspond with certain parties with a view to supply the vacancy.

Miss Ellen McCool made application for Outline Maps, for her School in the Centre Street School House, which was referred to the Book Committee and Superintendent Patterson, with instructions to report thereon.

*The first* annual picnic of W. C., No. 14, P. O. of F. S. of A., will be held in the Agricultural Park on Tuesday next, 15th inst. It is anticipated and we think with reason, from the careful arrangements which have been made for it, that it will be one of the most delightful festivals of this character, which has been held here this season. At a meeting of the Camp held on Monday evening, a resolution was adopted, requesting the citizens to display their bunting on that day so the town may wear a holiday appearance. Before proceeding to the grounds there will be a parade of the Order through the streets of the Borough. Officers and members of W. C., No. 14, also of Sister Camps, will meet at the Hall of W. C., No. 14, on Tuesday September 15, at 10 A. M. The parade will move at 10½ A. M., over the following route:

Down Market to Centre street, on Centre to Minersville street, up Minersville to Third street, down Third to Market street, up Market to Eighth street, up Eighth to Mahantongo street, down Mahantongo to Centre street, down Centre to March Chunk street, countermarch, up Centre to Norwegian street. Thence to the Park.

Should the weather be unfavorable, instead of the Picnic, there will be a Hop in the Union Hall on the evening of the 15th.

*The Long Agony Over.*—After a contest consuming a week, beginning at Coldspring and ending in Reading on Thursday last, Col. Jas. J. Conner was nominated for Congress by the conferees, consisting of Dr. D. S. Cooper, Grant Weidman and E. H. Rhoads, on the part of Lebanon, and W. B. Brindy, John P. Colliban and F. B. Kaercher, on the part of Schuylkill. This result was anticipated and creates no surprise. It is understood that Gloninger's conferees gave way only after the most positive assurance that he shall be the next candidate.

*The* following particulars in reference to the arrest of Wm. R. Griffith, charged with robbing Jas. L. Bogan, we find in the North American of Monday last:

Detective Welsh on Saturday returned to this city from Altoona, Pa. He brought as prisoner a young man, named William Griffith, charged with robbing James L. Bogan, of New York, of diamonds and a watch valued at $600, and $300 in money. The robbery was done about four weeks ago. Mr. Bogan was stopping at the Centennial Hotel, at Long Branch, N. J. His room was entered during his temporary absence. Griffith was suspected and measures were taken for his capture. The matter was placed in the hands of Mr. Webb, who, after a week's search, succeeded in finding him at Altoona. The diamonds were recovered where they had been left by the prisoner. The money he had in possession. The watch was found upon his person. He pleads poverty in extenuation of his offence. He is held to await a requisition from the New Jersey authorities.

*Fair of the Grand Army of the Republic at Minersville.*—Post No. 11, G. A. R., of Minersville, design holding a Fair for the benefit of the Post, on the 19th of October next. This is the first Post instituted in the County, and has labored under many disadvantages in carrying out the charitable measures included in the objects of the Order. The management of the Fair is in good hands, and the position of Minersville as a thriving, generally, second their efforts so nobly as has been the case in Pottsville and other places where Fairs have been held for the benefit of Posts, we have no doubt a handsome sum will be realized. Among the articles to be voted for at the Fair, is a handsome solid silver Fire Horn, which is open for competition to the whole County. Fire companies from all parts of the County are invited to compete. The ladies of some of the churches have already volunteered their services during the continuance of the Fair, and it is hoped that the others will follow suit. Any person wishing to contribute articles for the Fair, can inform the chairman of the Committee of arrangements, Mr. R. E. Levan, by mail or otherwise.

*A letter from a Former Slave.*—Among the many slaves who fell in and followed Sherman's army on its "March to the Sea," was a youth named Paul T. Keitt. He subsequently came to this County and lived here for some time, but is now in South Carolina. The following is a letter of a letter received from him by a citizen of this County, who showed him many kindnesses while he was here:

ST. MATTHEWS, S. C., Sep. 1st, 1868.

DEAR SIR:—I have left that part of the country where I lately lived to come here. I am at home—The people, all of them, are for General Grant and Colfax. I was born of color. I could not find but a white people for the Radical party.

I reached home on Sunday last, and my people were greatly delighted to see me. My mother was filled with joy when she saw me, and I am having a nice time, but I will come to Wilkesbarrow again. My people are now in quite good circumstances. They are not rich yet, but it is possible I will get them out.—Mr. Sooks are all at the Metropolitan Hotel, New York.

While I am at this place I will do all I can for Grant and Colfax.

Yours truly,
PAUL T. KEITT.

Considering the enslaved condition of Keitt but four years since, it is a very creditable production, and will we are sure be read with interest.

*Military Funerals.*—A Schuylkill Haven correspondent of the Tremont Local News writes to that paper as follows:

On Sunday last, 6th inst., we had two military funerals in that town, the remains of Corporal Stoughton Keffner, late of Co. C., 50th Pa. Vols., were consigned to their last resting place by his late comrades-in-arms, a detachment of soldiers accompanied the funeral cortege to the cemetery. Rev. J. P. Siele and Chaplain L. B. Boehly conducted the devotional exercises at the grave, after which the former delivered a funeral discourse in the Reformed church. The deceased came to his death by accident while coupling cars on the Rd. Ry. of Reading and Pottstown on the R. R. He was brakeman at the time on a Freight train, and it is supposed between the cars, he missed his footing, and in the jarring over the cars his head came in contact with some projectile which caused a concussion of the brain. He was found a few hours after lying in the ditch beside of the tracks insensible, in which condition he remained to the time of his death, Friday, 4th inst. He was quietly and peacefully called to his rest.

Between 2 and 3 o'clock of the same day (Sunday) the soldiery again turned out to pay their last tribute of respect to Col. John Conner, who died while he was a member of the same Co. and Regt. with Stoughton Keffner. His death occurred at Mahanoy City, of consumption, contracted in the army, from which place his remains were brought by his friends for interment at the place. The citizens turned out nearly en masse at this second funeral. Truly, our citizens seem to be thoroughly alive to the duties owing to the memory of our deceased soldiers. The Silver Band attended both funerals cheerfully, feeling it apparently their duty, for which they deserve universal thanks. It might be well to state that this was neither of the deceased belonged to the G. A. R. both funerals were conducted under the auspices of Post 26 of this place, assisted by the Orwegna Post.

*Workingmens' Benevolent Association.*—The following are the proceedings of a Delegate Convention of the Workingmen's Benevolent Association held September 3d, at St. Clair, Mr. John Toney, of St. Clair, presiding.

Mr. Richard Curnow, John M. Price, and Thomas Donaldson, were appointed a Committee on Credentials.

The County was then divided into Districts and numbered as follows:

On motion, St. Clair was awarded District No. 1, by acclamation, including New Castle, Mount Laffee, Mill Creek, and Branchdale.

District No. 2—Combola, Eagle Hill, Windy Harbor, New Philadelphia, Valley Furnace, and Silver Creek.

District No. 3—Tuscarora, Middleport, Kauls Mills, and Patterson.

District No. 4—Tamaqua, Newkirk, and Sackville.

District No. 5—Port Carbon, including a branch at New Boston, Smith's Trenton, East; Jackson's, Fowler's and Lankan's, on the North.

District No. 6—Pottsville, including two places.

District No. 7—Lost Creek, Raven's Run, Seltzinger's and Griscomb's.

District No. 8—Girardville, including Hunters, Preston 1 and 2, Connor's, Beatty's, Robinson's, Lawrence and Myrtles.

District No. 9—Ashland.

District No. 10—Locust Dale.

District No. 11—Thomaston, Glen Carbon, Taylorville and Mount Pleasant.

District No. 12—Minersville, Jonestown and Delaware.

District No. 13—Forestville, Llewellyn and Miller's Mines.

District No. 14—New Mines, Branch Dale and Swatara.

District No. 15—Tremont, Donaldson and Middle Creek.

District No. 16—Lorberry, and Upper and Lower Rausch Creek.

District No. 17—Potteville and Pishkarh.

On motion the headquarters were made movable.

The election of County Officers was then proceeded with, and resulted in the election of JOHN SINET, of St. Clair, for County President; GEO. GILBERT, of Mahanoy, as Secretary, and THOMAS WILLIAMS, of Mahanoy City, Treasurer.

On motion, an Executive Committee composed of one member from each District was elected to act in concert with the County Officers, each District to send the name of their Committee man to the County Secretary as soon as possible.

On motion, the County Secretary was instructed to write and have printed a price District Seals can be obtained at wholesale.

The President was then empowered to fix time and place for the meeting of the Executive Committee.

On motion the proceedings of this meeting were ordered to be published in the MINERS' JOURNAL and Workingmen's Standard.

The President appointed Tuesday, the 29th day of September, for the Committee to meet in St. Clair Hall, St. Clair, for the transaction of such business as may be brought before them.

Each District will please to elect their Committee-man in time to attend. Adjourned.

JOHN SINET, *Pres't.*
Attest—LEVI OHLY, *Sec'y.*

*"The Young Men's Democratic Association"* of this Borough, held a meeting at the Court House on Friday evening, which by the way one hundred persons were present, about one-third of whom were Republicans. The speakers were, Mr. John W. Ryan and Hon. F. W. Hughes.

Mr. Ryan occupied nearly two hours, which was a great trial to the patience of the audience, in reviewing the work of the founders of the Republican party, the principles of the various subordinate branches of the Government, the legislative, the executive and the judicial; in condemning the reconstruction acts of Congress, and in falsifying the record of the Republican party in regard to the finances. The only point in Mr. Ryan's argument which needs refutation is that which relates to the finances. He stated in substance that the debt had been largely increased since the close of the war by the Republican party. So far from this being the case as Mr. Ryan very well knows, the National Debt, as officially stated from the Treasury Department on the 1st of Sept. last, shows that the debt is $308,926,-000 less than it was on the 1st of Oct., 1865, when large forces had been required after the cessation of hostilities to pay hundreds of thousands of discharged soldiers their back pay, bounties, pensions, etc., and these have been paid more than $100,000,000 for soldiers' bounties, State war claims, and other forms of National debt. In place of increasing the National debt as charged by Mr. Ryan, the Republican party has actually reduced that debt by more than $100,000,000 per annum, since the volunteer soldiers were generally paid off and mustered out. And the debt would have been still further reduced, if the whisky ring composed almost exclusively of copperheads aided by dishonest officials appointed by Andrew Johnson, had not been permitted to plunder the National Treasury of millions of dollars in this manner. Remembrance to the Soldiers dead; and cherish deeds in our minds the associations and recollections which time cannot obliterate, and which will live and shine about its history's page, and wrapping its flag in light brilliant as its own golden stars.

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| Patrick Gannon, | Capt. |
| Edw. W. James, | 1st Lieutenant. |
| Chas. H. Parker, | 2d Lieutenant. |

The following were elected as Company officers:

*Captain*—JOHN P. JENKINS. *First Lieutenant*—EDWARD W. JAMES; *Second Lieutenant*—JOHN F. FINNEY.

The meeting adjourned to meet on Friday evening, Sept. 11th, at 7:30 sharp, for drill.

This interesting Club has organized under the most favorable auspices. It has now 90 names on its roll-book, and is expected that its membership will reach 100. The latter number of equipments—silver in color—has been ordered.

Silvertown, a large and enthusiastic meeting was held in Union Hall, on Friday evening, September 4th, at the Hotel of Mr. John Fanstenmacher, Bangtown. The meeting was called irrespective of party; but its sentiments was largely Republican. Speeches upon the topics of the day, were delivered by Wm. D. Seltzer, Esq., Wm. H. Freeman, Esq., and Daniel D. Billman, the Republican Candidate for District Attorney. The addresses were short, sharp and incisive, were attentively listened to, and evidently made a good impression. After the meeting had adjourned a power that would establish Republican forms of government within the States lately in rebellion. Immediate negro suffrage may not be the question, is it best to be, at present to save this country and seal it forever to the rule of democratic ignorance, bigotry and treason. Shall we hand it over to the Democracy to be ruled by them against freedom without negro suffrage? Gentlemen, the issue is fairly made up, and as Frank Blair, the noble and gallant soldier of the Democratic orchestra, has stated, it is the issue before the people.

Now, gentleman, I ask you whether there would be any danger of controlling this Government in the interest of freedom, if we only had to contend with the force that was defeated at Appomattox? Certainly none whatever. Where does the danger spring from? By themselves they are powerless. It is their old ally that gives them the power for evil. With open arms the Democracy of the North welcomed the bloody slaveholder, and the war had taught the old doughface leaders of the Democracy, nothing but that they were as inherently as ever they not only join hands with them, but vault into the saddle and ride the infernal chine as they did in good old times, when they could wallop niggers, drink whisky, and break in the brute Senate Chamber.

Fellow-citizens, if the Reconstruction laws of Congress are wiped out, slavery is once more established in the South in this country. It will be an easy thing to establish vagrant laws and a vagrant code which will be an excellent substitute for slavery and the slave code, and the heart of our South will, once more, glad the crack of the lash and the yelp of the bloodhound.

We regret that our space will not permit us to give in full Mr. Hackenberg's argument. He spoke at length of the manner in which the New York Democratic Convention was controlled by a mob whose hands were reeking with the blood of our Sailor brethren, more glorious than that ever shed by the Democratic party in its palmiest days. Democratic party in its full sympathy with Rebellion; he contrasted the merits of the respective candidates for the Presidency; he showed conclusively how the National Debt and taxes had been reduced by the Republican party; he spoke of Gen. Boseorans consorting with Rebels in Virginia about the *welfare of the country*; of the glorious prospect in Pennsylvania, and of the popular furore which will carry the old Keystone State in October by 20,000 of a majority.

The meeting adjourned with vociferous cheers for Grant and Colfax. It was a great success.

A regiment has been formed in this Borough of equipped Grant and Colfax clubs, with D. A. Smith as Colonel and Theo. Garretson as Lieutenant Colonel. There are five companies so far, lettered A, B, C, D, and E. The officers of Company A, are, Captain, O. C. Boyhayhatt; 1st Lieut., Mr. Neiss; 2d Lieut., M. V. B. Hutchinson. The regiment will parade on Friday night next on the occasion of the visit of Gov. Harriman of New Hampshire.

### COURT PROCEEDINGS.

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**September Term—Quarter Sessions.**

The Court opened on Monday morning last, with a full bench present. The first case called was that of Henry Lessig, charged with illegal voting at the October election of 1867, and on the indictment found by the grand jury at the last term of this Court. The case was called on the first day of the term, but was continued by the Court to the present term. The defendant is a watchmaker, and was charged with having voted at Reed's tavern in Minersville, after having his good name, when a mature voting citizen, between him and the old lady. Payment of costs dismissed.

Ann Mathews was charged with making violent threats as to Catharine Stark. The parties occupy adjoining houses, and each swears positively to the position of a house, and a dispute had arisen as to the true division line. In the course of the hearing, Christopher Dougherty, Esq., was called to the stand, and after obtaining from the Court a ruling that he was competent to testify, he proceeded to give his testimony. Before he could get fairly under way, however, Mr. Jones objected to his testimony, on the ground that he was counsel in the case, and could not be sworn. Mr. Dougherty then withdrew from the case, and Mr. Jones proceeded to examine him. The Court, however, ruled that Mr. Dougherty was competent to testify, and he was accordingly sworn. The testimony was conflicting, and the jury rendered a verdict of not guilty.

Stephen Grüver plead guilty to being the father of a bastard child born of Esther Deark, of North Union Township. The child was still born. Defendant was discharged by the Court.

Adam Weston plead guilty to an Assault and Battery on Walter Leonard. Leonard was teamster, and Weston stable-keeper at some colliery near Mahanoy City. An altercation between them about watering the mules, Leonard came at Weston, when the latter picked up a fence rail and struck Leonard in the face. Defendant sentenced to pay the costs.

Mary Creely, of Pinkbach, and her two boys, John and Daniel Creely, were charged with the use of a knife. They were charged with an Assault and Battery on John Collin, a boy of some 15 or 16 years. The boys had a misunderstanding, and Collin struck one of the Creely lads. A sanguinary broil-road had been entered in this pond, and the boys named were having a lively time of it, when Mrs. Creely, the mother of the boys, came to the rescue. She found Collin on the ground, and he was fairly whaling the life out of him, when Mrs. Creely took the field with a broom-stick, in support of her children. She struck Collin a blow that almost knocked him on the knee with a stone. The jury found Mrs. Creely guilty, but acquitted the boys.

John Clark, a boy of about 12 years of age, was charged by Stephen Lynch with having thrown a stone and broken two of the windows in his house. He was about 8 years old, and died with having cut her head with a stone. Several children were called as witnesses for the prosecution, and they testified to the truth of the nurse's arms. The jury acquitted the boy, but directed that the costs be paid by the parents. The latter paid Squire Palmer.

Mary Johnson, colored, was tried for cutting down a clothes line, on which Sarah Leary had hung her wash. The line belonged to a Mrs. Bolla, and was stretched in a yard accessible to both parties. The owner had given Sarah permission to use the line, but Mary Johnson claimed that Sarah had not. Johnson threatened that she would cut the line if Sarah hung her clothes on it. Verdict, defendant not guilty, but to pay the costs. Squire Palmer.


[COMMUNICATED.]

RINGGOLD, Sept. 10, 1868.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—You seldom get a communication from this hitherto quiet portion of Schuylkill county—recently, however, it has become quite a notorious locality. The stream of visitors from points remote from here, attests their presence. Public fame attests each fact, if we had not more reliable evidence of it. We have that evidence. Let me present it. Some time since, a machine, brought on from Pottsville, by P. W. Hughes, Esq., accepted a proposition from J. Jameson, Esq., to test at the force of the water on the premises of the latter, the value of a process patented by Mr. Jameson, for making wrought iron blooms direct from the ore. A furnace, adapted to the working of this plan was soon erected and some blooms of a very superior character made, but the water power that worked the blowing machine, was found by the test made by the end of December last. Early last March, the experiment was resumed, and after about thirty tons of iron was blown through the machine, it was found entirely adequate to the work, and has been successfully operating ever since. The machine is driven by a 12 horse power engine, having two 12 inch cylinders and 4 feet stroke. The blast is conducted from the engine to the machine, a distance of 200 feet, through a 12 inch pipe, and is delivered at the rate of 300 cubic feet per minute, at a pressure of 4 pounds to the square inch. The machine consists of a cylinder 4 feet in diameter and 4 feet high, in which a piston works, and is connected with the engine by a rod 12 inches in diameter. The piston is packed with leather, and is worked at the rate of 30 strokes per minute. The cylinder is supplied with air through a valve box, which is connected with the cylinder by a pipe 12 inches in diameter. The valve box contains 4 valves, which are worked by the piston rod, and which admit the air to the cylinder on the down stroke, and force it out on the up stroke. The air is compressed in the cylinder to about 4 pounds to the square inch, and is forced through a pipe 6 inches in diameter, into the bottom of the furnace, where it is delivered through a nozzle 2 inches in diameter, at a pressure of 4 pounds to the square inch. The furnaces, each with two fires, are constructed at a cost of about $1200, and each are capable of producing ten tons of blooms per week. They are somewhat in the form of a cone, having however a frustum for the top of about 10 feet in height. A refining fire is in front, into which the blast pipe enters on the side. The metal as it is melted from the fire, passes into a chamber, where combustion takes place, and thence into the combustion of the gases emitted from the ore. The blooms are then taken from the refining fire, and by hammering and rolling, are brought into bars of various qualities as have been taken up from the ore in its progress) through and out of the stack. The fire chambers, and the stack itself, are lined with fire brick. The fire chambers are also encased, then crushed, and first placed in the top or fifth chamber. Into the first and second chambers a current of steam is injected whereby hydrogen is generated for the purpose of aiding in the calcining and reduction of the ore. The floor of the top chamber is a table made of fire-clay blocks, with an opening at the end opposite from the blowing machine, through which the ore is thrown in. On this table the ore is spread out, and after being here subjected to the operation of the burning gases as they are pushed down through the stack at the end of the table opposite to the door on to a like table in the chamber below, where it is again spread out and turned by means for a time as before, and then passes on to