# Miners' Journal.

POTTSVILLE, PA.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1868.

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

## THE TENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT.

After a long contest, to which we adverted in our last, the Democratic conferees finally nominated Col. J. J. Conner for Congress from this District. It seems that Dr. Gloninger's conferees although quite firm for several days, finally succumbed under the threats that if their choice should be nominated he would not be elected. In this insulting manner the nomination was effected. It is not probable that the Democracy of Lebanon will submit uncomplainingly to this style of doing things, and we look confidently to a largely increased majority in that County, for Gen. Cake, the Republican candidate for Congress.

To Col. Conner, as we have already said, we have no personal objection. We recognize the fact that during the Rebellion he had the independence to publicly condemn the Copperhead party, and that he was not known as a sympathizer with secession.—This is to his credit. But his acceptance now of the Copperhead platform of Rebellion and Repudiation, by becoming the candidate on that party for Congress, precludes the possibility of any citizen who desires the maintenance peace and prosperity, and the maintenance of the National credit, to vote for him. He is the candidate, also, of the party, which, however, it may be in Pennsylvania, is as a national party, the opponent to American Industry, and every vote cast for its candidates, here or elsewhere, will be hailed by the advocates of Free Trade as a vote in favor of that pernicious principle. For these political reasons no citizen interested in the material welfare of the country, can vote for Col. Conner. There is another obstacle of a personal character, which even his friends admit is an impediment to his being an active and efficient representative, in case of his election. We allude to his health, the impaired condition of which would in all probability, break down under the arduous duties and excitement incident to a session of Congress. While, therefore, Col. Conner is estimable as a man and a citizen, the weighty reasons given why he should not be elected, should be paramount to all personal considerations.

Of Gen. Cake it can be said truly, that a more attentive, hardworking, courteous representative was never sent to Congress, from this or any other district. His able advocacy of Protection has won him a reputation which extends beyond the borders of the State, and leading journalists do not hesitate to declare that his late speech on the Tariff, delivered in the House, was one of the most powerful of the session. On this question alone the experience which Gen. Cake has had in Congress, renders him peculiarly valuable to not only this District, but to the State and the entire country, which are jointly interested in the speedy passage of an adequate Protective Tariff. For this reason alone if for no other, Gen. Cake should be retained in Congress, as he can accomplish more for the interests of the manufacturer and the workingman, than a new member who must devote at least a session to learning the duties of his position. Irrespective of personal considerations the interests of the District require that Gen. Cake should be returned.

At the October election, let every voter realize the fact that Col. Conner is the representative—by standing on the Copperhead platform—of a New Rebellion, of Repudiation, and Free Trade; and that Gen. Cake is the representative of Peace and Prosperity; of maintaining the National integrity, and of Protecting American Labor from the low labor and cheap capital of Europe. These are the issues, and you vote for one or the other in voting for the candidates named. Think well before you vote, and when you do vote let it be for the Right.

## MAINE.

She has nobly accompanied Vermont. The Democracy worked hard to carry her. They canvassed the State thoroughly. Their best speakers were thrown in. Every means were used, and the result is that the Republican majority has been doubled. It is now settled that the same causes which have carried Vermont and Maine, will sweep over the country, and elect Grant and Colfax by a majority never given before to any candidates. The people have decided in favor of Peace, Prosperity and the maintenance of the National credit in opposition to Repudiation and a new Rebellion.

And so the good work goes on.

Now for Pennsylvania with her 20,000 Republican majority in October, and her 50,000 for Grant in November!

## THE SOUTHERN STORM.

A staunch Union man, Dr. J. H. Henry, of Selma, Alabama, writes to the Chairman of our County Committee:

I tell you sir we are in times of peril in this Southern land. The question is all Union men *to here the North—will the people of the North forget the heroic dead and the heroic army?*

Say to our Republican friends work, work.

We, at the South are in the storm, and if the North re-amen fail to take the Republican ship to port we are gone.

To which the Chairman replies as follows:

Be not dismayed. The great loyal heart of our country North, is right. You have heard from *Vermont*, and will hear from Maine and Pennsylvania. Our vaults, and all will echo in thunder tones, "Let us have Peace." Treason North and treason South, failed at the ballot box and will do so again. Tell your people to be of good heart. We in the North do not mean to lose a victory bought at the price of so much blood and so much treasure. J. C. F.

## $40,000 to $50,000.

If the Tax payers of Schuylkill County will elect the Republican Ticket this Fall, they will save from **$40,000 to $50,000** a year in the taxes of the County. This is an important consideration for Tax-payers of all parties.

The Seymour and Blair men profess to be delighted with the result in Maine, where, in one year, the Republican majority has been increased ten thousand. They were delighted also with Vermont, where the Republican majority was increased about seven thousand.

Let us Pennsylvania Republicans resolve to add to their joy by giving twenty five thousand in October for the State ticket; and if we can double that for Grant in November, it may be considered that their cup of happiness will be full.

EDITOR'S TABLE.

DR. MODENWELT for September has been received, and is a very fine number. Subscriptions received by Benjamin Ramsey.

The GALAXY for September, contains several fine full page illustrations and a large quantity of reading matter by popular writers. Published by Sheldon & Co., Nos. 498 and 500, Broadway, New York. The tone and ability of this magazine are excelled by no American publication of similar character.

# Local Affairs.

## Weekly Almanac.

**Sept.—'68.**

| | SUN RISES | SUN SETS | MOON'S CHANGE |
|---|---|---|---|
| 19 SATURDAY | 5 44 | 6 3 | |
| 20 SUNDAY | 5 45 | 6 1 | Full M. |
| 21 MONDAY | 5 46 | 6 0 | Last Q. |
| 22 TUESDAY | 5 47 | 5 58 | New M. |
| 23 WEDNESDAY | 5 48 | 5 56 | First Q. |
| 24 THURSDAY | 5 49 | 5 54 | |
| 25 FRIDAY | 5 50 | 5 52 | |

| | H. | M. |
|---|---|---|
| Full M. | 1 | 37 |
| Last Q. | 9 | 27 |
| New M. | 16 | 8 |
| First Q. | 22 | 10 |

## METEOROLOGICAL TABLE.

*Temperature for the Week.*

| September—1868. | 7 A. M. | NOON. | 7 P. M. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 12 Saturday | 72 | 80 | 76 |
| 14 Monday | 73 | 76 | 73 |
| 15 Tuesday | 63 | 73 | 69 |
| 16 Wednesday | 64 | 64 | 60 |
| 17 Thursday | 61 | 61 | 58 |
| 18 Friday | 49 | 68 | 64 |

*Frost* on Wednesday night.

*Pianalino Combination* is coming.

*Three* good second hand pianos for sale cheap at Lemmer's, 193 Centre street.

*Dr. Geo W. Saylor* was slightly injured by a runaway near Tamaqua, last week.

*The School Board* held no meeting on Wednesday evening last, there not being a quorum present.

*The* court has granted the order for the construction of a new bridge, near John Koerper's, Tremont.

*Miss H. A. Crain* has returned, and is ready to receive pupils on the piano, cottage organ, and melodion.

*Rev. Dr. Nevin* will preach in the Council Chamber to-morrow morning at 10½ o'clock, and in the evening at 7½ o'clock.

*Large Tomato.*—Mr. Wm. Hartzog of Belmont, left at our office this week a tomato of his own raising which weighed 1 pound and 6 ounces. Hard to beat.

*Miners' Nat. Bank.*—One hundred shares of the Miners' National Bank Stock wanted. Apply to L. F. Whitney, Banker, Pottsville. 38-3:

*"Big Lie."* A notorious character of Tamaqua, has been "jugged" for thirty days. The Journal says that she is a hard case and should be kept in jail.

*Church Dedication.*—The "House of God," (Independent) in Auburn, will be dedicated on Sunday, 27th instant. The public is invited to participate in the services.

*The* members of Mountain City T. of H. and T., No 24, will celebrate an anniversary of the order this evening, at their Hall, corner Market and second streets.

*Rev. Uriel Grotes*, late Pastor of the English Evangelical Lutheran Church of this Borough, will preach his farewell sermon, on to-morrow (Sunday) morning, at 10:30 o'clock.

*The North American Life and Accidental Insurance Company*, of Philadelphia is a reliable and popular Company. Schaefer & Lowry, agents, No. 180 Centre street.

*On* Sunday afternoon, 5th inst., Jno. O. Williams and Dave Harris, were confined in the jail at Sunbury, scaled the yard walls by the aid of a pump rod, and made their escape.

*Mrs. Watson* wife of Mr. Joseph Watson, barber, formerly a resident of Pottsville but of late years residing in Reading, will be buried to-day. The corpse will arrive in the noon train.

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October 2.—Ten A. M., grand street parade.

Half-past seven P. M., mass meeting in Independence Square, to be addressed by eminent civilians, by torchlight procession.

Delegations from all parts of the State will be on hand. Among the distinguished visitors will be Generals Sherman, Logan, Hawley, and Sickles.

*The Great Reform Mystery Solved.*—We have reliable authority for stating, on most unquestionable testimony with the disappearance of Capt. Rebrer in Schuylkill county several months since, and which elicited so much excitement from the newspaper press of this State, has at last been partially unravelled. A body of a man was found in a colliery, by a little girl, on Monday, near by the Lehigh Valley Depot. Before we last seen, and on examination of the clothing it was found to be that of the missing man. It is evident that he was foully death and buried, but concealed by the mass in that place. The old excitement which ran so high for several months in Schuylkill county has been revived and the discovery of the remains furnishes the topic of conversation in all circles.—*Reading Dispatch.*

The recent finding of a human skeleton in an old drift between Tremont and Donaldson, is correct. But it was an old skeleton which for some seventeen years had been kept in Tremont, when the parties owning it becoming tired of it, took it and threw it into the drift as stated. The parties explained the matter fully shortly after the discovery which for a time naturally created considerable excitement. No clothing which belonged to the missing man, Capt. Rebrer, has been discovered, and in fact the cause and manner of his disappearance are still involved in deep and apparently impenetrable mystery.

The following additional fact in connection with this matter we extract from the Tremont Local News of Thursday:

Quite a noise was created in our borough on Saturday morning, by the report that all the prominent bones of a human skeleton had been found in "Lacey's old mine," about a mile south of town. It seems that a boy named Frederick Steckel, had been gathering coal from a bank near by, upon his mind took a scientific turn, and he ventured to investigate the interior of the abandoned tunnel. Imagine his surprise, when at the very mouth of the mine, in, almost entirely exposed, the prominent bones of a human being.—The nature of his discovery was made known to Dr. Bechtel, Esq., and others, who took charge of the bones, and then proceeded to the mines to search for more of fallen mortals. After a brief search, it was alleged, was the main cause of trouble between the parties, by reporting unfounded stories to him about the wife of the latter, and charging to her the neglect of household duties—to cook the meals, &c.—was highly appreciated. Dutt is a farmer, and in fair circumstances, and has a family of children. He was out of work, and to undergo 30 days' imprisonment. Two young children of the parties were directed to be given to the wife's care.

Martin Noppeiser, a constable in Union township, was charged with misdemeanor in office in depositing votes before and after the hour prescribed for him, contrary to act of Assembly. Found guilty. Motion in arrest of judgment, and for a new trial.

Elizabeth Gehret was tried and convicted of an assault and Battery on Maria Long. Parties' children formed the bone of contention. The plaintiff's child is now appealing to the people for a re-election, your committee would encompound to the payers of the same by the levying of any cause of those entitled officers to any office whatever in the County hereafter, which will be a great saving to the people's money hereafter.

As to the complaints of irregularity and favoritism in the appointment of Commissioners' clerks, your committee would say that we have no power to act, but simply to investigate and report, and then found that considerable irregularity did not exist in the matter. The defendants have been in charge of the expense to put out, who placed the same in the very unsuitable place of an abandoned coal tunnel, known as "Lacey's Tunnel," where the same was now found, and first supposed to be the remains of some person recently missing.

*The Campaign in Schuylkill County.*—Pottsville.—A large and enthusiastic Union Republican meeting was held in the American House on Saturday night last. Eloquent addresses were delivered by Frank Campbell, Esq., and Gen. Louis Wagner of Philadelphia. Companies A, B, C, D and E of the Grant Legion, were out in force, with fine music and presented a brilliant appearance. The Good Tanners made their first parade in large force, with their red equipments, and had with them a banner inscribed, "Tanners will vote for Grant and Colfax." They also had a similar banner passed the Legislature regulating the Jury Commissioners, one from each party, to select jurors for all the courts within the Common-wealth, which was petitioned for by both parties, and passed by Legislature by a unanimous vote, which is not questioned. So unfortunately had was the character of our juries under the old law, that the Court of the County was compelled to condemn all the jury lists, and discarded much of the complaint made against said Court to the character of the juries. Under such circumstances this only just and right law, and the commissioners for this plunderer the County Treasury of State for such a purpose without any shadow of law; and the committee believe that the charge of fraud and malfeasance in office will hold good against them, but that they could be prosecuted as individuals for the return of said money.

Your committee fully believe that the Commissioners ought not only to be prosecuted for their wantonly improper and illegal use of the County funds in their power, but also strongly censured for their twice refusing to notice two applications on the part of a representative committee of citizens, and a public meeting, as to their authority for thus using the money of the County for such purposes; but as one of the Judges of the Court acted in the matter, which is now appealing to the people for a re-election, your committee would encompound to the payers of the same by the levying of any cause of those entitled officers to any office whatever in the County hereafter, which will be a great saving to the people's money hereafter.

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## COUNTY AFFAIRS.

### Report of the Committee of Taxpayers on the Squandering of Public Money.

An adjourned meeting of taxpayers was held on Monday evening last, Theo. Garretson, Esq., in the chair.

The committee to which was referred the matter of the taking of $1500 from the County Treasury to pay attorney's fees, etc., to oppose the new Criminal Court Act, and to inquire into the alleged impropriety of the appropriation, and the disposition of the same, submitted a report, which was received, the committee discharged, and the report ordered to be published:

Your committee appointed at a recent meeting of the taxpayers beg leave to report—That they find no law authorizing the Commissioners of Schuylkill County to take $1500 out of the County Treasury to pay attorneys' fees to inquire into the constitutionality of the Criminal Court Bill recently passed by the State Legislature, and approved by the Governor, and that any plea whatever, was that said bill poor way, the light of the commissioners to draw the jurors, and vested in the commissioners which are to be appointed and elected by the people. Butlmen who had any regard for the interests of the County, could not see through such a flimsy pretext. That a bill with a similar law had passed the Legislature regulating the Jury Commissioners, one from each party, to select jurors for all the courts within the Common-wealth, which was petitioned for by both parties, and passed by Legislature by a unanimous vote, which is not questioned. So unfortunately had was the character of our juries under the old law, that the Court of the County was compelled to condemn all the jury lists, and discarded much of the complaint made against said Court to the character of the juries. Under such circumstances this only just and right law, and the commissioners for this plunderer the County Treasury of State for such a purpose without any shadow of law; and the committee believe that the charge of fraud and malfeasance in office will hold good against them, but that they could be prosecuted as individuals for the return of said money.

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*Proceedings of the Borough Council.*—A stated meeting of Council was held on Tuesday evening last. Present, Messrs. Cochran, Hefner, Russel, Brown, Lee, Kienzle, Shearer, Soltzinger, and Pres. Frost.

The Finance Committee reported 416 fines collected from Squire Conrad.

The Committee on Room, Stationery and Fire Apparatus reported progress on the subject of selling condemned hose, and favorable to erection of fire plug in Norwegian street between Jackson and Pront streets. Also, that Hurley's Station is needed by Grey & Brother, dealing in hay for the Company, declining to pay for the greasing of shoes for the Humane Fire Company, as the work had not been ordered by the Committee. Bill for $2.50 on presentation ordered to be paid. They also reported Mr. Greer that they would in the future sanction the payment of no bills by Council for re-watching or re-lighting, unless the work was ordered by Council. They also reported an offer to sell old hose to Mr. Greer at a reasonable figure. Report accepted and filed.

Special Committee reported pole at Centre and Mahantongo street, painted, and progress on painting Clay Monument.

A communication in reference to bail conditions of pavement opposite Clay Monument, was read and filed.

A number of intervening Cleveland lightning rods on Borough buildings, was referred to Com. on Room, Stationery and Fire Apparatus.

The Six Com. was instructed to do necessary cutting of grass in the Public Ely, at an expense not to exceed $100.

On motion of Mr. Russel it was resolved that the Com. on Lamps and Wells be instructed to put a stop to the lawlessness in Morris Addition, and that an additional policeman be placed in that section of the Borough.

The following bills were ordered to be paid:

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| C. A. Bahn | $2 50 |
| St. hands | 223 00 |
| Work & Baumgarten | 680 00 |
| | $1,025 50 |
| Previous issue | 4 818 45 |
| Total | $5,843 95 |

Adjourned.

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