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Gen. George E. Thomas left Washington on Thursday, for California, accompanied by his personal staff.

Mr. Sam. Gangewer, of Lower Augusta Northumberland county, has been elected Superintendent of Public Schools of that county, at a salary of $1000 per annum.

Municipal elections were held on Monday at Stockton, California, Virginia city, Nevada, Gold Hill, Nevada, and Indianapolis, Indiana. The Republicans carried them by signal majorities.

Benjamin Pierce, Esq., has been publishing the Mining Journal for forty years, and claims to be the oldest publication editor in the State, which will probably be contested by brother Harper, of the *Gettysburg Star—Lebanon Courier.*

Very well. Let's hear from "brother Harpes" on the subject.

Bid Tilson or (s)Ick.—A Son of Erin belonging to Wadesville, was in town on Monday morning last, and when he saw that the Borough election was going on, he remarked:—"Shure, yez have no right to hold an election till October!" Our Hibernian friend it seems, knew more of the provisions of the new law than Mr. D. E. Nice, Representative, who was present in the House when the bill passed.

The Miners' Journal commenced its XLIst year on Saturday last. The paper was established by Benjamin Bannan, Esq., who has continued to conduct it up to the present time. The Journal is one of the oldest and most independent newspapers, among the very largest and best in the State, and one of the most successful.—*Germantown Telegraph.*

Major Frank Jelis into a slight error in the above. The Journal is forty-five years old. It has been in the possession of the present senior editor forty-one years.

The Directors of the East Pennsylvania Railroad declared a stock dividend of 100 per cent. to the stockholders, and then leased the road to the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad for a period of 999 years. The Reading Company pays the stockholders of the East Pennsylvania Road in the lease.

"Jottings" of the Philadelphia *North American*, says that ex Governor Pollock has resumed possession of his desk as Director of the United States Mint. His notice on Saturday that all parties appointed subsequent to October, 1866, might detach their lips from the national tea had the desired effect. Governor Pollock will largely cut down the expenses of the Mint. Some thirty appointments will be all that he expects to make. For the last three years, at the United States Mint, five people have been doing the work of two. One gentleman got happy because they wouldn't send his salary to his house. He resigned more than two months ago.

The Approaching Eclipse of the Sun.—The scientific people are making great preparations to "observe" the August eclipse of the sun. The "line of totality" is 80 miles in breadth, and extends from Alaska to North Carolina. Eclipse stations for scientific use will be made at various points along this line. The directors of the various observatories in the country are making arrangements for a thorough examination of every interesting feature of the event. The observations on the Pacific coast will be of more value, because of longer duration than those eastward. The duration of the total phase of the eclipse will vary from three minutes and forty-seven seconds, to two minutes and twenty-three seconds, according to the geographical position of the station occupied.

The Democratic papers are incensed because the spring elections have been abolished, and because said elections are to be held on the same day on which the general elections take place. All of which, in plain English, means, the Democratic whippers can no longer get their party vote to the polls at a Spring election, and the Republican party cannot; hence in many Republican districts Democratic Judges were annually elected. If the municipal elections are held on the same day with the general elections they will be annihilated—hence, the people—for whom and by the Democrats—have been very badly outraged by a Republican legislature, and have been compelled to do all their voting on one day in the year.

In our last we alluded to the resignation of Mr. Charles E. Smith as President of the Reading Railroad Company, and the selection of Mr. Franklin B. Gowen, to fill the vacancy. As we have already remarked, Mr. Gowen is fully acquainted with the coal trade and the wants of this Region, and he can, if the situation of the road with its heavy capital and all kinds of foolish expenditures heretofore indulged in, will permit it, make it much more popular than it has been for some years past under its former management. Mr. Gowen is also gentlemanly and courteous in his intercourse with the trade, and possesses legal qualifications of a high order, which are also greatly in his favor.

There was no regular Democratic candidate for Burgess on Monday last. There were three candidates, Mr. S. Rogers, Republican, Mr. F. W. Conrad, Independent, and Mr. H. W. Barby, Independent. The Republican vote which was not much more than half out, was divided between Mr. Rogers and Mr. Barby, while many Republicans voted for Mr. Conrad, who is a Democrat. So it was in the South; S. R. and H. W. wards. The Republicans voted in large numbers for candidates who are Democrats, yet who did not run as such or they never could have been elected. Yet some copperheads here had the impudence to telegraph to the Philadelphia papers the day after the election, "a Democratic victory" on the strength of Mr. Conrad's election, while Mr. O. disclaimed before the election distinctly, that he ran as a Democratic candidate. When party lines are drawn, and the full vote is out, Pottsville is always good for one five hundred Republican majority, and, none know that fact better than the copperheads. The men who rejoiced on our sixteen votes when the Union cause were defeated, and grieved when our soldiers were victorious, will have to wait "a few years, a few years," before they can hope to secure a copperhead majority in loyal Pottsville.

Deception Day.—The Philadelphia *Press* has the following appropriate remarks on this anniversary which is rapidly approaching, and we hope the late suggestions will be followed by the Posts of the Grand Army here and elsewhere throughout the State:

We trust that the Grand Army of the Republic in Pennsylvania will see, to it that the solemn ceremonies of "Decoration Day" are observed with deference and faithfulness throughout the State. That order has no blither or no greater duty. It will gain and hold the hearts of the people if it does this and nothing more. This was the declaration of General Logan, the commander of the Army, and it is his true, and beautiful exhortation on this subject, issued in order of last year, should be reproduced by every post in the Union—and will be, we doubt not, by every privilege and high honor of the memories of the dead to lead in this sacred duty. Shortly of the eyes grow dull, the hands slack, or the hearts cold, in this sacred trust, it cannot be that every soldier who was true will fail to be true to it as long as life lasts. And it will be a sad day for the country when the people at large forget to honor the families of those whose valor gave our liberty new birth.

"Let us gather to the ground,
Comrades, where we stand,
And strew each lonely mound
With the choicest flowers of spring!
And the spirits of the slain,
Who sleep in each green plain,
O'er the land they died to save,
Shall keep watch while we these offerings bring."

"Fritz" transmits to us from New York the following sketch of a serio-comedy that was enacted during the strike of last year, at that end of the line. The time has now will be appropriate to publish now, as no doubt most of the operatives will be run again for several weeks next winter, "down that":

"FRITZ" STRIKES.
OR, ONE END OF THE LINE
Scene—A coal office of the period.
Dramatis Personæ:
The Gentlemanly Proprietor.
A Retailer in Black Diamonds.
Two "Working" Customers.

Scene opens briefly. Grand organ.
Gentlemanly proprietor in rear of counting room.
The Retailer Orders His Merchandise here:

"I have simply to say Mr. ——, that I ordered my stove coal two months ago, and that I do not believe I can procure any before the first of August. I shall look for it to my former in the order in due time, so that they may forward it." (Exit.)

First Rather Careless, Nonchalantly.

"This here order is no good. There is no stove coal on the dock. I've been there. Says I, don't serve the hereafter till I get my right. They are my dear ——" (Exit.)

Second Customer, Jr.

"I ordered a ton of stove coal some time ago, and as white man I want to let bygones be bygones, but as no Lehigh coal has been delivered, I want my money back." (Exit.)

Proprietor was so enthusiastic during delivery that no orders. The only customer of the day, he left the room of the new Chicken Palace, who came in to order nothing to the pride of the house, to prevent their closing up the place.

Governor A. G. Curtin, Minister to Russia, was formally presented to the residents in Philadelphia and surrounding vicinity on Saturday in the following beautiful and appropriate address:

Fellow Citizens:—I have called together at this time and place by request of the Committee of Reception to the eminent statesman with whom I have just had the pleasure of official connection with the people of this State for many years, for the purpose of giving you an opportunity of meeting him personally, and of bidding him farewell. Wherever I go I shall ever remain grateful for your support, your confidence and your kindness.

In my station as a representative of our government, I shall maintain the honor and integrity of my country, and I shall do all I can to promote its welfare and prosperity. I shall endeavor to cultivate the most friendly relations with the Government to which I am accredited, and the people among whom I am to reside, and I shall endeavor to merit their confidence and esteem.

Again to you, my fellow citizens, and not to me are the thanks due for kindness, and not to me are you indebted for your presence here to-day. I am not seeking the merits of any honor, but simply as any one of you would do under the same circumstances. If they suspend partisan strife and give their votes to the candidate for the Governorship who is supposed to be the most available, they will be acting wisely. Let them not be deceived by the cry of "Democratic victory" in the event of the election of Mr. Geary, for it will be a victory won by the Democrats voting for a Republican candidate, and not by Democrats voting for a Democrat