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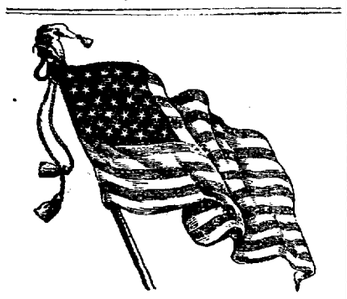

HAIL! brightest banner that floats on the gale,
Flag of the country of Washington, hail!
Red are thy stripes with the blood of the brave,
Bright are thy stars as the sun on the wave;
Wrapt in thy folds are the hopes of the Free,
Banner of Washington! blessings on thee!

THE CITY ELECTION.

Our annual charter election will be held on the third Friday (20th) of March, when, in addition to Councilmen, School Directors and Ward Officers, a Mayor and Treasurer are to be elected for the term of two years. The "no-party" Republicans have already made a partizan organization, with a view to control the election, and have appointed a "Vigilance Committee" of *fifty* in each Ward to work for the Republican candidates, who are to be placed in nomination this evening.

This is an earlier movement than usual, and indicates a determination on the part of the Republicans to make a hard fight for the retention of their power in the government of our city. It, therefore, becomes the duty of the Democrats to bestir themselves, and prepare to meet their opponents at the polls, with their full strength. Let an active "Vigilance Committee" of *one hundred* Democrats be appointed in each Ward; let us then nominate capable and popular candidates; and we need not fear the result. Reading is, at heart, a Democratic city, and if a free, uncontrolled expression of the sentiments of her voters can be obtained, it will so appear. As the Republicans have taken the initiative in making the choice of city officers a matter of party politics, they will have no right to complain if the Democrats follow their example, and (as we hope) beat them at their own game.

DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION.—We understand, although no official notice of the fact has been given, that the Democratic State Central Committee has been requested to meet in the city of Philadelphia on Saturday next, the 7th of March, for the purpose, it is said, of changing the time heretofore fixed for the meeting of the Democratic State Convention to an earlier day.

We have never been aware of the reasons which induced the State Central Committee to adopt the 17th of June in preference to any other day for the meeting of the Democratic State Convention; but that day having once been settled upon and promulgated for the information and action of the Democratic party, we protest against any change, especially if that change points to an earlier period for the meeting of the Convention. Four months will be quite long enough for an active and thorough canvass, and no good can be accomplished by hastening the time for choosing our candidates for Governor and Supreme Judge.

BURGLARIES IN POTTSTOWN.—Several dwelling-houses in Pottstown were entered on Thursday night, the 19th inst., by means of false keys, and robbed of various articles. The burglars were detected at the house of Dr. M. J. Hoffman, and proved to be two negroes, or "Americans of African descent" as they are now called in "official circles." The Doctor was awakened by the noise, and succeeded in giving one of the scoundrels some hard knocks, before they escaped. They were pursued and caught at Phœnixville, and lodged in Norristown jail.

NEW COUNTERFEIT.—*Peterson's Detector* for March 1st is out, containing a list of fifty-six new counterfeits issued during the past month, among which we find one on the Farmers' Bank of this city. It is entirely unlike the genuine: *Farmers' Bank, Reading, Pa.*—10s spurious—vig. on lower left two Indians, one kneeling; 10 above in medallion; female bathing between signatures. This has also been altered to Farmers' Bank, Schuylkill county, Pottsville, Pa.; Farmers' Bank, Lancaster, Pa.; Farmers' Bank, Mount Joy, Pa.

THE NATIONAL BANK BILL PASSED.—The House of Representatives, on Friday last, passed the bill "to establish a uniform National Currency," by authorizing a general system of Banking based on United States securities, as it came from the Senate, without amendment, by a vote of 77 yeas to 64 nays. The Representative of this District, Mr. ANCONA, voted against the bill.

POWDER MILL EXPLOSION.—One of the Dupont powder mills, near Wilmington, Del., was blown up on Wednesday, and thirteen workmen were killed. Much damage was done to the other buildings. The shock of the explosion was plainly felt in Philadelphia.

"THE AGE".—We have been requested to state, that in consequence of the unexpected delay in the completion of the Power Press for "THE AGE," (the new Democratic journal about to be published in Philadelphia) *the first number* can not be issued until late in the month of March.

POSTAGE CURRENCY.—It is officially stated that applications for postal currency can be satisfied by any of the depositaries of the Treasury. Currency to the amount of $15,000,000 has already been printed; $2,000,000 is not yet in circulation, and more is being provided for at the rate of $200,000 a day.

ONLY THREE DAYS MORE!—The third and last session of the 37th Congress will expire, by limitation, on the 4th of March. Let the true friends of the Union rejoice and give thanks that only three days' more life are left in that pestilent body.

EX-SECRETARY CAMERON ROBBED.—Ex-Secretary of War Simon Cameron was robbed at his hotel in Washington on Tuesday morning of everything in his room. All the private papers he had with him were taken by the thieves.

A GOOD CROP.—Mr. F. Waller, of Marietta, Lancaster county, on five acres of ground, adjoining that borough, raised a crop of tobacco which sold for $1610 22.

☞ CAPT. PETER AURAND, a native of Reading, and a soldier of the War of 1812, died at his late residence in Tamaqua, on the 19th inst., aged within one day of 67 years.

POST OFFICE APPOINTMENT.—Jairus T. Haas has been appointed Postmaster at Topton, Berks county, on the line of the East Penna. Railroad, vice Jerome Titlow, resigned.

TREASONABLE OFFENCES.

We publish, on the outside page, an abstract of the debate that took place in the State Senate a few days ago on the resolution offered by Mr. Lowry, urging upon Congress the passage of laws to define and punish offences of a treasonable character. Mr. Clymer, with manifest propriety, moved to amend the resolution, by the insertion of a provision that the proposed laws shall be "in accordance with the Constitution of the United States and of the State of Pennsylvania." But the Abolition majority in the Senate, having been taught by the example of the higher powers, to disregard constitutional obligations, refused to adopt the amendment. It was for proposing this innocent, and under present circumstances, highly desirable addition to the loose phraseology of Lowry's resolution, and advocating it, briefly but forcibly, that Mr. Clymer incurred the displeasure of the New-York *Tribune*, and drew down upon himself the following abusive, libellous and threatening denunciation; in which we find another instance of the frivolous pretexts that suffice to justify the intolerant, persecuting and would be despotic spirit of Abolitionism in fixing the infamous brand of treason upon loyal citizens, who, because there *can* be no Union without the Constitution insist upon the observance of that instrument as the only true test of patriotism.

From the New-York Tribune, February 23, 1863.

TREASON IN PENNSYLVANIA.

The disloyal Democracy of the North is not satisfied with playing into the hands of armed Rebellion at the South by opposition to the Government and the War. It aims at nothing less than to so debauch the public mind that the heresies on which Secession and Rebellion were based may become the political faith of the North. To that end the Connecticut Democracy has just passed a resolution affirming that this Union is a *Confederacy* of States—a term which a loyal American instinctively resents as an insult to his country and the memory of the patriots who united it. With similar purpose a Pennsylvania Democrat has recently attempted to force through the Senate of that State a declaration that the Constitution of Pennsylvania is supreme in its control of Congressional legislation. The way in which he tried to do it, and the debate which his effort elicited, are instructive.

The following resolution came before the Senate in order on its final passage:

"WHEREAS, It appears that the existing legislation of Congress is deficient in the present crisis; therefore

"BE IT Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, That the Senators from this State be instructed and the Members of Congress requested to procure the immediate passage of laws defining and punishing offences of a treasonable character not amounting to high treason, and providing for the fair and speedy trial by an impartial jury of persons charged with such offences in the loyal and undisturbed States, so that the guilty may justly suffer, and the innocent be relieved."

Thereupon Mr. Clymer, a Democrat from Berks county, and of course of the extremest Copperhead persuasion, moved to amend by inserting after the words "passage of laws," the words "in accordance with the Constitution of the United States *and of the State of Pennsylvania.*" That is to say, Mr. Clymer proposes to instruct the Senators and Representatives in Congress to shape their legislation for the United States in accordance with the Constitution of a single State. He would make, as Calhoun and Jefferson Davis made and are making, the State sovereign and supreme, the Nation subject and inferior—liable to be controlled while it existed, or at any moment shattered in pieces by the vote of any one of its constituent States. What more pestilent or perilous doctrine than this did ever any architect of his country's ruin suggest?

Mr. Clymer of course supported his motion in an abusive and treasonable speech, but was answered conclusively and spiritedly by Mr. Lowry, a Republican Senator—so pointedly also that Mr. Clymer was brought to his feet to repel the charge of treason, not leveled against him in words indeed, but applied equally by his own conscience and the sense of the Senate which listened. With a simplicity only too seldom imitated in these days, Mr. Lowry declared that he was determined in future to call things by their right names. Senators feared, he said, though he hoped not *personally*, the consequences of such a measure as Congress was asked to pass.

Yet he did not hesitate to say that treason had been committed on the floor of that Senate Chamber by members who had given aid and comfort to the enemy. When Mr. Clymer undertook to quarrel with this general statement, the Speaker, with singular perspicacity, felt bound to suggest to Mr. Lowry that he must not indulge in personalities, and Mr. Lowry assured him he was trying his best to avoid it.

The motion to amend was lost by a vote of eighteen to twelve, and the original resolution passed by the same vote. Mr. Clymer therefore took nothing by his motion, except to announce to his fellow traitors of other Northern States just how far it was thought prudent for treason to speak out in Pennsylvania. It speaks so loudly, and with such rapidly augmenting insolence and courage, that it may ere long attract attention elsewhere than in these columns, and involve other condemnation than such as a loyal and indignant public sentiment can accord.

The *Tribune*, in its mad attack, grossly and maliciously perverts the obvious sense of Mr. Clymer's proposed amendment. Taking it as it was framed, in a single, connected sentence, it suggests no such "pestilent or perilous doctrine" as the supremacy of the State over the Federal Government. The words, "and of the State of Pennsylvania," *preceded* by "the Constitution of the United States" do not warrant the idea of any divided or conflicting legislation; and the *Tribune* knows very well, or should know, that a law passed in accordance with the Constitution of the United States *cannot* conflict with the Constitution of Pennsylvania, for the two, in all things relating to the proper jurisdiction of the Federal Government, are in perfect agreement and harmony.

THE WHOLE QUESTION IN A NUTSHELL.—The New-York *Tribune* says of the conservative Democrats:—"They are not disunionists—they do not desire the permanent division of our country—but they do hope and expect to achieve its reconstruction." This is precisely the difference between the conservatives and the abolition radicals. The radicals are "disunionists"—they *do "desire the permanent division of our country"*—and they do *not* "hope and expect to achieve its reconstruction." Let the people remember this distinction.

CONTINENTAL MONTHLY.—We have received the March number of this Magazine, which is of more than average merit. The best general article is "The Century of Inventions," by C. G. Leland, and the best political paper is "The Union," by the Hon. Robert J. Walker. Miss Eleanor C. Donnelly, of Philadelphia, contributes a fine and thoughtful poem, "The Vision of the Monk Gabriel." New York: Published for the proprietors by John F. Trow, 50 Greene street, at $3 a year.

CONNECTICUT.—The nomination by the Democratic State Convention of Connecticut of Hon. THOS. H. SEYMOUR for Governor, gives us strong hopes of success in that State. Mr. Seymour was elected Governor of Connecticut in 1853, and although defeated for the same office a few years ago, by a small majority, is a very popular man, and a gentleman of fine ability. He was Minister to Russia under Mr. Pierce's administration.

NEW JERSEY U. S. SENATOR.—Wm. Wright, of Essex, was on Thursday elected United States Senator by the New Jersey Legislature, for six years from the 4th of March. The vote stood: Wright 54, Wm. A. Newell 25.

The peace resolutions were passed in the Senate—yeas 12, nays 8—and were made the special order in the House for the 10th of March.

☞ ROGER SHERMAN BALDWIN, once Governor of Connecticut and United States Senator, died at New-Haven on the 19th inst. He was a grandson of Roger Sherman.

THE CONSCRIPT BILL PASSED.

The Senate bill (of which we gave an abstract last week), providing "for enrolling and calling out the National Forces, and for other purposes," passed the House of Representatives finally on Wednesday, by a vote of 115 yeas to 49 nays, after having been amended in several particulars. The amendments adopted were as follows: One confining the term of service to the present Rebellion, not, however, to exceed three years; one providing that all persons found lurking or acting as spies about our fortifications or camps in time of war or Rebellion shall be tried by general court-martial, and if found guilty shall suffer death; and one striking out the clause requiring Provost Marshals to inquire into and report to the Provost Marshal General all treasonable practices. Another amendment requires all persons arrested for alleged treasonable practices, to be turned over to the civil authorities for trial. The following were the yeas and nays on the passage of the bill;

YEAS.—Messrs. Aldrich, Alley, Arnold, Ashley, Babbitt, Baily, Baker, Baxter, Beaman, Bingham, Blair (Va.), Blair (Pa.), Blake, Brown (Va.), Buffington, Calvert, Campbell, Casey, Chamberlain, Clark, Colfax, Frederick A. Conkling, Roscoe Conkling, Covode, Crisfield, Cutler, Davis, Dawes, Delano, Diven, Dunn, Edgerton, Edwards, Eliot, Ely, Fenton, Samuel C. Fessenden, Thomas A. D. Fessenden, Flanders, Fisher, Franchot, Frank, Gooch, Goodwin, Granger, Gurley, Hahn, Haight, Hale, Harrison, Hickman, Hooper, Horton, Hutchins, Julian, Kelley, Kellogg (Mich.), Kellogg (Ill.), Killinger, Lansing, Leary, Lehman, Loomis, Lovejoy, Low, McIndrie, McKean, McKnight, McPherson, Marston, Maynard, Mitchell, Morehead, Morrill (Me.), Morrill (Vt.), Nixon, Olin, Patten, Phelps (Cal.), Pike, Pomeroy, Potter, Rice (Mass.), Rice (Me.), Riddle, Rollins (N. H.), Sargeant, Sedgwick, Segar, Shanks, Sheffield, Shellabarger, Sherman, Sloan, Spaulding, Stevens, Stratton, Thomas (Mass.), Thomas (Md.), Train, Trimble, Trowbridge, Vandever, Van Horn, Verree, Walker, Wall, Wallace, Walton, Washburne, Webster, Wheeler, White (Ind.), Wilson, Windom and Worcester—115.

NAYS.—Messrs. Allen (Ohio), Allen (Ill.), Ancona, Biddle, Clements, Conway, Corning, Cox, Cravens, Crittenden, Delaplaine, Dunlap, English, Fouke, Grider, Hall, Harding, Holman, Johnson, Kerrigan, Knapp, Law, Lazear, Mallory, May, Menzies, Morris, Noble, Norton, Nugent, Pendleton, Perry, Price, Robinson, Rollins (Mo.), Shiel, Steele (N. Y.), Steele (N. J.), Stiles, Vallandigham, Voorhees, Wadsworth, Ward, Whaley, White (Ohio), Wickliffe, Woodruff and Yeaman—49.

THE BRITISH QUARTERLY REVIEWS AND BLACKWOOD.—These invaluable periodicals, reprinted in New York by Leonard Scott & Co., have been so often noticed in our columns that we need scarcely add an additional word as to their merits. The London, Edinburgh, Westminster and North British Quarterly Reviews, and Blackwood's Monthly Magazine, are the known and acknowledged fountains of English literature. They represent incidentally all the political and religious opinions of the people of Great Britain, and are of authority there and here as to the literary ability of the authors of the World. It is through the pages of these able periodicals that all the great English writers have first appeared before the public—Walter Scott, Macaulay, Lockhart, D'Israeli, and the long array of names connected with the literary glory of England. We direct attention to the advertisement of Messrs. L. Scott & Co., in to-day's paper. It will be observed that they will continue to supply the re-prints at old prices, notwithstanding the exorbitant cost of paper, to all who pay before the first of April next. This is a very liberal offer, and should induce many to subscribe for the series of Foreign Periodicals, who have never taken them heretofore.

NEW VOLUMES OF THE BRITISH POETS.—Messrs. Little, Brown & Co., of Boston, have just published three additional volumes of their beautiful series of British Poets, containing the complete Poetical Works of Robert Burns, edited by Prof. Child, and accompanied with a memoir of the poet. The poems appear in these volumes as arranged and edited by Robert Chambers, and the memoir is taken from the Encyclopædia Britannica. The type, paper and finish are the same as the preceding issues. This series makes the best, the most valuable, the most beautiful and the cheapest collection of poetical literature that has ever been published in this country or in Great Britain; and it is not so easy to see how more tasteful books can grace a library. We believe the tribute of critics is as uniform as to the fidelity with which the detail of editorial labor has been performed as it is to the excellence of the mechanical execution. One hundred and twenty-eight volumes of this series have now been issued, and any volume is sold separately at the very low price of 75 cents.

ANOTHER OUTRAGE BY A PROVOST GUARD.—Four soldiers of the Provost Guard doing duty in Lancaster county, were committed to prison a few days ago by Squire Wicks, of Fulton township, on the charge of assault with attempt to commit murder. It appears the guard were in the neighborhood of Conowingo bridge, on the look out for deserters from the army, who frequently enter this State from Maryland by this bridge. A man by the name of Ewing passed the nighborhood in which the guard were stationed, and was challenged several times to halt, but did not do so, when two of the guard fired, one of the shots taking effect in the wrist of the man. Ewing, it is stated, is deaf and dumb, and of course did not hear the challenge. The guard were then arrested, and after a hearing were finally committed for trial on the charge above stated.

THE MISSOURI EMANCIPATION BILL.—A compromise between the Senate and House bills to aid Missouri in the emancipation of her slaves, has been agreed upon. The compromise bill fixes the amount of bonds at fifteen millions. The emancipation is to take effect on or before July 4, 1865. The bonds are all to be delivered to the State, and disposed of and disbursed by the State. No price is fixed per head for the slaves. It amounts to a proposition to the State that, if she will bring about complete emancipation on or before the 4th of July, 1865; she will receive a government bonus in bonds of fifteen millions.

THE ECLECTIC MAGAZINE.—Messrs. Strickland & Brother have sent us the March number of *The Eclectic Magazine*, containing 21 admirable selections from the Foreign Magazines, to some of which American readers have no access. The engraving for this month is Napoleon I. meditating on the eve of the Battle of Austerlitz. This truly valuable Magazine is published in monthly numbers of 144 large octave pages each, at $5 a year. Single Nos., 42 cents. Subscriptions received at Strickland's Bookstore.

THE HAYTIEN EMBASSY.—Considerable inquiry is made in Washington respecting the Minister and Secretary of Legation from Hayti, whose arrival in New York was announced several days ago. It is hinted that they are purposely kept back until Congress adjourns, in the fear that their debut in Washington might complicate difficulties in the national councils.

COURTS ABOLISHED.—The U. S. Senate has passed the bill abolishing all the Courts in the District of Columbia and creating new ones, on the alleged grounds of disloyal proclivities of the Judges. All the lawyers in the District protested against its passage.

City Affairs.

☞ THE REV. MR. TORTAT will preach upon "The Dealings of Providence with Nations," to-morrow (Sunday) afternoon, at St. Barnabas (Episcopal) Church. Service will begin at 3 o'clock.

☞ THE UNION PRAYER MEETING will be held to-morrow (Sunday) afternoon, in the Ebenezer Methodist Church, Fourth street, at 3 o'clock. The public are respectfully invited to attend.

☞ REV. J. SHRIGLEY, of Philadelphia, will preach in the Universalist Church, next Sunday, the 1st of March.

READING, February 21th, 1863.

REV. A. G. CUMMINS.

Dear Sir:—We, the undersigned, would respectfully request you to repeat the Sermon upon "The Christian duty of Citizens in time of Rebellion," next Sunday evening.

Owing to the inclemency of the weather last Sunday evening, many could not get out to hear you. A Sermon, which is so patriotic and full of sentiments calculated to do good, should be heard by our citizens generally.

H. H. Muhlenberg	D. McKnight
J. P. Jones	G. A. Nicolls
W. McIlvain	Isaac Eckert
J. L. Sichler	A. M. Hart
Peter Jones	E. D Smith
Thomas L. Addison	G. W. Morgan
H. A. Seyfert	De B. Keim
	D. E. Stout.

CHRIST CHURCH RECTORY, } February 26th, 1863. }

Gentlemen:—I cheerfully comply with your request. The Sermon will be repeated on Sunday evening next.

A. G. CUMMINS.

To D. McKnight, Esq., G. A. Nicolls, Esq., and others.

☞ REV. ALFRED D. CROLL, of North Whitehall, Lehigh county, has been unanimously elected the pastor of a number of congregations in Berks county—his place of residence to be near Lyons Station on the East Penna. Railroad.

☞ DEMOCRATIC CITY CLUB.—The regular monthly meeting of the Democratic City Club will be held in the club-room, Eben's City Hall, this (Saturday) evening, at 7½ o'clock. An election for officers for the ensuing year will take place, and other important business, preparatory to the City Election, will be brought forward for consideration.

☞ WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY.—The 22d came upon Sunday this year, and Sunday came in and ended with a fierce North-Easterly snow-storm, that kept nearly everybody within doors. Apart from appropriate allusions to the anniversary in the sermons of the pastors of the several Churches, which were preached to very meagre congregations, there was no outward observance of it in this city. The only formal celebration was that by the Washington Hose Company, in the Court House, on Saturday night. The attendance was good, but not so large as last year. John S. Richards, Esq., presided, and made a few remarks on taking the Chair. The Hon. J. Glancy Jones delivered a brief but happily conceived and eloquent address on the character and services of Washington, which was well received by the attentive audience; and Col. Samuel L. Young concluded the elocutionary part of the proceedings, by a few words of eulogy upon the life of the Father of his Country. The intervals were well filled up with music by a Quartette of excellent singers, and the German Orchestra of instrumental performers, led, we believe, by Mr. Otto Ralle. "When this Cruel War is Over," a very sweet solo and chorus, was sung so well by one of the young ladies who formed the Quartette, and her supporters, as to call forth a loud *encore*, which was gracefully given.

To the surprise of nearly every one in the audience, the Farewell Address was not read, nor was even so much as the smallest extract from, or the faintest allusion to it made during the whole proceedings. We are at a loss to account for this culpable omission. It was hinted to us, indeed, that the reading of it last year was found to be "tedious!" But that was doubtless the fault of the reader and might have been easily remedied. The last words of Washington should never be "tedious" or "tiresome" to any true friend of the American Union; and a failure to read them on the occasion of celebrating his birthday, is, to say the least, a very poor tribute to his memory.

☞ FUNERAL OF COL. KNODERER.—The funeral of Col. Charles A. Knoderer, late Commander of the 167th Regiment Pennsylvania Militia, took place on Monday afternoon last, and was attended by the Nicolls Infantry, Capt. Hunter; the McKnight Guard, Capt. Eisenhower, (two of the Companies of State Militia that were commanded by the lamented deceased, during the threatened rebel invasion in September last); Provost Marshal Kupp and his Deputy, Capt. Hoffeditz; the soldiers of the Provost Guard, who marched as a Guard of Honor around the hearse; the Reading "Mænner-Chor," and a large concourse of mourning relatives and friends. The military procession was led by the Union Band, which performed a solemn dirge as it passed through the streets toward the Charles Evans Cemetery. The Burial Service of the Episcopal Church was said at the grave by the Rev. A. G. Cummins; after which, the "Mænner Chor" sang a dirge.

A eulogy upon the deceased was then pronounced by Mr. Fredk. Schœneman-Pott, Speaker of the Free Congregation of Philadelphia. Another dirge was sung by the "Mænner-Chor," and the sad ceremonies were ended with the firing of a volley over the grave by the Provost Guard.

The friends of Col. Knoderer intend to erect a suitable Monument over his remains, made after a beautiful design by F. Herman Strecker. It has been already contracted for, and will be completed at an early day.

☞ FOUND DEAD.—At the beginning of last week, the body of a young man named John Wilson, about 18 or 20 years of age, was found by a colored man on the blue mountain, in Bethel township, Berks county. Andrew Kurr, Esq., of Bethel, held an inquest on Monday, the 16th inst., and the jury, after a careful examination of the body and an investigation of all the circumstances of the case, rendered a verdict that the man died of natural causes. He is said to have recently come from New-York.

☞ POUDRETTE.—Mr. J. L Stichler, the Agent for the sale of this valuable fertilizer, has presented us with the Farmers' Almanac, published by the Lodi Manufacturing Company, containing a large amount of information to farmers and certificates from parties using this fertilizer. We would refer Farmers and Gardeners to Mr. Stichler, who will give any information desired.

☞ MILL PROPERTY SOLD.—The Mill property belonging to the estate of George Miller, deceased, in Hamburg, was sold at private sale, on Tuesday last, to Mr. Beaneville Shartel, for $4,500.

☞ AMOUNT OF COAL transported on the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad, during the week ending Thursday, February 26, 1863.

	Tons. Cwt.
From Port Carbon,	15,000 01
" Pottsville,	1,137 13
" Schuylkill Haven,	17,568 13
" Auburn,	2,097 16
" Port Clinton,	3,487 03
" Harrisburg,	3,788 08
Total for week	45,199 14
Previously this year,	539,128 19
TOTAL,	584,238 13
To same time last year.	554,690 10

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of Muhlenberg School District, held on the 14th inst., the following resolutions were unanimously adopted, viz:

WHEREAS, Mr. Edward M. Clymer has gratuitously furnished our township with a full set of "Pelton's Outline Maps," to be used in the public schools of said township; therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the Directors of said school district, owe him, and do hereby tender him, our sincere thanks for his generously manifested unto us in furnishing our schools with said Outline Maps.

Resolved, That our kindest wishes and regards shall ever accompany him, who so liberally aided us in advancing the noble cause of education in our district.

Resolved, That these resolutions be published in the *Berks and Schuylkill Journal*, the *Reading Gazette and Democrat*, and the *Reading Adler*.

By order of the Board.

DANIEL BAUM, President.
JONATHAN HOFER, Secretary.

Death of Lieut. Col. Joseph A. McLean.

At a meeting of Chandler Lodge, No. 227, A. Y. M., held February 3, 1863, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, All doubts as to the fact of the death of our late Brother P. M., Jos. A. McLEAN, who fell in the battle of Bull Run, August 30, 1862, at the head of his Regiment, the 38th Penna., of which he was Lieut. Colonel, being now dispelled, your Committee offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That in the death of P. M. McLean, this Lodge has lost an honest and well beloved brother—one who was amongst the first to offer his services to his country in her hour of need, and who proved his devotion to the cause he espoused by giving his life in defence of it.

Resolved, That the country has experienced great loss in the death of so efficient and brave an officer, and the brethren of this Lodge have lost a friend and comrade, of whose integrity and honorable conduct through life they were justly proud, and that we mourn him as a soldier, a brother, and a man. To know him was to love him.

Resolved, That we sympathize deeply with the family of the deceased, and as a mark of respect, cause these resolutions to be published in the city papers, and a copy, signed by the Committee, sent to the family.

E. J. RAUCH,
FRANK TILL,
H. D. LOWE, } Committee.

LADIES' AID ASSOCIATION.

The following articles have been received by the Ladies' Aid Society, since their last acknowledgment:

Mr. Nicolls, 1 barrel apples, tea, pickles and blackberry syrup; Dr. Muhlenberg, 1 keg eggs; Mrs. Dr. Muhlenberg, 1 piece dried beef and pickles; Mrs. Annie Muhlenberg, 6 cans tomatoes; Mrs. Gries, 4 bottles currant wine, 4 lbs. white sugar.

C. C. GRIES, Secretary.

☞ MILITARY ITEMS.—The 50th Pennsylvania Regiment, to which three Berks county companies are attached, left Fredericksburg last Friday morning at 8½ o'clock, and arrived at Newport News on Saturday evening. They disembarked on Sunday and marched to the identical spot where they were embarked last Summer. A letter from one of the officers says: "The boys are in high glee on account of getting out of that confounded mud hole on the Rappahannock, and out of the Army of the Potomac."

Dr. A. H. Witman, formerly of this city, but now of Lewistown, Pa., has been appointed a Surgeon in the Army.

Lieut. L R. Gries, of Capt. Durell's Battery, who has been at home for some months on recruiting duty, left last Tuesday morning, under orders to join his Company.

Capt. John Teed, of the 116th Penna. Volunteers; Lieut. George Eckert, of the 17th U. S. Infantry; Lieut. George W. Green, also of the U. S. Regulars; Lieut. Albert Moulton, of the Third Penna. Reserves; and Lieutenants Gentzler and Kerr, of the 128th Penna. Volunteers; are at home on furlough. They are all in good health, except Lieut. Eckert, who has been quite ill, but is now rapidly recovering.

☞ UNION RAILROAD DEPOT.—The Harrisburg *Telegraph* of yesterday says that arrangements are fast progressing for the erection of the great Union Depot, by the Lebanon Valley, Pennsylvania, and the Northern Central Railroads, at the foot of North street, in that city. The work of this immense structure will doubtless be commenced early in the spring, so as to insure a full season for the completion of its immense foundations. When completed it is said by those who have examined the plans, it will be the largest passenger railroad depot in the United States, and equal to any in the world.

Very good; but if there is any city in the world that needs a decent passenger depot, it is Reading; and we hope the Reading Railroad Company will not join in any enterprises for building depots at other points, before it has provided one at this important station on its line.

☞ TRIAL OF CANNON.—Several of the 11-inch marine guns cast by Messrs. Seyfert, McManus & Co., at the Scott Foundry, were tried on Wednesday, at the place already designated, under the superintendence of Capt. Chauncey of the U. S. Navy, and Major Strumfels of the Army. Seventy five shots were fired out of one piece with perfect satisfaction, and there is no doubt whatever that the gun will go through the ordeal of 1000 rounds with perfect satisfaction. After this ten rounds will be fired out of each gun as a test, before they will be turned over to the Government. The weight of the solid shot was 185 lbs.; weight of shell 130 lbs.; charge of powder used 15 lbs.

☞ LEGISLATIVE EXCURSION.—A special train from Harrisburg passed through this city yesterday morning, over the Lebanon Valley and East Pennsylvania Railroads, containing a number of members of the State Legislature, bound upon an excursion, to Scranton, the county-seat of the new county of Lackawanna recently erected out of part of Luzerne by Act of Assembly, subject to the ratification of the people. The excursionists will spend Sunday at Scranton, and return to Harrisburg on Monday, by way of Wilkesbarre and Sunbury. The Legislature adjourned over on Thursday till Monday evening.

☞ BURGLAR CAUGHT.—A young man named Lawrence Snow, was arrested last Saturday, by Officers Pfleger and Wilson, on suspicion of being the burglar who robbed Mr. Heller, the jeweller, on the night of the 19th inst. He had been offering some of the stolen jewelry for sale, at very low prices, at a house out Third street, and this led to his arrest. He made a very poor defence on being brought before Mayor Wanner, and was sent to prison to await a trial. Only a small portion of the stolen property has been recovered.

☞ THE KEYSTONE HOUSE.—Messrs. Feather & Reifsnyder, the new lessees of the Keystone House, took possession on Thursday last, and opened their Register with a good list of names. Mr. Ganser, after two years of successful business, retires, with the best wishes of all who have made his acquaintance during his popular administration of this widely-known hotel.

☞ INCREASED TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES.—The Reading Railroad Company are adding two thousand additional Coal cars to their rolling stock.

The Schuylkill Navigation Company have already contracted for one hundred additional boats, which will be put on the Canal as fast as they are finished.

☞ ACCIDENT AT THE COTTON FACTORY.—The crank of the Engine at the Cotton Factory broke on Tuesday, tearing up the flooring and doing damage otherwise, that will take some weeks to repair. The crank in question was an old one, and had been broken before, and mended. Luckily the employees were at dinner, or else some of them might have been hurt.—*Times.*

☞ THEY WON'T ENLIST.—The *Times* states that a Military officer from Massachusetts visited this city a few days ago, for the purpose of obtaining recruits for Governor Andrew's regiment of colored soldiers, and—*didn't get any!*

☞ SPLENDID EXHIBITION on Thursday evening, at Keystone Hall, of magnificent Photographs, and Stereoscopic Views from nature, with the use of the Drummond light,—for the benefit of the Lutheran Mission Sabbath School.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Trimming Store For Sale.

IN ONE OF THE PLEASANTEST CITIES of Pennsylvania, a well-patronized TRIMMING STORE, which has done a good business for the last ten years, with a desirable Stock, with a handsome cheap residence, in the best location in the city, is offered for sale, for family reasons, on reasonable terms. Apply at

Feb 28-2t*] THIS OFFICE.

NOTICE.

PENN SAVINGS ASSOCIATION.

THE VOTABLE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE *Penn Savings Association*, are hereby notified to assemble at Hesbner's Hotel, on the 16th day of March, 1863, at 7 o'clock, P M. for the purpose of nominating candidates to be voted for to fill the following offices, to wit: One person for President, for one year; one person for Treasurer, for one year, and three persons for Directors, for two years each. The election for the said officers, to be held at the same place, on Monday evening, March 23rd, 1863, between the hours of 7 and 9 o'clock, P. M.

By order of the Board.

Feb 28-3t] DANIEL ERMENTROUT, Secretary.

NOTICE.

THE PARTNERSHIP EXISTING HERETOfore between J. TITLOW & CO., was dissolved by mutual consent and agreement, on the 12th day of February last. All persons who have become indebted to the said firm since the 1st of September last, are to make payment to Smith P. Ubil, and those who are indebted to said firm before the 1st of September last, are to make payment to John Titlow. Persons having claims against the said firm, contracted since the first of last September, are to present them for payment to Smith P. Ubil, and those having claims against the said firm before the first of September last, are to present them either to Jerome Titlow, Thomas Y. Rhoads, or to John Titlow.

JEROME TITLOW,
JOHN TITLOW,
THOMAS Y. RHOADS,
SMITH P. UBIL.

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Commercial Broker.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAVING TAKEN out a License as a COMMERCIAL BROKER, is prepared to negotiate for the purchase and sale of

REAL ESTATE,
COIN,
STOCKS,
BONDS,
MORTGAGES,

and other Securities, Goods in unbroken Packages, Collection of Rents, and any other business of a Commission Broker or Agent.

☞ Parties having business to do in his line are requested to give him a call.

JACOB C. SCHŒNER,

OFFICE in Court Street, next door above Alderman Schœner. [Feb 28

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Cane-Seat Chair Manufactory,

No. 15 North Fifth Street, 5 doors above the Post Office.

THE UNDERSIGNED WOULD respectfully inform his friends and the public, that he now has the largest assortment of

CANE-SEAT CHAIRS

ever offered in Reading, and for neatness of finish, and durability of workmanship, unsurpassed by any. Handsome *new style* Parlor Chairs, Dining-room, Chamber and Rocking Chairs, all sizes; also Windsor Chairs, Looking Glasses, Marble Top Tables, Settees, Bedsteads, &c., &c.

D. H. BEIDEMAN.

FLUID AND ALCOHOL.

FOR SALE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, BY

Feb 28-3t] J. L. STICHTER, Fifth and Penn Streets.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

SHERIFF'S SALES OF REAL ESTATE.

BY VIRTUE OF SUNDRY WRITS OF *Levari Facias, Venditioni Exponas*, and *Fieri Facias*, issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Berks county, and to me directed, will be sold at public vendue or out-cry:

On Monday, the 23rd day of March, A. D., 1863, at 1 o'clock, P. M., at the public house of Henry H. Bernhart, (Princetown,) Ruscombmanor township, Berks county, to wit: A certain two-story STONE HOUSE with basement, one story Stone Kitchen attached, Frame Stable, Pump of Water, and a lot or piece of ground, situate in Ruscombmanor township, Berks county, bounded by lands of Martin Augstadt, Dr. Charles Weaver, Abraham Weitzel, and a public road; containing 2 acres and 106 perches, more or less. Sold as the property of *ELIJAH BROWN.*

On Tuesday, the 24th day of March, A. D., 1863, at 1 o'clock, P. M., at the public house of Joseph Hilsinger, in Douglass township, Berks county, to wit:

No. 1—A certain messuage, tenement and tract of land, situate in Douglass township, Berks county, beginning at a Stone corner, in a line of Charles Keely, and John Nester's land, and running thence by the same North 21 degrees and a quarter, West 40 perches and four-tenths to a corner, and North 66 degrees and a half, East 22 perches and three-tenths to a corner of David Gresh's land, thence by the same South 22 degrees, East 38 perches; South 71 degrees and a half, West 8 perches and six tenths and a half, South 17 degrees, East 9 perches and eight-tenths, and South 70 degrees and three-quarters, West 13 perches and four and a half to the place of beginning; containing 6 acres and 1 perch, more or less. Improvements thereon erected are a two-story STONE HOUSE and back buildings attached, large Barn and Shedding, &c., &c., (being a Tavern Stand).

No. 2—A certain tract of WOODLAND, situate in Douglass township, Berks county, beginning at a Stone corner of late John L. Esch's land, thence by the same North 54 degrees, East 50 perches to a stone corner in a line of Jacob Bower's land, thence by the same South 49 degrees, East 26 perches and three tenths to a stone and hickory, and South 54 degrees, West 50 perches and three-tenths to a stone corner in a line of David Gresh's land, thence by the same North 43 degrees, West 25 perches and one-tenth to the place of beginning; containing 8 acres and 1 perch, more or less.

No. 3—A certain messuage and tract of land, situate in Douglass township, Berks county, beginning at a Stone corner of Jacob Bower's land, thence by the same South 19 degrees, East 97 perches and eight-tenths to a stone corner of said David Gresh's land, thence by the same south 55 degrees and three-quarters, West 27 perches and seventenths to a corner in a line of other lands of Lydia Gresh, thence by the same North 23 degrees and three quarters, West 50 perches and eight-tenths to a corner in the great road, being also a corner of David Gresh's land, thence by the same North