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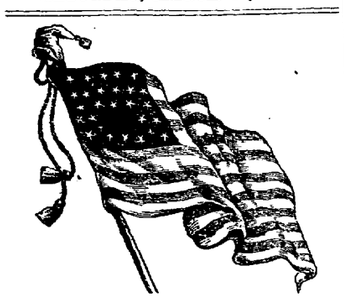

HAIL! brightest banner that floats on the gale,
Flag of the country of Washington, hail!
Red are thy stripes with the blood of the brave,
Bright are thy stars as the sun on the wave;
Wrapt in thy folds are the hopes of the Free,
Banner of Washington! blessings on thee!

FIRST OF APRIL.

This general settling day is close at hand, and we, with many others, must prepare to meet it. All persons indebted to us, therefore, whether for subscriptions, advertising or job printing, will confer a special favor by paying up promptly *before* the first of April, so that we may be enabled to pay the demands that will be made upon us.

We are thankful to those who have settled their accounts during the winter. But there is yet a large number in arrears; and we now appeal to them not to let the first of April pass without paying up. The paper we print upon is still as exorbitant in price as it was two months ago, with no prospect of any decline; and we are obliged to pay *cash* for it, and all other articles we consume, *on delivery*. We must therefore adhere to the *cash system*, or we cannot get along in our business at all. While things remain as they are, we shall have to demand advance payments from all subscribers, and cash for advertising and job printing. When the times get back into the old track again, we shall be glad to relax this hard rule.

CITY ELECTION.

Our annual charter election will be held next Friday, the 20th inst. A Mayor, Treasurer, &c., are to be chosen for two years, and the usual Ward Officers for one year. The tickets nominated by the two parties are published among our local news. JOSEPH S. HOYER, Esq., the Democratic candidate for Mayor, is a gentleman of unblemished character, and well qualified to discharge the duties of that office. He was formerly Clerk of the Court of Quarter Sessions of Berks county, which position he filled with much credit and fidelity. He is in every way worthy of the hearty support of the Democratic voters of the city. Judge HEIDENREICH, our candidate for City Treasurer, is an old merchant—formerly an Associate Judge of this county—and is esteemed by all who know him. His capacity for the office is admitted, and the personal popularity he deservedly enjoys, makes him just the man to win. The Democratic candidates for Auditor, Constables, Councils, and the Ward Offices generally, are also, without exception, good men, who will compare favorably with the opposing candidates, and who deserve to poll every Democratic vote.

But, independent of the excellent material of which the Democratic tickets are composed, there are higher considerations involved in the coming contest, which should induce every Democrat and genuine friend of the Union to use his utmost efforts for the success of the Democratic candidates. Reading is known all over the country as the capital of old Democratic Berks—a county that at the election in October last, recorded her verdict of condemnation against the unconstitutional Abolition policy of the Administration, by a majority of nearly 6,000 votes. That policy, by the legislation of the late Congress, has been carried to the utmost extremity short of a complete overthrow of the Constitution, and if there ever was a time when the people should speak out against the dangerous encroachments of Executive power, that time is now. A defeat of the Democrats in the city of Reading at this time, would be heralded far and wide by the hirelings of the Administration, as a re-action in Old Berks, and an endorsement of its destructive policy. This must not be. The masses of the people of Reading are not Abolitionists, neither are they in favor of destroying the last hope of saving the Union by perverting the war for its restoration into an anti-slavery crusade. Let all who love the Union and the constitutional liberties of white men better than they do the liberation of the blacks of the South, turn out next Friday, and prove their fidelity by voting the Democratic candidates. In this way an easy victory will be assured, and the heavy verdict of the county at the October election, will be gloriously confirmed by the city. Two years ago, the Democrats elected their Mayor by a majority of over 600. They can do it again, if they only stand together *and do their duty.*

STATE CONVENTION.

The Democratic State Central Committee of Pennsylvania, some months since met in Reading and fixed the time for holding the next State Convention at Harrisburg on the 17th of June, to nominate a candidate for Governor and Judge of the Supreme Court. Subsequently some of the members of the Committee who were not in attendance at Reading, requested the Chairman to call the Committee together again for the purpose of reconsidering the former action. The Committee met on Saturday evening last, at the Merchants' Hotel, in Philadelphia, twenty-seven members being present, and after a full discussion of the subject and interchange of sentiment, the motion to change the day was voted down. The day originally fixed upon, therefore remains, which is Wednesday, the 17th of June. This gives four months for the campaign, which in the present unsettled condition of the country, is ample time for a vigorous canvass. The Democracy will go into the contest with a determination to succeed, and their efforts will be crowned with success.

SURVIVORS OF THE REFORM CONVENTION OF 1837-38.—INTERESTING RE-UNION.—On the 21st of February, a meeting of the surviving members of the Convention which framed the amended Constitution of Pennsylvania, which commenced its sittings at Harrisburg May 2, 1837, and adjourned February 22, 1838, was held in the Musical Fund Hall, Philadelphia. A quarter of a century has passed since that Convention closed its labors. It contained 133 members. Only 48 now survive. Hon. Joseph R. Chandler was elected President of the late re-union, and it was resolved to hold a re-union annually hereafter. The delegates to the Convention from Berks county, were John Ritter, George M. Keim, William High, Mark Darrah and James Donagan; only one of whom (Dr. Donagan) is now living.

☞ RAGS are going back to their old value, but paper makers still hold on to high prices for paper.

FALSE UNIONISM.

The Abolition leaders, seeing that the people will not sustain them in their extreme unconstitutional measures, are endeavoring to cover up their many misdeeds, and to draw away the public mind from the contemplation of their real designs in prosecuting the war, by getting up a series of so-called "Union" meetings, at which the speakers are loud in sounding the war cry, and profuse in their professions of unconditional Unionism. The better to deceive the people, they have bought the services of a few loose-principled Democrats, like Andy Johnson and Hendrick B. Wright, to give the color of no-partyism to the meetings, and to divide, if possible, the Democratic organization, which, they but too plainly see, is again closing up in a solid, united phalanx, to save the country by driving from power, by the lawful and constitutional means that are within their reach, the sectional partizans, who have so shamelessly abused their most sacred trusts. We would caution all Democrats to beware how they become entangled in this weak invention of their political enemies. Let them judge them by their *acts*, and not by their *professions*; and they will find that their pretence of saving the Union is a mere cloak to hide their assumption of arbitrary power, and their thirst for war an appetite that springs from the lust for private gain, and not from pure patriotism. The men now in power are *not* the true friends of the Union, or they would have accepted the Crittenden Compromise, which would have saved the Union and averted civil war; for the records of Congress prove that the leaders of the rebellion—even Jeff. Davis himself—declared that the South would accept it as a measure of final pacification, if it was tendered them, in good faith, by the Republicans. They are *not* the true friends of the Union, or they never would have adopted the revolutionary dogma of Seward's "irrepressible conflict," which, contrary to the peaceful and prosperous experience of seventy-five years, insisted that "this Union could not exist half slave and half free." They are *not* the true friends of the Union, or they never would have followed the insane teachings of Garrison, who declared that the Constitution of our fathers—of Washington, of Jefferson, of Madison, of Franklin, and their illustrious compatriots—was "a covenant with Death and a league with Hell"—of Phillips, who, in the city of Washington, under the very nose of the President, boasted that "for thirty years he had been a disunionist," and he rejoiced that he had not labored in vain!—of Greeley, who advocated separation for years before secession took the damnable shape of treason and civil war—of Thad. Stevens, who, in his seat in Congress, boldly scouted the idea that they "had any warrant in the Constitution" for their confiscation and emancipation schemes, and proclaimed that "*this Union never shall, with my consent, be restored under the Constitution as it is.*" They are *not* the true friends of the Union, or they would never allow the Government to be robbed of millions by a horde of rascally contractors and agents, while the Treasury is daily embarrassed for the means to pay the enormous expenses of this protracted war. They are *not* the true friends of the Union, or they would *not* have divided public sentiment at the North—whose people were united as one man in support of the Constitution and in defence of the Flag, when they were first assailed by armed rebellion—by their attempt to force upon them the hateful and unconstitutional doctrines of Abolitionism; by their arrest and persecution of loyal Democrats for speaking out their honest sentiments; by their suspension of the *habeas corpus*, the last safeguard of personal liberty; by their suppression of Democratic newspapers, and incarceration of their editors in forts converted into prisons; by their enforcement of martial law in States undisturbed by disloyalty or rebellion, and where the administration of the civil authority was wholly unobstructed; by the substitution of the sectionalism of the Chicago Platform for the nationality of the Constitution; and by the deliberate violation of the solemn oaths and pledges that they took on their accession to power. Finally, they are *not* the true friends of the Union, for by the whole current of the legislation of the last Congress, they have shown that the freedom of the negro is to them dearer than the salvation of the Union, and that they have resolved to prosecute the war for the former, and let the latter take care of itself.

A war, to be justifiable and properly supported, must have a lawful object, and must be prosecuted according to that policy which will best promote its object. Now, the only legitimate purpose of the present war, is the maintenance of the Constitution, and through it, the restoration of the Union. When Congress, at the extra session of July, 1861, declared by a vote nearly unanimous,—

"*That this war is not waged on their part in any spirit of oppression, or for any purpose of conquest or subjugation or purpose of overthrowing or interfering with the rights or established institutions of those States, but to defend and maintain the supremacy of the Constitution, and to preserve the Union, with all the dignity, equality, and rights of the several States unimpaired; and that as soon as these objects are accomplished the war ought to cease,*"—

They proclaimed the *true* and only lawful purpose of the war; and to its prosecution for that purpose, the Democratic party was and is unalterably pledged. But they have given no pledge, and no earthly power can compel them, to support a war which, by the pursuit of a policy directly the reverse of that which would have tended to the accomplishment of its single purpose, has been diverted and perverted into a war for the extermination of slavery. The United States have no power, under the Constitution, to wage such a war, and the Administration that undertakes it, is as much a usurper and traitor, as the rebel leaders themselves. When Democrats, therefore, are solicited to join in these falsely called "Union War Meetings," let them inquire who are their instigators and chief managers, and judge from the character, antecedents, and present political associations of the men, whether they are genuine Unionists, or merely Negro-worshippers; upholders of the war for the sole purpose of restoring the Union, or for war "without a why or a wherefore," only so that slavery is abolished. For *a* Union, these men undoubtedly are. It is not, however, the Union as our fathers made it, founded upon an equality of rights and interests, impartially protected by the Constitution; but a Union of force and arbitrary power, held together by the strong arm of a centralized, despotic government, and built upon the ruins of the State rights which are, ever have been and ever should be, independent of but not in conflict with the Federal power; and which alone can preserve the liberties of the people. To the creation of such a Union, by the destruction of the Union as the Constitution of 1787 made it, the Democratic party, as the faithful conservator of the undying principles of civil and religious freedom, and of the individual rights of man, is and ever will be, unalterably opposed. It will only yield obedience to the tyranny that attempts to establish such a usurpation, when all its powers of resistance shall have failed.

REPORTED UNION VICTORY ON THE YAZOO RIVER.—The Cincinnati *Gazette* of yesterday (13th) publishes a report from Memphis, that Gen. Grant has captured Yazoo City, together with 7,000 prisoners and eight transports. No particulars are given.

SENATOR CLYMER.

The following highly complimentary notice of our State Senator, is taken from the Harrisburg correspondence of the *Easton Sentinel*, written by the editor of that paper, D. H. Neiman, Esq., a member of the Legislature:

Since I last wrote you we have had some lively times and animated discussions in both the Senate and House. In the Senate on a preamble and resolutions tendering the use of the Senate Chamber to those two arch-demagogues, Andy Johnson, the *Provisional* Governor of Tennessee, and Ex-Governor Wright, of Indiana, for the purpose of delivering political harangues. The Democratic Senators offered an amendment tendering the same courtesy to Gen. McClellan. This the abolitionists resisted, whereupon a discussion arose, which lasted about six hours. The debate was most animated and the speeches made on the Democratic side, by Messrs. Clymer, Lamberton and Wallace, were most eloquent, patriotic and thrilling, bringing forth frequent spontaneous bursts of applause from the crowded galleries. The speech of Senator Clymer, of Berks, was particularly bold, masterly and unanswerable. He held the large audience spell-bound for nearly an hour, and when he concluded he was surrounded by a host of friends, who complimented him on his manly defense of the Democratic party, its principles and policy. I could not do him justice by attempting a synopsis of his remarks, therefore I will send you a copy thereof as soon as printed, for publication, that your readers may have an opportunity to read for themselves. In this connection, it may not be out of place to say that Mr. Clymer's course and position here are of such a character, that circumstances, aside from his peculiar fitness for the position, make him a prominent candidate for Gubernatorial honors. Scarcely a day passes that we do not notice some new strength, in the shape of Democratic papers, coming to his support. Among the most recent of these accessions is the Clinton County *Democrat*, Hon. H. L. Dieffenbach, from the last number of which we take the following:—

"NEXT GOVERNOR.—It is a proper thing that Berks county should furnish the next Democratic candidate for Governor. Berks has a sturdy patriotic history that no other county can equal. Any son of her's elected Governor of the State would be literally under bonds, with the best of security, to discharge his duties well. She presents HIESTER CLYMER, who represents the best blood of '76—the descendants of both the Hiesters and Clymers of the old Revolution. The State, in these troublesome times, needs an able, firm man, of undoubted and unquestionable integrity, and a thorough Democrat, for Governor. Clymer has all these qualifications, and therefore we hope he may be nominated."

NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

The Granite State has gone against the Administration, notwithstanding the strenuous efforts that were made to carry it. Ira A. Eastman, the Democratic candidate for Governor, has a plurality of nearly 3,500 over Joseph E. Gilmore, Abolitionist, and if he has failed of an election by the people, it is only because some 4,300 votes were thrown away upon Col. Walter Harriman, a so-called "War Democrat." For Congress, Daniel Marcy, Democrat, is certainly elected in the 1st District, which is a gain, and the vote is so close in the 2d, that the official count is required to decide. The 3d District elects an Abolitionist. Well done, New-Hampshire! The great reaction is "marching along."

INTERESTING LEGAL OPINION.—At a recent term of the Court of Montgomery county, in the case of Breitenbach *vs.* Bush, Judge Chapman decided that the law staying civil process against soldiers was unconstitutional. The case was carried to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, and on Thursday last, at Philadelphia, an opinion was given reversing the decision of the Court of Montgomery county, thereby affirming the constitutionality of the law. The stay law was enacted on the 18th day of April, 1861. The 4th Section, the constitutionality of which was in question, reads as follows:

"No civil process shall issue or be entered against any person mustered into the service of this State or of the United States, during the term for which he shall be engaged in such service, nor until thirty days after he shall have been discharged therefrom: *Provided*, that the operation of all statutes of limitation shall be suspended upon all claims against such persons during such term."

THE CULTURE OF TOBACCO.—We shall publish, in next week's *Gazette*, a "Prize Essay on the Culture and Management of Tobacco," by W. W. Bowie, Esq., of Prince George's county, Md., for which a prize of silver plate of the value of $30, was awarded by the publisher of the *American Farmer*, several years ago. It contains, in a condensed form, a vast amount of valuable practical information in relation to the raising of Tobacco; and as a number of the farmers of Berks county have lately entered somewhat largely into the culture of that plant, the Essay will doubtless be as acceptable as any thing we could print at the present time.

TERRIBLE RIOTS IN DETROIT.—A serious riot occurred in Detroit last Friday, begun by an excited mob who attempted to seize a negro who was being taken from Court to jail, after a conviction of an infamous outrage upon a white girl. The mob was driven off, but afterward made a furious assault upon all the colored people in the city, burning their houses and killing 10 or 15 persons. The riot was finally suppressed by military force, but it is liable to break out at any moment. There were 32 houses destroyed and 200 negroes deprived of their homes.

DEMOCRATIC CITY CONVENTION.

The Conferees, elected by the different Wards of the City of Reading, to nominate a Democratic City Ticket, met in the Democratic Club Room, on Wednesday evening, March 11th, at 7½ o'clock, and organized by selecting DANIEL ERMENTROUT, Esq., Chairman, and EDWARD H. SHEARER, Esq., Secretary.

The credentials of the several Wards were then presented, and the following persons admitted to seats:

First Ward—Edward H. Shearer, William B. Albright, and Philip Y. Gilham.

Second Ward—John B. Goodhart, William A. Rocholl, and Wellington Van Reed.

Third Ward—Calvin Goodman, David A. Stout, and William S. Young.

Fourth Ward—Franklin S. Barnhart, Amos B. Wanner, and Jacob Malsberger.

Fifth Ward—Samuel Summons, Isaac Laucks, and Daniel Ermentrout.

The following nominations were then made:

For Mayor:
JOSEPH S. HOYER.

For Treasurer:
WILLIAM HEIDENREICH.

For City Auditor:
HENRY KERPER.

For Constables:
WOOD M. SCHWARTZ,
JAMES SCHEIDY.

On motion, a Committee of three, consisting of Messrs. A. B. Wanner, Samuel Summons and Franklin S. Barnhart, was appointed, to inform Messrs. HOYER and HEIDENREICH of their nomination.

Shortly afterwards, the Committee returned and introduced the candidates for Mayor and Treasurer—who, in a few brief remarks, thanked the Conferees for their nomination, pledging themselves to stand by the old landmarks of the Constitution and the Democratic Party.

On motion, the Convention adjourned.

DANIEL ERMENTROUT, President.
EDWARD H. SHEARER, Secretary.

NOMINATION FOR ALDERMAN.

The Conferees of the First, Second and Third Wards, then organized by electing DAVID A. STOUT, Chairman, and EDWARD H. SHEARER, Secretary, and nominated MATTHIAS MENGEL by acclamation for Alderman in the old "South Ward."

The meeting was then addressed by Hon. S. E. Ancona and Daniel Ermentrout, Esq.

After giving three hearty cheers for the Nominees, the Constitution and the Union,

On motion, adjourned.

☞ The Attention of Farmers and Gardeners is directed to the advertisement of Allen & Needles, in another column. Their Super-Phosphate of Lime is acknowledged to be one of the best fertilizers now in the market. This firm is well known for the superiority of all the fertilizing materials it keeps for sale, and farmers who make their purchases from it, can rely upon getting a good article.

☞ MILLINERY AND STRAW GOODS now opening at H. Ward's Store, Philadelphia. Read advertisement.

City Affairs.

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

☞ FIRST OF APRIL CHANGES.—Those of our subscribers who intend to change their places of residence on or about the first of April, are requested to give us timely notice of the same, in order that their papers may be forwarded or delivered to them at their new residences. They should always be careful to state the place *from*, as well as the place *to* which they remove. Early attention to this matter, will save trouble, and insure the prompt receipt of the paper by subscribers in town or country.

☞ COIN FURNISHED TO THE STATE.—Of the $1,003,318 12 furnished the State Treasurer in coin, by the Banks of this Commonwealth, for the payment of the interest on the public debt, under the Act of January 30th, 1863, the Farmers' Bank of Reading gave $15,000; the Union Bank of Reading, $4,000; and the Bank of Pottstown $4,000.

☞ SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR.—The supplement to the Act revising the Municipal Charter of the city of Reading, which passed the Legislature some days ago, and a copy of which we published in last week's *Gazette*, was signed by the Governor on the 4th inst., and is now a law. It makes a few changes in the arrangement of the tickets for "City Officers" and "Ward Officers" to be voted for at the Spring elections, and provides that *all* elections held in this city shall be kept open until 8 o'clock, P. M. The polls will therefore close next Friday at 8 o'clock, instead of 7 P. M.

☞ READING AND COLUMBIA RAILROAD.—This road is now open from Columbia to Litiz, for the transportation of passengers and merchandize. On Monday last, trains commenced running daily between the two points, at the following hours:

Leave Columbia,	8.20 A. M.
Arrive at Litiz,	9.50 "
Leave Litiz,	4.50 P. M.
Arrive at Columbia,	6.20 "

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☞ SUDDEN DEATH.—Mr. John Fasig, aged about 28 years, a son of Daniel Fasig (painter), while engaged in hanging paper at the house of Mr. Charles D. Geiger, in Third street, near Spruce, yesterday morning about 10 o'clock, was suddenly seized with a fit of apoplexy and died in an hour after being taken to his residence, in Carpenter alley. He was an industrious young man, and esteemed by all who knew him.

☞ CANAL NAVIGATION.—The water has been let into the Schuylkill Canal, and the whole line is now ready for navigation. Several boats have arrived from below. The tolls on the canal have been fixed at seventy-three cents per ton from Port Carbon to Philadelphia, and seventy cents from Schuylkill Haven.

☞ ANOTHER LEGISLATIVE EXCURSION.—The members of the Senate and House of Representatives of Pennsylvania, in compliance with an invitation from the Treasurer of the North Lebanon Railroad, and the President of the Reading Railroad, made an excursion to Lebanon on Thursday, to visit to the Cornwall ore hills. They left Harrisburg at 2.15 P. M., in an extra train, were taken to Cornwall over the North Lebanon road, and back to Lebanon in time for supper at the Lebanon Valley House, and returned to Harrisburg by the regular evening train.

☞ SUPPOSED INFANTICIDE.—On Tuesday morning, the body of a new-born infant was discovered in the sink of the Berks County House, in East Penn street, near Eighth, kept by Mr. Eli S. Fox. Coroner Fox was summoned, and an inquest held, the verdict of which was, that the child had died in consequence of the willful neglect of its mother, to the jury unknown. Suspicion having attached to a young girl named Rosanna Rohrbach, about 19 years of age, residing in Ruscombmanor township, who had recently boarded at the house, Detective Lyon and officer Wm. E. Wilson went in quest of her, and arrested her the same afternoon, and took her before Alderman Schoener, who, after a patient hearing, committed her to take her trial at the April Session of our Court.

☞ NEWS FROM DURELL'S BATTERY.—Capt. George W. Durell, of the Ringgold Battery, arrived home on Monday evening, on brief leave of absence. From private letters brought by him, from members of the Battery (which is now quartered on the James river, near Newport News), dated the 28th of February, we learn that the paymaster had appeared among them and that there was a prospect of all hands being paid off, which occasioned much joy among the boys of the Battery, as eight months' pay was then due them and they were anxious to get possession of a few greenbacks. One of the men writes: "Lieut. Gries, who was in Reading recruiting nearly eight months, came back last evening. He is a first-rate officer, and the men all like him. We were right pleased to see him come back, and gave him three hearty cheers. We live a great deal better down here than we did when on the Rappahannock or in the vicinity of Washington. We now draw fresh bread, ham, potatoes, onions, and several more things that we did not get before; and the express goods come right through—so we are constantly receiving boxes, &c., from our friends at home." Another writes as follows: "Who is the kind person that has been reporting over the country that 70 of our men have deserted? As a matter of justice to the friends at home, I would remark that we are the only battery out of the six which came down, that has not a deserter."

☞ THE 128TH PENNA. REGIMENT.—This Regiment, in which there are 6 Berks county Companies, is still stationed near Stafford Court House; and Major Dyer, who visited Doylestown last week, reports that the most of the men are well and in first-rate spirits. There are but few cases of sickness in the Regiment at the present time. They are surrounded by a sea of mud, which appears to be the condition at the present time of the entire Army of the Potomac, and a forward movement under such circumstances is simply an impossibility.

We are pleased to learn that the question as to the Lieutenant Colonelcy of this Regiment, has at last been settled in favor of Captain L. HEBER SMITH. He received his commission as Lieutenant Colonel on Wednesday last, thus confirming his previous appointment.

☞ DEMOCRATIC CITY CLUB.—The special meeting of the Club, last Saturday night, was largely attended, and the right spirit prevailed. The Executive Committee made a report on Organization and other matters in regard to which they had been instructed, which was adopted. It was announced that the Committee of Safety of 100 Democrats in each Ward, had been appointed, and that, in consequence of the addition of numerous names thereto, it would probably be increased to 1000 members for the city at large. The form of a notice, to be served upon the members, was also adopted. The Committee also reported the following resolution of welcome to the Hon. S. E. ANCONA, which was adopted with loud acclamations:

Resolved, That the Democratic City Club of Reading tender their most cordial welcome to HON. S. E. ANCONA, the Representative of this district in the 37th Congress, on his return home from the field of his useful labors. From the time when he first took his seat in the House, till the last hour of the session, he stood firm and fearless amidst the stormy waves of fanaticism, true to the old landmarks of Democracy, never flinching in his path of duty towards the maintenance of the Constitution and the preservation of the Union, and well deserving of the confidence of his constituents, that will follow him proudly through the next Congress.

The Club was very eloquently addressed by the Hon. HIESTER CLYMER, Hon. J. GLANCY JONES and Hon. S. E. ANCONA, upon the present state of the country, and the importance of securing a Democratic victory at our coming City Election.

The Club then adjourned to meet *this evening* at 7½ o'clock, when addresses in the German language may be expected.

☞ SCHOOL AFFAIRS.—The proceedings of the monthly meeting of the Board of Controllers of the Reading School District, held last Monday evening, are published, but contain nothing of special interest. The report of the Committee on Finance, shows that there are $6,560 66 taxes outstanding on the duplicates of 1862; that the balance in the hands of the Treasurer at present is $2,371 75; and amount of orders outstanding unpaid, $4,121-97. The permanent indebtedness of the Board is $21,170 00, being $600 more than a year ago, but the floating indebtedness is nearly $2,000 less.

Messrs. Knerr, Moore, Eckert, Jones, and J. S. Richards, were appointed a Committee to inquire into the expediency of revising the salaries of Teachers.

The following abstract of Teachers' Reports for the month of February, shows the attendance of scholars during the month:

	On Roll.	*Average Attendance.*
Boys,	2215	1537
Girls,	2040	1482
Total	4255	3019

We are indebted to Lewis Briner, Esq., Secretary of the Board, for a copy of the Eighth Annual Report. It is an interesting document, and presents a highly satisfactory statement of the operation and progress of the public schools of Reading during the past year.

☞ NEW POST ROUTE.—At the instance of the Hon. S. E. Ancona, a new section was inserted in the Post Office bill passed by the late Congress, establishing a new Post Route from Reading to Womelsdorf, via Adams's Tavern, the Dry Tavern, Brownsville and Klopp's Store, to be served with a tri-weekly mail. This route traverses a portion of our county that has hitherto been without mail facilities, and as soon as the necessary Post Offices are established, will be a great convenience to the inhabitants. The appointment of the Post Offices belongs to the Postmaster General.

CITY ELECTION.

THE NOMINATIONS BY BOTH PARTIES.

The following are the two tickets that have been placed in nomination for the city election, to be held on Friday next, the 20th inst., between the hours 8 A. M., and 8 P. M.

DEMOCRATIC TICKET.	REPUBLICAN TICKET.
Mayor:	*Mayor:*
Joseph S. Hoyer.	David McKnight.
Treasurer:	*Treasurer:*
William Heidenreich,	John Heller.
Auditor:	*Auditor:*
Henry Kerper.	Abner K. Stauffer.
Constables:	*Constables:*
Wood M. Schwartz,	Joseph Deysher,
James Scheidy.	Frederick Setley.
Alderman, (South Ward).	*Alderman, (South Ward.)*
Matthias Mengel.	Peter Cleaver.
FIRST (SPRUCE) WARD.	
Common Council:	*Common Council:*
Redmond McManus,	Amos H Deysher,
Philip Albright,	George W. Armstrong,
Daniel Lausch.	John Retrich.
Judge:	*Judge:*
Edward H. Shearer.	Mahlon Fox.
Inspector:	*Inspector:*
Franklin R. Bruckman.	Franklin Witman.
School Controller:	*School Controller:*
Amos Hooker.	Peter Jones, (1 year),
	John B. Maxton, (3 yrs).
Assessor:	*Assessor:*
Edward Schmeck.	Henry Wunder.
SECOND (SOUTH-WEST) WARD.	
Common Council:	*Common Council:*
Charles D. Geiger,	Peter Hoch,
George Ritner,	Arnold Mellert,
Charles Boyer,	James L. Douglas.
Judge:	*Judge:*
Hiram S Getz.	William Young.
Inspector:	*Inspector:*
Joseph Harvey.	Jacob Lehman.
School Controller:	*School Controller:*
James Mulligan.	Samuel Fress.
Assessor:	*Assessor:*
Samuel Seagraves.	John B. Griesinger.
THIRD (SOUTH-EAST) WARD.	
Common Council:	*Common Council:*
John Tigh,	Daniel Spohn,
Jacob Goodman,	William Ubil,
Henry Seidel.	Charles Hahn.
Judge:	*Judge:*
William G. McGowan.	John H. Nagle.
Inspector:	*Inspector:*
Daniel Goodman.	Amos Seidel.
School Controller:	*School Controller:*
Levi P. Rauer.	Alonzo Turner.
Assessor:	*Assessor:*
David Eisenhawer.	Solomon Deem.
FOURTH (NORTH-EAST) WARD.	
Select Council:	*Select Council:*
Levi J. Smith.	George Foos.
Common Council:	*Common Council:*
James T. Kieser,	Charles K. Snell,
Ferdinand S. Ritter,	Henry Hartman,
Peter Tinsman,	Henry S. Eckert,
James Donegan.	Michael Sands.
Judge:	*Judge:*
Henry P. Herb.	Franklin L. Myers.
Inspector:	*Inspector:*
David Roland.	Peter Maund.
School Controller:	*School Controller:*
C. F. McCauley.	Henry Hahn.
Assessor:	*Assessor:*
John Y. Cunnius.	George Bushar.
FIFTH (NORTH-WEST) WARD.	
Common Council:	*Common Council:*
Jacob Bushong,	William Krick,
Casper Reifsnyder,	Charles Seiders,
Amos W. Potteiger.	Levi Maltzberger.
Judge:	*Judge:*
Charles Henry Jones.	John McKnight.
Inspector:	*Inspector:*
John C. Kruse.	John W. Burkhart.
School Controller:	*School Controller:*
J. Lawrence Getz.	D. Llewellyn Beaver.
Assessor:	*Assessor:*
Herman Beard.	William F. Walter.

☞ THE SWORD, BELT AND PISTOLS of Capt. Wm. H. Andrews, who fell at the Battle of Antietam, and which were missing when his body was recovered, were restored to his relatives in this city, on Friday evening last, through the kind instrumentality of Clement C. Barclay, Esq., of Philadelphia, and the officers of the Reading Railroad Company. How they were obtained, is not stated. The sword and pistols were the gift of the employees of the Reading and East Penna. Railroads, to Capt. Andrews, and his surviving relatives will naturally prize them highly as mementos of that brave soldier.

☞ SERIOUS ACCIDENT.—On Thursday, the 5th inst., Jonas Billig, a Millwright, of Wesnerville, while engaged in fixing something at a Threshing Machine which was in operation in the barn of Michael Kistler, in Albany township, fell and had his left arm caught in the cylinder of the Machine, which tore it off at the elbow. Doctors Shade and Seiberling were sent for, who found it necessary to amputate the mutilated arm above the elbow. The sufferer is recovering slowly. He has a family dependent on him for support, which makes his misfortune doubly severe.

☞ ORDERED TO VICKSBURG.—Capt. Frank. P. Muhlenberg, of the 13th U. S. Infantry, who has been stationed for some time past at Columbus, Ohio, as Mustering and Disbursing Officer, has been relieved, and ordered to join his Regiment, now before Vicksburg. The Captain is now in this city, and will leave for his new post of duty on Monday next. His military career, so far, has been highly creditable, and we have not the least doubt that he will deport himself as the true soldier on the arena of active service.

☞ HORSE STOLEN.—On Saturday night, February 28th, about 10 o'clock, a valuable horse was stolen from the stable of Mr. Peter Fink, in Upper Bern township. The horse is of a brown color, with white hind feet, a white mark on the right hip, and the letter "S" branded on the hoof of the right fore-foot. Mr. Fink offers a reward of $25 for the detection of the thief and $25 for the recovery of the horse.

☞ HARVEY BIRCH & BROTHERS have the New-York Illustrated Papers for March 21—all filled with spirited engravings of War Scenes, Portraits, &c., with interesting descriptions. They also continue their Agency for the New-York and Philadelphia Dailies, the Monthly Magazines, &c.

☞ ACCIDENT.—Mr. Hiram M. Goodman, foreman in the *Adler* office, had the middle finger of his right hand badly crushed on Monday afternoon, while engaged at the Steam Press in running off the inside form of the paper. He will lose the use of the finger, and be disabled for some time to come.

☞ GRADUATE IN PHARMACY.—Mr. Daniel S. Fox, of Reading, took his degree as "Graduate in Pharmacy" at the annual Commencement of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, held at the Musical Fund Hall, in that city, on Thursday evening last.

☞ AMOUNT OF COAL transported on the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad, during the week ending Thursday, March 12, 1863.

	Tons.	Cwt.
From Port Carbon,	19,355	16
" Pottsville,	2,096	12
" Schuylkill Haven,	15,997	02
" Auburn,	3,919	00
" Port Clinton,	3 801	15
" Harrisburg,	2,429	10
Total for week	47,599	15
Previously this year,	635,629	07
TOTAL,	683 229	02
To same time last year,	427,344	14

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NEWTON D. STRONG,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
OFFICE IN COURT STREET, NEAR FIFTH,
Reading, Pa. [March 14, 1863-3mo

WANTED
TWO ROOMS IN A HOUSE OCCUPIED BY a private family, for Offices for a Professional Man. Address "PROFESSIONAL," Post Office. [March 14-2t

RAGS WANTED.
THE HIGHEST MARKET PRICE, IN CASH, will be paid for RAGS, at the *Reading Adler* office.
March 14-3t] W. VAN REED.

LAST NOTICE.
ALL PERSONS KNOWING THEMSELVES indebted to the Estate of Isaac Rhoads, of Amity township, Berks county, are requested to make payment to the undersigned Assignees, at Reading, on Friday, April 3rd, 1863, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 4 o'clock, P. M. All persons having claims against said Estate, will present them at the same time and place, properly authenticated for settlement.
DAVID LEVAN, } Assignees.
JOHN B. HOLLOWAY, }
March 14, 1863-3t

Government Pension and Claim AGENCY.
THE UNDERSIGNED IS PREPARED TO prosecute Claims in any of the Executive Departments of the United States, or to procure Patents.
☞ Particular attention will be paid to the claims of Soldiers for Bounty, Back-Pay, Pensions, &c.
WILLIAM B. SCHŒNER,
March 14-tf] Court Street, Reading, Pa.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.
THE UNDERSIGNED, AUDITOR APPOINTed by the Court of Common Pleas of Berks county, to audit and re-state the account of Abraham H. Vanderslice, Assignee of Herman Y. Linderman and Wife, of Exeter township, Berks county, and make distribution of the balance in the hands of the accountant, will meet all parties interested, for the purpose of his appointment, at his office, in the City of Reading, on Wednesday, the 8th day of April, A. D., 1863, at 1 o'clock, P. M.
March 14-3t] B. FRANK. BOYER, Auditor.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.
Estate of John Gruber, late of Lower Heidelberg township, Berks county, dec'd.
THE UNDERSIGNED, AUDITOR APPOINTed by the Orphans' Court of Berks county, to audit, re-state and re-settle the account of Samuel Ohamacht and Daniel Biehel, Administrators of John Gruber, deceased, and make distribution of the balance in their hands, hereby gives notice that he will meet for that purpose on Wednesday, the 8th of April, 1863, at his office in Court street, in the City of Reading, at 1 o'clock, P. M., when and where all persons interested may attend, if they see proper.
March 14-3t] A. G. GREEN, Auditor.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

DEMOCRATIC CITY CLUB.
A Special Meeting of the CLUB
WILL BE HELD
This (Saturday) Evening, at 7½ O'clock,
AT EBEN'S HALL.
☞ DEMOCRATS, ATTEND! ☜
By order of the President.
WHARTON MORRIS, } Secretaries.
March 14-1t] EDWARD H. SHEARER, }

FREELAND SEMINARY,
WILL OPEN ITS SPRING TERM, ON Monday, March 30th, 1863. Young men are fitted for Business, College or Teaching. Access to School by Reading Railroad to the *Roger's Ford Station*.
For Catalogues or particulars, address
H. A. HUNSICKER, Principal,
March 14-4t*] Freeland, Montgomery county, Pa.

READING CLASSICAL ACADEMY, AND NORMAL SCHOOL,
WILL COMMENCE ITS SPRING TERM, on Tuesday, the 7th of April, and continue 11 weeks. A class of Teachers will be formed in the Normal Department, and they will be instructed with especial reference to the wants of their vocation.
TERMS, from $5 to $8 per quarter. Higher English and Languages extra.
For further information, address
March 14-2mo] D. B. BRUNNER, A. B., Principal.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.
THE UNDERSIGNED AUDITOR, APPOINTED by the Orphans' Court of Berks county, to audit and re-state the account of William H. Zerbe, Administrator of