THE DAILY EAGLE.

READING, PA.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1868.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

EXPLORATION IN PHILADELPHIA.

Hon. Daniel M. Fox, Democratic Mayor elect of the city of Philadelphia, is engaged in an exploration of the abodes of the poor in some parts of that city, with the intention of adopting some means to better their condition. Such an undertaking is highly creditable to Mr. Fox, and contrasts strongly with the action of his Radical predecessor, Mayor McMichael, who is said to spend his spare time in "fishing" and other equally useless amusements. The Ledger gives the following account of the visit of Mr. Fox to a poverty stricken and depraved portion of the city:

"The newly elected Mayor, the Hon. Daniel M. Fox, in company with several wealthy and influential citizens, visited yesterday morning, Spafford, Baker and Redford streets, Dougherty's court, and other like localities, for the purpose of ascertaining the condition of the residents in those places, so as to invite an interest in a proposed mode, hereafter to be indicated, for the removal and relief of those who are suffering from cold and hunger. The visitors went into damp cellars, without floors, in which black and whitey drunk and sober congregated, having no means of warming the place, except by small furnaces in corners of the apartments. Here, as well as in upper rooms, men, women and children were without proper clothing to keep them warm or to hide their nakedness. Some of them seemed to feel their condition, and exhibit evidences of shame by hiding their faces in their hands or old tattered shawls. Mr. Fox found one girl of about 16 years of age residing in a shed in the back yard of one of the most dilapidated buildings; no windows were to be seen in the shed, and the only light admitted was through a small hole in one of the planks. In nearly all of the houses, old rags and boards take the place of window glass. Numerous policy shops are to be found in this locality, where women and men pawn their shoes and clothing to obtain a few pennies to buy a policy; these, with the low groggeries, keep most of the inhabitants in a state of poverty and wretchedness not easily imagined. Rooms in cellars without floors, 15 cents a night to $3 per week, and so numerous are the tenants in some of the miserable edifices, that they yield from $800 to $500 a year rent. From the character of the gentlemen making this visit, and the interest manifested by them, it is to be hoped that some plan will be adopted to make a salutary change in this locality.

"We hope that the example of the gentlemen mentioned by the Ledger will be followed by benevolent and influential parties in Reading, and in every other town and city in the United States. Efforts to befriend and relieve the unfortunate poor in our own country are much more creditable to philanthropists than the too frequent practice of running about with bundles of tracts, or preaching begging sermons in behalf of societies for the dissemination of useful knowledge, pocket handkerchiefs, bottles of cologne and opera glasses, among the 'poor heathen' on the uninhabited island of Dostydiwhyoudmaygetit, or elsewhere.

INTERESTING TO LIQUOR DRINKERS.

Persons who are in the habit of finding out more about the quality of the liquors than any other peculiarity of the places which they visit or in which they reside, would do well to reflect upon the following item of news:

The Board of Excise in New York City have just completed a chemical analysis of the various kinds of liquors sold at various saloons in that city as "Bourbon" whisky, and the result is published for the benefit of whom it may concern. Out of thirty-eight specimens subjected to test, only two were found pure.

The ingredients of which most of the "fine old whisky" is composed are as follows: Fusil oil, rancid lamp oil, green tea, prussic acid, water, green and strychnine. The compositions sold as brandy and gin were found to be made up of compounds equally vile.

Some of the newspapers have been making these disclosures of late, but as these were set down as sensational, they did not attract much attention. But the exposures of the Board of Excise are official, and will probably open the eyes of the public to the poisons that are pawned off on them.

According to the report of the Board, the phrase "What'll you pison yourself with," used in some localities in asking a person to drink, is quite a proper mode of expression.

A BAD EXAMPLE.

Advices from Washington state that Gen. Grant and the President not being on speaking terms, the children of the former "declined" the invitation to the Christmas party given on Tuesday night by the grandchildren of the latter. It is also stated that Gen. Grant left Washington to avoid the unpleasant duty of calling on the President on New Year's day, and that Grant made no secret of the fact. If such is the case, the General is not only guilty of an act of petty spite, but he is subject to punishment under the army regulations, for treating his superior officer with disrespect. What have his admirers to say to this? As a private soldier or a subaltern officer is always punished for the slightest act of disrespect to his superiors, direct or implied, why should not the General of the army be forced to set a proper example to those under his command, or suffer the penalty prescribed in such cases by the Articles of War?

The recent unexampled cold in Western Kansas took the people so by surprise that almost all the vegetable produce of the season was destroyed. The potatoes were left in the ground until the cold season should be over, in hopes that it was far enough to dig them they were frozen solid. Terrible suffering by cold and hunger is the consequence. It is feared that hundreds of families are in danger of perishing with cold, in the places on the prairies, in sod dollum houses, and at many homes there is said to be neither fuel nor food. The towns and villages of the State are actively organizing relief committees, and they should be prompt and bountiful, for those in other States who are more favored.—Phila. Ledger.

The Bloomsburg Democrat is the discontinued, a controlling interest in the establishment having been purchased by the proprietors of the Columbian, also a Democratic paper.

BERKS COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS.—Trial List for January Term, 1869. The List will consist of 60 causes. The subpoenas will be made returnable as follows:

From 1 to 7 inclusive, for Monday, January 25th, 1869, at 11 o'clock A. M.
From 8 to 15 inclusive, for Tuesday, January 26th, 1869, at 9 o'clock A. M.
From 16 to 22 inclusive, Wednesday, January 27th, 1869, at 9 o'clock P. M.
From 23 to 27 inclusive, for Monday, February 1, 1869, at 11 o'clock, A. M.
From 28 to 35 inclusive, for Tuesday, February 2, 1869, at 9 o'clock A. M.
From 36 to 50 inclusive, for Wednesday, February 3, 1869, at 9 o'clock A. M.

1. David B. Kauffman, and Rebecca Kauffman, and Daniel H. Rabenold to the use of Rebecca Kauffman and Caroline Reber vs. W. H. Clymer, Administrator of Frederick B. Hunter, dec'd. 114 Dec. T., 1868. George F. Baer. W. M. Baird. Feigned issue.
2. David H. Kauffman vs Same. 115 Dec. T, 1868. George F. Baer. William M. Baird.
3. Edward C. Reber vs Same. 116 Dec. T., 1868. George F. Baer. William M. Baird. Feigned issue.
4. Daniel Reber vs Same. 117 Dec. T, 1868. Geo. F. Baer. Wm. B. Baird. Feigned issue.
5. Susan Becker vs Elizabeth Maurer. 118 Dec. T, 1868. Laucks, Boyer, D. Ermentrout. Feigned issue.
6. Joseph Henry vs Joseph Henry, Administrator, and Margaret Fasig, Administratrix of Adam Fasig, deceased. 119 Dec. T, 1868. Young. Baird, A. E. Wanner. Feigned issue.
7. Phaon Braus and Llewellyn Braus, doing business as Braus & Bro. vs E. K. Kreider. 120 Dec. T, 1868. Lew. Wanner, E. Shalter, F. B. Laucks. W. H. Gearhart, Young. Feigned issue.
8. Jesse M. Line vs Maria Dampman. 121 Dec. T. 1868. Lew. Wanner, Edward Harvey, Richards. Feigned issue.
9. David Sterner vs Benj. Shadkweiler. 133 Aug 1857. F. Robeson. F. Leaf Smith. Appeal by the Defendant. Defendant pleads non assumpsit, with leave to give the special matter in evidence and to add, alter and amend and issue.
10. Robert Patterson, Francis Engle Patterson, Robert Emmet Patterson, and Wm. Houston, trading under the firm of Robert Patterson & Co. vs the Wyomissing Woolen Manufacturing Company, Matthias Mengel, John Hoff, Henry A. Hoff, Ebenezer Miltimore and John Miltimore. 107 Aug. T, 1859. Richards, Beyer, Davis, J. S. Livingood. Summons in debt, not exceeding $15,000. Defts plead nil debit and issue.
11. Moses K. Graeff vs the Reading Steam Forge Company. 117 April T, 1860. Boehtel. F. Leaf Smith. Attachment execution. Garnishee pleads nulla bona and issue.
12. Same vs Same. 118 April T, 1860. Boehtel. F. Leaf Smith. Attachment execution. Garnishee pleads nulla bona and issue.
13. Lewis Kirk, for the use of George Cutter vs. David Fox, John Fink and John H. Osburn, late partners in a patent bar cluster. 123 Jan. Term, 1860. Mengel. Smith. Appeal by the defendant. Defts plead non assumpsit and issue.
14. John Greiner and Esther Greiner, in right of said Esther; George Smith and Elizabeth Smith, in right of said Elizabeth; Jacob S. Spang and Deborah Spang, in right of said Deborah; Samuel Eilbert and Charlotte Eilbert, in right of said Charlotte Eilbert; David K. Bertolette and Hannah M. Bertolette, in right of said Hannah M. Bertolette, Elam Kline, Albert Kline, and Amanda Marshall vs Mark Darrah. 84 Jan. T, 1862. Robeson, Hagenman. J. S. Livingood. Summons in ejectment. Defendant pleads not guilty and issue.
15. William Mollvaine, Morton C. Mollvaine and Wm. R. Mollvaine, trading as Wm. Mollvaine & Sons vs the Reading Industrial Manufacturing Company, James Poulder, Henry Brown, Adam Bard, Peter Miller, Executors, and Samuel Spohn. 130 Jan. T, 1864. Richards, Green. Bard, Van Reed, Davis. Summons in debt, not exceeding $300. Defts plead nil debit and issue.
16. Valentine Shalter & Elizabeth Shalter, his wife, for the use of said Elizabeth vs Catharine Umborhower. 63 Jan. T, 1865. H. A. Yundt. F. Leaf Smith. Summons in trespass on the case in slander. Defts plead not guilty and issue.
17. The Allentown Railroad Co. vs Benjamin Kutz. 35 August T, 1865. Boyer. Jones. Summons in case. Deft pleads non assumpsit, and issue.
18. Samuel Whitaker and Conrad Sassaman vs West Reading Railroad Company. 84 August T, 1865. Sassaman, Davis. Richards. Petition for venire to assess damages. Defts plead not guilty, with leave, &c., and issue.
19. Joseph Liebell vs Sarah Eagore. 183 Aug. T, 1865. Boyer. Smith. Summons in ejectment. Deft pleads not guilty and issue.
20. Peter Shell vs Daniel Hunsicker. 67 Jan. T, 1866. J. S. Livingood. Boyer. Summons in case, in assumpsit. Deft pleads not guilty and issue.
21. Levi K. Mest vs School District of Earl township. 98 April T, 1866. Beckert. Laucks. Sassaman. Summons in case assumpsit. Defts plead non assumpsit, with leave, &c., and issue.
22. Simon J. Stein and George Ross, lately doing business by the name of Stein & Ross vs Jacques V. Craig and Lewis Koch, doing business by the name of Craig & Koch. 263 Aug T. 1866. Hagenman. Richards. Summons in case. Defts plead non assumpsit and issue.
23. Arnold Mellert, Magnus Mellert, Otto Mellert and Thomas Kinsey, (trading and doing business under the name of Mellert & Kinsey vs John Lauth. 98 Nov T, 1866. Hagenman. J. S. Richards. Summons in case in assumpsit. Defts plead non assumpsit, with leave to alter, add or amend and issue.
24. William Kohl vs William S. Schock. 110 Nov T. 1866. A. B. Wanner. Richards. Summons in case. Deft plead not guilty and issue.
25. Samuel Wertz vs Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company. 118 Nov T, 1866. Jones. Baer. Richards. Summons in case. Defts plead not guilty and issue. A. B. Wanner.
26. John Miller vs Daniel K. Kemmerer. 3 Jan T. 1867. Hagenman. I. Shalter. Laucks. Summons in case. Deft pleads not guilty, with leave, &c., and issue.
27. Peter Quarring, Executor of Daniel Weidner, deceased, vs Adam Bertrand, J. J. Urich, Jacob R. Ritter, Charles Wickel, M. Strong and H. Hornerschick. 17 Jan. T, 1867. Ermentrout. F. R. Schmucker. Richards. Baer. Ralston. Jones. Davis. Summons in ejectment. Defendants plead not guilty and issue.
28. Same vs Cyrus Heffelfinger, David Roland, Benjamin Shale and Mahlon Dorlon. 75 Jan. T, 1867. Summons in ejectment. Defendants plead not guilty and issue. Richards. Ermentrout. Schmucker. Baer. Ralston. Jones. Davis.
29. Same vs Daniel Rapp, Henry Gilmonce, Abraham Clemence and Susan Sands. 79 Jan. T, 1867. Summons in ejectment. Defendants plead not guilty and issue. Richards. Ermentrout. Schmucker. Baer. Ralston. Jones. Davis.
30. Same vs John S. Kover and Hannah Kover. 80 Jan. T, 1867. Summons in ejectment. Defendants plead not guilty and issue. Richards. Ermentrout. Schmucker. Baer. Ralston. Jones. Davis.
31. William H. Kelly vs John Dayens. 81 Jan. T, 1867. Summons in case. Defendants plead non assumpsit, with leave to alter, alter and amend and issue. Smith. Hagenman. Richards.
32. Ephraim Rottenstein vs Levi Dehart and Reuben Herding. 97 Jan. T, 1867. Appeal by the defendants. Defendants plead non assumpsit, with leave, &c., and issue. F. D. Wanner. J. H. Jacobs.
33. John H. Dreher vs Henry Herrier and Bartholomew A. Yeager. 103 Jan. T, 1867. Summons in case. Defendants plead non assumpsit, &c., and issue. Boeckel. Hoffman. Ermentrout. Richards.
34. Isaac G. Detweiler vs The Counsel of the Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of St. James' Church in the city of Reading. 113 Jan. T, 1867. Summons in case. Defendant pleads not guilty and issue. Hagenman. Schroeder. Richards.
35. Samuel Hamaker vs Samuel Williams. 153 Jan. T, 1867. Summons in ejectment. Defend. and pleads not guilty and issue. A. B. Wanner. Jones. Sassaman.
36. Isaac Lesher vs The Township of Greenwich. 173 Jan. T, 1867. Summons in case. Defendants plead non assumpsit, with leave to alter, &c., and issue. Ermentrout. Hagenman.
37. John Adam vs Same. 174 Jan. T, 1867. Summons in case. Defendants plead non assumpsit, with leave to alter, &c., and issue. Ermentrout. Hagenman.
38. John Shoffer vs Same. 175 Jan. T, 1867. Summons in case. Defendants plead non assumpsit, with leave to alter, &c., and issue. Ermentrout. Hagenman.
39. Charles S. Herring vs Same. 176 Jan. T, 1867. Summons in case. Defendants plead non assumpsit, with leave to alter, &c., and issue. Ermentrout. Hagenman.
40. Jacob George vs Same. 177 Jan. T, 1867. Summons in case. Defendants plead non assumpsit, &c., and issue. Ermentrout. Hagenman.
41. Bennyville Dickson vs Same. 177 Jan. T, 1867. Summons in case. Defendants plead non assumpsit, &c., and issue. Ermentrout. Hagenman.
42. Joshua Greenawalt vs Same. 178 Jan. T, 1867. Summons in case. Defendants plead non assumpsit, &c., and issue. Ermentrout. Hagenman.
43. Joseph Tyson vs Same. 179 Jan. T, 1867. Summons in case. Defendants plead non assumpsit, &c., and issue. Ermentrout. Hagenman.
44. Henry Siegfried vs Same. 180 Jan. T, 1867. Summons in case. Defendants plead non assumpsit, &c., and issue. Ermentrout. Hagenman.
45. Simon Eurts vs Same. 181 Jan. T, 1867. Summons in case. Defendants plead non assumpsit, &c., and issue. Ermentrout. Hagenman.
46. Nathan Leslie vs Same. 182 Jan. T, 1867. Summons in case. Defendants plead non assumpsit, &c., and issue. Ermentrout. Hagenman.
47. Jonathan Weldy vs Same. 183 Jan. T, 1867. Summons in case. Defendants plead non assumpsit, &c., and issue. Ermentrout. Hagenman.
48. Daniel Kerper vs Same. 184 Jan. T, 1867. Summons in case. Defendants plead non assumpsit, &c., and issue. Ermentrout. Hagenman.
49. Benjamin Kauffman vs Same. 185 Jan. T, 1867. Summons in case. Defendants plead non assumpsit, &c., and issue. Ermentrout. Hagenman.
50. Ephraim Dieffenbach vs Same. 186 Jan. T, 1867. Summons in case. Defendants plead non assumpsit, &c., and issue. Ermentrout. Hagenman.

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Taking into account the fact that the democratic party was opposed at the late election by a foe who had in their hands the complete control of the tremendous political machinery of the federal government, who had an army of fifty thousand men to do their bidding, who had in their favor the powerful instrumentality of the Freedmen's Bureau, who through their great preponderance in Congress could and did legislate States into and out of the Union, as it suited their purpose, who had the use of unlimited pecuniary means, and who fought under the lead of the general whose name was upon every lip as that of the man who successfully ended the war, and considering that the democracy had little but the soundness of their principles and the fitness of their candidates to rely upon for success, we feel very much encouraged by the result of the contest. In 1864 McClellan carried but three States, viz. New Jersey, Kentucky and Delaware, casting 21 electoral votes. Now Seymour carries nine States, viz. New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Kentucky, Georgia, Louisiana, Arkansas and Oregon, casting 83 electoral votes, losing California, Nevada, Connecticut, Indiana and Alabama by small majorities. Here is a gain of six States and fifty-one electoral votes since the Presidential election last preceding. It is admitted by everybody, that if Pennsylvania and Indiana had elected their democratic State tickets in October, Seymour would have been successful in November. Indiana gave but about nine hundred majority for the radical State ticket and Pennsylvania a little over 9,000. A change of five hundred votes in the former State, and 5,000 in the latter, would have given both of them to the democrats and secured the election of Seymour. It may, therefore, be set down as a fact that the 5,000 voters who supported the radical tickets in these States, in October, and would under other circumstances, would, without doubt, have given their suffrages for the democracy, decided the contest. Really, it was only the retention of this handful of voters by the radical party that saved them from defeat. This shows how evenly balanced, in point of numbers, were the two political parties, even with the tremendous odds in favor and with all the power wielded by the radicals.

There is another feature of the result of the late elections, which should cheer the democratic heart. The two-thirds majority in Congress so long possessed by the radicals, is at last destroyed. Forty democratic members have been added to the Spartan fifty who have stood at the Thermopylæ of the Republic during the dark and gloomy period from which we are about to emerge. There will be no more impeachments for political purposes, no more annulling of the constitutional power of the veto, no more rushing through of partizan measures under the lash of party discipline. The loss of the two-thirds majority to the radicals, will also put an end to the mischievous tinkering of the Constitution which has been their favorite amusement during the last four years. For this much gained, let us be duly thankful.

Still another source of hope and congratulation, is the fact that the democracy now have the governors of seven States, including the empire commonwealth of New York. Two years ago there were but three States in the Union which had democratic executives.

There is, also, a democratic majority in the legislatures of seven States, including the great State of Ohio. The democracy now control the legislative power in nine States, viz: New York (through the power of the executive,) New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Kentucky, Ohio, Georgia, California and Oregon. Two years ago the legislatures of but three States contained a democratic majority.

These are gratifying facts. Their contemplation should incite us to renewed exertions in behalf of the cause. Our flag floats proudly from the former strongholds of the enemy. Shall we retreat? Never!

"We shall try fortune in a second fight;
Yet, countrymen, O, yet hold up your heads."

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

PUBLIC SALE.—Will be sold at Public Sale, on SATURDAY, Jan. 2, 1869, at 1 o'clock, p. m. at the Keystone House, Reading, 1 pair of BLACK PONIES, coming 7 years old. To be sold without reserve.
W. Y. LYON, Auctioneer.
dec31 2t 413 Chestnut Street.

RURAL RETREAT.—The good will and fixtures of Jacob Reinack's Saloon, known as the "Rural Retreat," No. 309 North Eighth street, have been purchased by George Schwartz, who will take possession on January 1st. He will be happy to see his friends, and hopes for a liberal share of patronage, pledging himself to use all possible efforts to accommodate his customers.
dec31-3t GEORGE SCHWARTZ.

PEREMPTORY SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY.—At the store room, No. 616 East Penn street, south side, commencing on THURSDAY EVENING, Dec. 31st, 1868, at 7 o'clock, to be continued until the whole stock is disposed of. The stock consists of all sorts of Millinery Goods, Skirts, Ladies' and Gentlemen's Furnishing Goods, Gloves, Hosiery, Jewelry, Albums, Fancy Boxes, Worsted, Collars, Yarn, Corsets, Bonnets, Hats, Ribbons, Hair Goods, and other Articles too numerous to mention, as the undersigned intends to close out the stock, merchants will find it to their advantage to attend the sale.
MRS. MARY BAHL.
W. Y. LYON, Auctioneer.

GENTLEMEN WISHING A PLEASANT PRIVATE Boarding House, can be accommodated at 223 South Fifth street. Terms moderate.
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FIRE! FIRE!! FIRE!!!
NOTICE.—Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Sinking Spring, Berks county. Notice to the members of said Company is hereby given that an assessment is levied of ONE DOLLAR on every thousand dollars insured, (which is 11 assessment No. 10.) The following places are appointed where one of the Directors will be to receive said assessment:
For the townships of Muhlenberg, Alsace, Exeter, Maidcity or Reading, payments can be made to Wellington Van Reed, 536 Penn street.
By order of the Board.
dec 29-1wd] CHARLES KESSLER, Sec'y.