CITY AND SUBURBAN.

The Dispatch and its "Fore-paws."

The *Dispatch* gave the Forepaugh Menagerie a broadside yesterday, but crushing as the effect of such a discharge of heavy metal must have been, the establishment was open as usual yesterday and last night, and what seems more singular still, the audience was one of the largest and most fashionable that has assembled in a Menagerie this season. We give a "specimen brick" or two from our neighbor's article as showing the feeling under which the *Dispatch* critic writes. Speaking of the great tragedian elephant, "Romeo," he says: "Think of it! This huge beast, with a degree of strength that utterly dwarfs that of man, and with a share of intelligence that teaches him his power, and how to appreciate and revenge an injury, is driven into a crowded show, hot from a conflict with his keepers. Here, the subdued, but not reconciled, monster goes unshackled into a canvass-covered arena, where men, women and children by thousands are piled upon crazy seats around a temporary amphitheater, and he is forced to perform feats that are, at best, distasteful to him. A single sweep of his untrammeled trunk would bring to the ground the canvass roof and involve human beings and wild beasts in a blazing wreck, or if he chose to vent his fury upon the audience, fifty keepers could not restrain him from dashing pell-mell among his helpless victims. Menageries are very good, practical schools; but we may well doubt the propriety of obtaining a knowledge of the habits of the elephant at so fearful a risk as that incurred in recent experiences with the monster 'Romeo.' 'Romeo' is the chief attraction at Forepaugh's circus, which opens here to-day, and we give the above article for the purpose of warning the public against putting themselves in the way of getting crushed to death by the unruly brute. It would be a terrible thing were one of his mad fits to seize him while performing in the ring with hundreds of women and children around him; yet the temper of the brute appears so uncertain that there is no telling when he may make a raid on the audience. We are rather fond of circus sports, but we think, under the present circumstances, we would give Forepaugh's establishment a wide berth, at least so long as such a denonstrative performer as 'Romeo' remains its chief attraction."

This is certainly "hefty;" but the disciples of the Menagerie are used to such assaults, and Mr. "Romeo," the elephant, ferocious though he be, will doubtless survive the infliction. By the way, we have observed that the Menagerie does not advertise with the *Dispatch*, and it is also well understood that there has been no complimentary tickets left at that establishment. We would not be guilty of intimating that the *Dispatch*, in its criticisms on the poor elephant, would at all be influenced by considerations so trifling as these; but it does seem a little singular that our neighbors could never detect those shortcomings on the part of "Romeo" of which they now complain so loudly, before the little courtesies referred to were withheld.

The Second Ward Grant Club—Col. Wm. Phillips Again Put Forward for Congress.

A very large meeting of the members of the Second Ward Grant Club, and of the Republican voters of that ward, was held last hight at their rooms, No. 66 Smithfield street, Thomas Steel, Esq., President, presiding, and T. H. Phelps, Esq., Secretary. Reports from the Executive and Finance Committees were read and approved. These documents show the old banner ward of the city fully organized for the approaching campaign, and, making an estimate from the statistics furnished, we can safely anticipate increased Republican majorities henceforward in that ward. A committee was appointed to procure a suite of rooms to be occupied by the club during the campaign as a reading room and Republican headquarters. The Congressional question was fully discussed, and the following resolution, offered by Mr. James Vick, was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we, the Republican voters of the Second ward, in meeting assembled, do again call upon Col. William Phillips in most earnest terms, notwithstanding his previous public declination of a similar requisition made upon him by his fellow-citizens,—to permit the use of his name as a Congressional candidate in the Twenty-second District, subject to the decision of the forthcoming Union Republican Convention.

On motion of T. W. Davis, Esq., a Committee of twelve, including President Steel, was appointed to wait on Col. Phillips and notify him of the action of the meeting. The Committee appointed by the Chair consists of the following gentlemen: T. W. Davis, William Woods, David F. McKee, James Vick, Thomas McKibben, James Black, Edward House, R. H. Wilson, T. H. Phelps, T. Ewing and J. A. Floyd. They will wait on Col. Phillips this morning at ten o'clock, and report his answer at an adjourned meeting to be held at the same place this evening.

Another Bawdy House Case.

Prosecutions for keeping bawdy houses have become quite frequent of late, which would indicate an improvement in the morals of a certain class of our citizens, and an increase of immorality in another class. Which have the preponderance we are unable to say. We would undoubtedly like to say the former, but fear the latter have. Many of the prosecutions are instigated by selfish, and in some cases, mercenary motives, and not with any desire to do good by suppressing a prevailing evil. Yet there are some of them doubtless made with the purest motives. One more case was added to the list yesterday by Hannah McGarran, who made information before Alderman McMasters, charging Fanny Foster and Barbara Millbaugh with keeping a disorderly bawdy house. The deponent occupies the upper portion of a house on Poplar alley, in the Sixth ward, and the accused occupy the ground floor, where it is alleged persons of doubtful reputation assemble nightly, to the great annoyance of the citizens of that neighborhood generally, and the prosecutrix particularly. The deponent in her statement named a number of persons who visit the place, prominent among whom are some of the police and an up-town constable. They will doubtless be called upon to testify in the case. The accused were arrested, and after a hearing were held to bail in the sum of five hundred dollars each, in default of which they were committed to jail to answer at Court.

United States District Court—Judge McCandless.

Court met at ten o'clock on Thursday morning, when the case of F. B. Moore vs. Joseph Cole, in bankruptcy, was resumed, and is still in progress.

Petitions for final discharge were filed by Hiram M. Goff, of Bradford county; Rufus D. Clark, of Susquehanna county; Thomas Doulin, Susquehanna county; Joseph Crediford, Bradford county; Joseph Knauf, Luzerne county.

Petitions for adjudication in bankruptcy were filed by John Richards, of Wilkesbarra, Luzerne county, and L. M. Baldwin, of Brooklyn, Susquehanna county.

Choice Literature.—The book fanciers and reading masses will remember that the sale of a very superior collection of French, English and American literary works of standard authors, takes place this evening at the auction rooms of Smithson, Vanhook & McClelland, Nos. 55 and 57 Fifth street. A finer collection of rare and valuable works has seldom been offered.

National Christian Convention Against Secret Societies.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Convention assembled at 8½ o'clock and opened with devotional exercises.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

A motion congratulating Rev. Mr. Blanchard on his able and interesting address and requesting its publication, was adopted.

The report of the Finance Committee was then read.

On motion, it was recommitted for further consideration.

Rev. N. Warden offered a resolution on the relation of secret societies with the church. Laid on the table.

The report of the Committee on Organization was taken up and adopted.

The following are the officers elected for the ensuing year:

President—Bishop David Edwards.

Executive Committee—Rev. J. Blanchard, of Wheaton College, Illinois, Chairman; Rev. J. H. Hart, Wheaton, Corresponding Secretary; Philo Carpenter, Chicago; Prof. Joseph Haven, D. D., Chicago; Rev. Joseph Travis, Illinois; Rev. Nathan Brown, N. Y.; Benjamin Hucking, N. Y.; J. T. Cooper, D. D., Philadelphia; Rev. A. M. Millinger, Allegheny; Rev. L. N. Stratton, Illinois; Ezra A. Copk, Chicago; Rev. H. Kinsley, N. Y.; Rev. D. Berger, Dayton, Ohio.

On motion, Rev. Dr. Pressly and Rev. A. M. Milligan were added to the Committee.

The report of the Committee on Books and Publications was then taken up, and after some discussion, was recommitted.

Rev. A. A. Phelps presented a resolution providing for the publication of a periodical paper, to be conducted in the interest of the Association. Laid on the table.

On motion Rev. J. R. Baird was requested to furnish his speech for publication.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was taken up and discussed at length. The address prepared by the Committee was laid on the table for the present.

The resolution on Temperance, published in the proceedings of the preceding day, was taken up and adopted.

On motion Rev. John Marsh and Rev. D. Berger were appointed delegates to the National Temperace Convention at Cleveland, Ohio, with instructions to present to that body the resolution on Temperance Adopted.

On motion the Secretary was ordered to forward a copy of the resolution to the National Temperance *Advocate*, with a request that it be published in that paper.

A resolution was reported by the Committee in regard to the relation and duties of the Christian Church to secret societies, which was under discussion when the Convention adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention was called to order at two o'clock by the chairman, and the usual religious exercises were conducted by Rev. Mr. Smith.

At the conclusion of the religious exercises the Secretary read the credentials of delegates from Sparta, Illinois.

The Chair announced that the resolution which was under discussion at the time of adjournment was in order.

On motion, it was postponed for the present in order to have several letters read which had been addressed to the Convention.

On motion, the question of selecting a place for the next annual meeting, which had been postponed at a previous session, was taken up and discussed at considerable length. Rochester, N. Y., Oberlin, Ohio, Hillsdale, Michigan, and Pittsburgh, were placed in nomination. After several votes it was decided that the Convention should be held at Oberlin, Ohio.

Mr. Wardner moved that a Committee be appointed to prepare an address to be submitted to the National M. E. Conference now in session in Chicago for their consideration and adoption. The motion was lost.

The resolution offered by Rev. Dr. Pressly, at the morning session, was then taken up and discussed at considerable length, after which it was again laid on the table.

Mr. Stratton, chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, was called upon and read a number of letters addressed to the Convention, which were received and adopted.

The report of the Committee on Books and Publications was then taken up, and after considerable discussion, was adopted.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Blanchard the Committee on Publications was instructed to employ Rev. Mr. Baird or some other suitable person to assist in the distribution of books and tracts.

The resolution in relation to the publication of a paper was then taken up, and after a lengthy discussion, was adopted.

On motion, the Executive Committee was instructed to take steps to have a paper established at once.

The Secretary then read a memorial from H. C. Patsey, T. M. Johnson and Thomas Donahue, proposing to deliver lectures before the Convention on the secrets of K. G. C.'s, the K. K. K's. and Fenianism. The communication was laid on the table.

The resolution presented by Rev. Dr. Pressly was taken up and, after considerable discussion, in which personalities were indulged in, the resolution was slightly amended and adopted.

On motion, a Committee was appointed to present the resolution as adopted to the M. E. Conference now in session at Chicago.

After some unimportant business, the Convention adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

The Convention reassembled at eight o'clock, and the usual devotional exercises were gone through with.

The Chairman stated that the meeting was ready to proceed to business.

Rev. George B. Clark offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That Rev. D. J. Marsh be requested to present to Ecclesiastical bodies, Churches and Temperance organizations the views of this Convention respecting the influence of secret organizations on the causes of temperance.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Gowdy, Dr. Cooper, of Philadelphia, was requested to prepare for publication, remarks made by him at the morning session.

On motion, a committee of four was appointed to collect money to defray the expenses of publishing the minutes of the Association. Seventy-eight dollars and twenty cents was collected in cash, in addition to which one hundred and sixty-four copies were ordered, to be paid for when received.

The address prepared by the Committee on Resolutions, which was presented at the morning session and laid over, was taken up and read by Rev. Joel Blanchard.

The subject matter of the address is that secret societies are instigated by the devil.

Rev. Mr. Roberts was called upon and related a circumstance of a murder committed in Bristol, Pa., which was related to him by a woman on her death bed.

Short addresses were made by several of the delegates, after which the report was adopted.

A resolution of thanks was tendered to the citizens of Pittsburgh, and to the Committee of Arrangements, for kindness received at their hands during the Convention.

Rev. Mr. Gowdy offered the following:

Resolved, That whilst we declare our determination to maintain a decided and continuous opposition to all secret societies as deistical antagonistic to Christianity and tending to the loosing of moralities, we regard the large portion of the members as well meaning but mistaken persons. Toward them all we cherish the most kindly Christian feeling and ask them to calmly consider the exception we take to their Orders.

The resolution was adopted without debate.

The Chairman in a brief address thanked the Convention for courtesies extended to him while presiding over their deliberations, after which the closing prayer was offered by Rev. Joel Blanchard, and the long metre Doxology sung, when the Convention adjourned.

Christ Church, Allegheny.

Than this rejuvenated old church, there is probably, at present, not one more beautiful in the two cities. All who recollect the old rusty looking building which for so many years seemed to slumber in its place, must be astounded at this new result. A handsome gothic church, grey in color, fresh in appearance, and surmounted by a florid French belfry now help to adorn and beautify the East Common, but the interior is more beautiful. Through a neat and well lighted vestibule, we yesterday entered the church; a large and commodious nave, with nine broad gothic windows, filled with beautiful stained glass and covered with a vaulted ceiling, has taken place of the old auditorium. One hundred and forty-four pews, divided by three isles and cushioned with bright crimson damask, afford ample accommodations for seven hundred people. Crimson and black carpets cover the floors, and at night eight candelebras, each containing five burners, and six brackets, each with three burners, light up the nave. A white iron screen, of beautiful and delicate pattern divides the nave from the choir which is on the left side of the church, and in which a beautiful organ painted blue and gold will be placed next week. The chancel window is one of the most superb in the city. In the centre is a kneeling figure of Christ, while numerous ecclesiastical emblems adorn the surrounding panes. A handsome carpet covers the floor of the church, on either side of the window are walnut tablets containing the Apostle's creed and Our Lord's prayer. Four double stalls, gothic in style stand against the walls, and the handsome pulpit and reading desk are of oiled walnut. Around the parapet of the former are the words "We preach Christ crucified," in raised oak letters. To the right of the church in a lofty niche stands the font which is the handsomest in the city and perfectly unique in style although it is very nearly the same as some in European Cathedrals. It is of carved wood adorned with ecclesiastical emblems and surmounted by a towering Gothic spire, on which rests a white dove. The whole font is probably fifteen feet high, and is a marvel of grace and beauty. No praise could be too high for the interior of this church, and we may perhaps be considered hypocritical for suggesting that the exterior would have been much more to our taste if a Gothic spire had crowned the church and not a French one. The gentlemen to whose liberality we are indebted for this handsome edition to our list of sacred edifices must feel proud of their work, and particularly must those gentlemen who compose the working vestry, congratulate themselves. They are, Messrs. De Haven, Ralston, John Phillips, James W. Sowell, Wm. McKnight, Tunis K. McKnight, J. Huworth and John Hutchison. The contract for the building was filled by J. B. Chambers; the painting was by Messrs. Nelson & Fox; the chancel window is by Thomas Fulton; plaster and stucco by Col. D. B. Morris; frescoing by J. C. Michel; gas fixtures by Miskey, Merrill & Thackera, of Philadelphia; Messrs. Roberts & Roenig furnished the cushions and stools; the carpets are from McCallum's, and the upholstery is the work of Messrs. Holtzman & Wiederholdt. Pabst & Krauss, of Philadelphia, made the pulpit, lectern and stalls. All of the work seems to be excellently and handsomely done.

The rejuvenated old church will be again opened on Sunday next, when the Rev. Mr. Allen, the new rector, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Page, who so long and so ably filled the pulpit, will officiate.

A Valuable Work.

Eighty years progress of the United States by eminent literary men.

This compendium of national statistics forms a valuable hand-book of reference, to which all who possess it will have frequent occasion to turn for information in respect to the progress and condition of the great elements of growth and developments in the history of the United States during eighty years past. The great variety and importance of the subjects, the felicitious style in which they are clothed, and the numerous engravings render this work peculiarly attractive. They embrace subjects deeply interesting to all classes of the community. Every profession and calling is here exhibited, with the latest improvements in every department of industry, science and art. The advancement made during eighty years in the American Republic is unparalleled in the history of the world, and will remain a proof to all coming generations of the blessings of free institutions and the capability of man under a a system of self-government for an almost indefinite perior of progress in civilization. This work should be in every library, public and private, and in the hands of every citizen. The agent, Mr. N. B. Perkins, is now canvassing this city for the purpose of obtaining orders for the book, and we trust he will meet with that success which the rare merits of the work demands.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following deeds were filed of record before H. Snively, Esq., Recorder, May 6th, 1868:

John Nolan to John Mellor, May 5th, 1868; lot on Vine street, Seventh ward, Pittsburgh, 25 by 60 feet $1,000

Isaac Watson to George Tesh, June 20, 1867; lot on Bank Lane, Duquesne borough, 25 feet front $475

William Phillips, Administrator, to John Mellon, April 22, 1868; lot on Ross street, Pittsburgh, 24 by 96 feet, with buildings $7,800

Ralph Johnston to William Johnson, Nov. 5, 1867; lot No. 21 in the division of the estate of Henry Irwin, on Webster street, Sixth ward, Pittsburgh, 22 feet front $1,800

William Johnson to Ralph Johnson, Nov. 5, 1867; lots No. 67 and 68, on Miltenberger street, 17 by 48 feet $1,800

Alfred Harrison to William Warwick, May 6, 1868; lot No. 9 in Harrison's plan, Liberty township, 101 by 142 feet $1,250

Rody Patterson, Sheriff, to William J. Howard, Jr., August 28, 1856; interest of Morris Roberts in lots No. 134, 135 and 136 in McKeesport $1,120

John M. Slatterbeck to Nancy C. Humphreys, March 30, 1868; part of lot No. 4 in Taggart's plan in the late borough of Manchester, on Pasture Lane, 20 by 62 feet $1,800

John K. Graham to Jane Beveridge, April 1, 1868; lot in Elizabeth township, containing 1 acre and 24 perches $282

John H. McMasters to Harriet McMasters, January 1, 1868; lots No. 4, 5 and 6 in McMasters' plan in Lawrenceville, on Greensburg pike, 72 by 100 feet $1,000

Nathan Porter to Jacob Bruce, April 1, 1868; tract of land in Crescent township, containing 245 acres $12,000

Ann Keys to John Kiel et al., April 15, 1868; lots No. 19, 20 and 21, in plan of lots laid out by Bank of Pittsburgh, on Bank street, Lawrenceville, 72 by 100 feet $3,600

David L. Hendrickson to Samuel Harper, May 4, 1868; lots 13, 14, 32 and 33 in Cowan's plan of Mt. Washington, on High street, 132 by 330 feet $3,500

Late Publications.

We have received from D. Appleton & Co., of New York, through Mr. Henry Miner, Fifth street, "Our Mutual Friend," "Hard Times," "Bleak House and "Little Dorrit," of the popular cheap edition of Dickens, ranging in price from twenty-five to thirty-five cents per volume. Also, "Antiguay," and "Old Mortality," of the Waverly Novel series, twenty-five cents each. Both these editions are neat, compact and surprisingly cheap. The Waverly series is beautifully illustrated.

T. B. Peterson & Brothers, Philadelphia, sends us "Message from the Sea," and "Somebody's Luggage," two of their cheap editions of Dickens' works, sold at the low price of twenty-five cents per volume. Also received "The Abbott," twenty cent edition of Waverly Novels. These editions have been very popular and have had a wide sale. Gildenfenny, Fifth street, can supply copies of both editions.

Assault and Battery.—Owen M'Gahan made information before Alderman McMasters, yesterday, charging John O'Connor with assault and battery. The parties, it appears, were both drunk on Wednesday night, and went into a saloon on Pennsylvania avenue, when a difficulty arose between them. They then went out on the side-walk, where a regular "mill" ensued, in which M'Gahan was badly used up. He was arrested, and after a hearing, in default of the required bail for his appearance at Court, he was consigned to the care of the Warden of the county jail.

Panhandle Luxuries.

A very handsomely appointed train of entirely new cars came up to the Union Depot on Wednesday evening, fresh in all the bravery of varnish and decoration, from the shops of the company at Steubenville. The train comprised one sleeping and two day coaches, express car and baggage car, and they were really most creditable specimens of the skilful handiwork of the builders. All the latest improvements and the most suitable appliances, whether for comfort or safety, in the internal arrangements and in the more important essentials of strength and solidity, were prominently noticeable in each of these palatial carriages. The train bore westward, on its first through trip, at 9:30 a. m. yesterday, with a number of invited guests, principally members of the city press, who, no doubt, passed the day in wondering why a road so well appointed and which, in its alignment, schedules and connections, has no superior and few if any rivals, should remain content to be popularly known by a name of such homely familiarity. Success to the "Panhandle" railway!

Concert—A Grand Success.

The first grand concert given by the First Reformed Presbyterian Sabbath School, of Allegheny, last evening, at Excelsior Hall, was one of the most successful ones we have ever attended. The hall was crowded to its utmost capacity, and the scholars in their performances reflected great credit to themselves and their teachers. To-night they will give their second concert, and will be assisted by the Allegheny Quartette Club. The tableaux of "Ahasueris and Queen Esther" last evening was a most beautiful one, and at the earnest solicitation of its many admirers will be repeated again this evening. The singing was delightful, the scholars evincing rare culture and training, while the tableaux of "Old Woman in the Shoe" was rendered with much spirit and humor. Let all attend to-night and enjoy the feast of mirth, song and sentiment to be afforded.

A Valuable Work.

We are indebted to Messrs. Croft & Phillips, the energetic real estate and insurance agents, whose office is located at No. 139 Fourth street, for a copy of the May issue of their *Real Estate Register*. It is a neatly gotten up and valuable work, containing descriptions of farms, mills, stores, hotels, tanneries, salt works, Western lands, city and suburban property, and should be in the hands of every one contemplating the purchase or sale of real estate. Messrs. Croft & Phillips are extensively engaged in the real estate business, and are the only firm in the city that publish a work of this kind. Persons desiring a copy of their *Register* can have one by calling at their office or by sending them their address. The *Register* has an extensive circulation, and as an advertising medium for the sale of real estate has no superior. "Don't fail to get one."

Bitten by a Dog.

John William Woods, son of Atelia Woods, residing on Centre avenue, was severely bitten by a ferocious dog yesterday. The dog is owned by a Mr. Shinn, on Tannehill street, near Webster, along which the boy was passing when the dog came out of the house and caught him by the leg, tearing his clothes and lacerating the flesh terribly. Mrs. Woods went to the Mayor's office and made information charging Mr. Shinn with keeping a ferocious dog. A warrant was issued for the arrest of Mr. Shinn. The dog is a terrier, and is said to be a ferocious brute and the terror of the entire neighborhood.

In Custody.

We stated some time since that information had been made before the Mayor, by Mr. Kauffman, of the firm of Kauffman, Openheimer & Co., clothiers, of this city, charging John D. Vagan, of Annandale, Butler county, with obtaining goods under false pretences. A warrant was issued for his arrest but has never been executed. A petition in bankruptcy was also filed against him by the firm, and he was arrested by the United States Deputy Marshal, in whose custody he now is. The Mayor's warrant is in the hands of officer Irwin, who will execute it as soon as released by the United States authorities.

Railway Accident Incident.

It is an actual fact that on a train of cars recently wrecked the only thing saved from damage and destruction was a large Saratoga trunk which, on close inspection, proved to contain the wardrobe of a newly married bride on her bridal tour. This trunk was examined closely, and need we say that it turned out to be one of Liebler's—everybody knows Joseph Liebler, the proprietor of the premium trunk factory, No. 104 Wood street—manufacture. It was made to stand rough handling, and it effectually accomplished that purpose. Liebler manufactures out of the best material, employs the best workmen and sells at the cheapest prices. He deals in all sorts of trunks, carpet sacks, valises, &c., &c. Give him a call for anything in his line.

Committed.—William Mozier, charged with removing goods to defraud his creditors, in connection with James Roesher, who was committed several days since, an account of which we published, was arrested yesterday and taken before Alderman McMasters, who, in default of the required bail, committed him to jail to answer at Court.

Mr. Hugh Kennedy, of West Elizabeth, yesterday renewed his subscription to the GAZETTE for the thirtieth time. Mr. Kennedy is himself eighty-four years old, enjoys a vigorous green old age, and hopes to live to read the good old GAZETTE many years more. We heartily join him in this hope.

At Auction Prices.—Any article in the line of Boots, Shoes, Carpets, Dry Goods, Shawls, Quilts, Shirts, Collars, Umbrellas, Cutlery, Hats, Fancy Goods and Notions, can be purchased at private sale at auction prices, at Palmer & Phillips' salesrooms, Opera House Building, 60 Fifth street. Call and see.

Attractive Book Sale.—This evening, at 7½ o'clock, at Masonic Hall Auction Rooms, 55 and 57 Fifth street, will be sold, without reserve, a choice collection of standard works. Books on inspection to-day. See advertisement of Smithson, Vanhook & McClelland, Auctioneers.

Cloaks, Sacques, Mantillas, &c.—A very large and well selected stock of all the various styles on hand and made to order.

J. W. Barker & Co.,
50 Market street.

Firemen's Association.—On Monday evening next, a meeting of the Firemen's Association will be held in the City Building.

Gas Fitting of all kinds attended to promptly at reasonable prices by T. T. Ewens, No. 165 Wood street.

Patent Force Pumps put down anywhere ordered, at reasonable prices by T. T. Ewens, No. 165 Wood street.

Plumbing work of all description attended to promptly by T. T. Ewens, No. 165 Wood street.

Steam Fitting properly and promptly attended to by T. T. Ewens, No. 165 Wood street.

Patent Beer and Ale Pumps on hand at T. T. Ewens, No. 165 Wood street.

STATE NEWS.

—The Harrisburg *Union* says: Yesterday, whilst the street cleaners were at work in the alley near our office, they found it necessary to remove the cap stone over the junction of the water way with the sewer. In removing the earth (the accumulation of years) from the top of the stone, one of the workmen exhumed what proved, upon a clear, searching scrutiny, to be a coin of very ancient origin. So ancient was it that only the "oldest inhabitants" could recall to mind the era when the coin spoken of was in general circulation. After considerable discussion as to the denomination and value of the coin, it was taken to one who is considered quite an antiquarian, being a man of finished education and ripe years, who, after almost exhausting his skill and learning, pronounced it to be an old five cent piece or *half dime*, an ancient coin much used as money in the United States at a very remote period. Much surprise and gratification was expressed by those who enjoyed the privilege of examining this relic of the past ages. It will be preserved for deposit in the cabinet of the most reliable society of antiquarians to be found on this continent, where it may be seen by those curious to know what kind of money our forefathers jingled in their pockets or salted away to be enjoyed by their descendants.

—The Johnstown *Democrat* says: Two weeks ago a farmer in Paint township, Somerset county, was attracted to a spot in the woods by the violent barking of his dog. He found that the dog had started a large bear, which soon escaped out of sight. The next day our friend, properly armed, visited the bear's winter quarters, and found Mrs. Bruin absent, but three cubs cosily enjoying their home. The cubs were captured, and a trap, which was carefully covered, was set for the old bear. Bruin was too sharp to be caught, for on returning to the den or cave, the trap was found carefully uncovered, and as carefully unsprung.

One of the cubs was brought to town, and an effort made to sell it to the Show on Thursday. This attempt to "bear" the market is the first of which we have heard. We are informed it is usual to "bull" it at least twice a week.

—The Meadville *Republican* of Wednesday says: About three o'clock this morning a fire broke out in the round house of the Oil Creek and B. & O. R. R's. Eight engines and one baggage car belonging to these roads were burned. The telegraph office adjoining was also destroyed, as well as twelve shanties and contents belonging to employees, who barely escaped with their lives. About twelve cars belonging to the A. & G. W. R. and Erie Railway were also destroyed. The fire is supposed to have originated in an oil barrel and to have been caused by a watchman using a lighted torch to ascertain the quantity of oil in the barrel. The loss is estimated at $100,000.

—The Indiana Iron Works, situated eight miles west of Johnstown, have been finally abandoned. They were erected about twenty-five years ago, by Mr. Henry Noble. The forge has not been in use for a long time. The property was purchased by Elias Baker, and since his death the furnace has been operated by his son, Dr. S. C. Baker, of Blair county. The ore for several years has been transported over the railroad from Blair county. The abandonment of these works will throw the manager and a number of men out of employment, and also leave a number of houses tenantless.

—A correspondent writing from Mauch Chunk to the Altoona *Tribune* says: Forty-five miles of steel rails are laid on the Lehigh and Susquehanna Railroad, connecting with the North Pennsylvania at Bethlehem. There is not one broken rail caused by the trains between Mauch Chunk and Easton during the winter. One hundred and forty-four wheeled coal cars, carrying 770 tons of coal, have been hauled over eighty-five miles of the Lehigh and Susquehanna Railroad by a single engine.

—The Altoona *Tribune* says: Our distinguished fellow-citizen, Hon. L. W. Hall, returned to this place, on Tuesday morning last, from his trip through Europe, and as was fitting, a few of his friends tendered him a reception at the Logan House, in the evening. Quite a goodly number were present, and at a few minutes past ten the company sat down to a splendid repast.

—The temperance people in Huntingdon, Mifflin and Juniata counties, are working earnestly for the advancement of their cause, and temperance meetings are announced in almost every locality where a "corporal's guard" can be brought together.

—The streams in the vicinity of Bellefonte are said to literally abound with trout and other fish, and the disciples of "old Isaak," thereabout, are "making hay while the sun shines," and gathering in a rich harvest of the "speckled beauties."

—The Huntingdon county folks are making strenuous exertions to build a railroad from Huntingdon, along the line of Stone Creek, to McAlevy's Fort, and are holding meetings for the purpose of raising subscriptions to their capital stock.

—The Centre County Agricultural Society have invested ten thousand dollars in the purchase of grounds for the erection of permanent buildings, near Bellefonte.

—A young son of William Roberts, of Sharon, died quite suddenly on Sabbath of last week from lock-jaw, caused by running a nail in his foot a few days previous.

—The Presbyterians of Hollidaysburg are going to erect a twenty-five thousand dollar church, and the Presbyterians of Bellefonte propose doing the same.

Effect of the Alabama Bill.

It is becoming daily more and more apparent that the entire action of Congress concerning Alabama, in what is known as the Spalding Bill, is having a very sanitary effect on the people of the South. They begin to see that their active hostility to Congressional reconstruction is futile and foolish. It increases the disadvantages of their situation with no corresponding benefit. If they must have a provisional government based on the very constitution they now labor to reject, giving all the offices to the party of the constitution, what doth it profit to fight against the reconstruction of the State on that basis? This consideration seems likely to produce a new wonder in Mississippi, viz: The application of a few grains of common sense to politics. So long as they could hold nearly all the offices of the State under Mr. Johnson's provisional government, there was some apparent sense in holding on to that, and opposing the new constitution, and the case to them is materially changed. This action of Congress will, it is believed from present appearances, operate favorably in the coming campaign.

It gives the opponents of reconstruction all the disadvantages of the new government, with no benefit from that quarter to effect them. This action of Congress was both wise and called for by the circumstances. But from whatever cause, the tone and apparent temper of the rebel press is evidently modified to some extent.—*Vicksburg Cor. Cin. Com.*

THE Montgomery (Alabama) *Advertiser*, which is edited by a son of President TYLER (the son who signed the Confederate currency), is good enough to tell us, in italics, what the Southern whites intend to do if the Democrats come into power. The avowal reads thus:

"If negro governments are forced upon us, in defiance of the Constitution of the United States, by the pretended laws of a Radical Congress, sustained by negro votes in the midst of the terrors of bayonets and drum-head courts-martial, we mean, without doubt, to overthrow them in the very hour the Northern and Western Democracy shall expel the Radical Cataliines from the National Capitol. It must be this, or denationalization."

Absurd Election Bet.

A correspondent at Manchester, N. H., writes under date of May 1, as follows:

Probably the most absurd election bet that was ever made in New Hampshire was paid this morning. Mr. George Griffin, of Auburn, agreed with A. C. Wallace, Esq., of this city, to crawl from the Manchester House to the City Hotel, a distance of a quarter of a mile, on condition that Governor Harriman was re-elected.

If he failed to crawl, he was to forfeit $100. Mr. Griffin having the choice of time, appointed Friday, May 1, at ten A. M. At an early hour Elm street assumed an unusually lively appearance, and by ten o'clock every available window, balcony and housetop was filled to witness this novel sight. So many people were never known to assemble there before. Fourth of July processions, circuses, &c., were completely eclipsed by the present crowd.

Messrs. Wallace and Griffin both had rooms at the "City," and previous to the start, entertained their friends in a happy manner. At precisely 10:30 the cornet band appeared in front of the hotel. At the same time Mr. G. came out to commence his task. An elegant new barouche, drawn by four dark chestnut horses, contained his Excellency ex-Governor Smyth, with Mr. Wallace standing on the front seat carrying a silken flag, supported by the rotund form of John B. Clark, who, all smiles, appeared to enjoy it more than any one else.

Following this was a hack containing friends of both parties. Mr. Griffin is a man about forty-five years old, five feet ten inches in height, with full whiskers; was dressed in a white shirt, light pants, and red sash worn over the shoulder. Wore slippers on his feet, with huge gauntlet buck gloves on his hands. He was allowed to rest four or five times. The time occupied was little over half an hour. On his arrival at the Manchester House, cheers were given with a will for "the man who honorably pays his debts." After this Mr. Griffin was taken into the barouche and escorted back to the hotel.

WE suppose Train re-leased the Dublin jail on the first of May, though he has failed to telegraph the fact. It is a snug and cleanly tenement, and the rent is not high. Besides, the hospitality of the Dublin people has been put to a touching test. They continue to entertain Train whether he will or no.—*Chicago Post.*

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