A FALSEHOOD EXPLODED.

We made a cautious allusion, a short time since, to certain reports designed to affect the standing of General Hoyt, our candidate for Governor, before the religious portion of the community. Our attention was first attracted to the subject by receiving a postal card, inquiring if we knew anything concerning his religious belief, the writer stating that it was reported he was an infidel. Further inquiry established the fact, not only that such reports were current, but that a brother of Mr. Dill, the Democratic candidate for Governor, was helping the circulation of such reports. We denied, on our own knowledge, the correctness of this report; but learning that Rev. Dr. Nelson, one of the agents of the Methodist Episcopal Book Concern, at New York, knew General Hoyt quite intimately, we took the liberty of writing him on the subject. He was naturally surprised at such reports, and before replying to us, took the precaution to fortify his own knowledge by writing to friends in Luzerne county, and now forwards to us replies received. Our friends will please notice that all speak from personal knowledge. The following are the letters:

New York, Oct 4, 1878

J. VANNOTE, ESQ.,
Pittsburg, Pa

DEAR SIR:—Your note informing me that General Henry M. Hoyt is charged with being an infidel surprised me beyond measure. I have known him well from his boyhood. He prepared for college at the Wyoming Conference Seminary under my charge, and having graduated at college, at my earnest request, the trustees elected him as one of our teachers in the Seminary. Both in the institution and among all its patrons, as well as throughout the entire community, he was universally and deservedly held in high esteem. I have always regarded him as a firm believer in the Bible and revealed religion. From his youth up till the change of my residence from Wyoming Valley to this city, six years ago, so intimate was my acquaintance with General Hoyt that he had been in the deepest degree inclined to infidelity, I could not have failed to discover it. When I read your note, I said to myself, "it can't be that within the past few years my friend Hoyt has fallen a prey to scepticism," so firmly had I regarded him established in the belief of Christianity. However, to be absolutely sure that no such change in General Hoyt's religious views had taken place within the past six years as to give any occasion, whatever, for charging him with being an infidel, I wrote Rev. Dr. W. H. Olin, presiding elder of Wyoming district, and resident of Wilkesbarre, the General's home.

Herewith I hand you Dr. Olin's letter, and also one from Rev. Dr. Hodge, of the same city. Permit me also to say that Mr. McClintock, to whom Dr. Hodge refers, is known throughout the State as one of the first and most highly respected lawyers of the Luzerne bar. I write in the interest of truth, and not to eulogize General Hoyt, though I have always had a high regard for him as a man of decided ability and sterling merit. I unite with Rev. Drs. Olin and Hodge in declaring the charge that General Hoyt is an infidel, to be wholly without foundation.

Very truly yours,
R. NELSON.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., et 1, 1878.

R. NELSON, D. D.

DEAR DOCTOR:—Your note of the 28th ultimo, concerning the report that General Hoyt is an infidel, came to hand yesterday. In reply I say I have been acquainted with the General for eight or nine years—the last four and over, in this City—I never heard such a charge even hinted till last week, and then from a slip of newspaper sent me by a friend. After receiving your note yesterday I called on Rev. F. B. Hodge, the Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, in this city, and of the family of General Hoyt, and showed him your note. After reading it he emphatically pronounced the charge of infidelity made against the General utterly untrue. From conversations had with several of our older citizens, who have known the General from his young manhood, I have no doubt of the correctness of Rev. Mr. Hodge's characterization of said report.

Yours truly,
W. H. OLIN.

REV. DR. NELSON.

DEAR SIR:—Dr. Olin has handed me your letter, and I cheerfully add over my own signature an emphatic denial that there is any truth in the report that General Hoyt is an infidel. From personal conversation, and from the testimony of men who know him intimately, I am positive on this point. And T. McClintock, Esq., well known to you, says he has often heard General Hoyt defend the Bible and revealed religion, in the bar office in dispute with his brother lawyers.

Yours respectfully,
T. B. HODGE

These letters completely explode this mendacious falsehood. The acquaintance of the parties reach back to General Hoyt's young manhood, and follow him to the present. There is, therefore, not a shadow of uncertainty left, on the points at issue. A warfare of this kind is of the meanest possible spirit. As a rule, its tendency, when exposed, is to draw to the party assailed the aid and support of all honorable men. It is peculiarly shameful that a falsehood of this character should have been so industriously circulated against him. And yet, it is, in a sense, a compliment. It shows that his opponents realize that he is strong among the better classes, and that if they would harm him, something must be invented. His honest, noble character is proof against fair assault. Therefore, to reach him at all, falsehoods must be invented. We are gratified to be thus able to lay before our readers so clear and authoritative a refutation of this slander. Let our friends meet the falsehood, and denounce it, wherever they may find it. In point of fact, General Hoyt is a Presbyterian in his religious faith.

Proposed Silk-School Farm.

Certain capitalists in Philadelphia have signified their approval of plans of a silk school farm and village, proposed by Mr. Samuel Chamberlain, and a company is to be formed for the purpose of putting the project into execution at an early day. In a communication to the *Polytechnic Review*, Mr. Chamberlain writes that the plans provide for the legal interest on the investment, independently of the silk produced. They provide for a return of the capital by means of improved real estate, and for a profit beyond legal interest by retaining intermediate sections of the land, which, it is expected, will later be sold at a great advance, in consequence of the improvements

They provide growers of trees, silk-worm eggs, and silk, in addition to those to be produced by the school, namely the renters of forty cottages, each surrounded by no acre of mulberry trees.

They provide cottage culturers, and in a few years teachers of cottage culture, who will show by precept and example how silk may be raised in the midst of family duties. The danger of strikes is obviated by the fact that the renter of a cottage may in the end be an owner, and thus become directly interested in the uninterrupted progress of the work. In the school young persons will be trained to those habits of care, intelligence, and watchful attention, which are necessary for the successful raising and reeling of silk.

The work is light and easy, and when skill is acquired early, is highly profitable. It is peculiarly suitable for the deaf and dumb, whose misfortune cuts them off from so many occupations.

When one such school shall have shown the way, like establishments will arise in many places; and in this way it is hoped to help in turning back into the country the tide of population now flowing into our cities. The failure to introduce silk culture in 1840 was chiefly due to want of perseverence.

The three years of actual trial were not enough to carry it on to success. But a school, farm and village whose continuance will be maintained sixteen to twenty years, will secure a permanent source of knowledge, example and instruction, from which the culture will be extended year by year.

Lynchburg's Horror.

The following are the particulars of the panic and disaster at the colored Baptist church at Lynchburg, Va., on Wednesday night last:

A great crowd had assembled in the colored Baptist church, on Court street, to witness a marriage, the parties being Jack Averett and Mary Rivers. The ceremony had been performed and the bridal party had left the church, when the services of a revival meeting, which has been going on for some time, were resumed. The mourners were at the altar and the pastor was exhorting, when an alarm, caused, it is said, by the falling of some plastering, was raised that the house was falling. Instantly the congregation, which was dense, was thrown into a panic and the most frightful scene ensued.

There was a general rush to the doors and windows. The audience room being the second story, those who first reached the head of the stairs were so pressed on by the panic-stricken crowd that they were thrown down, and those who followed shared the same fate, until they were piled up almost to the head of the stairs one upon another. Upon this mass of humanity the throng that followed trod upon men and women, rushing over it, careless of everything so they made their escape. The consequences were terrible. Many were either trampled or smothered to death, or badly wounded. Some who were near the bottom say they had to bear a weight which every moment seemed as though it would squeeze the life out of them. Many, seeing the obstruction to the stairway, jumped from the second and even the third-story windows, by which, it is supposed, several of the casualties were caused.

The fire bell was sounded and was responded to by the firemen and a great crowd of citizens, and measures for the relief of the sufferers were at once commenced. The dead and wounded were gotten out and laid in the church yard and street. Most of the doctors of the city were promptly on the ground, and did what they could for the unfortunates. The following is a list of the killed: Mary Wilson, Maria Ransom, Millie Ward, Mary Henry, Virginia Robinson, Emma Brown, Arena Cox, Mildred Barksdale, and Adelina Burks. About thirty were severely wounded, and some will die. Pascal Horton died this morning. Many others, more or less hurt, were taken off, or were able to leave unaided, immediately after the accident, hence the actual number of wounded cannot be ascertained.

HOW IT IS DONE.

Swails, a colored man, is a candidate for State Senator in a district of South Carolina which is largely Republican. Recently, he and other colored men attempted to hold a Republican meeting, but the Democrats also attended, broke it up, captured Swails and marched him at the head of their red-shirted rifle clubs into Williamsburg. He was subsequently notified to leave the country under penalty of death The Charleston *News and Courier*, thus justifies the action taken by the Democrats. It says:

The action taken has no political significance. Swails is not a candidate for the office of elector of President or Vice President, or for member of Congress. Section 5520, however clearly, does not cover him There is no denial to him, or to anybody else, of the right of free speech. The Radicals are invited to speak at the Democratic meetings, *and the Democrats invite themselves to speak at the Radical meetings* They give and get a fair hearing. Swails, however, wants to be a martyr, while his continued existence is proof enough of the desire of the people of Williamsburg to avoid extreme measures

Please notice, you who have so much fear of the bloody-shirt, that "the Democrats invite themselves to speak at the radical meetings" in South Carolina. How long would such an "invitation" be tolerated at the North? But such is Republican freedom under Wade Hampton and his rifle clubs. A "Solid South" may be confronted by a "Solid North" in 1880, and if so, who is to blame?

Bank Failure.

POTTSVILLE, Pa., October 16.—The First National Bank of Tamaqua, the failure of which was announced on Tuesday last, was declared solvent by the bank examiners to-day, but it is not yet known whether it will resume business or not.

When you dispute with a fool, be is very certain to be similarly employed

"Another fat man reduced." He was a soap-fat man, and worth his thousands.

A cool proceeding—kissing a lady's snowy brow.

In decent society "Whoa, Emma" is banned music.

Flowers are becoming scarce.

A waterfall—a rainy autumn.

GENERAL ELECTION PROCLAMATION.

GOD SAVE THE COMMONWEALTH.

WHEREAS, In and by an act of General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, entitled "An act to regulate the general elections within this Commonwealth," it is enjoined upon me to give public notice of said elections and to enumerate in said notice what officers are to be elected, I, GEORGE W. PILE, Sheriff of the county of Somerset, do hereby make known and give this public notice to the electors of the county of Somerset, that a General Election will be held in said county on Tuesday the

Fifth day of November, 1878,

the same being the Tuesday next following the first Monday of November.

The electors of the borough of Confluence to meet at the Council Chamber, in said borough.

The electors of the borough and election district No. 1 of Somerset township to meet at the Court House, in said borough.

The electors of election district No. 2 of Somerset township to meet at the house and shop of Perry Umberger in Stoyestown.

The electors of the township of Milford to meet at the house lately occupied by Thomas King, in said township.

The electors of the township of New Centreville to meet at the school house in said borough.

The electors of the borough of Addison to meet at the school house in said borough.

The electors of the township of Upper Turkeyfoot to meet at the house of John A. Shaffer, in said township.

The electors of the township of Lower Turkeyfoot to meet at the school house in Urbina borough.

The electors of the borough of Berlin to meet at the school house in said borough.

The electors of the township of Middlecreek to meet at the house occupied by Aaron Heckler, in said township.

The electors of the township of Elklick to meet at the new school house in the borough of Salisbury.

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The electors of the township of Summit to meet at the school house in Duke City borough.

The electors of the borough of Hain City to meet at the council chamber in said borough.

The electors of the borough of Wellersburg to meet at the school house in said borough.

The electors of the township of Greenville to meet at the school house, in Pensylvania, in said township.

The electors of the township of Southampton to meet at the house of J. L. Kensel, in said township.

The electors of the township of Northampton to meet at the house of John Pearsough, in said township.

The electors of the township of Larimer to meet at the house formerly occupied by Wm. May, in said township.

The electors of the borough of Berlin to meet at the house of Archibald Compton, in said borough.

The electors of the township of Brothersvalley to meet at Bittner's school house, in said township.

The electors of the township of Stonycreek to meet at the school house at Shanksville, in said township.

The electors of the borough of Stoystown to meet at the house formerly occupied by Henry J. Miller, in said borough.

The electors of the township of Quemahoning to meet at the house of Jacob Custer, in Stoystown.

The electors of the township of Allegheny to meet at the house of Albert Hillegas, in said township.

The electors of the borough of New Baltimore to meet at the house of ——, in said borough.

The electors of the township of Conemaugh to meet at the house of Peter Levy, in said township.

The electors of the township of Shade to meet at the house of Jacob Hellman, in said township.

The electors of the township of Paint to meet at the school house erected on the lands of Henry Berkey, in said township.

The electors of the township of Jenner to meet at the house of Thomas Gallagher, at Jenner X Roads, in said township.

The electors of the township of Jefferson to meet at the house of Solomon Baker, in said township.

The election of the borough of Jennerville to meet at the school house in said borough.

At which time and places the qualified voters will elect by ballot

ONE PERSON for the office of Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

ONE PERSON for the office of Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

ONE PERSON for Judge of the Supreme Court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

ONE PERSON for the office of Secretary of Internal Affairs of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

ONE PERSON for the office of Member of the House of Representatives of the United States for the Seventeenth District of Pennsylvania, composed of the Counties of Bedford, Blair, Cambria and Somerset.

ONE PERSON for the office Senator of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for the District composed of the Counties of Bedford, Fulton and Somerset.

TWO PERSONS for Members of the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for Somerset County.

ONE PERSON for the office of Prothonotary of Somerset County.

ONE PERSON for the office of Sheriff of Somerset County.

ONE PERSON for the office Register and Recorder of Somerset County.

ONE PERSON for the office of Treasurer of Somerset County.

THREE PERSONS for the office of Commissioner of Somerset County.

ONE PERSON for the office of Poor House Director of Somerset County.

THREE PERSONS for the office of Auditor of Somerset County.

SPECIAL ATTENTION is hereby directed to the 8th Article of the New Constitution.

Section 1. Every male citizen twenty-one years of age, possessing the following qualifications, shall be entitled to vote at all elections:

First.—He shall have been a citizen of the United States at least one month.

Second.—He shall have resided in the State one year, (or if, having previously been a qualified elector or native born citizen of the State, he shall have removed therefrom and returned, then six months) immediately preceding the election.

Third.—He shall have resided in the election district where he shall offer to vote at least two months immediately preceding the election.

Fourth.—If twenty-two years of age or upwards, he shall have paid within two years a State or county tax, which shall have been assessed at least two months and paid at least one month before the election.

SEC. 4. All the elections by the citizens shall be by ballot; every ballot voted shall be numbered in the order in which it shall be received, and the number recorded by the election officers on the list of voters, which shall be kept as part of the records of the election.

SEC. 5. All elections by the citizens shall be by ballot; every ballot voted shall be numbered in the order in which it shall be received, and the number recorded by the clerks on the list of voters opposite the name of the elector from whom it was received. And any voter voting two or more tickets, the several tickets so voted shall each be numbered, and with the number corresponding with the number on the list of voters. Any elector may write his name upon his ticket, or cause the same to be written thereon, and attested by a citizen of the district. In addition to the oath now prescribed by law to be taken and subscribed by election officers, they shall severally be sworn or affirmed not to disclose how any elector shall have voted thereof and in all things truly and faithfully perform, unless required to do so as witnesses in a judicial proceeding. All judges, inspectors, clerks, and overseers of any election held under this act, shall, before entering upon their duties, be duly sworn or affirmed in the presence of each other. The judges shall be sworn by the minority inspector if there shall be such minority inspector, and in case there be no minority inspector, then by a justice of the peace or alderman, and the inspectors, overseers and clerks shall be sworn by the judges. Certificates of such swearing or affirming shall be duly made out and signed by the officers so sworn, and attested by the officer who administered the oath. If any judge or minority inspector or clerk or other officer of election in the manner required by this act, or if any officer of election shall act without being first duly sworn, or if any officer of election shall sign the form of oath without being duly sworn, or if any judge or minority inspector shall certify that any officer was sworn when he was not, he shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be sentenced to undergo imprisonment not exceeding two years, or both, at the discretion of the court, and also be subject to a penalty of one hundred dollars, and if any assessor or other officer of election shall refuse to perform such duty, or shall wilfully refuse to assess any one who is qualified, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor in office and on conviction be punishable in like manner, and to the like extent as judges, inspectors and clerks of election are hereinbefore made liable for misconduct in office.

SEC. 6. Whenever any of the qualified electors of this Commonwealth shall be in actual military service, whether as officers, soldiers, sailors or marines in the United States army or the militia of this Commonwealth, such electors may exercise the right of suffrage in all elections by the citizens, under such regulations as are or shall be prescribed by law, as fully as if they were present at their usual places of election.

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SEC. 9. Any person who shall, while a qualified elector, be guilty of bribery, fraud, or wilful violation of any election law, shall be forever disqualified from holding any office of trust or profit in this Commonwealth, and any person who shall be convicted of wilful violation of the election laws shall, in addition to any penalties provided by law, be deprived of the right of suffrage absolutely for a term of four years.

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SEC. 11. District election boards shall consist of a judge and two inspectors, who shall be chosen annually by the citizens. Each citizen shall have the right to vote for the judge and one inspector, and each inspector shall appoint one clerk. The first election board for any district erected hereafter shall be appointed, and vacancies in election boards filled, as shall be provided by law. Election officers shall be privileged from arrest upon days of election, and while engaged in attending to the duties of holding elections, except upon warrant of a court of record or judge thereof, for an election fraud, for felony, or for wanton breach of the peace, in cities they may claim exemption from jury duty during their terms of service.

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SEC. 23. That it shall be the duty of the inspectors of elections in the several districts of this Commonwealth, whose election districts are composed of more than one township, ward or borough, to meet at the place of holding the election in such district on the day of election, before the hour fixed by law for the opening of the polls, and then and there receive from the judges and clerks of the several townships, wards or boroughs composing their districts the returns of the election in their respective townships, wards or boroughs, and to make out duplicate certificates thereof, stating the whole number of votes given for each person voted for, and for each office, except such votes as may be rejected for informality by the judges of the election, and to sign such certificates, and deliver one of the same certificates to the president judge of the court of common pleas of the county, to be by him or her safely kept and preserved, and to file the other in the prothonotary's office, subject to examination at other election papers are. If the election officers shall not find that the applicant possesses all the legal qualifications of a voter he shall be permitted to vote, and his name shall be entered on the list kept of the persons voting at such election, the word "tax," being added where the claim to vote on tax, and the word "age" where the claim to vote on age is founded on the fact of his having attained the requisite age.

SEC. 24. If any person shall give, or promise or offer to give, to an elector, any money, reward or other valuable consideration for his vote at an election, or for withholding the same, or who shall give or promise to give such consideration to any other person or party for such elector's vote or for the withholding thereof, and any elector who shall receive or agree to receive, for himself or for another, any money, reward or other valuable consideration for his vote at an election, or for withholding the same shall thereby forfeit the right to vote at such election, and any elector whose right to vote shall be challenged for such cause before the election officers, shall be required to make oath or affirm that the matter of the challenge is untrue before his vote shall be received.

SEC. 25. Any person who shall, while a qualified elector, be guilty of bribery, fraud, or wilful violation of any election law, shall be forever disqualified from holding any office of trust or profit in this Commonwealth, and any person who shall be convicted of wilful violation of the election laws shall, in addition to any penalties provided by law, be deprived of the right of suffrage absolutely for a term of four years.

SEC. 26. For the purpose of voting no person shall be deemed to have gained a residence by reason of his presence, or lost it by reason of his absence, while employed in the service, either civil or military, of this State, or the United States, nor while engaged in the navigation of the waters of this State or of the United States, or of the high seas, nor while a student of any institution of learning, nor while kept at any almshouse or other asylum at public expense, nor while confined in public prison.

SEC. 27. Every election officer shall refuse to receive the vote of any person whose right to vote is challenged by any qualified voter present, and shall admit such person to vote without requiring such proof, except upon refusing to affirm, upon conviction, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be punished for every such offence, by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment not exceeding one year, or both, at the discretion of the court.

SEC. 28. Any assessor, election officer or person appointed as an overseer, who shall neglect or refuse to perform any duty required of him by law at least two months preceding such election, (unless by reason of sickness or other reasonable cause,) shall be subject to a penalty of one hundred dollars, and if any assessor or election officer shall wilfully neglect or refuse to perform any duty required of him by this act, or if any officer of election shall act without being first duly sworn, or if any officer of election shall sign the form of oath without being duly sworn, or if any judge or minority inspector shall certify that any officer was sworn when he was not, he shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor in office, and on conviction thereof shall be sentenced to undergo imprisonment not exceeding two years, or both, at the discretion of the court, and also be subject to a penalty of one thousand dollars, or imprisoned not exceeding one year, or both, in the discretion of the Court.

All judges living within twelve miles of the court house of their county's seat, or within twenty-four miles if their residence be in a town, village, or city upon the line of a railroad leading to the county seat, shall, before two o'clock post meridian of the day of election, deliver the returns, together with the list of voters, sealed up, to the prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas of the county, which said return sheet shall be filed, and the day and hour of filing marked thereon, and shall be preserved by the prothonotary for public inspection.

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