two horse buggy, one trotting buggy, and one spring wagon. The committee, consisting of Messrs. Adam Fishburn, John Paul, and John S. Munro, made the following report: to A. Senseman, for best two horse buggy, $8,00; and for best spring wagon, $5,00; to A. B. Sherk, for best trotting buggy, $8,00; and for two horse carriage deserving of especial notice but without competition, $3,00; Mr. Pennicle, for farm wagon, $5,00:

CLASS No. 19—LEATHER, STOVES AND TINWARE.—The superiority of the principle of base burning, as applied to coal heating stoves, is now generally admitted. Of these the Morning Glory appeared to be a universal favorite. The Light House, a new base burning and coal heating stove, and the celebrated Rotary cooking stove were also objects of attention. The enterprising firm of Walker & Claudy were the exhibitors of the above stoves. We desire also to notice the display of Messrs. Rhinesmith & Rupp, consisting in part of the Sunny Side fire place heater, the Barley Sheaf Cooking stove, and five styles of parlor stoves, all unsurpassed in beauty. Messrs. James McGonigle and W. Fridley also added to the display by varieties, each claiming distinctive merits. The committee, W. M. Watts, W. W. Dale, Lewis F. Lyne, made the following awards in this class: to George Ensminger, for best display of tanned leather, $4,00; for best kip and best calf, diploma; W. Fridley, display of stoves, $5,00; Rhinesmith & Rupp, James McGonigle, and Walker & Claudy, for superior display in line of business, diploma and $3,00.

CLASS No. 20—PAINTINGS, PHOTOGRAPHS.—In this class the following premiums were awarded: Miss Sallie Saxton, best landscape painting, Ladies' Friend; Zulieme Kiefler, best crayon sketch, Ladies' Friend. Mrs. J. H. Butler, best fancy picture, Hearth & Home. The committee considered the following worthy of notice: five pictures enclosed in frames worked with thread, exhibited by Minnie A. Hoffer. One needlep enclosed in a very beautifully wrought frame, by Kate E. Zug. One genealogical tree, by Geo. A. Henninger. This curious and beautiful tree, designed by Mrs. A. R. Swartz, is intended to exhibit, at a single view, a family connection of five generations, and of over seven hundred names, and should be in the possession of every family.

CLASS No. 21—SILVER PLATED WARE.—To H. Saxton, for best case of table cutlery, $1,00; Miller & Bowers, for best case of cutlery, $1,00.

CLASS No. 22—DRY GOODS AND SEWING MACHINES—The competition among machines seemed spirited, and at each machine we found an operator exerting him or herself to show the complete adaptability of the machine to the purpose intended. We were shown quite a variety of specimens of open and solid embroidery stitching executed upon the Grover and Baker machine, and exhibited by Mrs. Ocker, and we were favorably impressed with the perfect manner in which this machine does its work.

We also witnessed the extraordinary feat of one individual sewing upon three of Wheeler & Wilson's machines simultaneously, thus being able to hem, fell, and stitch at the same time.

Three machines were exhibited by the agent, L. H. Fulmer. For further notice of this class of articles we refer to the report of the committee.

We were pleased with the enterprise of L. T. Greenfield, as manifested in his large display of dry goods. It was very creditable and deserving of commendation.

CLASS No. 22. Continued—In this class the committee made the following awards: To L. T. Greenfield, best display of dry goods, $7,50; to Wheeler & Wilson sewing machine, Diploma; to Singer machine, Diploma; to Grover & Baker manufacturing machine, (best,) Diploma.

The committee recommended that a premium be awarded to L. T. Greenfield for a very creditable display of dry goods in two large cases. In this there was no competition.

Your committee find it impossible to discriminate between the respective merits of the different sewing machines on exhibition; we had the opportunity of examining each one except the "National Family Sewing" machine, and do not hesitate to pronounce each in itself a big improvement on the thimble and needle.

From general observation, and personal experience, we commend the "Wheeler & Wilson, Grover & Baker and Singer machines," either of which will satisfy the wants of a family in this respect. We advise a diploma to be awarded to each of the above-named machines, and in this opinion we do not discriminate or decide against some advantages claimed for other machines on exhibition, but choose to leave them all open to an honorable competition. The Howe machine is thus as simple and easily managed, the Wilson and Buckeye, have the advantage of cheapness, and the work exhibited and done in our presence corresponded favorably with any other machine; the "American," machine is also worthy of the attention of purchasers, and as every facility is afforded persons purchasing machines, your committee recommend a special examination in each case, and suggest what it should be without a sewing machine, it is as near to the house a plough to the field. The Grover & Baker manufacturing machine on exhibition claims special attention, and your committee commend it to special attention, and award it a diploma as the best manufacturing machine coming under the observation of the committee. R. M. Henderson, Wm. K. Paller, and W. R. Line, committee.

CLASS No. 23—DAIRY, &c.—To Mrs. Isaac Brenneman, for best lot of Butter, Flint's Milch Cows; to Mrs. Lafayette Peffer, for best sample of Bread, Widdefield's new Cook Book;

CLASS No. 24.—The committee made the following awards: To Mrs. J. S. Dinkle, best lot of Preserves, Widdefield's new Cook Book; to Mrs. Wm. Morrison, for best Pickles, Widdefield's new Cook Book; to Mrs. J. S. Dinkle, for best Jellies, $2,00; to Mrs. J. Zug, best lot of canned Fruits, Widdefield's new Cook Book; to Mrs. Lafayette Peffer, best lot Currant wine, Widdefield's new Cook Book.

CLASS No. 25—DOMESTIC WORK.—To Mrs. Ann S. Alexander, for best Quilt, Hearth & Home; to Mrs. Sarah Black, for best Silk Quilt, Ladies' Friend; to Mrs. E. Hitner, for best patch work Silk Quilt, Hearth & Home; to Miss Belle Speight, for best Quilt, pieced in two inch year, Ladies' Friend; to Miss Sallie Cauffman, for best Delaine Quilt, Hearth & Home; to Mrs. M. C. Miller, best Counterpane, Ladies' Friend; to Mrs. Wagenhalt and Donlevy, for best Bedsteads, Diploma; to Miss Elizabeth Munro, best Crochet Quilt, Ladies' Friend; to Mrs. Hoffer, for best Tidies, Diploma; to D. Foulkes, for best Stuffed Work, Diploma; to Mrs. J. P. Brindle, for best Hard Soap, Ladies' Friend; to Ringwalt and Donlevy, for best Flannel, Diploma; to Mrs. Jane Glendennin, for best Rag Carpet, Ladies' Friend; to Mrs. R. C. Sterrett, for best bird's eye Toweling, Ladies' Friend. The committee reported the following articles as deserving notice: Quilt by Mrs. John Gussler; Quilt by W. H. Bretz; Delaine Quilt by Mrs. Mary E. Bill; patchwork Quilt by Mrs. Wm. Ocker; Log Cabin Delaine patchwork Quilt by Mrs. Susan Jacoby; pair of woolen Blankets by Mrs. George Beltzhoover; Woolen Carpet by David Horner; Rag Carpets by the following: C. P. Humrich, Mrs. J. Beltzhoover, L. Kemberling, and Mrs. Agnus W. Dunbar; Woolen Cloth by Ringwalt and Donlevy; Flannel by David Horner.

CLASS No. 26—ORNAMENTAL WORK.—To Miss Sallie Nailor, for best Embroidery, Hearth & Home; to Mrs. Wm. Kennedy, for best Tatting and Embroidery, Hearth & Home; to Miss Sue E. Rhey, second best Embroidery, Ladies' Friend; to Anna B. Miller, for one muslin tucked Chemisette, Ladies' Friend; to Annie Bixler, for best child's Afghan, Ladies' Friend; to Mary F. Bentz, for best Afghan, Hearth & Home; to E. Hitner, for best Silk Afghan, $1,00; to Sadie M. Eckels, for best Toilet Sett, Ladies' Friend; to Mrs. J. C. Lesher, for best case ornamental Hair Work, Hearth & Home; to Kate R. Hollar, for second best case ornamental Hair Work, Ladies' Friend; to J. C. Lesher, for one case fancy Work, Ladies' Friend; to Martha Buser, for ornamental needlework Picture, Ladies' Friend; to M. C. B. Sturm, for Bonnet and Hat, (ancient,) Hearth & Home; to J. P. Neff, for case Fancy Articles, $3,00; to Mary Kieffer, for best display of Worsted Work, Hearth & Home; to Sallie Kieffer, for second best display of worted work, Ladies' Friend; to Emma Kieffer, for worsted Tidy, Ladies' Friend; to Mrs. Geo. Beltzhoover, for Sofa Pillow, Ladies Friend; to Jenny Sterrett, for Netted gui pure Doyley, Hearth & Home; to M. K. Hitner, for pair of embroidered Slippers, Ladies' Friend; to Mary S. Holmes, for box of shell Work, Ladies' Friend; to S. Kate Ege, for best Tidy, Hearth & Home; to Mary Glenn, for Ottoman Cover, Ladies' Friend; to Geo. A. Henninger, for Bead Fringe, Ladies' Friend; to Sallie Saxton, for best Bead Work, Hearth & Home; to Mrs. N. Sherk, for one knitted Afghan, Ladies Friend; to Anna Myers, for one Hassock, Ladies' Friend; to Amelia Blair, lot of Embroidery, Ladies' Friend; to Minnie A. Hoffer, for worsted Tidy, Ladies' Friend; to R. P. Henderson, for ornamental Sofa Cushion, and Toilet Mats, Ladies' Friend; to Thos. W. Brown, for Cape May Diamonds, ornamental Shell Work, ornamental sea shell work, ornamental China Ware, two lots shell Work, $3,00; to Mrs. W. E. Miller, second best Afghan, Ladies' Friend; to Louis Faber, for ornamental sewing machine work, $5,00; to Lizzie Lee, Sofa cushion, Ladies' Friend; to Birdie Henderson, 11 years old, for worsted work and Picture, Our Young Folks. Committee, Jos. W. Ogilby, Mrs. A. F. Mullin, and Miss Lizzie Parker.

CLASS No. 27—GIRLS' DEPARTMENT.—The committee, W. F. Sadler, esq., Mrs. A. B. Smead, and Miss L. L. Webster, reported the following as their awards: to Mrs. J. H. Wolf, for best Tatting Collar, Tatting Edging, Tatting Insertion, Parlor Cushion, $1,00; to Mary Ensminger, second best Parlor Cushion, 50 cents; Mrs. Wm. Kennedy, best pair Cushions, $1,00; Minnie A. Hoffer, second best pair Cushions, 50 cents; to Mrs. Wm. Kennedy, best chair Tidy, $1,00; to Mary Kieffer second best chair Tidy, 50 cents; to Bessie Wetzel, for best Lamp Mat, $1,00; to Sallie Wetzel, for second best Lamp Mat, 50 cents; to Fanny Myers, for best Needle work, $1,00; to Sallie Lahmon, for best Chair Seat, $1,00 Sallie Kieffer, for second best Chair Seat, 50 cents; Minnie Hoffer, Charm String, 50 cents; and the following as deserving of special notice: Lamp Mats exhibited by Mrs. J. P. Brindle, and by Sallie S. Kauffman; Chair Tidies by Mrs. Wm. E. Miller, Sallie Kieffer, Bessie Wetzel, and Fanny Myers; Pin Cushions exhibited by Annie B. Miller and Mrs. Wm. E. Miller.

CLASS No. 28—Continued—In this department three silver tongued cabinet organs, and a fine variety of musical instruments were exhibited by Prof. John H. Rheem, who was present and gave interest to the occasion by his exhibitions of musical skill. A special feature in the cabinet organs, was the perfect imitation of a chorus of voices, which was truly

A case of stuffed birds prepared by O. D. Foulkes, was also subject of universal admiration, exhibiting skill, taste, and genius in its design and execution.

The committee, W. H. Woodburn, J. S. Munro, and Thos. Lee, Jr., made the following report of premiums under this class: to John Fishburn, for hard lamp, Diploma; to Jas. Morrison, for two pair of horse shoes, $2,00; to Charles Glendennin, for lot of eggs, rough and ready; Diploma; Wm. M. Chenoweth, best display of hoop skirts, Diploma; to John H. Rheem, for best display of musical instruments, $5,00; to J. C. Smith, for self coupling for cars, Diploma; to A. B. Ewing, cage of white mice, $1,00; to Wm. Sharp, best specimens of Penmanship, Diploma; to O. D. Foulkes, case of stuffed birds, $3,00; to Wm. Morrison, best clothes washer and wringer, Diploma; to W. H. Kepler, Turbine water wheel, $,00; to Jacob Dunkle, foil Hay Fetter, Scientific American; to W. H. Bigball, for combined feed and domestic boiler and evaporator, Diploma and $5,00; to Shoemaker & Gerhart, for lime loader, Diploma and $1,00; to Wm. Morrison, for cider mills, Wilson's patent, Country Gentleman; to John Kinnan, lot of horse shoes neatly executed, Diploma.

The following worthy of notice: G. L. Delaney, one safety whiffletree, Anthony Fishburn, one gate post, Joseph Wetzel, one bag holder Webber & Co., meat and vegetable cutter, No. Shenk, clothes rack, A. W. Plank, grain cradle, D. D. Gitt, patent relief connection of spring and vehicle, N. B. Moore, prairie dog, Jas. Moore, extension fishing rod.

CLASS No. 29—PLOUGHING MATCH.—A Boston, after having witnessed the efforts of the competitors, decided as follows: to John Shover, for best ploughing, $16,00; to John Wolf, second best, $7,50; to Robt. M. Stuart, do., $7,50.

The last two were considered equal, and the committee divided the second and third premiums between them.

THREE OR SPEED—Fastest Trotting or Harness. Premium, $100, best three in five, open to all. Entries: "Hector," by James Hughes; "Little Dexter," by J. C. Delong; "Gerry" by Dr. T. T. Tate; "Bay Bob," by H. Nodnight; "Honest John," by D. F. Kinsig; "Trouble" by W. W. Bair; "Sasserack," by Philip Line. "Trouble" won in first two and last heats. Time 2:48½, 2:44½, and 2:48½.

FASTEST PACING OR RACKING TO HARNESS—Best three in five, open to all, premiums, $25. Entries: "Sorrel Joe," by James Hughes; "Strangers," Geo. B. Heck. "Sorrel Joe," won in three straight heats.

FASTEST TROTTING HORSE OR MARE to harness, owned and reared in Cumberland county, Premium, $25, open to all. Entries: "Harry," by Mr. Hastings; "Cumberland Valley," by Samuel Sharp; "Minnehaha," by Dr. Geo. Searight; The premium was awarded to Samuel Sharp, for "Cumberland Valley," for style, action, and near approach to limit in time considering the condition of the track. Gen. L. Todd taking Mr. Sharps place on the committee during the race. Time, 3:10½, 3:08½, and 3:10½.

FASTEST TROTTING HORSES, DOUBLE TEAM, Premium $15, open to all. Entries: "Mount Holly" and "Stranger," by Martin Quinn; "Butcher Boy" and "Crosby," by Wm. W. Bair; Pair of Gray Horses by Wm. Bretz; Gray Horse and Mate by Philip Line. Premium awarded by the committee because, in their opinion the time made though not within the limit, was deserving to Mr. Bair for "Butcher Boy" and "Crosby." Time 3:21, 3:04½, 2:57½.

FASTEST PACING OR RACKING HORSE owned and reared in Cumberland county. Premium, 12,50, best three in five. Entries: Bay Horse "Stranger" by Geo. B. Heck; "Farmer Boy," by W. D. Wert; "Canadian Lion," by H. W. Staup. The time made being within 10 seconds of the limit the committee awarded a special premium to W. D. Wert, for "Farmer Boy." Time 3:05½, 3:02, 3:02½.

FASTEST TROTTING TO HARNESS. Premium, $25, open to all—special—best two in three entries. Entries: "Geary," by Dr. T. T. Tate; Blind Charley, by C. Long. Premiums awarded to Dr. T. T. Tate for "Geary." Time 2:52, 2:54.

CONCLUSION.—When more than one of the same periodical or book is awarded to the same person, the cost of the extra copies of the same will be given to the successful competitors, in lieu of the periodicals or books. The periodicals will be sent to the successful competitors, postage paid for one year, from Jan. 1 1870.

Parties to whom such premiums are awarded, will please leave their address with the Secretary of the society, on and before December 1, 1869, otherwise they will be considered as relinquishing their premiums. The books will be ordered as soon as possible, and can be had on application to the Secretary.

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OBITUARY.

Joseph Ritner, the venerable ex-Governor of this Commonwealth, and for more than 30 years a resident of this county, died on Saturday last, at the residence of his son, in South Middleton township. He was born in Berks county, on the twenty-fifth day of March, 1780, and was therefore in his ninetieth year when he died. Although Governor Ritner has been in retirement for more than the average life of a generation of men, and has therefore been almost forgotten by those who are now busy in the political world; he at one time wielded a potent influence in this Commonwealth, which was due as much to his earnestness and solidity of character, as to the high political stations which he filled.

When a mere lad he removed to this county, where he hired himself to a farmer and worked steadily at that occupation until he arrived at the age of 20, when he married. Some time after his marriage he settled in Westmoreland county, and finally settled in Washington county. When nearly 40 years old he was elected by the Democratic party to the lower house in the State Legislature, and served in that body for seven consecutive sessions. During the last two sessions of his service he was speaker of the house, and won for himself an excellent reputation as a presiding officer, on account of his promptness, impartiality, and knowledge of the rules. After his service in the House, he was a candidate for Senator, but was defeated. In 1829 he received the nomination of Anti Masonic party, an organization of which Thaddeus Stevens was the leading, moving, and directing spirit. In this contest he was defeated by George Wolfe by a majority of over 26,000—the Anti Masonic party polling nearly 52,000, votes. In 1832 Governor Ritner again received the nomination of the same party and was again defeated by Governor Wolfe by a majority of 3170, in a poll of 179,500 votes. In 1835 he was again nominated, and this time on account of a division of the Democratic vote between Wolfe and Muhlenberg, was elected. The vote stood Ritner, 94,023, Wolf, 65,804 Muhlenberg, 40,835. He was again renominated in 1835, and was defeated by Governor Porter, by a majority of 5496. In 1840 Governor Ritner was on the Harrison electoral ticket, and was appointed afterwards by President Tyler, Treasurer of the Mint in Philadelphia, but he failed to receive the confirmation of the Senate, and since then has been entirely out of political life.

It is not our intention to review the political life of Governor Ritner further than is necessary to give a fair conception of his character and abilities. His Administration occurred in a period of peculiar political excitement, and the reflections connected with it have done much toward attaching unjust odium to all who were then in power. It was in the earliest stage of the agitation in favor of popular education, public improvements, and resistance to the extention of slavery; and each of these measures called forth the bitterest, bitterest, and fiercest opposition conceivable. The Masonic troubles of that period had also peculiar force in embittering and intensifying the prejudices of the people throughout the State. The passions and feelings engendered by the discussion of these topics, culminated in the disgraceful raid made upon the Capitol by the bullies and roughs of the Democracy, at the close of his Administration, known now as the Buckshot war. That from these excitements a lot of political scarecrows would be produced was inevitable, and from those more than from recorded facts are the men who were then prominent judged. That Governor Ritner possessed the confidence of those opposed to the Democratic party, in a unusually large degree, is proved by the fact that he was their candidate four times consecutively for the office of Governor, and that he largely increased his own vote at each succeeding election shows that their confidence in his popularity was not a blind one. In his official career, he was active in promoting the public improvements of the State, and gave a most hearty support to the cause of popular education. It should be remembered also to his honor, that he was the first Executive of Pennsylvania, who originally announced his opposition to the system of slavery, and the demands of the upholders of the peculiar institution. His message to the Legislature in 1836 announcing his sentiments on this subject, was the theme of one of Whittier's poems, commencing thus:

"I thank God for the joy to me—one lip is still free—
One spirit untrammelled—unbending one knee!
Like the oak of the mountain, deep rooted and firm,
Proof, when the storm rends the forest to form;
When traitors to Freedom, and Honor, and God,
Are bowed at an idol polluted with blood;
When the pressman hath forgotten her trust;
And the lip of her honor is low by the dust,—
Thank God! that one man is free from the shackle he has broken,
Thank God! one man is a freeman who has spoken!"

These prominent acts of his Administration evinced a fearlessness, honesty, and sagacity in Joseph Ritner which would be somewhat surprising to find in some of our most prominent Statesmen in the present generation.

In his letter life Governor Ritner was a plain, unassuming citizen, who rarely brought himself to the notice of the community. Thoroughly posted in all the political affairs of the State, and until his faculties became impaired taking a deep interest in every thing connected with politics, he was on those subjects a most instructive talker. His political convictions were of the firmest nature. He loved the principles of free Government, and heartily detested injustice and oppression and none rejoiced more thoroughly than he at the downfall of treason and the system of iniquity that caused it. His interest in the common school system never abated, and so long as his strength permitted he gave his presence and his encouragement to every movement that was in any way connected with the schools of his district or his county. In private life he was blameless—his acts and character were beyond suspicion. He spun out the thread of life to its farthest limit, and those who mourn him now, have the right to claim that whilst his honors in life were higher than even most aspiring men attain, he never by act or word of his made himself unworthy of them.

We received, last Monday evening, a note from Dr. Paul Schoppe, who is now under sentence of death, for the murder of Miss Steinecke, enclosing a copy of a letter said to have been addressed by his father to Judge Graham, sometime since, and requesting that we should publish it. As this is a favor, we could refuse no one else, we deem it right that the letter should appear, in order that the father should be heard in reference to the very grave charge of being a party to the forgery of Miss Steinecke's will. We give the copy of the letter herewith, without any comment whatever.

MONTREAL, SEPTEMBER 24, 1869.

Hon. James H. Graham, Carlisle, Pa:

SIR:—I read in newspapers, after my returning from a journey, that, in refusing the application for a new trial of the prisoner, Dr. Paul Schoppe, these words have been used by your Honor, "*That this will is false and forged, cannot be doubted, for your father who was examined as a witness by your counsel, was not even asked whether the paper was genuine.*" You will remember, that I am the subscribing witness to this will, and as this remark of your Honor is such one as to render suspect my good name and reputation as a clergyman, I feel obliged to direct some lines to your Honor in reference to this matter, and beg your pardon for doing so.

How the said will is originated, I am not acquainted with; what was in it at that time, when subscribing? But what I know and can assure your Honor is, that I subscribed it with my own hand, in the presence of Miss Steinecke, who had got me called one day for this purpose, and saw herself putting down her name under the will with her own hand, in my presence. That is all, that I know of it and have to notify to your Honor, in order to reserve my good name and reputation before man. I am

Most Respectfully Yours,
F. SCHOEPPE,
German Reform Minister.

Packer's workmen are credited with having thrown him into the Lehigh river. This was bad for Asa, but we doubt whether it mortified him as much as his present trip up Salt river.

Virginia, last week, ratified both the 14th and 15th amendments to the constitution. Are negro citizenship and negro suffrage now recognized as articles of the Democratic confession of faith, or did the Democratic newspapers deceive the people, when they claimed the late election in Virginia as a Democratic triumph? Let us know all about this matter.

The schemes of designing politicians often accomplish some good incidentally. Considerable of the money spent by Asa Packer to make himself Governor, was used in the payment of State and county taxes for Democrats, who had been delinquents for more than two years. In this county we know of a good many cases where taxes long since due were paid very conscientiously on election day. By the way this will be a good thing to give Asa credit for when he runs for Governor next time.

When Judge Woodward nominated Packer for President at the New York Convention, the Cops there assembled wanted to know who Asa was. The Judge can now inform them that he isn't a Governor of Pennsylvania.

As the exigencies of State business will not necessarily require Mr. Packer to reside in Harrisburg for the next three years, his friends are notified that his places of residence are still, as heretofore, Mauch Chunk, Philadelphia, and in "the shrill shriek of the iron horse."

The Democracy didn't like Covode's spelling during the campaign, but since the election they are more troubled about his arithmetic. They still insist that he can't spell, but admit that he counts with surprising accuracy.

The ready reckoners of the Democratic Party made some beautiful work last Thursday, when they figured out a majority for Packer. If they would go to school awhile to Covode, they might save themselves much mortification and their friends some money.

Luzerne county, one of the Democratic strongholds, only gives Packer 1,000 majority, a falling off of nearly 2,500 since last year. Packer don't seem popular in the coal regions.

Several communications stand over until next week.

The "oldest man now living" has just gone and died. This time they say he is 103 years old, and his name was Uncle Bob Martin, of Georgia. He had been a "Mason in good standing" for 70 years. It is also believed that he was of poor but respectable parents.

The Delaware river is said to be washing away the State of Delaware at the rate of 20 feet in width every year. The State will soon be washed out at that rate. We commend this to the attention of Democratic Politicians. They can't afford to lose Delaware very well just now.

Bismarck is reported to have delirium tremens, occasionally, and to use strong Cognac brandy, regularly to prove himself for speech making.—This last appears to be a very common practice of great men.

Jeff. Davis has returned to America and is at present quietly sojourning at Baltimore. He is scarcely now an object of curiosity and receives but little attention. How are the mighty fallen!

PERSONAL.

Bayard Taylor's lectures this winter are to be his farewell course.

Tom King, the ex-pugilist, has become a clergyman.

Admiral Farragut is lying ill at Chicago, of congestive chills. His life was in danger, but he is now recovering.

Ozias Potter, recently deceased, has willed to the city poor of Williamsport, property to the value of $70,000.

Mr. George Leigh, the oldest son of Mrs. Leigh, proposes to bring action for slander against the publishers of Mrs. Stowe's article.

The Leland Brothers are reported to have made $100,000 by their Saratoga season.

Madame Hirschfeldt, who took a diploma from the Philadelphia Dental College, has been admitted to practice in Berlin.

Brick Pomeroy is lying very low at his residence in New York, from congestion of the lungs, aggravated by bilious intermittent fever.

John Morrissey, M. C., collected $80,000 from Fiske, jr., of New York, due through late gold transactions, by threatening him with personal chastisement if every cent was not at once forthcoming.

Mary, daughter of Prof. O. E. Hovey, of Wabash College, has been offered the professorship of horticulture in the Kansas Agricultural College.

William Anderson, a very popular comedian half a century ago, died in the Philadelphia Almshouse a few days since, at the age of 82.

The oldest clerk in the Department at Washington is John Barclay, Chief Clerk in the office of Commissioner of Customs, who has been a clerk for sixty-five years. Charles Vincent, of the Third Auditor's office, has been there fifty-eight years.

Col. Alexander, of Erie, Pa., convicted of revenue frauds, has been pardoned by the President.

Postmaster General Creswell is endeavoring to obtain a reduction of one-half from the present rates of postage between the United States and Great Britain.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Stewart are making extensive preparations for opening their new $1,500,000 residence on Fifth Avenue, on which occasion they will exhibit a table service of solid silver, lined with gold, and costing about $8000.

Capt. John Waterhouse, Master of the brig Minerva of Portland, is charged with throwing overboard and drowning John Fitzgerald, off Cape Elizabeth, in April last. He has been bound over in $5,000. The Mate was also bound in $5,000 on the same charge.

Among the bridal presents received the other day by a young lady in New York—the daughter of a millionaire—was a $70,000 house, with $50,000 worth of furniture.

Forty years ago Mr. S. W. Davis, a bookseller in Cincinnati, gave pecuniary aid to a Mr. B. T. Hanley, almost an entire stranger to him, which saved him from bankruptcy. Mr. Hanley shortly after left Cincinnati for Missouri, and he now turns up at St. Louis with a fortune of $2,000,000, which he has devised by will to Mr. Davis in consideration of the aid furnished him in his time of need.

The Rothschilds of Paris have been swindled out of 12000,000 francs by a forger, who turns out to be a clerk of a Vienna banking house, and who after purloining 25,000 francs from the bank, forged the signature of his employers to a letter advising the Rothchilds of the draft upon them, which he cashed immediately after his arrival at Paris.

It is stated Charlotte Cushman is on her death bed. She was born in Boston July 23, 1816, and was only twelve when she become a vocalist for the support of her father's family. She sang at a concert with the celebrated Mrs. Wood, who pronounced her the finest contralto she had ever heard. The failure of her voice in opera drove her to the spoken drama, in which she soon became a favorite, and rapidly rose to an enviable fame in high comedy and tragedy. She has resided at Rome for several years past.

POLITICAL ITEMS.

W. W. Watt, Republican is elected to the State Senate from Philadelphia, in the District now represented by Gen. McCandless. This is a Republican gain.

The Republicans elect two members of the Legislature from Luzerne county, the home of the Woodwards. There is something seriously wrong with the Democracy there.

Andrew Johnson's chances for United State Senator from Tennessee are still increasing. If we must have a Democrat, by all means let us have Johnson. He will add to the interest if not to the respectability of the Senate.

Horace Greeley has accepted the nomination of the Republicans in New York for the office of State Comptroller. We doubt whether Mr. Greeley's success in politics will be as great as it has been in journalism.

The Virginia Legislature will have its full share of candidates for Senatorial honors. It is not always that there are two Senators to elect at one time from any State, and therefore the fight is unusually lively.

The worst abused man in the State by the Democratic papers, except Governor Geary, was Peter Herdic, of Williamsport. He was denounced as a scoundrel, a lobbyist, and worse than both, a Radical. Mr. Herdic was a candidate this fall for Mayor of Williamsport, and was elected by 816 majority, although the Cops carried the city last year. It went to say that this is not a vindication of Mr. Herdic—it is, and one of which he may be proud. Some men might also consider it a rebuke to his traducers, but it wont hurt them. They were not sensitive on such matters.

THE ELECTIONS.

REPUBLICANISM TRIUMPHANT!

GEARY and WILLIAMS ELECTED.

GOVERNOR GEARY'S MAJORITY 4,569.

THE LEGISLATURE LARGELY REPUBLICAN

OHIO REELECTS GOVERNOR HAYES AND A REPUBLICAN LEGISLATURE.

IOWA ROLLS UP 30,000 MAJORITY.

DEMOCRACY DEMOLISHED!

We give below the official vote of the State by counties, for Governor and Supreme Judge:

OFFICIAL VOTE OF THE STATE.

COMPLETE RETURNS FOR 1869.

COUNTIES.	Gover. Geary, Rep.	Gover. Packer, Dem.	Sup. Judge. Williams, R.	Sup. Judge. Pershing, D.
Adams	2922	3049	2642	3003
Allegheny	17868	13291	18040	12,42
Armstrong	3430	3019	3421	3577
Beaver	3586	2421	3976	2391
Bedford	2486	1832	2475	2839
Berks	6911	13531	6934	13490
Blair	3484	2773	3435	4763
Bradford	7693	4806	6357	4502
Bucks	6405	7061	6554	6603
Butler	3350	2994	3211	3941
Cambria	2530	1287	2418	2229
Cameron	474	433	471	425
Carbon	1940	2926	1977	2591
Centre	3102	3464	3193	3417
Chester	8293	6140	8244	6134
Clarion	3147	3114	3061	3223
Clearfield	1793	3415	1791	2902
Clinton	883	2660	1842	2500
Columbia	3816	3114	3866	3078
Crawford	6107	4865	6772	4795
Cumberland	3514	4408	3567	4395
Dauphin	4600	4328	4561	4242
Delaware	5322	2905	5511	2241
Elk	475	968	465	956
Erie	6468	4353	6361	4426
Fayette	3341	4420	3355	4779
Forest	365	103		
Franklin	4001	3488	3707	3974
Fulton	860	1066	883	1064
Greene	1843	2092	1527	2284
Huntingdon	2826	2593	2834	2599
Indiana	4063	3070	3950	2963
Jefferson	1967	3699	1937	3522
Juniata	1764	1642	1747	1639
Lancaster	13804	8706	13766	8264
Lawrence	2347	1494	2184	1754
Lebanon	4427	2969	4446	2963
Lehigh	4555	5153	4564	5577
Luzerne	8804	9001	8801	9057
Lycoming	4665	4877	4666	4487
M'Kean	848	696	870	696
Mercer	4549	3785	4144	3561
Mifflin	1640	1702	1630	1711
Monroe	989	2092	765	2065
Montgomery	7363	8417	7506	8125
Montour	1093	1555	1039	1502
Northampton	3033	7449	3044	7316
Northumberland	3097	4040	3068	4049
Perry	2539	2488	2451	2463
Philadelphia	51393	49602	51638	46685
Pike	506	1064	510	1102
Potter	1331	708	1318	677
Schuylkill	6921	8301	7224	8521
Snyder	1749	1163	1721	1155
Somerset	2240	1915	2068	1915
Sullivan	568	959	543	754
Susquehanna	4061	2922	4048	2836
Tioga	4535	1825	4321	2142
Union	1788	1277	1791	1192
Venango	3507	3241	3519	3172
Warren	2340	1609	2164	1648
Washington				
Wayne	2276	2715	2295	2578
Westmoreland	4853	6195	4833	6185
Wyoming	1452	1172	1453	1174
York	5646	8326	5661	8315
Totals	289986	284417	287175	275854
	284417		275854	
Majorities	4569		8661	

We have not full returns of the election of members of the Legislature, but from the best information, we believe it will be as follows:

	Senate.	House.	Total.
Republican	19	63	72
Democratic	14	37	41
Majority	5	26	31

In Ohio we have elected Gov. Hayes by a majority of nearly ten thousand, and have a majority in both branches of the Legislature, thereby securing the State for the fifteenth amendment.

THE OHIO ELECTION.

Columbus, Ohio, October 19. All the counties that have been heard from at the Republican headquarters in this city. A few are not official. The result will vary but a few votes. R. D. Harrison, chairman, figures it up for Governor: Hayes, 41,899; Pendleton, 33,821. Hayes' majority, 8,078. The Legislature stands, Senate one and House three Republican majority.

TENNESSEE.

Nashville, October 19. Two ballots in the House for United States Senator have been taken, resulting as follows: First ballot, Andrew Johnson, 33; Emerson Etheridge, 20; scattering, 27. Second ballot, Johnson, 32; Etheridge 21; scattering, 27. The first ballot in the Senate was as follows; Johnson, 11; Etheridge, 8; scattering, 5. Adjourned until to-morrow.

After considering almost a year over the contested election for the city officers in Philadelphia, the Court of Common Pleas of that city reached a decision on Saturday last. The result of the contest is that all the city officers except Mayor Fox have been ousted and their places awarded to their Republican competitors. The evidence of fraudulent voting was very conclusive in all the cases, even in that of Mayor Fox, whose majority is shown by the Court is only 68. This proves most conclusively the value of the present Registry Act, and should at once silence all the objections to it. The trouble, expense, and ill feeling attending a contested election in a great city like Philadelphia is almost miscalculable, and the law that prevents the necessity for it is certainly an immense benefit to the citizens.

A Philadelphia Democratic paper complains pitiously of the situation of its party, thus "Only one year of D. M. Fox's rule, and a radical majority of 4,400, and he has two years yet to serve." The fact is lamentable but instructive. The less people see of Democratic rule the better they like it.

Packer, Pershing, and Pendleton have perished. The people don't want that sort of P's.

The price of coal has gone up recently. Wonder if Packer's defeat has anything to do with it.

Who was responsible for the despatch bearing Asa Packer's signature, which was telegraphed all over the State, on Thursday night, claiming a Democratic victory? Surely Mr. Packer didn't send it. A good many faithful and over credulous Democrats were induced by it to make bets, by which they lost their money and got demoralized generally. The tricks resorted to by the managers of Mr. Packer's concern, were not very creditable generally, but this last card was both disgraceful and stupid.

If the Democracy had triumphed in Pennsylvania, they would have argued, that the people were opposed to negro suffrage. They have been defeated; are they prepared to admit now that the people are in favor of it? Is there any sort of consistency in these fellows at all?

NEWS ITEMS.

A railroad newsboy in Kentucky is the latest favorite of fortune. He has fallen heir to $138,000 by the death of an uncle in Europe.

Yale College has a freshman, thirty-six years of age, who served through the whole of the late war.

The total amount of the contributions to the Avondale relief fund up to Saturday last was $255,598.48.

The receipts of the Post Office Department for the year ending June 30, 1869, were over $1,000,000 in excess of the receipts for the preceeding year.

The colored men in the neighborhood of Macon, Ga., have raised $300,000 worth of cotton this season. Many of them invest their earnings in land.

A store in New York has sold twenty shawls this season worth $2,000 each, and one worth $5,700. One woman run up a bill of $20,000 in two months.

During the past year the trade of St. Paul, has exceeded half a million dollars in value. Sixteen hundred thousand muskrat skins were one item of the account.

It is said that the late ex President Pierce leaves a fortune estimated at from $50,000 to $100,000, which will nearly all go to a nephew, the son of Henry D. Pierce.

Over a million gallons of whisky have been seized at San Francisco, the officers claiming that it was not pure Bourbon, as represented; but is fraudulent, and