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THE Mechanicsburg *Journal* calls us to account for not denouncing the action of the Republican county committee in electing a delegate to the State convention, instead of calling a county convention. We venture to suggest that there is a considerable amount of matter in the *Journal's* article which could have been omitted without injury to its own side of the cause, and having said this we will furnish the information it seems to desire.

We are opposed to the action of the committee. We think it was unauthorized and very unwise. If the delegate elected and the interest he represents was dominant in the county, a convention would have produced the result desired. If the choice of the county lay in a different direction, it will not be contended that it was right or fair to stifle that choice. Nobody pretends that the convention authorized the committee to select a delegate. It was their own action. They are responsible for it, and we presume before a convention names them again for that position they will be careful to define their duties.

Then why did we not denounce their action? For several reasons. Last year the same thing was done by the committee. It was against our advice and remonstrance, but it was done by a committee whose chairman was one of the proprietors of this journal. With a precedent just in this shape, there was a manifest propriety in keeping out of any discussion of the present action.

Then we regard all agitation of the question now as unwise and injurious. The *Journal* insists on a convention. What authority is there to call one? That is one of the functions of the committee. It determined, by an almost three-fourths vote, not to call a convention. If one were called by any outside authority, its regularity would be questioned, and if it named another delegate there would be two in attendance at the State Convention, and we would have a fight in our own organization, extending, perhaps, though the whole coming campaign, with a moral certainty all the time that the delegate chosen by the committee would be admitted. As this is our deliberate judgment in the matter, we do not propose to countenance anything that will look like raising a quarrel over what cannot be undone, nor what, under the circumstances, could not have been prevented.

We have no wish to advertise our disinterestedness or our devotion to our party, now or at any other time. We will take this chance, however to say, that to our limited ability we have tried to do something towards its success. It is not more than six months since it was admitted all around that we were willing enough to go into a fight where there was just a ghost of a chance to win. And while we don't make a special virtue of our cautiousness, we propose to submit our course to the judgment of our friends, without attempting to make reputation through any Quixotic tilts against the organization of the party, because the persons representing that organization for the time, have usurped powers which did not belong to them. We have long since learned that what can't be cured must be endured.

ON Saturday night, Frederick Douglass delivered a lecture at this place, on the subject of San Domingo. His coming was unexpected and accidental. He had lectured in Chambersburg the evening before, and at the request of some of his people consented to deliver a lecture here on his return. Although there was no general notice of the lecture given, there was a fair audience in attendance, most of whom were doubtless attracted by a curiosity to see and hear one who is considered justly the foremost man of his race.

It is needless to comment on his lecture. It demonstrated to every intelligent man who heard it, that the lecturer was a man of remarkable intellect, a scholar of fine culture, a vigorous and independent thinker, and an orator of very remarkable force and power. He spoke fully two hours, and to an audience not usually inclined to tolerate long speeches, and yet there were few present who would not willingly have heard him at greater length. Certainly it will not be disputed that his lecture surpassed any similar performance, with which we have been favored during many years.

Mr. Douglass is, perhaps, now the most remarkable character in public life. Born a slave, and of a race which the charlatans of our earlier politics, taught us to believe were consigned to Slavery by Divine command, he has, by his own genius and force of character, brought himself to the notice and respectful consideration of the wisest and best men of this country and of Europe. To most men, even with fair advantages of birth and education, the mere struggle for existence is sufficient employment, and to obtain even local reputation for any sort of superiority, unusual and exhausting effort is necessary. The man who wins in the race of life, even when he starts in advance of his fellows, and when assisted by the influence of others, is conceded to have strength and merit. When in view of this we see a runaway slave transform himself into a man of refinement and culture, and who, by the sheer force of his intellect becomes a power in a nation, where his race are serfs, we may be sure that in him are qualities of a high order.

—SECRETARY BOUTWELL has again made his monthly statement of the financial condition of the country, and as this completes the third year of President Grant's administration, it is well to consider the facts it exhibits. During the month of February, the debt of the nation was reduced $12,391,451.52, and during the three last years the reduction has been in round numbers $300,000,000. Perhaps no country in the world has ever witnessed so rapid a discharge of its indebtedness.

Our net indebtedness is now in round numbers $2,240,000,000. Of this amount $402,000,000 bear no interest, leaving $1,800,000,000 as the debt which we really owe to creditors who demand and receive their interest regularly. Of this vast amount, a sum equal to the one-sixth has already been paid by a Republican administration in the space of three years, thus demonstrating its ability to wipe out the entire debt in twenty years, without imposing any unusual or burdensome taxation. The moral effect of this almost incredible work will be felt for a century henceforth, in maintaining the credit of the nation throughout the world, and assuring us the certainty of receiving prompt assistance and support from other nations, in any financial difficulty, we may encounter. Its more direct effect has been to save a vast amount in our annual payment of interest, to make our currency nearly worth its face in gold, and insure at no distant day a reduction of the rate of interest on the national loan, which will shortly be followed by a corresponding decrease of rate in all financial operations.

If the Republican party was wholly without former record; if it had not delivered the nation from treason; if it could not boast of the abolition of slavery and the enfranchisement of an oppressed people, the financial success of this single administration should commend it to the favor of our people for all time.

DON PIATT, of the Washington *Capitol*, one of the most brilliant of Sunday papers, bitterly hostile to President Grant and to his re-nomination, makes the following sensible comments upon the useless French arms discussion in the Senate of the United States:

At the same time, as the calm chroniclers of current events, we are forced to admit that these administration people suffer more from the ability of their opponents than from the facts proven. Recognizing the melancholy truth that the brain of the Republican party has been alienated from its councils, and holds an antagonistic position to its official rulers, these people were thrown into a panic over the prospect of a loss of the German vote. This seemed to paralyze them so that they could not treat the charge of fraud with the indifference it really deserved. For, after sifting with care all the evidence offered, we are forced to admit that not even a *prima facie* case has been made out. At the close of our late civil war, the Government found itself possessed of a vast amount of material in the way of arms of all sorts, that were not only useless but would not bear keeping, because of the improvements continually demanding acceptance if we wish to keep pace with our governments in this respect. The law authorizing the sale is sufficiently broad to allow a general sale of all material. It reads that the "Secretary of War may sell at private or public sale, as he may deem most advantageous to the public interest, the old cannon, arms, and other ordnance stones now in possession of the War Department, which are damaged or otherwise unsuitable for the United States service." Now, whether to secure an advantageous sale the department could manufacture ammunition to suit the arms, is questionable. It is the only question in the whole affair.

That the Secretary should seek to use the advantage given him by a great war in Europe is right and proper. He is bound to know that the arms thus disposed of are to find that market, for he is supposed to have common sense; but he is not prohibited from acting by such knowledge. The doctrine of neutral duties sought to be established by Senators Sumner and Schurz is the same recognized by the infamous Washington Treaty that we have denounced as foreign to our practice in the past, and fatal to our future as a nation. It was not pleasant to us during the late civil war to have England follow our own precedents, and under that impulse our representatives of the Joint High Commission sought to establish new rules. The result is a remedy when too late to be of service, and a recognition of international law that robs us of our strength in the future.

Nor have we any respect for this contest over the German vote. We are sick and tired of this humiliating submission to a foreign element in our midst that seeks to direct our sympathies and control our conduct. We protest the German vote, the Irish vote, and the colored vote, and think it about time to find, if we can, an American vote. Each in turn save the last has served demagogues as a source of selfish elevation to power. In the beginning of the German-French war our sympathies were with Germany. When, however, an imperial despotism built no conquest was developed on one side, and a republic on the other, our sympathies swung over to France, and it was as much as one's political existence was worth to avow such a feeling. The offence of the administration in this case, if any is proven, seems to be a kind feeling for the unhappy French Republic and a very advantageous sale of useless arms. We are not disposed to feel vindictive on that account.

THE PUBLIC DEBT STATEMENT.

WASHINGTON, March 1.

The following is a recapitulation of the public debt statement:—

DEBT BEARING INTEREST IN COIN.	
6 per cent bonds	$1,467,750,500 00
5 per cent bonds	382,399,700 00
Principal	1,850 150,200 00
Interest	32 899,227 88
DEBT BEARING INTEREST IN LAWFUL MONEY.	
Certificates of indebtedness at 4 per cent	$78,000 00
Navy Pension fund at 3 per cent	14,000,000 00
Certificates at 3 per cent	19,140,000 00
Principal	33,218,000 00
Interest	248,418 84
DEBT ON WHICH INTEREST HAS CEASED SINCE MATURITY.	
Principal	$1,679,142,27
Interest	270,208 64
DEBT BEARING NO INTEREST.	
Old demand and legal tender notes	$357,591,101 27
Fractional currency	41,491,300 43
Coin certificates	32,520,000 00
Total	$431,602,401 68
Unclaimed interest	$14,644 65
Total debt	$2,317 249,743 95
Interest	33,432,499 89
Total	$2 350,682,243 83
CASH IN THE TREASURY.	
Coin	$110,405,319 12
Currency	14,463,426 83
Total	$124,868,745 85
Debt less cash in Treasury, March 1, 1872	2,225,813,497 98
Debt less cash in Treasury, February 1, 1871	$2,238,204,949 50
Decrease of debt during the past month	$12,391,451 52
Decrease of debt since March 1, 1871	$94,895,384 04
Decrease of debt from March 1, 1869, to March 1, 1872	599,649 762 01
Bonds issued to Pacific railroad companies interest payable in lawful money, principal outstanding	646,235 00
Interest accrued and not yet paid	646,295 00
Interest paid by the United States	16,631,870 00
Interest repaid by transportation of mails, &c.	3,477,125 00
Balance of interest paid by United States	11,154,745 00

ONE cold night about New Years, a cry of fire was raised in Mount Bethel, a little town about seven miles from Plainfield, over the Springfield mountain, in Somerset county, New Jersey. A building over a hundred years old was in flames. It was occupied by a German farmer named Beust. He missed one of his daughters, and ran back into the house to save her. He had caught her in his arms and was making his way to the door, when the floor gave way and both were burned to death. Since then the ruins of the house have been removed. The mansion was built in the old-fashioned style, with huge fireplaces in two of the rooms, the chimneys sloping toward each other, and joining before reaching the top.

Walled in the cavity between the two fire places, a human skeleton in perfect preservation was discovered. An old flint-lock musket stood at its side, and two rusty knives lay at its feet. The musket is of the old British pattern. It is supposed that the remains are those of a tory soldier who met his death at the hands of the Colonists during the Revolution. The oldest inhabitants are unable to explain this horrible mystery. The remains of the father and daughter were also found in the ruins.—*Pittsburg Dispatch.*

CURRENT TOPICS.

—Arrangements are being consummated for the speedy completion and dedication of the national monument to President Lincoln, at Washington. All that still remains is to put the different pieces of statuary in place. It is said that Hon. William Seward will probably be selected as the orator to pronounce the eulogy upon the occasion of the dedication of the monument.

—Babes born on the twenty-ninth of February, the Philadelphia *Bulletin* says, will be compelled to live eighty-four years before they reach their twenty-first birthday, and be subjected to the inconvenience of not being able to tell exactly, during three years of every four, upon what day to celebrate the anniversary, and to levy upon generous parents and grandparents.

—Freylinghuysen, of New Jersey, well-known as a lawyer of decided ability and a gentleman of culture and high standing, came down very severely on Senator Schurz, in Monday's debate over the arms investigation, very much to the latters discomfiture. He pointed out that every particle of evidence relied upon for the arms investigation had been swept away before the committee was yet appointed.

—And now comes the story that the late Lieutenant Governor Dunn and Colonel James Fisk were members of a wonderful order—the "Ordo Malte Hierosolymoque," which consists of 365 members, only nineteen of whom are in America. The Duc de Persigny and Charles Dickens were members. Garibaldi, Blanqui, Duke de Arenburg, Mouseigneur Merodo, Prof. Morse and Louis Napoleon are also among the elect.

—Senators Pomeroy and Caldwell have telegrams from members of the Kansas Legislature, pronouncing the report sent East of corruption in their Senatorial elections to be garbled and untrue in the main. The paper which Mr. Pomeroy gave a note to was set up to support the Republican party, and when its editor went over to Andrew Johnson, Mr. Pomeroy repudiated it, and Mr. Johnson gave the editor the office. Both Senators profess their ability to show clean records whenever the time comes.

—The White Lady of Hohenzollern has appeared in the corridors and vacant apartments of the palace of Potsdam, near Berlin, and her shadow, in passing, has left sickness in the royal family. The sturdy frame of Emperor William is weakened with indisposition, and the Queen Dowager Elizabeth, now seventy-one years old, is so ill that fears of a serious result are entertained. It is probable that the presence of the warning phantom of the Hohenzollerns is due to her condition, and unless the signs—physical and ghostly—fail, the Black Sergeant is coming to her relief.

—The following statement of receipts and expenditures by warrants for the quarter ending December 31, 1871, has been issued from the Treasury Department, Washington. Net receipts—From customs, $45,322,613.17; internal revenue, $29,479,321.28; sales of public lands, $616,656.14; miscellaneous sources, $4,202,884.73; total net receipts, $80,120,875.62. Net expenditures—For civil and miscellaneous, $16,837,936.56; War Department, $7,385,800.29; Navy Department, $5,567,806 75; Indians and pensions, $10,860,065.02; interest on public debt, $22,129,195 64; total net expenditures, $62,280,904.26.

—The State election in New Hampshire will take place on the twelfth instant. A Concord despatch says "there is an army of speakers in the field, and more coming." The Republicans express confidence in their ability to retrieve their losses last year, and elect their candidate for Governor, Mr. Straw, and a majority of the Legislature. The Democrats express equal confidence in their own success, and claim that they can re-elect Governor Weston by the popular vote. The contest is unusually spirited, both parties being uncommonly active, and employing many of their ablest speakers.

—The Boston Chief of Police, in his annual report, suggests that male "night-walkers" are just as much nuisances as "night-walkers" of the other sex. As for licensing the "social evil," he denounces the project as vigorously as he can. By a strict enforcement of the law he has diminished the number of houses of ill-fame; but, on the other hand, houses of assignation have increased "greatfully and fearfully." It is rather astonishing to read in the report of a Chief of Police that the true way to combat prostitution is "to pay women the same wages as men when they do a similar amount of work." The same suggestion has been made before, but it is rather a novelty to find a stony-hearted Chief Policeman informing his superiors that if women still, even in moral Boston, follow this body and soul-killing calling, it is because they are perpetually made the victim of fraud, injustice and the rapacity of trade.

—The costly and beautiful collection of fans belonging to the wife of Louis N. Bonaparte is offered for sale in London. Many of them are exquisitely painted by first-rate artists, and are richly adorned with precious stones. Their sale would seem to indicate that Louis is in need of money, and that these toys are to be devoted to their legitimate purpose of raising the wind. So fade the glories of the lavish and luxurious Empire—the Empire of ostentation, sensuality, money-making and prodigality! Does hungry and naked France look back with regret to those days of hollow and seeming prosperity! If so, what is to be hoped for in the future? How history repeats itself! Mad. Tussaud exhibited the first Napoleon's old coach in London, and now an auctioneer there is exhibiting the "Empress" Eugenie's old fans!

—The New York *Sun* makes the following remarks regarding the recent burial of Gen. Robert Anderson: "The quiet manner in which the remains of Gen. Robert Anderson have been received at Fortress Monroe suggests several striking contrasts. One of these is the total absence of excitement that has attended his obsequies, as compared with the national commotion that marked the final honors recently bestowed upon an upstart and unprincipled millionaire. Yet the time is not in the remote past when the name of Major Robert Anderson was on everybody's lips, and when he was the recipient of conspicuous honors at the hands of the National Congress. But as he was the first hero of the war, so he was the first to be forgotten, with the fickleness that usually distinguishes hero worship. There is another contrast even less to the credit of this nation. General Anderson was a type of the American soldier of the old school, and his conduct at Fort Sumter was that of a brave officer and a noble patriot. That he did not render eminent services subsequently was no fault of his, as his bodily infirmities unfitted him for active demands.

A BILL passed the New York Assembly Thursday, striking out the word "white" from the military code. This will allow the formation of negro militia companies and regiments.

IT is reported that the ex-Prince Imperial of France will visit the United States next summer. He is now sixteen years of age, and is said to speak five languages fluently.

THE Duchesse de Moyrac, who was run over and instantly killed by a private carriage, in Paris, was a young and beautiful woman, and had been only four months married.

EBENEZER COLE, of Lachine, Canada, is no longer a live Cole. He betted ten dollars that he could drink two tumblers full of alcohol, but the money didn't more than pay for his coffin.

THE gift of Alexis to Lotta, at New Orleans, was a bracelet, set in with a turquoise and two large pearls; here and there, inlaid with small diamonds, the edges exquisitely enameled in black.

A FARMER, named Wills Williamson, living near Muncie, Indiana, followed his daughter to Daleville, where she had gone to marry a man named Landry, and after cutting her throat, shot himself twice.

[Communicated.]

MESSRS. EDITORS:—On Tuesday last, the mercury fell almost to zero, notwithstanding which a goodly number of the friends and patrons of Centre School, in South Middleton township, were present on that day, at the occasion of the examination of the school under the direction of the efficient teacher, Miss Annie Good. Your reporter was early on the scene of action, and was more than repaid for the inconvenience attending upon a long, cold ride in the fresh air, in a feast of reason and an opportunity to address the assembled audience on the subject of education.

The room was tastefully decorated with evergreens, and the bright, happy faces of the children and the proud mien of their teacher, parents and friends bespoke the confidence reposed by all in the proficiency of the former. The school was in the main, composed of quite small children, only a few young ladies and gentlemen in their teens being on the list of pupils.

In reading, the little children did well, and in mental arithmetic their promptness and accuracy were truly remarkable. About twenty of these little children each declaimed a little selection from some favorite nursery rhymes. "My Mother," "Jack Frost," "I have a little dolly," "Kriss Kingle," and a number of other pretty little pieces were well rendered by these children. "Dry little man" was declaimed by a little blue-eyed boy of five summers, in a manner which "brought down the house" almost at every line. Indeed, this feature of the entertainment was the crowning act in the programme of the day.

In arithmetic, mental and written, the larger scholars displayed a proficiency which surprised every one present; and in geography and grammar, the scholars all attested the ability of their teacher to impart instruction, as their stock of information was considerably greater than most children of their age.

The examination of the larger scholars, five in number, in all but reading, confirmed us in the opinion that their teacher's labors had not been in vain. The exercises on the whole were highly creditable to scholars, teacher, directors and patrons, and we feel confident that "Centre School" is not behind any of the far-famed schools of South Middleton township.

The understanding existing between teacher and scholars was the universal subject of remark, and it was manifest that in Miss Annie Good for a teacher, the patrons have indeed a model instructor, and that success abundant will attend her efforts, if the progress of the pupils in the past be a guarantee for the future.

The exercises were cut short, in order that darkness might not overtake the people before the usual congratulatory speeches were made, and upon being called on Messrs. W. P. Stuart, E. Shelly, Dr. Mower "and others" addressed the audience in short, but appropriate and practical speeches, and all retired to their homes well satisfied that we are living in an age of progress.

Mignon.

TERRIBLE CONFLAGRATION.

PARTIAL DESTRUCTION OF DR. JAYNE'S GRANITE BUILDING.

PHILADELPHIA, March 4.—Dr. Jayne's granite building on Chestnut street, below Third, was discovered to be on fire in rear of the fronting on Carter street, shortly after nine o'clock, and the flames soon spread from the third to the eighth story. The immense height of the building renders steam fire engines almost useless in reaching the upper stories, and the building will probably be destroyed.

Midnight.—The fire in Jayne's building is apparently checked at the sixth story. Chestnut street front untouched, and a large portion of the immense building saved. Stock of teas and coffee in Shannon's store, adjoining Jayne's building, ruined by water.

LATER.—The upper portion of the Carter street front fell with a tremendous crash shortly after midnight, but the side walls still remain as firm as ever, and if they continue so the Bank of Commerce and various broker offices on Chestnut street will probably escape, with the exception of damage from water.

1 A. M.—The fire, which was thought to have been checked, has reached the eighth story on Chestnut street, and the flames have spread to the circular window at the corner of the building. A steady stream of water was directed to this spot from an adjoining roof into the side window and checked the progress of the fire there, but soon it extended to the cupola, which the water could not reach, and it was soon in a blaze, presenting a magnificent spectacle from its elevation, about 120 feet from the pavement.

2 A. M.—Besides Shannon's tea store in the main building, the following firms occupied various stories: Loans, Ward & Co., Boston agency, loss on stock, $15,000, insured; A. Fredman & Co., sample stock, loss $10,000; Wernway & Co., silks and woolens, loss $50,000; Hart & Co., of New York, silks, velvets and woolens, loss $75,000; Carpenter & Tantler, agents for revenue stamps. The fifth seventh and eighth stories were occupied by Dr. Jayne in the preparation of medicines; the sixth story was occupied by Butler, Government Printer; the adjoining buildings on the west, which were damaged with water, were occupied by H. P. & W. Smith, commission merchants and manufacturers, whose stock is valued at $200,000; Gardner, Brew & Co., agents for a Boston house; E. S. Hoovy, sewing silks, on east side; Lewis, Wharton & Co., agents for Manchester, Bullock & Co.; A. O. Butler, woolen and silks; Lewis Bros. & Co., imported goods.

It is estimated that not less than $1,000,000 worth of goods have been damaged by water or destroyed by fire. The cupola burned about twenty minutes when the whole fell back among the ruins. The fire is still burning, but has not yet extended to the lower floors.

LATER, 2.15 A. M.—The firemen have worked manfully, and receive great praise for their success in preventing the entire destruction of the block. The fire is now smouldering on the eighth floor, and appears to be under control. It has been confined to the main building. The adjoining wings, belonging to the same estate, are uninjured by fire, though the occupants are severe sufferers by water.

A NOTED French painter is said to be finishing a characteristic picture of a mother and child, in which he is displaying "his best color and most eloquent sentiment."

A KEEPER who was taking two convicts to the State prison last week, when the train stopped at Sing Sing, called out, "Stop out, gentlemen, fifteen years for refreshments."

PERSONAL.

MISS OLIVE LOGAN is lecturing in New Orleans.

MRS MCFARLAND RICHARDSON is giving readings in the Western States.

GEN. BUTLER was intended by his parents for a clergyman.

FIVE lives of James Fisk, jr., are already issued; and more are threatened.

THE *Republican* says Chicago has more sneak thieves, robbers and garroters to-day than it ever had.

THERE is a man in Robertson county, Texas, who has his eighth wife and forty-one children to feed.

AN Olympia, Washington Territory, lady is having a robe made from the skins of birds that will cost $1,000.

MRS. WOODHULL impeaches the clergy of the United States as dishonest and hypocritical. When is the trial to come off.

MRS. FAIR has been allowed to walk out of the San Francisco jail in the custody of the Sheriff to settle some family affairs. She seemed stout and well.

M. DE VILLEMESSANT, who is giving his recollections of Paris journalism, says that Alexander Dumas, who gained millions of francs by his pen, died poor.

THE superintendent of mounted recruits has been ordered to send all available colored recruits to Galveston, Texas, for assignment to the 9th cavalry.

COLONEL SIMEON JOHNSON, a prominent lawyer of Washington, and years ago editor of the Washington *Union*, died suddenly Friday, of heart disease.

A NEW ORLEANS paper says that a young widow in that city, who writes well, "is training herself for an editor." Who is the editor she is training for?

JOHN JACOB ASTOR used to say that he worked harder than any man in New York, and all he got for it was his board and clothing.

IN New York, Miss Nellie Brown, an octoroon, has made her appearance at Steinway Hall, and produced a favorable impression as a soprano songstress.

JONES, on being asked by Mrs. J. why he didn't have a dumb-waiter in his dining-room, immediately replied that he had tried them, but they didn't answer.

CHARLES JAMES RICHARDSON, the well known English architect, is dead. He was the author of a large number of illustrated works on architecture and decorative ornament.

A LIQUOR dealer in Winona, Minn., offset a poor woman's bill for making shirts by her husband's whiskey account. He is the champion mean man in his line of business.

AN Illinois paper, recently deceased, had its last number draped in mourning and ornamented with cuts of coffins, gravestones, and other cheerful emblems of mortality.

CARL and Madame Parepa Rosa celebrated their *Wooden* wedding on Monday, the twenty-sixth ultimo, by receiving their friends at the Continental Hotel, Philadelphia.

BRIEF ITEMS.

A JERSEY girl died while jumping rope.

ST LOUIS claims an increase of 40,000 in population since the last census.

THE most popular spring costumes are of foulard silks, trimmed with velvet and fringe.

IN Southern Texas they are planting corn, and will soon be as far north as the Indian Territory.

LARGE coral beads worn around the neck, are said to be a preventive against asthma, rheumatism and neuralgia.

A FOUNDLING left in a Boston street car has been appropriately named "Oscar."

MORE than five hundred orphans are now provided for liberally by the Girard (Philadelphia) bequest.

A YOUNG man of Mittineague, Mass., was recently ridden on a rail, for the offense of thrashing his step-father.

A YOUNG student wants us to tell him if W-o-r-c-e-s-t-e-r spells Wooster, why R-o-c-h-e-s-t-e-r don't spell rooster.

NATCHEZ, Miss., is the only city in the world which has nearly ten thousand inhabitants, and not a single hotel.

IT is fashionable in New York for young ladies to invite their gentlemen friends to breakfast, instead of dinner or tea.

AMERICAN oysters are selling in London for thirty-six cents a dozen. English oysters cost seventy-two cents a dozen.

A FIRE in the auction room of T. J. Beiler, Buffalo, destroyed $20,000 worth of furniture and dry goods. The building was badly damaged.

THE House of Representatives of Maine has passed a bill permitting women over twenty-five years of age to vote at Presidential elections.

A WOMAN in Salem, Indiana, is reported to have taken some percussion caps, which caused her to "go off" with a man who was not her husband.

THE Kansas Legislature has passed a bill abolishing the death penalty in that State. *Imprisonment for life* is to be the sentence for murder hereafter.

AN enterprising North Carolina woman got married, separated from her husband, and eloped with another man in a week.

CORN is knee high in some parts of Texas. All kinds of vegetables have been planted, and there are indications of an abundant crop.

A ST. LOUIS exchange gives the following different ways in which the word "vaccinate" was spelled by as many parents in that city, in recent notes to school teachers, and there were sixty schools still to hear from: Vacenate, vexinated, vexenated, vaxnate, waxnaded, xaccenato, waxnated, waxnite, vasennato, vexnate, vacinated, faxenated, vaxenated, vaxenaded, vaxnaden, waxenaded, vacineatoing, vacineating, waxnated, waxineighen, waxenated, wascinnated, wascinatia, vexnated, wasionated, wakenated, vaxcinated, waxneighen.

Home and County Items.

THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 1871.

PRIMARY MEETINGS.

The voters of the respective boroughs and townships are requested to meet at the usual places of holding elections, on Saturday, March 9, to nominate the borough and township officers. Meetings in the country to be held between the hours of 4 and 6, p. m., and in the boroughs between 6 and 8, p. m.

WILL A. LINDSEY,
Chairman Rep. Committee.

HON. DANIEL DOUGHERTY, of Philadelphia, was the guest of Mr. J. B. Bratton, during his brief stay in this borough.

THE "spiritualists" are said to be in our midst. Shouldn't wonder.

THE sale of Francis Diller, in Frankford township, on last Monday, amounted to $1,250.

REPUBLICAN WARD MEETING.

The Republicans of the West Ward are requested to meet at the Mansion House, on Saturday evening next, March 9, at 7½ o'clock, for the purpose of making arrangements for the approaching Borough election. The election will take place on Friday, the fifteenth instant.

The Republicans of the East Ward will meet at the Bentz House at the same hour and for the same purpose.

THE congregation of the First Evangelical Lutheran church of this place, have unanimously extended a call to Mr. Charles S. Albert, associate pastor of Dr. Greenawalt's charge at Lancaster, Pa.

THE Philharmonic Musical Association will give one of their grand concerts in the Second Presbyterian church, on Tuesday evening, the nineteenth instant. Upon which occasion the new and splendid auditorium will be handsomely lighted up and thrown open to the public for the first time.

PROSPEROUS.—The Pittsburg *Gazette* recently donned an entire new dress, and presents a very handsome appearance. The *Gazette* is one of our best daily exchanges, its columns being replete with interesting telegraphic and local news. We are pleased to note this improvement in its outward appearance.

ON Saturday last, Mr. D. Carbaugh, met with an accident while carrying a box of cheese into the green grocery of W. A. Humrich, on the corner of Hanover and Louther streets. We are able to state that the man did not sustain serious injuries. If you wish to obtain the very best American and Switzer "cheeses" go to Humrich's.

THE Messrs. Sheaffer, carpenters, made an additional improvement to the interior of the post office yesterday. The apartment is to be devoted exclusively to the registering of letters and money orders; the increasing business of the office necessitated the construction of this apartment.

THE Superintendents of the different Sabbath Schools will hold a meeting in the lecture room of the Lutheran church, on Friday evening next, for the purpose of making arrangements for the children's mass meeting to be held on Sabbath afternoon, the seventeenth instant. The choristers of the different schools are also invited to be present on Friday evening.

THE house of Mr. Edwin Noell, along the line of the C. V. R. R., about one mile east of Shiremanstown, with its contents, was burned to the ground on Wednesday afternoon. The fire was caused by a spark from a passing locomotive. Mr. Noell is a poor man, and this sudden loss of his little home sets very hard upon him.

EXTENSIVE SALE.—The sale of personal property of Mr. Wm. P. Stuart, in South Middleton township, on Thursday last, was largely attended, and high prices were realized for horses and sheep. Mr. William Ahl purchased one pair of large, splendid mules, for which he paid $473. Mr. Laughlin, of Newville, paid $333 for a pair of mules. Four young mules, between one and two years old brought $150 each. Southdown ewes brought from $7 to $10 each. Milk cows from $35 to $48 each. The sale amounted to $2,657.88. N. B. Moore called the sale, and sustained his well-earned reputation as an auctioneer.

POCKET DICTIONARY.—We have received from the publishers a copy of Webster's Pocket Dictionary, which is a great improvement over all previous editions and all similar works. In the first place it is neatly printed, and bound in morocco, with gilt edges. Then it contains 200 pictorial illustrations, which give a much clearer idea of the meaning of many words than could possibly be conveyed by the usual definition. The little volume, while being no larger than an ordinary pocket book, embraces in its vocabulary a careful selection of over 18,000 of the most important words of the language, with definitions sufficiently clear, though necessarily brief, to meet the ordinary wants of any one requiring its use. Prefixed to the work are tables of money, weight and measure, abbreviations, words and phrases from foreign languages, rules for spelling, explanations, etc. It is in fact a most valuable little book, and doubly worth the dollar it costs. The publishers, Ivison, Blakeman, Taylor & Co., 138 and 140 Grand street, New York, will forward it by mail on receipt of one dollar, or it can be bought at almost any book store.

THE FIRE FIEND.

TERRIBLE CONFLAGRATION IN MECHANICSBURG.

About half-past 2 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon, a telegram was received at this place, stating that "a large fire was in progress at Mechanicsburg." A thrill ran through the public, and all the horrors of Chicago rapidly pictured themselves in the excited imagination of our people. Several hundred of our citizens took the three o'clock train for the burning town, to tender their assistance if desired. A locomotive was held in readiness to ship the steamers of our fire department to the scene of conflagration, should their services be deemed necessary. We have been able to obtain the following particulars of the conflagration:

The fire was caused by a spark from the locomotive of the last freight, communicating to the roof of Stayman & Bucher's warehouse, in the western portion of the town, and on the south side of the C. V. R. R. In less than five minutes thereafter, it was discovered by Mr. J. Milleisen, and the alarm given. The firemen immediately responded, but considerable time elapsed before the engines were brought into action, and the warehouse, together with 200 barrels of flour, and 2,000 bushels of oats, was burned to the ground. No insurance.

The flames then communicated to the large warehouse belonging to Messrs. Stayman & Bucher, on the north side of the railroad track, but the fire was extinguished without serious loss. The frame stable of Mr. George Titzell, on the south of the first-mentioned warehouse was burned. This building was insured in the Allen and East Pennsboro' company.

The building adjoining the Merchant's Hotel, was on fire 6 or 8 different times. Several other buildings were also on fire, but fortunately the flames were extinguished.

A terrible conflagration was only averted by the united efforts of the firemen, who worked nobly, and to the exertions of men, women and children in staying the flames. Business was entirely suspended. We have not yet learned the full extent of the losses sustained.

THE equinoctial storm is set down for Thursday, the twenty-first instant.

A SCRAMBLE at Blair's for cheap ware. Go soon. Some things out already.

THE sale of Judge Watts, on the twenty-seventy ultimo, amounted to $5,000.

THE "Stultzfuss" or big Lancaster county steer, notice of which appeared in our columns last week, weighed, dressed, 2,375 pounds.

THERE was a full attendance of the members of the Cumberland County Agricultural Society, in the Arbitration Chamber, on Tuesday last.

MISS MARY E. LAIRD, of Mount Holly, died on Friday last, from lockjaw. Our informant did not give us any particulars of the terrible death.

FOUND.—A fur muff was found on Hanover street, on Saturday morning last. The owner can have the same by calling at THIS OFFICE, proving property and paying for the notice.

THE play called "Loo-Loo," is indulged in by the Young America of our borough daily. As it is now indulged in by the bhoys, it has been considerably amended since "we were young."

A HORSE attached to a light vehicle, created considerable excitement in the vicinity of the market house, on Saturday morning, by becoming frightened, and starting down town at a rapid rate.

ON Tuesday morning a horse attached to a wagon, belonging to Mr. William Noble, butcher, made "things lively" for a short time in the neighborhood of the square. The wagon and harness were completely demolished.

NEXT Sabbath one week will be "St. Patrick's Day in the morning." The admirers of St. Patrick, no doubt, will have their "sprig of evergreen" ready to wear on that memorable day.

THE Keystone Cornet Band, of Newville, will give another of their grand entertainments in Literary Hall, Newville, on Saturday evening, March 9. The band will be assisted by Capt. C. Householder, the renowned Hans Schultzbuckel, and Prof. John A. McKeehan. Do not fail to attend.

RECOVERING.—The numerous friends of Hon. John Clendenin, one of the Associate Judges of the courts of Cumberland county, will be gratified to learn that he is recovering from his recent sickness.

ARRESTED.—On Monday last, William Young, of this place, was committed to jail on a charge of larceny. The offence having been committed in Churchtown. He will be held over until the April Quarter Sessions.

LARGE SALE.—The proceeds of the sale of personal property on the farm of Mr. Martin Mumma, in Monroe township, and called by J. C. Reesor, auctioneer, amounted to $2,400. This was a large sum when we take into consideration the fact that Mr. Reeser is a novice in the business of calling sales.

PROPOSALS received February twenty-ninth, 1872, for building the bridge near Ahl's paper mill, across Big Spring, Newville, Pa:

NAMES.	RESIDENCE.	AMOUNT
Palm, Peter	Newville,	$3,510 00
Shreffler, Henry	Newville,	949 50
Lamison & Boyer,	Carlisle,	1,375 00
Gipe G. W.	Springfield,	1,5[illegible]0 00
Faber, Lewis	Carlisle,	1,[illegible]00 00
Greace, John	Middle Spring,	1,880 00
Quigley, Isaac B.	Upper Strasburg,	[illegible]85[illegible] 00
Wengard, A. B	Upper Strasburg	1,7[illegible]4 00
Brinks, A. H	Mechanicsburg,	2,135 00

Owing to the absence of Mr. Henry Shreffler, of Newville, the lowest bidder, the contract was awarded to Mr. Lewis Faber, of this place, his bid being the next lowest. All persons who put in proposals for building the bridge were requested to be present.

SPRING ELECTIONS.—The Spring elections having again been restored, the qualified voters of this borough will hold an election at the Court House, on Friday, March 15, between the hours of 7 a. m. and 7 p. m., for the purpose of electing the following officers: Chief Burgess, Assistant Burgess, Assessor, Councilmen, Judges of Elections, Justice of the Peace, Inspectors, School Directors and Constables:

THE members of the Good Will Fire company have recently had their hose carriage overhauled, painted and striped in the most artistic style. It is now the handsomest carriage in the town. The other companies, we understand, intend having their carriages "overhauled."

NEW FIRM.—It is with pleasure that we announce that Messrs. James and W. E. Green, will open out a large and full assortment of groceries, &c., in W. F. Sadler's new building, (at present in the occupancy of L. Faber), on Monday next. The new firm hope by a strict attention to business to obtain a share of public patronage.

FINE CATTLE.—Messrs. Amos and William Swigert, butchers, purchased two fine steers from Mr. Henry Snyder, steward at the County Poor House, on Monday last. The pair of cattle weighed 3,040 lbs, on the scales at the Cumberland and Perry Exchange Hotel. These gentlemen intend slaughtering these fine animals for the Carlisle market. If you wish to obtain some splendid meat patronize them.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER.—The Communion services in the Second Presbyterian church, which were deferred on account of the Pastor's illness, will be observed (D. V.) on next Sabbath. The Rev. Stuart Mitchell, of Altoona, will preach. Preparatory services as usual. Preaching on Friday evening at 7½ o'clock, and on Saturday morning at 11 o'clock, in Good Will Hall.

THE Young Men's Christian Association will give a grand oyster supper in Rheem's Hall, on Thursday evening, the fourteenth instant. As this Association has in contemplation the purchase of the Mission church in this place, the proceeds of the supper are to be appropriated to defraying the debt incurred in its purchase. Some of the most prominent ladies of this place being members of the committee of arrangements, (their names appeared in our last issue,) the project cannot fail, but be a success in every respect. The price of tickets has been fixed at fifty cents each, being within the reach of all to take part on this occasion.

A FRIEND has suggested the propriety of the "powers that be," making an immediate examination of the fire plugs. True, they were all thawed out a few weeks since, but this recent cold snap has certainly frozen them up again. Protection against the ravages of fire demands that this matter should be promptly attended to daily.

IMPORTANT.—The attention of young persons that contemplate going to housekeeping this Spring is directed to the advertisement of Mr. Samuel R. Claudy, which appears in another column. He has a large and splendid assortment of stoves of every description. Also, a fine lot of tinware constantly on hand. Stove repairing promptly attended to. On Church alley, in rear of Rheem's Hall.

THE Carlisle Shoe Factory is in "full blast." We understand that it is the intention of the company to turn out 1,000 pairs of shoes per week.

MR. GEORGE LINE, a friend from the country, and a constant reader of THE HERALD, has placed us under obligations for a bountiful supply of large and rosy-cheeked apples received on last Saturday.

SOME of our exchanges have been noticing the advent of blue birds, robins and other members of the feathery tribe. We would here remark that the past two or three days have been "healthy" for young birds.

THE Company warehouse, at Shippensburg, in the occupancy of Messrs. Hursh & Long, caved in on Saturday last, owing to the large amount of grain stored in it, there being upwards of 18,000 bushels on storage. The clerk escaped without serious injury. We have not heard the amount of the loss sustained.

MARCH.—Stormy, blustery March is upon us. It came in on Friday "like a lamb," but on Sarurday treated us to a regular, old-fashioned snowy-blowy day. Since which time it has been suddenly growing colder, and the mercury in the thermometer has gone away down below *freeze* and almost to zero. This would be pleasant weather for digging garden and out-door exercise, generally; also fine weather to raise "peepies" and other feathered birds.

FEAST.—The Thirteenth Annual Symposium of the Pennsylvania Zeta of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity of Dickinson College, will be celebrated in grand style, by the members, at the "Bentz House," in this place, on Friday evening, March 22. The Anniversary oration will be delivered by Mr. T. M. Chaney, well-known to many of our readers as a member of the class of 1862. The Anniversary Poem will be recited by Mr. J. L. Shelley, of the class of 1871. This promises to be a grand affair, as the committee having it in charge are working assiduously.

REAL ESTATE SALES.—On Friday last, the following properties were disposed of at public sale at the Court House, in this borough.

No. 1.—A lot of ground situated on the corner of North and Pitt streets, 39 by 112 feet, having thereon erected a two-story frame carpenter shop, to Daniel Eckels, for $525.

No. 2.—A lot of ground on North street, adjoining No. 1, 20 by 112 feet, and having thereon erected a two-story frame house, to Joseph Neely, esq., for $1,005.

No. 3.—A lot of ground on North street, adjoining No. 2, 25 by 112 feet, and having thereon erected a two-story frame house to C. P Humrich, esq., for Mr. Jesse P. Zeigler. $1,005 being paid for the same.

INTERESTING LECTURE.—Many of our citizens, no doubt, have heard and read much relative to the "Memorial Window Fund" of the new M. E. church, in Gettysburg. The Rev. Jesse B. Young proposes delivering a lecture in the Emory M. E. church, of this place, on Tuesday evening next, March 12, for the benefit of this fund. Mr. Young served as an officer in the battle of Gettysburg, and is at the present time a pastor in that town. The lecture is highly spoken of as being both entertaining and instructive, and vividly describes the march into the North, the concentration at Gettysburg, the decisive battle, and many hitherto unrecorded incidents of the work among the wounded. These "Memorial Windows" are intended to commemorate the spot where the great victory was won; the services of the women of the North in behalf of the soldiers during the war. Admission 35 cents. Tickets to be obtained at Piper's and Neff's stores. Doors open at 7 o'clock, lecture commences at 8.

LECTURE.—A large and fashionable audience assembled in Rheem's Hall, on Thursday evening last, to listen to a lecture by the Rev. G. F Stelling, pastor of the Lutheran church at Harrisburg. From the tone of the Harrisburg papers we had anticipated a great deal, but were happily disappointed.

Last Fall the lecturer made an overland trip to "Oregon and Back Again;" and this was the subject of his discourse. The speaker took his audience on a long journey in a short time, re-producing his original impressions in a manner highly interesting to all. His pleasant address, plain, unaffected style, and above all his charming descriptions of the scenes and incidents along the line of the Pacific railway, of the motley crowds of Indians that gathered at the stations, his visit to Salt Lake City, and interview with Brigham Young, together with his long and perilous journey in the stage coach through the wilds of Oregon, were all so strikingly presented that the audience could almost imagine that the trip to "Oregon and Back Again," was a real and not an imaginary one.

The lecture was under the auspices of the Carlisle Brass Band, for their benefit. It is the earnest desire of many of our citizens that the gentleman be requested to repeat his lecture in this place at an early day.

ADJOURNED COURT.—An Adjourned Court of Common Pleas convened in this place on Monday morning last, at 10 o'clock. His Honor B. F. Junkin, President Judge, and Hon. Robert Montgomery, Associate Judge, being in attendance. The Hon. John Clendenin being detained by sickness. Twenty cases had been placed upon the list for trial, but a number of them were settled or otherwise disposed of. Owing to the absence of several very important witnesses in the case of Leidig vs. Beetem—No. 239 November Term, 1869 Slander—it was postponed.

On Tuesday morning the case of Leidig vs. William P. Eckels and Robert A. Bucher, No. 40 January Term, 1870, libel—was taken up, and a jury called. Several very important witnesses having failed to "put in an appearance," the Court adjourned from 10 a. m., until 3. p. m., to give the Sheriff ample time to bring the absenting parties into Court.

C. E. Maglaughlin, esq., opened the case on Tuesday afternoon. The evidence for the plaintiff closed on Wednesday afternoon, when the defence was opened by F. E. Beltzhoover, esq. This case has created a good deal of sensation throughout the county, but more especially in Silver Spring township, where the parties reside; and, in consequence, the Court room is thronged with spectators during the progress of the trial.

The following members of the legal profession have been employed in the suit now pending, viz: Messrs. Henderson & Hays, Penrose, Maglaughlin and M. C. Herman, for the plaintiff. Messrs. Miller, Sharpe, Todd and Beltzhoover for the defendants.

AD. O'DONNEL, of this place, is prepared to call sales at short notice and on reasonable terms. To those of our citizens who intend disposing of their household goods, we would recommend that you secure his services.

MR. GEORGE HOFFMAN took charge of Wolf's grocery store, on East Pomfret street, on the first instant.

MR. C. INHOFF takes the grocery store now owned by Mr. Derinney, on West Main street, on the first of April. Mr. John Good, one of his clerks, will be placed in charge of the establishment.

RELIGIOUS.—Dr. Harman, of Dickinson college, will preach in the Lutheran church next Sabbath morning.

THE Union Prayer Meeting services will be held in the Lutheran church next Sabbath afternoon at half-past three. A cordial invitation is extended by the Association to all, to attend these meetings.

INJURED.—On Saturday evening last, while Charles F. and Tom B. Shower, were engaged in a friendly altercation, Thomas made a pass at Charles with a large butcher knife, and cut Charlie severely in the left ear. We are pleased to state that the injured gentleman is rapidly convalescing.

THE Carlisle brass band played several splendid pieces of music both before and after the lecture on last Thursday evening. This band is making rapid progress, and will soon compare favorably with any musical organization in the Valley. We would suggest that as soon as the weather becomes nice, they make street parades for the benefit of our music-loving citizens.

TO THE FRIENDS OF EDUCATION.—Mr. William Harder, of this place, will deliver a lecture in the Court House, on Saturdy evening next, the ninth instant. Subject—"The education of the blind." As this is his first appeal to the citizens of this place, it is desired that he be greeted with a large audience. Lecture commences at half-past seven o'clock. Tickets for sale at all the stores.

GRAND CONCERT.—The Mite Society and Sabbath School connected with the First Methodist Episcopal church, together with the choir, contemplate giving a grand old-fashioned Methodist concert in Rheem's Hall, on Thursday evening, March 21. The entertainment will consist of choice Scriptural selections, dialogues, recitations and melodies. Tickets, 25 cents; children under 15 years of age, 15 cents.

SAD.—Early on Tuesday morning last, Bertie, eldest child of Robert and Mary C. McCartney, died after a very brief illness. The little fellow had been in good health until Saturday evening last, when he complained of feeling unwell; he subsequently took convulsions, and died as above stated. The deceased was an unusually bright and interesting child, and his loss will be deeply felt by the sorrow-stricken parents in this sudden visitation of Providence. The profound sympathies of the community are with the bereaved family.

DISSOLUTION.—By reference to the new ads. it will be seen that Messrs. Bosh & Bretz, have dissolved the partnership heretofore existing between them in the livery business, and that hereafter it will be carried on by Mr. William H. Bretz. The new proprietor has disposed of all the animals unfit for the livery business, and intends replenishing his stock of horseflesh immediately. He also intends adding a number of new vehicles to his establishment during the Spring. We bespeak for him a share of public patronage.

OBITUARY.—It is with feelings of sad regret, that we are called upon to-day to chronicle the death of Mr. Richard Woods, an estimable and highly respected citizen of Dickinson township, this county. Squire Woods was favorably known throughout the county, and departed this life on Friday morning last, after a lingering illness. The deceased was well advanced in life, having attained his sixty-eighth year, and during his lifetime had been a man of active disposition, respected by all who knew him. The remains were interred in the Dickinson graveyard, on Monday morning last, accompanied to their silent resting place by a vast concourse of relatives and sympathizing friends. Peace to his ashes.

"ORATORY."—The lecture by Hon. Daniel Dougherty, of Philadelphia, in Rheem's Hall, on Tuesday evening, was one of unusual interest. The audience was large, but would have been much larger had it not been for the extreme cold weather, many persons being loath to venture out on such a stormy evening.

It was with pleasure and satisfaction that we listened to the eloquent discourse. After a necessarily brief exposition of the philosophy of his subject, he treated of the power of oratory in civil government, in morals and in religion in a very forcible manner, giving examples of a variety of the most distinguished orators of the ancient and modern world, quoting from Demosthenes, Cicero, and others of the ancient school—the entire lecture being an admirable exemplification of its subject, and affording unmistakable evidence that the orator had studied Quintillian not in vain, and added lustre to those gifts which nature has bestowed upon him. The lecture will command the respect of any audience that may be so fortunate as to hear it.

FROM the Newark *Daily Journal*, of the eighth of February, we clip the following notice of the death of Mr. Michael Ritner, son of the late Ex-Governor Joseph Ritner, of this county. Mr. Ritner was born in Washington county, this State, and some years since, resided with his father at Mount Rock, in this county:

"A GOOD MAN GONE.—In Brooklyn, Wednesday evening, of consumption, died Mr. Michael Ritner, in the fifty-eighth year of his age. Mr. Ritner was a son of Ex-Governor Joseph Ritner, of Pennsylvania; by profession, a civil engineer, and for five years acting as chief engineer of the Morris and Essex railroad. Professionally, he had no superiors, and but few equals. He was considered one of the best "locating" railroad engineers in the country. No elaborate eulogium is necessary in speaking of his life. His fidelity to principle was the one remarkable feature in his character. Simple in his habits, absolutely free from any vices from his youth up, he ever wore the "white flower of a blameless life," always showing consideration for the feelings of others, and following out the injunction "Good will towards men," he made hosts of friends, and died regretted by a large number outside of his immediate family circle."