

The Democrat.

FRIDAY, MAY 2, 1890.

A recent decision of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania gives to the farmer the right to work out his road tax.

THE CITY COUNCIL. Proceedings of the Meeting of Both Branches Last Evening.

Both branches of the City Council met in their respective rooms on Monday evening, and were called to order at 8 o'clock.

THE SELECT COUNCIL. President Yeagley occupied the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Moses presented a petition from the citizens of the Fifth and Sixth wards as follows:

To the Honorable, the Mayor the Select and Common Councils of the City of Johnstown.

Permission granted, the work to be done according to the regulations of the late borough of Johnstown in regard to such matters.

GLADSTONE ON GENESIS.

In his second published article defining the Bible against recent assaults Mr. Gladstone contends that the opening of the Book of Genesis constitutes a plain and straightforward narrative of the pre-Adamite period.

He considers the days of the creation to be neither solar nor geological, but simply convenient historic divisions without any occult meaning.

THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE FLOOD.

There is a feeling among many of our people that there should be some appropriate observance by the people of the Conemaugh Valley of the anniversary of the great flood of May 31, 1889.

THE NEED OF GOOD COUNTRY ROADS.

College professors, civil engineers and magazine writers, are directing public attention to the subject of country highways, and the Vanderbilt University, Tennessee, has gone so far as to provide for the free instruction in road engineering of one person from each county in that State.

It is absolutely certain that the present policy will not do to detain prisoners in when the weather becomes warm.

In the matter of moving the curb on Morris street, already taken be rescinded. Mr. Kennedy introduced an ordinance in regard to the obstruction of streets.

An ordinance relating to the City Assessors and assessments was introduced by Mr. Barry, and passed two readings.

Mr. Slick introduced an ordinance relating to the charges to be made by the City Engineer to private parties for their lines.

Mr. Buser introduced an ordinance for the protection of bridges within the city.

Mr. Kennedy introduced a building-permit ordinance which after some amendments, passed two readings.

The amendments to fire-limit ordinance were concurred in.

On motion Council adjourned to meet on Thursday evening.

THE COMMON COUNCIL. President Donaldson occupied the chair.

The two messages from the Mayor were read and were referred to the proper committees.

The dog tax ordinance passed third reading. The ordinance levying a poll tax also passed finally.

An ordinance directing who shall perform the duties of the Mayor in his absence or inability to discharge his duties was passed third reading.

An ordinance relating to the City Assessors and the city assessments passed second reading, as did another ordinance for the protection of bridges within the city.

The following resolution was passed finally. Resolved, By the Select and Common Council of the City of Johnstown,

Having been requested by the citizens of the Eighth ward to direct your attention to the necessity of having lights constructed on or along the highways,

Referred to the proper Committee to ascertain costs, etc.

A few other measures were acted upon, after which Council adjourned to meet on Thursday evening.

OBITUARY.

PATRICK NIGHTINGALE. Patrick Nightingale, who was killed in Pittsburgh last Thursday, was a son of Mr. Patrick Nightingale, of 316 Railroad street, Fifteenth Ward.

More money for Johnstown sufferers. Twenty-five dollars were on Friday received by Wm. McCreery of the Pittsburgh Relief Committee for the Johnstown sufferers.

Viewing the Flooded District. An excursion party composed of D. F. Stauffer, D. F. Laflin, Wm. E. Patterson, M. Little, Wm. Rodenhorse, J. R. Grass, and W. B. White, of York, Pa., stopped off on Saturday on their way to Pittsburgh to view the flooded district.

THE LONE STAR STATE.

Interesting Letter From Rev. Albert Freeman, Formerly of Cooperdale.

It is a long time since my pen did service for your paper. Almost daily the Democrat has been making its visits, and I have never been too busy to, at least, glance over its columns.

If I were to say that I have been busy, you might call it a "chestnut," and say that the idler man always makes the same excuse.

In all these things more or less, besides his private business, the writer has had a hand. So you must not fancy that we have been basking merely under an Italian sun or enjoying the balmy breeze of a southern clime.

Pennsylvania's mining or manufacturing communities know something of the phenomenal growth of new towns in the West. We are only an agricultural town and the country has grown as rapidly as the town.

This year gives promise of one of great prosperity.

ANOTHER BODY FOUND.

The Search Force Comes Across On Saturday at the Foot of Lincoln street.

The first body recovered by the search force since resuming operations was found on Friday afternoon between 4 and 5 o'clock.

THE BODY FOUND ON FRIDAY IDENTIFIED.

Dwight Roberts Recognizes the Remains as Those of His Brother Otis.

On Saturday the body at the morgue, which had been found on Friday, was identified by Mr. Dwight Roberts, Cashier of the Citizen's National Bank, as that of his brother Otis.

Mr. Roberts was caught at home, No. 122 Walnut street, his father, Howard J. Roberts, cashier of the First National Bank, his mother and a servant girl being there also.

The prejudice in Congress against the Civil Service Commission is such that the gentlemen composing that ornamental if not extraordinarily useful body will be compelled to pay their own bills for liquors and the like luxuries and necessities while on their travels.

QUAYS CLUB CELEBRATES THE DAY. A Banquet in Which Open Discussion Was Happily Avoided.

PITTSBURGH, April 27.—The Americus Republican Club banquet last night, in observance of Gen. Grant's birthday, was a brilliant affair, conducted a successful conclusion under severe strain.

This year the Americus Club's sole aim seems to have been to impress the "clear public" that there is harmony in the Republican party in Pennsylvania.

There was much interest on all sides in Senator Quay, arising from the notoriety which he recently received.

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A Miner Killed Near Benscreek.

On Saturday morning David Earnest, employed at Mentzer's Colliery, along Benscreek, about two miles west of Lilly station, met with an accident, which early in the afternoon terminated fatally.

Representative Allen, of Mississippi,

in a speech in the House the other day, quoted from a sore Republican the following:

Wanny runs the Sunday school. Levi runs the bar. Andy runs the White House. But, damn it, here we are.

brought the Hon. W. Taylor to his feet. He spoke in expressive terms of the effective energy of the young men, and said that they furnish to the party the hope and the promise of a successful future.

WEEKLY REVIEW OF TRADE. Opinions as to the Effect of the Passage of the Silver Bill.

The weekly review of trade by K. G. Dunn & Co., reports that the markets are all influenced by the prospect of an increase in currency, based on silver.

Trade reports are favorable, excepting from the region affected by the almost unprecedented floods in the Mississippi Valley.

The iron business is of a more hopeful tone at Philadelphia, but at Pittsburgh the decline in prices continues and at New York Southern iron of the lower grades is still pressed for sale.

The business failures occurring throughout the country during the past seven days number, for the United States, 179, and for Canada, 39, or a total of 218, as compared with a total of 214 last week.

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In the Spring of 1835 the young couple, then just beginning life, moved to Conemaugh township, this county, on the farm which they have ever since lived.

On the 16th of October, 1834, he was married to Nancy Studebaker, daughter of Solomon Studebaker, also of Morrison's Cove. Miss Studebaker's mother also died when she was less than a year old when she was taken in the family of Samuel Leidy until she was thirteen years old, after which she cared for herself until her marriage.

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