Lancaster Intelligencer.

THURSDAY EVENING, MAY 20, 1880.

The County Republicans.

The contest between the two Republican factions has a disagreeable interest to us because of the strong probability that the successful party will be able to put its candidates into office. It is a very great fault of parties in our country that they are able to command the support of their members without regard to the quality of their nominations. In this county these are generally very bad, just because the Republican party is so strong that it can elect any one it nominates. There never has been a worse list of candidates presented to the party to select from than is offered to it now. Of the leading candidates for district attorney, Eberly, Davis and Johnson, all are absolutely unfit to discharge the duties of the place; and this is notorious. Clay Brubaker is the only competent candidate for this important post; but, although this fact is well recognized in all intelligent circles in the county, it is not likely to secure his nomination; and just because the majority of the Republicans of the county are not sufficiently intelligent and well informed to be able to judge of the qualifications of the candidates. They will vote in dependence upon their self-appointed leaders who have axes to grind and combinations to protect, and to whom the qualifications of the candidates are not a matter of consideration at all.

To the politicians. Herr Smith does not recommend himself by the fact that he is an honest, industrious and faithful representative of the county in Congress. They are nearly all against him because they cannot use him. He is too strong with the people to be dependent upon the men who thought they owned the people until he taught them differently. Mr. Smith gave a new political experience to these political drovers of the county who have been in the habit of regarding the Republican voters as their cattle. They found that Mr. Smith had been industriously attending to the herd while he was in Congress and that it was not to be driven away from him. After their last disastrous experience they concluded to let the people have their own way about Smith for the future, but they seem to have been seduced into another tilt against him, this time by their fierce desire to bury him and their knowledge that they cannot lose anything by making the effort.

We are quite willing—since we cannot help it—to see these rings doing their dirty work to elect to office bad men. We have the consolation of knowing that the evil some day will end in the loss of Republican control of the county, whose people are steadily growing in intelligence and who will not submit forever to be led by the nose by the miserable class of men who now select for them the men to represent them and fill their offices. It is too great folly on the part of the voters to be much longer persisted in. When the people fully appreciate how much they lose by the inefficiency of their officers they will give more care to their selection.

It is a happy omen of an auspicious political outcome of the Cincinnati convention that the Democracy everywhere seem determined to send their best men there as delegates, uninstructed, uncommitted, "unpledged to any man or any man's man." Virginia and New Jersey follow Pennsylvania in this respect, and the patriotic and unselfish position of these three great states—two of which must contribute and all of which may aid to secure the election of the Democratic nominee—will give them much influence. Virginia, the "mother of presidents," can only be made doubtful by unwise action in the Democratic national convention. Pennsylvania, "the keystone of the federal arch," may be wheeled into the Democratic column if the highest council of the party shall resolve upon a policy and a candidate that will subordinate all personal and sectional interests to the common party weal.

Congress ought not to adjourn until some method of counting the electoral vote has been arranged which will give us the assurance that no difficulty can arise in fairly determining it. After the experience which we had four years ago we do not understand how Congress can be willing to leave room for future disputes of the same kind. It may be that the political excitement of the summer will paralyze the capacity of Congress for useful work, but it surely should not prevent it from taking measures to preserve us from the disastrous possibilities that were developed in counting the last electoral vote. As this is not a party question, there should be no difficulty in the way of the speedy adoption of the necessary legislation.

The withdrawal of Gen. Gordon from the U. S. Senate will take the country by surprise. It seems to have no significance except the natural, but unfrequently realized, desire of a public man to retire to the peace and quiet and greater emoluments of private life after twenty years experience on the battlefield and in the forum. Senator Gordon has been a good representative of his people; he has contributed largely to restore a good feeling for them and confidence in them from the North. Georgia and the whole country could have better spared some of his colleagues."

If it should turn out, as the New York *Times* intimates, that the new Pacific railroad scandal smirches Blaine another sunstroke may be anticipated as early as the 2d of June.

The presidential election in the United States comes every leap year. It was so arranged that bashful candidates could make proposals without too great a breach of modesty.

Since the Blaine people have a bar'l we trust the "best workers" in Lancaster expect it to be tapped here on Saturday.

Smaller states than New Jersey have had a surplus of favorite sons, and have thus been obliged to give them all the "go-by."

Let the Democratic members of council, elected on the issue of orderly and lawful municipal government, go slowly in their support of the $15,000 loan ordinance to be considered this evening, and test carefully the ground in which they walk to see that it is solid. On November 11, 1879 the finance committee reported that the city was within $8,800 of its constitutional debt limit. Since then our valuation has decreased some $200,000, bringing the limit some $4,000 below that figure. If this report be correct the city cannot lawfully add $15,000 to its permanent debt. If it cannot be done lawfully it must not be done at all.

Henry S. Foote has "stepped out."

PERSONAL.

Ex-Governor Joseph E. Brown, of Georgia, who is now in Nashville, received a telegram last night announcing his appointment as senator to succeed Gordon, and accepted the position.

Judge Green was expected to return from the Hot Springs, Arkansas, last evening and resume his seat on the bench. Chief Justice Sharswood is still absent in Philadelphia, where his sister is very ill.

Senator John B. Gordon has sent in his resignation to the governor of Georgia as United States senator, to take effect immediately. The governor has accepted his resignation and will appoint his successor at once.

In the meeting of the Pennsylvania state medical society in Altoona, Lancaster county is represented by Drs. J. L. Ziegler, of Mount Joy; John L. Atlee and S. T. Davis, of Lancaster; G. T. Weseman, of Bainbridge; D. J. McCaa, of Ephrata; H. M. Black, of Strasburg, and Alexander Craig, of Columbia.

Mr. Spurgeon, in an address on tracts the other evening, said that he knew a brother who had often taken a sermon of his and turned it into Gaelic. Then he turned it again into English and preached it as his own. It had passed through two series, and his brother had, no doubt, a copyright after having taken so much trouble with it.

About a year before his death some one sent William Cullen Bryant a picture of apple blossoms. In acknowledging it he wrote: "They do not exactly suit the last days of life's December, but they agree charmingly with that new springtime of existence, my entrance to which cannot be far off, and where I hope to find the orchards of Paradise in full blossom."

Jenny Lind's eyes are described by Mrs. Hooper as lovely as ever in their expression and in their soft depths of lustrous blue. Her abundant brown hair, slightly silvered, she still dresses in the same fashion as of old. She lately spoke in warm terms of affection of America, saying, "Your country takes the rabble of all other countries and gives them a chance." To an allusion to the charm of her singing in her youth, particularly in devotional music, she answered with a rapt expression: "It was because my voice came from God, and I sang to God!"

Madame Modjeska has achieved an unmistakable triumph in England. All of the London papers are enthusiastic in her praise, and the *Athenæum*, the most coldly critical of them all, says "the value of a triumph such as was obtained by Madame Modjeska on her first appearance cannot be easily estimated." A stranger in England, with an imperfect command of the language, she made her debut at a morning performance at an outlying theatre in a role, *Camille*, which has never won acceptance in this country. "Over these disadvantages Madame Modjeska triumphed by pure force of talent, winning from a public languid and indifferent at the outset a verdict wholly and enthusiastically favorable."

HYDROPHOBIA HORROR.

Two Young Women Mangled by a Mad Dog.

A ferocious bulldog belonging to the family of the late Wm. Lytle, near Afton, on the C. & E. R. R., five miles east of Batavia, Ohio, attacked Georgie and Anna Lytle, daughters of deceased, and bit one of the young ladies fifteen times and the other six, making most horrible wounds. The neighbors soon gathered with guns and pistols, and the dog was pursued in a northerly direction nine miles before overtaken and killed. It was said that several other dogs in the vicinity were bitten by the mad canine, and great excitement is prevailing in consequence. The limbs of of one of the young ladies were terribly torn and mangled at the calves. The doctors are not fully satisfied that it is a genuine case of hydrophobia, but the family and relatives, to make sure, are having the wounds treated as a mad dog bite, and yesterday left with the injured ladies for North Bend to have the mad-stone applied. There has been a fearful mortality among the canines at Afton and adjacent country since Friday, as the shotgun policy is being vigorously pursued by the citizens.

MILTON'S NEW POSTOFFICE.

A Bill Introduced in the Senate and Quickly Passed.

Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, presented to the Senate yesterday the memorial of the citizens of Milton, for the erection of a new postoffice building. He called attention to the grievous nature of the misfortune suffered by the citizens of that town and introduced a bill appropriating $25,000 for the erection of a public building there, for which he asked immediate consideration. Mr. Morrill remarked that the bill proposed to introduce the practice of building postoffices at small interior towns. He did not object to giving the money, but thought the bill would be a bad precedent. Messrs Voorhees, Carpenter, Wallace and Conkling supported the bill, the latter saying many smaller towns than Milton had been likewise provided for by the committee on public buildings and grounds. He thought objection came ungraciously to this particular deserving case. Work would be provided for many destitute people. The bill was read three times and passed.

What a Grant Man Says of Blaine.

Burlington Hawkeye.

The profuseness with which Mr. Blaine's canvassers are lavishing money in all parts of the Union is exciting general remark. Mr. Sherman's agents in the South are reported as being as much discouraged as they were astonished at the large amounts of money spent in the South in Mr. Blaine's interest. "Where I spent one dollar, they spent a hundred," said a Sherman agent in Louisiana. We do not understand that it is charged that Mr. Blaine is using the money corruptly, or in other than a legitimate manner, nor would we credit such a charge unless corroborated by the facts, but it is evident that the Blaine canvass is being pushed with a vigor and prodigality that is possible only with a very liberal bank account to draw upon.

MINOR TOPICS.

Griest's boom keeps booming.

It seems to be the "God's truth" that Johnson is "out of the fight."

Brubaker and Weaver announce that they positively will not withdraw.

It is certainly not the fault of the Cincinnati *Commercial* if its sentiments are not understood. It says: "Grant is not to be president again, no matter who nominates him. If the Republican party becomes a third term party it is done for."

Five hundred lay and clerical delegates, representing 179 prebyteries, meet in the Presbyterian general assembly in Madison, Wis., to-day. Among the leading special subjects to be deliberated and determined are the revised form of government and book of discipline, and the Talmage case.

One of the disgusting things about the Grant movement in Illinois is the way its managers try to trade on the names of Lincoln and Douglas. They have young Bob Lincoln preside at their caucus and Stephen A. Douglas, jr., to act as secretary, and parade the names with dramatic effect.

The following is a telegram sent by General Grant to a friend in Chicago a few days ago. "I regret very much hearing of the attack of the *Globe-Democrat* on Mr. Washburne. Mr. Washburne is and has always been my friend, and that too, when his friendship was of inestimable value to me. I could never forget it or be ungrateful for it." Washburne has been sending Grant taffy by telegraph.

The *New Era* went to press with a weekly edition on Tuesday night chuck full of attacks on Tom Cochran and Amos H. Mylin. It especially champions Smith for Congress, Reinoehl for Senate, Courtney and Eberly, Landis and Brosius for the Legislature. It wastes no space for poor directors and prison inspectors, of which its friends will retain a majority in any event. Johnson gets his work in in its advertising columns at ten cents a line.

Whether Congress adjourns on the 31st of this month or not, it is about as good as settled that no business of any importance other than the appropriation bills will be passed this session. This point is conceded even by Democrats who are opposed to an adjournment at the time agreed upon by the House, and if Congress remains in session the time will be taken up by the men in both parties who believe their side will be strengthened by a political discussion. The free traders want the tariff bill considered, the New England members are anxious for legislation to restore the duty on Canadian fish, and the sugar men want their bill readjusting the rate of duty on sugar passed. All of them will have to wait, because the temper of the majority of the members in both houses is against the proposed legislation this session.

THE POET AND HIS SONGS.

As the birds come in the Spring,
We know not from where;
As the stars come at evening
From the depths of the air;

As the rain comes from the cloud,
And the brook from the ground;
As suddenly, low or loud,
Out of silence a sound;

As the grape comes to the vine,
The fruit to the tree;
As the wind comes to the pine,
And the tide to the sea;

As come the white sails of ships
O'er the ocean's verge;
As comes the smile to the lips,
The foam to the surge;

So come to the Poet his songs,
All hitherward blown
From the misty land, that belongs
To the vast Unknown.

His, and not his, are the lays
He sings;—and their fame
Is his, and not his;—and the praise
And the pride of a name.

For voices pursue him by day,
And haunt him by night,
And he listens, and needs must obey,
When the Angel says: "Write!"

Henry W. Longfellow.

It appears that even in the land of pyramids and lotus flowers the scratcher he scratcheth. A political party known as "Young Egypt" has made every effort to prevent the removal of the obelisk presented by the ex-khedive to New York city, and about being shipped hither by private enterprise and liberality. For all that, the thing has been got under way and is coming sure. This obelisk is sixty-seven feet high, weighs 199 tons, and is of Egyptian syenite. Its four sides are covered with hieroglyphics. On the two sides towards the south and east these markings are a good deal weather-worn, and indeed even defaced at some points. It had rested on four sea crabs of copper, weighing 800 pounds each. To the body of the crab was attached a dowel, above and below, ten inches long, which was let into holes in the obelisk and pedestal, the weight of the obelisk, however, resting on the body of the crab. it is difficult to imagine how this ancient people raised the obelisk of 200 tons weight directly in a perpendicular line ten inches, for such they must have done to place the crabs, with their attached dowels, in position. Perhaps the largest derrick in America will not lift one-quarter of this weight, and the largest one in the world will barely raise one-half of it.

MILLIONS FOR BRIBERY.

What Mr. George Says Was Done to Secure the Texas Pacific Charter.

A letter containing startling charges was received recently by Chairman McLane, of the Pacific railroad committee of the House. The writer, J. A. George, says that he has documents and letters in his possession to prove that when the original charter of the Texas Pacific railroad was passed, in 1871, $1,200,000 in land grant bonds and $90,000 in cash were used to buy votes to secure the passage of the act. He says that the cash was placed in the hands of one of the senators, to be distributed evenly to three other senators, and that $200,000 in land grant bonds was given to the same senator to be distributed wherever it would do the most good in the Senate. George also says that $1,000,000 of land grant bonds were placed in the hands of a certain member of the House, and were by him distributed to purchase votes of representatives in favor of the scheme. He says that letters, telegrams, and other documentary evidence to prove the truth of his assertions are deposited in a bank in Washington, and, if it is desired, he will appear before any committee of the House and prove the truth of his assertions. No names are mentioned in the letter.

Mr. McLane showed the letter to Representative Ellis, of Louisiana, and they have decided to notify Mr. George to present his evidence to them for examination. If upon investigation it is found that George has any proof to substantiate his assertions, the whole matter will be laid before the committee on Pacific roads at its next meeting, and the House will be requested to order and investigation. From all the information which can be obtained, Mr. George appears to be a man of somewhat doubtful character. It is charged that he has been in the employ of the Huntington Central Pacific lobby, and latterly has been serving the star route contractor's ring.

HANLAN WINS EASILY.

Courtney Makes No Show in the Boat Race.

At 5:30 yesterday afternoon the boat race between Chas. E. Courtney and Edward Hanlan came off on the Potomac at Washington and was witnessed by a throng of people estimated at 40,000. The race was won easily by Hanlan in 36 minutes and 49 3-10 seconds. Although Courtney led slightly at the start Hanlan had passed him at the quarter and at the three-quarters was leading by ten lengths. Here Courtney turned around and evidently realized that he was beaten and in response to his friends in the referee's boat to pull away, he said: "It is not in me." Hanlan also eased up here and pulling steadily at 32 strokes opened the gap as he pleased and all interest in the race ceased. Courtney stopped after rowing 2¼ miles, and turning leisurely rowed back over the course and disembarked at his quarters at the Potomac boat house. On the way home Hanlan gradually overhauled Courtney, and the thousands on shore and upon the boats and steamers which lined the course, not knowing that Courtney had not turned his stake boat, imagined the race was still a debatable issue and rent the air with cheers for their respective favorites. Hanlan, however, soon passed Courtney and pulled leisurely to the last eighth of the course, when in response to the blowing of whistles and cheers from thousands of spectators, he quickened to a forty stroke and exhibited a splendid burst of speed to the finish. Pulling up to the referee's boat Hanlan was awarded the race by the referee. Riley, who was at the start prepared to enter the race if either Courtney or Hanlan failed to appear, started down the edge of the course a few seconds before the word was given and rowed nearly the entire course in front of Hanlan, increasing his lead to about an eighth of a mile, turning Hanlan's stake and rowing back to the Potomac boat house where he disembarked with Courtney. Many people along the course who had seen the start, supposed from this that Riley was in the race and was winning a great victory over the little Canadian. On returning to his hotel last evening Hanlan was serenaded, and in response to calls for a speech he expressed his gratitude for the kindness he had received at the hands of the Washington people during his stay. He said that he came here to row a race and he very much regretted that an opportunity had not been given him to do so. In conclusion he referred to Riley's having gone on the course and rowed over a part of it in front of the contestants, denouncing him as no gentleman. He said that if Riley wanted to row with him to-morrow or a year hence for $10 or for $10,000, he should be ready to meet him.

The citizens have subscribed a purse and a race has been arranged between Hanlan and Riley to take place on Wednesday next over the same course as that rowed yesterday.

THE POLITICAL FIELD.

The Democracy Looking for the Best Man.

The Democrats held state conventions in Virginia and California yesterday, and delegates gathered in Trenton, N. J., for one in that state to-day. The speakers at the Virginia convention were in favor of an uninstructed delegation to Cincinnati, in order that the state might cast its vote for the best candidate. The Jersey delegates have been selected; they are also to go uninstructed. A full report of the California meeting has not yet been received; the Workingmen of that state are now holding their convention which is a stormy affair and a portion of them are in favor of union with the Democracy.

Republican Conventions in Illinois, Minnesota and Nebraska.

The state convention of the Republicans of Illinois met at Springfield yesterday. The Grant delegation from Chicago had seats in the gallery, but the regular delegates (anti-Grant), were excluded. A motion to adjourn led to a test vote showing that 349 Grant and 248 anti-Grant delegates were present and voting. On motion of General Logan, contesting delegates were required to promise that they would abide by the decision of the convention. After fruitless afternoon and evening sessions, the convention adjourned until to-day. The Minnesota Republicans elected a delegation to Chicago, and instructed them to vote for Senator Windom.

OBITUARY.

Ex-Governor Foote, of Mississippi.

Ex-Governor Foote died at his home, five miles from Nashville yesterday. Henry Stuart Foote was born in Fauquier county, Virginia, September 12, 1800. He graduated at Washington college, at Lexington, Va., now Washington and Lee University, in 1819; studied law, was admitted to the bar, and in 1824 went to Tuscumbia, Ala., where he edited a Democratic newspaper. In 1826 he moved to Mississippi, where he rose in politics, and in 1844 was a presidential elector. In 1847 he was elected senator, and was chairman of the foreign relations committee. In 1851 he was elected governor, his opponent being Jeff Davis. After his term expired he spent several years in California. Returning in 1859, he opposed disunion in the Southern convention at Knoxville, and resided in Tennessee, following that state into the rebellion, and being the leader of the Confederate Congress of the opposition of Jeff. Davis's administration as rebel president. He fought several duels, one with Sargent S. Prentiss, who coolly told a small boy that had climbed a tree to see the fight, "Come down, sonny, the governor might hit you; he's shooting wild this morning." Mr. Foote wrote several books, including "Texas and the Texans" and "The War of the Rebellion, or Scylla and Charybdis." When the branch mint of the United States was again put in operation last year, with the revival of business, Hayes appointed Mr. Foote superintendent.

LATEST NEWS BY MAIL.

Confederate memorial day was observed at Richmond yesterday.

Baseball yesterday: Boston—Boston, 5; Providence, 5; eleven innings.

The betting against Lorillard's Wallenstein, who will start in the race for the British Manchester cup to-day, is now 33 to 1.

Heavy rains fell last night and the forest fires in Cumberland, Atlantic, Burlington, Ocean and Monmouth counties, N. J., are reported extinguished.

Fifty brigands have been killed near Salonica, Turkey. Burness, the Englishman who was severely wounded by the robbers a week ago, will confront his assailants on Saturday.

The late Louis Clapp, of Lee Centre, Ill. who left an estate valued at $400,000, bequeathed $150,000 for an agricultural college in that county on condition that $100,000 additional be raised for its endowment.

Minnesota was yesterday switched off from Blaine on the Windom siding, just as Wisconsin was switched off on the Washburne siding; and both sidings are supposed to connect with the Grant trunk line somewhere about Chicago.

A tramp in Trenton was fed by Mrs. Thom, a generous lady living on Fall street. She learned after the nomad's departure that the entertainment had cost her about $11. The tramp had carried off her pocketbook.

The Southern brigadiers struck a good streak yesterday under a Republican administration. Gen. Longstreet, Lee's ablest lieutenant, was made minister to Turkey, and Postmaster General Key, a brigadier in a small way, was transferred to a United States judgeship for life.

STATE ITEMS.

The telephone exchange in Allentown is a great success.

Easton has a market house and the curbstone privileges of its square or "circle" sold this year for $510.95.

The banks of Montgomery, Lehigh and Northampton counties earned from 2 to 8 per cent dividends in the last six months.

The pool sellers and roulette wheelers who tried their games at Point Breeze have been gathered in.

The Coudersport *Journal-Enterprise* proves worthy of its name by publishing an "extra" report of the great fire there.

The Lehigh county poor directors have made arrangements for fortnightly preaching to the paupers.

Johnstown and Hollidaysburg cock fighters met at Summit, on the Blair county line. Hollidaysburg won six fights out of eight.

Mr. Christopher Woods, for many years manager of the Pennsylvania railroad transfer depot at Pittsburgh, has died from the effects of apoplexy and paralysis.

Senator Cameron presented in the United Senate Senate yesterday a petition from Mrs. Margaret Heintzelman, widow of the late General Heintzelman, praying a pension at the rate of $50 a month.

Altoona, Johnstown, Pittsburgh and Hollidaysburg "sports" will have a grand cock-fight and dog-fight on Decoration day at a point somewhere between Altoona and Pittsburgh. The stakes will be $200 and expenses.

At Point Breeze Belle Oakley won the 2:26 race. May took the first heat. Time, 2:28½, 2:29¾, 2:29½, 2:29. The 2:23 race was won by Jersey Book, he taking the third, sixth and seventh heats. Wild Billy the fourth heat and Scotland the fifth. Time, 2:23, 2:23, 2:23½, 2:25, 2:27, 2:29½, 2:31½.

The proposed opposition line from Philadelphia to the Lehigh Valley, which was to course along the Perkiomen and Saucon valleys, has been abandoned, the rates having been made so equitable over the North Penn branch that the Lehigh Valley road has no longer occasion to complain.

Charles Pickersgill, aged 28 years, a nephew of Mr. William Pickersgill, jr., a well known and very wealthy shoe merchant, committed suicide in Pittsburgh yesterday. He has been for some time afflicted with dyspepsia, and several days ago said to one of his fellow-boarders that he had no hope of restoration to health and had concluded to kill himself.

Don't all speak at once. A Somerset man, named H. A. Hartzel, offers to give a thousand dollars to any clergyman in the county, state, or elsewhere, to be applied to any charitable purpose, who will show, in the Holy Scriptures, a command given by Jesus Christ, or any of his apostles, to baptize an infant or unconscious babe; or an example by either an apostle or evangelist.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

COLUMBIA NEWS.

From Our Own Correspondent.

In accordance with a proclamation issued by Chief Burgess Mellinger, the citizens of Columbia met in council chamber last evening, for the purpose of collecting money and other contributions for the sufferers by the late disastrous fire in Milton. Mr. H. B. Essick was called to the chair. Messrs. J. W. Yocum and W. Hayes Grier officiated as secretaries. Mr. John Fendrich was elected treasurer of the fund.

The following resolution was offered and adopted:

Resolution, That the officers be empowered to appoint a committee of three from each ward to solicit subscriptions.

On motion Milton Wike was appointed a special committee to call on the farmers at market.

The following were appointed the soliciting committee from their respective wards:

First Ward—D. B. Case, Ed. B. Eckman, George Young, jr.

Second Ward—S. S. Detwiler, Alfred Bruner, L. W. Richards.

Third Ward—D. C. Wann, John P. Frank, Jacob Auwerter.

Messrs. A. J. Kauffman, C. S. Kauffman and Wm. B. Given addressed the meeting, making very interesting and appropriate speeches.

The meeting was not as well attended as it should have been. Those present were surprised to see so few of the leading citizens there. The committee will call during the week and it is to be hoped that all will give something, as the cause is a good one and Columbia should do her share.

Decoration Day.

At a meeting of General Welsh post, No. 118, G. A. R., held on Tuesday evening, it was decided to send a special invitation to Company H., 11th regiment N. G., of Pennsylvania, and the Columbia Rifles, and a general invitation will be extended to all civic organizations to take part in the decoration ceremonies, on Saturday afternoon, the 29th inst. The merchants are requested to close their places of business between 12 m. and 6 p. m. The Ironville band has been engaged to furnish music for the occasion. The procession will be formed on South Second street, right resting on Locust, and will move at four o'clock; Chief Marshal, Harry Mullen; Assistant Marshals, J. D Wright, and E. A. Becker;

The post has also provided for an appropriate sermon on Sunday evening, the 30th inst., in the opera house by Rev. Henry Wheeler, of the Second street Methodist church, Columbia. A general invitation is extended to all to be present. Music will be furnished by the committee.

The Local Budget.

The catamaran lately purchased by six young Columbia gentlemen, has been launched and is working satisfactorily. The boys are having a good time.

Butter, eggs and vegetables were plenty on market this morning; prices fair. Shad sell from 50c. to $1 a pair, according to weight.

Assaulting a Conductor.

George Fisher, a colored man, who was attempting to steal a ride on the Cincinnati express, west, last night, was discovered by Conductor Paynter and put off the train at Dillerville. As the train moved off Fisher picked up a stone and hurling it at the conductor, struck him a severe blow on the hip. The conductor telegraphed from the next station to have the man arrested, and he was taken into custody at the depot in this city. He was committed by Alderman McConomy for a hearing on Monday next. He admitted the assault while on the way to jail, and said he wished he had knocked the conductor's brains out.

THE LUTHERAN SYNOD.

An Outline of the Work to be Done.

The Lutheran synod, or, more properly, as chartered in the beginning, the "German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and Adjacent States," will convene for its 133d annual session on Trinity Sunday morning, the 23d, in the Church of the Holy Trinity, this city, and will continue its session until Thursday or Friday following.

Saturday morning the examining committee appointed by the last synod will meet in Trinity chapel to examine the applicants for ordination. These, as far as known, are: Messrs. H. G. B. Artman, E. R. Cassady, C. K. Drumheller, G. F. C. Fluck, G. C. H. Haskarl, W. H. Geiger, I. Gauker, E. H. Gerhart, G. C. F. Haas, J. S. Koiner, W. G. Miller, J. Sander; C. F. Tieman and M. L. Zweizig. Mr. H. G. B. Artman, the first named, is to be sent after ordination as a missionary to Rajahmundry, India. The examining committee consists of Revs. J. A. Seiss, D. D., chairman; E. Greenwald, D. D., E. A. Bauer, C. F. Welden, G. A. Hinterleitner, J. Kohler, H. Eggers, W. S. Emery, H. E. Jacobs, D. D., and Prof. A. Martin.

Saturday evening services preparatory to the synodical communion will be held, on which occasion Rev. F. W. Weiskotten of Salem church, Bethlehem, Pa., will preach the sermon.

Sunday morning, at the regular hour for church service, the session of the synod will be regularly instituted by the administration of the synodical communion, and on this occasion Rev, Dr. C. W. Schaeffer, president of the synod, will preach the synodical sermon. At the service on Sunday evening Rev. J. B. Rath, of Grace church, Bethlehem, will preach.

Monday evening, 24th, the president will open the regular business meetings of the synod, according to the order prescribed in the liturgy. The roll of ministers will be called, and the lay delegates from pastoral charges will present their certificates and be received as members of the synod. Monday evening missionary and educational services will be held in Zion's German Lutheran church, Rev. F. P. Mayser, pastor. Rev. W. Ashmead Schaeffer, of Germantown, will deliver an address in English, and Rev. F. Wischan, of St. Paul's, Philadelphia, one in German.

One of the most interesting and important of the synodical services will be held in Trinity church on Tuesday evening, in accordance with a report to be presented by a committee of five ministers appointed at the last meeting of the synod, in Lebanon, Pa., to mature a place for a suitable commemoration of the seventh semi-centennial anniversary of the delivery of the Augsburg Confession, and the third centenary of the publication of the Book of Concord, June 25th, 1580. Rev. Prof. H. E. Jacobs, D. D., of Gettysburg, will address the meeting in English, and Rev. A. Spaeth, of St. Johannes church, Philadelphia, in German. The committee on the anniversaries named, consists of Rev. Drs. C. P. Krauth, A. Spaeth. E. Greenwald, H. E. Jacobs and Rev. B. W. Schmauk.

On Wednesday evening the ordination of candidates for the ministry will be observed. Rev. J. Fry, D. D., of Trinity church, Reading, will preach the ordination sermon.

Thursday evening an informal reception, or *conversazione*, will be accorded the ministerial visitors, in Trinity chapel, by the Junior missionary society of Trinity church. The exercises will be interspersed with music, vocal and instrumental, by the choir and others, and addresses by ministers and delegates.

A Political Runaway.

John Samson, son of Joseph Samson, and a young Bull Ring politician of some note, spent yesterday in traveling through the county peddling brushes and distributing Griest, Mylin and Brubaker campaign documents. His means of conveyance consisted of a covered spring wagon and black horse. At 6 o'clock in the evening this team stood on Christian street at Mr. S.'s stable ready to be unhitched; but before this was to be done John must tell his anxious parent the news. As the "political state" of each place visited was related the young politician became excited, his voice grew louder and still louder, the horse, too, caught the infection and became restlesss. When the Earls were reached in the excited tale it became too much for even animal nature to bear; the horse gave a start and ran out Christian street to a fence beyond Frederick. The hind axle of the wagon was broke, and Bull Ring tickets and brushes were scattered about.

From Kentucky.

John Sides has arrived in town from Kentucky with a lot of well-bred horses. John thinks that the Kentucky girls are not such awfully handsome creatures. In Lexington he saw some that were "pretty as wax," but nowhere else did they unfold their loveliness to them. The men talk about nothing but blue grass and horse pedigrees; he only met one poor devil of an editor who expressed any desire to know how things were moving politically in here. Evidently John did not circulate among the belles and politicians. The farming and farm buildings he viewed with contempt. They will plough around their corn-stalks, he declares, whenever it has been too wet to burn them, which is the only way they recognize of getting rid of them.

Improvements.

The spirit of improvement is unusually active in Fulton township the present season. The following is a list of buildings in course of erection: Fine barns have been raised by Thomas Jones, David Deaver and James K. Drennan, whilst Neal Hambleton and Robert Black have new barns well under way, all to be slate roofed. Day Wood is building a large tobacco house and John C. Wright has built a new dwelling house and barn.

Snowden's Estimates.

Supervisor Snowden, of Media, has forwarded the following estimates of population to Washington: West Chester borough, 7,300; Coatesville borough, 2,650; Phœnixville borongh, 6,600; Spring City borough, 1,200; Lancaster city, 29,000; Columbia borough, 8,650; total for Chester county, 93,000; total for Lancaster county, 146,000; total for Delaware county, about 51,000.

Fell From a Porch.

John Gundaker, an aged man, father of Harry Gundaker, the well-known North Queen street merchant, last evening fell from a porch in the rear of the store, 142 North Queen street, and sustained severe internal injuries, though he had no bones broken. He is confined to his bed and requires constant attendance.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS.

Events Across the County Lines.

Twelve picnics are already booked for Pine Grove park near Carlisle.

The Moravian female missionary society of Bethlehem celebrated its sixty-second anniversary by a love feast on Sunday.

A West Chester firm will display spokes, wheels and hubs at the Australian international exhibition.

Maj. Jacob Landis, of Middletown, has been elected chairman of the Democratic county committee of Dauphin county.

Gov. Hoyt has been confined to his room for the past two days, suffering from an attack of acute rheumatism.

The borough of Oxford, Chester county, has inaugurated measures for the purchase of a $3,000 steam fire engine and $500 worth of hose.

General Simon Cameron, Col. W. W. Jennings, Samuel F. Barr, esq., and Capt. W. H. Patterson left Harrisburg yesterday, for some point up the Pennsylvania railroad, presumably for Huntingdon.

Edward Herrick, esq., chief clerk of the auditor general's office, and E. F. Kerr, of the same department are now at Buena Vista, Colorado, looking after their silver mine interests.

The postoffice department has given notice to the postmaster of "Brick Meeting House" that the name is too long, and accordingly changed it to "Calvert." Sixty years ago Brick Meeting House and Chestnut Level were the only postoffices between Elkton and Lancaster, and the mail was carried by Messer Perry on a little old horse, and it required a week to make the round trip.

Yesterday when the day turn in the Bessemer department of the Pennsylvania steel works was about to go on duty it was discovered that the building, which is an old one, is not safe to work in. One of the chimneys is not in good condition and thare are various other repairs needed in the building. The hands therefore did not go to work and all operations were suspended. Repairs on the building were at once begun.

Near West Chester an unknown man was found lying in the field of John Noble, in an unconscious state. Beside him was a bottle labeled laudanum, about one-third full. Dr. William B. Brinton was immediately called in, and, with the assistance of Dr. William F. Lee, did all in his power, for the man, but at about 6 o'clock he died. The man appeared to have been a laborer, and was well dressed. He was a stranger in the neighborhood, aged about 45, sandy hair and mustache. He was buried at the almshouse.

The friends of Oliver Stuck, esq., in York county, propose to present his name for a prominent position on the Democratic ticket of that county. Mr. Stuck is the editor of the York *Democratic Press* and in the past rendered his party much service. Latterly the Democrats of York have had their own troubles and Mr. Stuck's paper took up the cudgels for one side, while the old organ, the *Gazette*, represented the other. As this is the day of peace and harmony in the party, and Democratic love feasts are in order all around, it is claimed by the friends of Mr. Oliver Stuck that his nomination would tend to heal the divisions in the party in York county.

Yesterday morning a roughly-clad man entered the Dauphin Deposit bank on Market street, Harrisburg, and presented a check to be cashed. Mr. Donovan, the clerk, looked at the check and saw it was for $165, payable to S. Zimmerman, in the name of John Hoffer, the well-known miller. He handed the check to Mr. Davies, who after examining it pronounced it a forgery. The man then said he would go and bring in some one to identify him. Mr. Davies called him back with the object of detaining him until a police officer could be sent for, but the would-be forger was too sharp to be caught and so took a rather sudden departure.

A dispatch from Elkton, Md., says: "Miller's walking match closed to-night at 11:30 p. m. J. J. Dickinson scored 175 miles; C. Cope, 155 miles; Coyle, 134 miles. Miller, the manager, left town before the match was ended with all the proceeds and the walkers get nothing. Besides, he leaves a lot of unpaid bills behind him, including the orchestra, scorers, and so forth. Miller came here claiming to be the champion of Pennsylvania and in trying to do a five-mile exhibition had to stop before he made one mile. The people of the place are very indignant about the course Miller has pursued and say they will make him leave the town should he again make his appearance."

"Going for" Dr. Wickersham.

In the Reading school board, on Tuesday evening, when Supt. Buehrle's resignation was read (he having removed to Lancaster), a motion was made to go into an election for a new city superintendent of the schools for the ensuing year, but the president would not entertain the motion, as he had received a letter from State Superintendant Wickersham, in which that gentleman said a city superintendent could not be elected under the local law; and that the proper mode of proceeding would be to meet a convention under the act of 1867, elect in successor to Mr. Buehrle for the unexpired term, and then on the second Tuesday of May, 1881, elect a superintendent for three years, as the general law requires.

Mr. J. Howard Jacobs said he could not see why Mr. Wickersham had to thrust his unasked-for, offensive and impudent opinion on the board at this time, and rather than be governed by it he would sink the ship and go down with her. He thought the state superintendent's opinion would be upset.

Mr. Maltzberger moved that the board go into "nomination and election of a city superintendent to fill the unexpired term of Superintendent Buehrle," which motion was put by the president, but only 22 members voted, 15 yeas and 7 nays, not a quorum, and on motion of Mr. Ancona the board then adjourned.

EMBER DAYS.

Dry Weather Predicted.

Yesterday being the first Wednesday after Whitsuntide, was on Ember day, and observed by churchmen as a day of fasting and prayer. There is an old superstition that the state of the weather on Ember day and the two days immediately preceding and following it, determine the kind of weather that will prevail for the ensuing three months. As the three days have been dry and warm, we may expect a season of drought—providing always the old proverb holds good.

A Breakdown.

Last evening as Chas. W. Miller, of the Cross Keys hotel, was in the act of driving out of the hotel yard, his horse became unmanageable on account of almost com-