

# "THE LANCASTER UNION AND TRIBUNE"

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Some time ago while rumaging through some old newspapers the author of this article discovered one of more than ordinary interest, inasmuch as it contained an extended account of the death of one of the greatest Patriots of his time, viz. John Quincy Adams, and the circumstances which preceded his death.

It was on Feb. 21, 1848, while he occupied his seat in the House of Representatives that he was stricken with paralysis as had been the case on two former occasions, but not to so serious an extent. The House was in session when Mr. Adams was seen to be falling from his chair and he would have landed on the floor had not the member sitting next to him caught him in his arms. The occurrence caused great consternation in the House, and a speedy adjournment. He expired on the evening of the second day thereafter, in the capitol at 7 o'clock. Few other statesmen have enjoyed the privilege of devoting so many years of a hale and vigorous life to the public service. For more than half a century he had filled the most important public stations among them that of President of the United States. It was his rare fortune to have merited the confidence of every preceding President from Washington on and to have received an office from each of them. He was a most distinguished member of the two Houses of Congress. In an editorial the author makes use of this quotation, viz.: "A great man has fallen in Israel! A great light has gone out." He had reached the advanced age of more than four score of years.

A very attractive feature of this newspaper is the heavy border, in deep mourning, of two of its pages in consequence of this death. The name of this paper is the "Lancaster Union and Tribune." It was published February 29, 1848, as No. 48 of vol. 14. It was issued every Tuesday from the publisher's office in Center Square. It was an eight column paper 26" x 21" and four pages, costing \$2 per annum. Out of its thirty-two columns about eighteen are used for advertisements, six for the above named obituary, one column gives an address to the citizens of Lancaster on the subject of Common Schools, and four columns for stories and poetry. This paper was originally published May 24, 1834, by John L. Boswell, as the "Lancaster Union." After various changes in ownership and names it was merged with the Tribune in 1846, and then published as the "Lancaster Union and Tribune" by Hamersly & Co. in the Southeast angle of the Square, on the second floor of the building known as Number 22.

A teacher for the Lancaster High School is wanted at a salary of \$500.00 per annum. What an interesting contrast that shows to present day salaries which for similar services is about \$100.00 per month. The Examinations of applicants will be held at the residence of Rev. John C. Baker, on Duke Street, on March 9, following.

M. W. May, Merchant of Bainbridge wishes to have a competent book-keeper and salesman.

Charles B. Williams, Barber, informs the public that he has returned to his former residence, next door to the Farmers Bank where he is prepared to give his patrons a good shave and a fashionable hair-cut.

Our old city and county in those days must not have been a very Dry place for we see the following named people applying for hotel licenses viz:

Levi Swope for a tavern in North East Ward.

Joe F. Kautz for a tavern in South West Ward.

Henry Kendig for a tavern in South East Ward.

Susanna Schminky for a tavern in village of Hinkletown.

Jacob Bostick for a tavern in Martic twp. at the mouth of Pequa Creek.

Jacob Huber for a tavern in South West Ward.

John Mason for a tavern in Salisbury township.

Jac. Hostetter for a tavern in E. Hempfield twp.

Hiram Kendig for a tavern at the sign of the Globe in N. W. Ward.

John McNeill for a tavern in Bainbridge.

Jonas Wiban for a tavern in Willow Street.

David Brown as admr. of Joe Brown Dec'd of Little Britain township inserts an estate notice.

Judd & Murry advertise their book store opposite the Post Office on North Queen St. and give a long list of their attractive offerings.

C. E. Wentz & Bro. evidently had a bargain counter in their store on North Queen Street, ten doors North of the Post Office which was recognized as the "Bee Hive" store and a hive with bees flying around it was their trade mark. Some of their bargains were listed as follows:

Mous de Lains, worth 25c selling for 12½c.

Fine Bleached 4-4 Muslin, worth 10c selling for 6¼c.

Linen Cambrick Hdkfs. worth 25c selling for 12½c.

Mode colored Lustres, Satin striped quakeraries, Irish linens, and other attractive offerings were made at similar reductions.

Before railroad freight transportation had opened up for Lancaster, it was conceived that the Conestoga river might be made navigable so as to avail ourselves of the advantages offered by the Susquehanna and Tide-water Canal Company. The first effort in that direction was the formation of the Conestoga Navigation Company which was granted a charter in 1805. Nothing was done under this charter and it became inoperative. Then followed the Conestoga Slack-water Navigation Company in 1820. Nothing was done under this charter and it also became void. In 1825 a new Charter was granted to the Conestoga Navigation Company and after the construction of the necessary Dams and Locks became operative. George Calder was in charge of their Lancaster business and in this paper offers transportation from here to Philadelphia and Baltimore on a superior line of freight boats, via Tide-water canal at the following reduced rates of freight to wit:

Flour 22c per barrel, Grain 7½c per bushel, Groceries, drygoods, etc., 18c per 100 pounds.

G. Clarkson cashier of the Farmers Bank announces the resignation of their former President, George H. Krug and the election of Christopher Hager as his successor, who continued him in office for 20 years. He publishes resolutions of regrets as to Mr. Krug's resignation and thanks for his long and faithful services. Mr. Krug was the fifth President of this bank, and served at its President for 11 years. His occupation was that of a tanner, and his establishment was located on the south west corner of West King and Prince Streets, the plot on which the "Stevens House now stands.

C. Hager & Son appear to have had a general merchandise store, for their advertisement offers New Orleans and Cuba sugars, white crushed sugars, sugar house molasses, Bed feathers, clover seed, Ingrain, Venetian and Cotton Carpets, figured woolen floor cloths, paper hangings with borders to match, etc.

A large two story rough cast dwelling on South East corner, Lime and Orange sts. opposite the Academy is offered for rent by Wm. F. Bryan.

Wm. G. Baker the Center Square druggist offers Hannels Liquid Haid dye for instantly changing red or gray hair, whiskers, and eye brows to a beautiful brown or chestnut color.

Old time silk fringes, Guimps, Lace capes and collars are among the items of mdse. offered by Longanecker & Co.

J. Gish & Co. list a large number of books for sale at their North Queen Street store.

Simon J. Young, merchant tailor, sells clothing of every description in his store on North Queen st. between the Post Office and N. C. Scholfield's hotel lately occupied by George Spurrier.

The American air tight Summer and Winter cooking stove and the Troy air tight parlor stove, either of which is adapted to the use of wood or coal are advertised for sale at the Hardware store of Geo Mayer, 21 North Queen Street.

Christian Kieffer also offers stoves at his store on E. King St. near the Court House. He guarantees them to be made of the best material, at his own foundry.

Daniel R., & C. Amenders Ehler have just opened a cheap cash drygoods store offering cassinets, cashimeres, Mouslin de Lains, Alpacas, shawls, tickings, etc., in the National House on North Queen St.

Dr. Wm. M. Moore offers his services as a dentist having his office on N. Queen St. opposite Kauffman's Hotel.

Peter McConomy tells the public of a new style of shoes known as the Congress shoe which have no strings to tie or untie yet fit closely around the ankle affording much ease and comfort to the wearer. The sides were made of rubber webbing.

Rapid transit in those days was evidently not in order for we notice that D. Miller & Co. who conduct the Phoenix fast line, in giving their fall and winter schedule, state that a train will leave Philadelphia at 8 o'clock every morning except Sunday, for Lancaster, Harrisburg, York & Columbia and returning will reach Philadelphia about 2 P. M. taking up, and letting down, passengers at any point along the line.

The General Washington Hotel located on E. King Street adjoining the Farmers Bank was kept by Mr. Miller in 1834.

The celebrated Wiard Ploughs, plough shares and Land sides are offered for sale by Edward H. Rauch at Bridgeport near Witmer's Bridge.

Philadelphia merchants evidently had prolific results from advertising in our local papers, for we find that they occupy much of the advertising space in these columns. Wm. H. Richardson, patentee of a walking cane umbrella, is located at the "Lady and Eagle," 104 Market St., and among other things offers regular umbrellas, parasols, and parasolettes.

E. Damai, offers to sell hats "for your own head or by the case for resale," much cheaper than his competitors because of his cheap rental payments, being located on the second floor of No. 1 Strawberry St. which is the first above second, running from Market to Chestnut Streets.

Casiday Locker & Co. offer their services in a forwarding and commission business, being located at 3rd and Willow sts., and are represented in this city by J. N. Lane and Nephews, C. Hager & Son, and D. Longanecker & Co.

We presume in those days the ladies were short skirts at the prevailing style of today requires, for Isaac Barton & Co. 27 South Second St., Philadelphia, advertised a recent importation of ladies shoes among which they name these colors viz: Blue Black, Mazarine blue, scarlet, green, bronze and jet black.

J. J. Richardson, 42 Market St. offers Refined Sugar Candies at 12½c per pound.

The Philadelphia hotels which cater to the Lancaster patronage are the "Allegheny House," 280 Market St. where the terms are \$1.00 per day, the proprietor being E. P. Hughes. The "Indian Queen," located on Fourth St. between Market and Chestnut Sts., with John A. Hubley as proprietor.

The following described merchandise is offered by the merchants named: Lard lamps, with plain and fancy shades, also fluid lamps and burning fluid.—Longanecker & Co.

New Garden Seeds—J. F. Heinitch & Son, E. King Street,

Raised in their botanical gardens on S. Lime Street.

Groceries—Jos. Clarkson of Hovett Williams Co.,

Fish, tar, Sperm, lard, and Prime oils.

George Mayer—Hardware store, 6 North Queen St.,  
100 dozen painted Buckets.

H. G. Long offers for rent, the house now occupied by Mrs. Porter close to the German Reformed Church on East Orange St.

Mess. Griel, Hart, & Gilbert advertise a dissolution of partnership and are succeeded by a new firm known as Griel & Gilbert, consisting of Joe Griel and Wm. O. Gilbert, dealers in china, glass and queensware.

Mess. Albright & Sherer forwarding and commission merchants located in Chestnut Street announce a dissolution of partnership and are succeeded by J. Albright in the same location.

Patent medicines were then as extensively advertised as they are now. Heinitsh & Son from their store on E. King st. advertise Dr. Vaughn's vegetable Lithantropic mixture from which they announce "Great cures in all diseases." Another full column advertisement tells about Dr. Townsend's compound extract of Sarsaparilla, which among numerous other meritorious virtues, will cure consumption.

Green's Oxygenated Bitters, another cure-all with wonderful testimonials is largely advertised by John F. Long from his drug store No. 8 North Queen Street, as is also McAllister's all healing ointment. J. Gish & Co. also advertise this ointment at their store on North Queen as well as the following named merchants:

A. E. Roberts.....	New Holland,	Samuel Ensminger.....	Manheim,
Abram C. Hall.....	Strasburg,	Samuel P. Sterrett.....	Mt. Joy,
J. T. Anderson.....	Marietta,	Rudolph Williams.....	Columbia.

A patent medicine which is not only a cure-all but is said to be more sought for than any panacea which has ever been introduced into the world is advertised as Vaughn's Lithantropic mixture.

The Grafenberg vegetable pills, health bitters and sarsaparilla compound are preparations which are sold by nearly all of the County druggists and their advertising occupies one-half a column. Dr. Swayne's compound syrup of Wild Cherry, Fahnestock's vermifuge, Dr. Townsends compound extract sarsaparilla (the latter advertisement taking one whole column) are all prominently advertised in these columns.

A fellow who was unfortunate enough to get a shrew for a wife expresses himself in this manner:

"Womans' love is like scotch snuff  
We get one pinch, and that's enough."

An old darkey has a different opinion when he says,  
"Womans' lub is like India rubber,  
It stretch de more, de more you lub her."

A guest at a society meeting was called on to respond to a toast on "Woman" whereupon he expressed the following pretty sentiment,

"A seedling sprung from Adam's side  
A most celestial shoot  
Became of Paradise the pride  
And bore a world of fruit."

The "Sign of the Striped Coat" is the old advertisement of the United States Clothing store located at No. 35 North Queen Street, east corner of Orant St., of which Reuben Edvin is the proprietor. Among the offerings are Shawls, Cravats, Stocks and Stiffners, Shirts, Collars, etc.

David Shultz the hatter had a store at 19½ North Queen Street, directly opposite to Michaels Hotel where he offers for sale Beaver, Nutria, Brush, Russia, Cassimere, Moleskin, silk, etc. This afterwards became the store of Stauffer & Co. and is now occupied by Liggett & Co., druggists.

Mess. John N. Lane & Co., C. Hager, Esq., G. Ford, Esq., and Mordecai Lincoln are the local representatives of the Penna. Land Agency, through which medium they offer to exchange city property for farms, mills, Water powers, mines, factories, etc.

Wm. Kirkpatrick has a threshing Machine shop, and iron foundry, where he makes cog-wheels horse-powers for 1-2-4 horses. Endless chain tread powers for 1 or 2 horses, grain drills, corn-shellers, horse rakes, etc.

Samuel Bomberger offers a rare chance in the sale of a store and dwelling located on Center Square in the village of Mt. Joy.

Almost a full double column gives an account of Receipts and Expenditures of the Directors of the Poor for the year preceeding Jan. 1, 1848, showing a balance on hand of \$115.03. The members of the Board were as follows viz: John Rohrer, Jacob Peters, Christian Hiestand; and William Taylor was their clerk.

The day preceeding the issue of this paper was a general holiday in Philadelphia, where a brilliant reception was tendered the Hon. Henry Clay who was then a very prominent factor as the great exemplar of the whig principles. A wonderful ovation was given Mr. Clay, and the event was spoken of as a "Town meeting on horse-back." Their distinguished guest appeared in the parade in an elegant Barouche drawn by four white horses, accompanied by Mayor Swift and John Struthers, Esq. A committee from our town was chosen by our County Committee, to visit Philadelphia and prevail upon Mr. Clay to visit Lancaster. This request he was unable to grant at this time, but he hoped to be able to do so at some later date. The committee was greatly disappointed for in no county in the union have the people exhibited a more sincere devotion to his cause, and a great demonstration would have been accorded him if he had visited us.

Joshua Hagan's celebrated axes are offered by M. O. Kline and A. W. Russel, Hardware merchants, they being the only agents for this city.

Konigmacher and Bauman—dealers in leather and hides, N. Prince near Reading Railroad, West of Robert Moderwell's warehouse.

C. Kieffer has upward of 1500 stoves, cellar grates, etc. at his factory, also at his store on East King Street, near Court House.

George W. Hammersly who is located in the office of the publishers of this paper in Center Square is the local representative of the American Fire Insurance Co., and D. Longanecker & Co. are agents for the Franklin Fire Insurance Co. at Longanecker's store.

"Yellow Breeches Creek" is the name of the stream located within sight of Harrisburg upon which there is a mill which Thos. C. Hambly offers for sale.

Fahnestock's cheap store was located on S. W. corner of North Queen and Orange Sts., one block from Court House. They offer French and English Merinos, Paramattas, coburg, cloths, Thibet, alpacas, etc., 50% lower than they ever before sold in this city.

George A. Miller's advertisement informs us that he has a drug store on West King street.

James Cross who has had a barber shop in the Longanecker bldg., announces the removal of his shop to the 2nd floor of J. Howett's Building in Center Square. Besides giving the usual service, he offers for sale Wigs, Scalps and Frizettes.

The early history of the common school system in this city was full of interest and sometimes became quite stormy. Although the free school law was enacted in 1834 a strong effort was made in the Pennsylvania House the following year to have the law repealed which effort was very decidedly opposed in a speech made by our worthy townsman the Hon. Thaddeus Stevens and it was this speech that defeated the effort. Many troublesome problems presented themselves before the system became a success, one of which is discussed at length on page 3 of this paper—when—In an address

to our citizens a strong plea was made to introduce into the city schools the teaching of the Lord's Prayer, the Apostles Creed and the Ten Commandments, contending however that no child should be compelled to learn them, contrary to their parents wishes. At a recent meeting of the Board, a vote was recorded on the subject showing that twelve members were in favor of the move while fourteen opposed it. The declaration was made that no sectarianism would be introduced in connection with the teaching. The advocates of these principles strenuously deny any such tendency, they further contend that this move was prompted by numerous complaints by the parents that modern education is having a demoralizing effect upon the children. Some of the parents being so decided in that opinion that they refused to allow their children to attend school.

The matter has caused considerable agitation and many of the ministers have entered into the discussion saying that they can conceive a few greater calamities for a child, than to have it subjected, through all the tenderest and most impressible years of life, to the influence of an education from which all christian instruction is systematically excluded.

A comparison of the market prices of those days with similar ones of today would be interesting, for we find that the price of butter in those days was 17c to 22c per pound, while now we pay 55c to 60c. Fresh eggs with which the market was well supplied sold at 10c to 12½c per dozen, now the price is 80c. Chickens 25c to 50c per pair, now 11.00 to \$2.00 each. Ducks 31c to 37½c each, now \$1.00 to \$3.00 each. Turkeys 50c to \$1.00 each, now \$3.00 to \$7.00 each. Potatoes 40c to 60c per bushel, now \$1.50 to \$2.00. Apples 75c to \$1.00, now double those prices. Whiskey sold at 22c per quart in hogsheads.

One of Lancaster's prominent artists of former days whose painting were conspicuous in our local art exhibit in 1912 was Arthur Armstrong. Many of his paintings are now in the possession of this society. In a biographical sketch of him at the time of this exhibit we are told the first contemporary notice we have of his coming to Lancaster was December 1849. In this paper we find an advertisement which indicates that he then had a studio on East Orange Street, a few doors from N. Queen, apparently in the second floor of what was known as the Kramp building. We have since discovered an advertisement in a Lancaster Newspaper known as "The Lancaster Miscellany and Weekly Mirror" published by Edward Barton. On East Orange street, May 25, 1831, indicating that Mr. Armstrong was even then located in our city, one door south of Metzger's Inn, known as "The Sheaf of Wheat."

Among the legal notices in this paper we find many prominent members of the Bar such as Thaddeus Stevens known as "The Old Commoner" who in public life was a prominent member of the Legislature from 1835 to 1841 and a Member of Congress from 1859 to the time of his death in 1868. As such he was an ardent advocate of the abolition of slavery, and the establishment of a free school system. He lies buried in Shreiners cemetery with this self written epitaph on his tomb-stone:

"I repose in this quiet secluded spot not from any natural preference for solitude, but finding other cemeteries limited by charter rules as to race, I have chosen it, that I might be enabled to illustrate in my death the principles which I have advocated through a long life—Equality of man before his creator."

His office was located on South Queen Street, a few doors below Huber's hotel.

A Herr Smith was another prominent member of the Bar at that time with offices on South Queen street, five doors from the Court House. In public life he was a member of the House of Representatives in 1843, State Senator in 1845, Member of Congress 1872 to 1883. He was a member of the Board of Trustees of Franklin & Marshall and Dickinson Colleges.

David W. Patterson advertises his offices in his dwelling in West King

Street, two doors west of Peter Reed's Hotel. He was active in the organization of the Republican party in 1855. In 1874 he was elected Associate Law Judge of Lancaster County.

Isaac E. Hiester another prominent member of the Bar, was located on East King Street, between the offices of I. N. Lightner, Esq., and Mr. Piper nearly opposite from the Farmers Bank. He, too, figured in public life as a Member of Congress from 1853 to 1855.

Alexander H. Hood whose portrait hangs on the walls of our society was located on South Queen Street, two doors below the Mechanics Institute, opposite Huber's Hotel.

Other members of the Bar whose cards appear in this issue are:

L. F. Hiener located on South Queen Street, two doors below Huber's Hotel.

Washington Baker whose office was in the Square between Baumgardner's store and the Prothonotary's office.

William W. Brown located on West King Street, near the Lamb Tavern, next door to Col. Paterson P. Donnelly who then occupied the office formerly occupied by John R. Montgomery, Esq., on North Queen Street.

W. L. Campbell located on W. King Street in the office formerly occupied by E. C. Reigart, Esq.

Richard R. Bryan opposite Sprecher's Hotel on East King Street.

George W. McElroy on Market Square in the room formerly occupied by Wm. Carpenter, Esq.

Benjamin Herr on South Queen Street, nearly opposite from Thaddeus Stevens, Esq.

The author of this paper takes pleasure in presenting to this society, the copy of the newspaper from which these excerpts were gleaned.

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