THE CENTRE REPORTER

THURSDAY MAR 26., 1874.

LOCAL ITEMS.

Our friends will oblige by sending us items of local news in their locality, give us the facts only, and we will put them in shape; also notices of deaths and marriages.

Any one sending us the names of six new subscribers with the cash, will be entitled to receive the REPORTER one year free.

The REPORTER being read by nearly every body on this side of the county, where it has a larger circulation than any newspaper, will be found the best medium for advertising business, sales, &c. &c.

—Subscribers to the Reporter, changing their post-office address this spring, should give us notice, so that the paper can be mailed accordingly.

—A SPLENDID CHANCE TO GO INTO THE HARDWARE BUSINESS.—Finding it very inconvenient and very expensive to carry on two stores, I have concluded to sell out either my Milroy or Millheim stand, (would prefer to sell in Milroy.) These are both good stands. Any one desiring to go into the Hardware business will find this a rare chance; any information in regard to what business has been done will be cheerfully given. If desired the Real estate in Milroy can also be purchased. Terms easy. Apply to

W. J. M'MANIGAL,
19 Mar 6t. Milroy Pa.

—The Maryland legislature has voted down a local option law.

—Some thief lately visited the corn-crib of Mr. Amos Oberdorf, of this place, and helped himself to a lot of corn. Can't some one set a trap for these midnight rangers which will tell on them?

—On Tuesday, 17th inst., as constable Kline, of Gregg twp., was returning from Millheim on horseback, his horse made a mistep and fell, and the venerable constable had his head badly bruised, but it is not considered dangerous.

—Rev. Tomlinson, of Somerset county, has received a call from the Aaronsburg Lutheran charge, and accepted the same. He is a brother of Rev. Tomlinson lately of Bellefonte.

—On last Wednesday afternoon we had a regular thunder shower. The lightning was vivid and the thunder rolled in loud peals.

—Subscribe for the Reporter and don't depend on your neighbor's. Cut down your allowance of tobacco and cigars only four cents per week, and you have enough to pay for the Reporter.

—The Model Book store, of Jas. Welch & Co., is now in the new National Bank building, well stocked with the best and cheapest Books, Stationery, fancy articles, toys, &c. What you can't get at the Model Book store, ain't worth having. Remember the place, in the new bank building.

—The man who can publish a newspaper to suit every-body is yet unborn. Persons who get out of sorts when every thing in a newspaper don't suit their fancy should ponder this over half a minute. Why we never yet saw a man engaged in any kind of business that could please all, did you? Reasonable folks don't look for such an anomaly. In no other calling is there such a range of patrons to serve with ideas and tastes so varied, as that of a publisher of a newspaper. Hence sensible and reflecting readers will not expect the editor to come up to that unborn standard of perfection which would enable him to conduct a paper to satisfy all tastes.

—Mrs. Kate Shaffer's sale, household furniture, at Potter's Mills, on Saturday, March 28th, at 1 o'clock.

—Henry Breon's sale, Harris twp., March 27.

—John C. Rote, formerly of Aaronsburg, has become proprietor of a livery at Bellefonte. Success to John.

—Bill Brown is a candidate for Lieutenant Governor. He will make a strong team. We recommend him to his party.

—Mr. Elias Lose sold the house and lot adjoining his residence, on Water street, Millheim, to Abs Harter, for $1,225.—*Berichter.*

—Mrs. Wolfe, wife of Jacob Wolfe, Wolfe's Store, Pa., while carrying a bucket of water on Monday, fell and broke one of her limbs at the knee.

—On Saturday night last a cow belonging to Richard McAfferty got into Jerry Butz's hay mow, which is on a level with the street, and in tramping about, the boards spread apart and she fell through into a stall where a peddler's horse was standing and broke her neck.—*Watchman.*

—A laboring man named John Messerman, residing in Decatur township, Mifflin co., committed suicide on Monday night, by taking poison, dying in great agony. He was 50 years of age, and left a wife and children. The immediate cause of the rash act was domestic infelicity.

—As it looks as though the legislature were about to pass the dog-collar law, all dog owners had best go to J. O. Deininger's at once, and get some of his nice dog-collars. He has just got the right article even if the law does not pass.

—The time for the "flitting" of the "flitters" has come.

—Many of the public schools, of this county, close with the present month, and intend winding up with exhibitions.

—Next Monday, 30th inst., the trains will commence to make regular trips to Laurelton. Thus slowly the iron-horse approaches the Centre county line from the east.

—Thomas Bollinger has been appointed post-master at Rock Spring.

—Mr. R. H. Duncan's house caught fire on Monday morning, but was discovered and extinguished before much damage was done. Mr. and Mrs Duncan were both from home.

—Calkin's Automatic Clothes Washer will be in Centre Hall next week, and will be tested at Spangler's Hotel, on Monday, March 30. The citizens of the town are invited to be present and see it in operation. Township rights for sale.

—Wm. Wolf, at the old stand, has just received a large lot of the finest fish in market. If you want good fish, mackerel, shad, or herring, at a bargain, go to Wm. Wolf's.

—Weather fine this week, but rather cold—very stormy Sunday night and Monday.

—Rev. Kerlin is having a great revival in his Stone valley charge. Rev. Leitzel reports us the same work going on in his charge, at Sligo. The protracted meeting, in the Methodist church at this place, is still going on.

—Mr. S. S. Wolf, the popular new merchant of our town, left yesterday for Philadelphia, to lay in his stock of spring goods. If you want to buy the best goods at the lowest prices, call and examine his immense new stock which will be on hand in a week or ten days. Remember that Mr. Wolfe trades anything you have to sell, for which he allows the highest market prices. He also wishes to assure his friends that he has thrown all his time and energy into this business, and that he means to *stay*, notwithstanding the false and malicious reports circulated by certain parties to the contrary. Thankful for the general support thus far received; he hopes by strict attention to business, and fair dealing, still to increase his trade. Please don't forget to give him a call.

Mr. Orvis presented a petition of forty-six inhabitants of Centre county, for a law to prevent the killing of deer in that county for three years. Also one against the prohibiting the hunting of deer with dogs in said county, which was referred to Committee on Agriculture.

—The post-office at Boalsburg, will shortly change hands.

For the Reporter.

The percentage of attendance of my school for the month ending March 3rd, is 97. Per cent. of attendance during term till date, 94. 14 scholars were in attendance every day during the month, to wit: W. J. Meyer, Jas. M. Musser, J. C. Musser, G. B. Stover, M. W. Adams, Franklin Haugh, M. Stover, Della Wirth, O. Wirth, Mary Musser, Annie Long, Mary E. Wolf.

J. H. DEELONG.

Trial List—1st week—April Term.

Etnoir & Foust vs E A Green & Co
1st National Bank Huntingdon vs same
Same vs J Green & G Eby
J P Coburn vs Geo Vonada et al
J Smith use of vs R K Nelson
Welch & Allen vs J Nestlerode
Same vs Saylor, Day & Morey
A T Moorehead vs E G Hastings
Com of Penn'a vs A Brockerhoff
J & G Frazier vs Hale & Co
John Hoy vs Wm Cox
Wm Thurston vs P Gray Meek
W L Wilson et al vs J H S Thompson
Lloyd Caldwell & Co vs J Thomas & co
Amelia Royer vs J W Sholl
J P Harris vs Brandley Childs
Thos Burnsides vs G M Yocum, Adm'r
Milliken, Hoover & Co vs J Underwood Adm'r
S M Clintick & Co vs Chas Brown
Maria Filghman vs B F Shaffer

2nd Week.

Wm Young et al vs Cline Quigley
Harper Bros vs Roland Curtin
T K Henderson vs Geo Gates
Sarah Corman vs L B McEntire et al
Norwood coal & lumber co vs Elliott a co
B Schrock vs poor overseers, Bellefonte
J P Gephart, adm'r vs Rothrock heirs
A Garman vs Penn'a RR Co.
M Krause vs A Rider
Thos Loughrey vs J Lucas' heirs
R Pletcher vs Penn'a RR Co.
Judah Whitcomb vs Philipsburg coal Iron & Oil Co.
Jos Robson vs Gideon Weiland
A L Bricker et al vs S L Bricker
C Heverly vs Penn'a RR Co.
D Bechdel vs same
John White vs J Beckdol
Jno White et al vs J McCool
Clark Cone vs Derby Coal Co
E W Hale vs Jesse Klinger
S Snyder vs B Gregg
J Cortland et al vs D J Kine et al
D M Wagner vs J S Forster
L W Munson & Co vs Judah Whitcomb
W W Aspley & co vs B L Batcheler
S B Wyland vs Wm Lichty
Todd & Kehan vs B & F D Ligget
Lloyd Caldwell & Co vs J S Reid & Co.
McGirk & Perks vs A Owen
R Lloyd vs Same
Wm Showers vs J Gordons Adm'rs
Daniel Betts vs Snow Shoe Township
May, Loeb & Co vs Same
National Bank of Bellefonte vs J P Felt & Co.
J Heverly vs Penn'a RR Co.

List of Grand Jurors for April Term.

Bellefonte boro'—Robt Hepburn, C Derr, Henry Derr.
Unionville—E M Lucas
Benner twp—J E Mitchel, A J Shively
Boggs—Constance Curtin, And Fitzger.
Burnsides—Martin Yeledler
Ferguson—David Fye
Gregg—L Evans, J P Heckman, David Emerick, Daniel Bartges
Haines—Robert Goheen
Miles—James P Frank, Henry G Royer, Emanuel Harter.
Penn—Elias Kreamer, B O Deininger
Rush—J C Dunkle
Spring—W J Dale, H Kline
Walker—Daniel Dorman

List Traverse Jurors—1st Week.

Bellefonte boro—Wm Shortlidge, Geo Thomas, Jas V Thomas, Frank Steel, Geo W Tate
Milesburg Boro—J Miles Green
Philipsburg—L G Kessler
Benner Twp—John Rishel, Wm Ishler, H Hevy.
Boggs—Philip Resides, D F Shope J H Linn
Burnsides—Jacob Craft
Curtin—John M Closkey, A S Tipton
Ferguson—Geo Homan, Wm Musser D Dennis
Gregg—John Taylor, Jonathan Weaver
Half Moon—John A Hunter, I Peck.
Harris—John S Forster
Haines—W W Bower
Huston—Daniel Irvin
Liberty—Jno A Stover
Marion—Isaac Train, Samuel Aley
Patton—Geo Reeser, Geo Mattene, P A Sellers, J G Stine
Penn—P H Swartz, Fred Catherman, H G Smith
Potter—Peter Hoffer, Wm Armagast, John Foreman, A P Hosterman, D F Luse.
Rush—Geo McGaffey
Snow Shoe—Mark Money
Spring—H E Gentzel
Union—Jacob Spotts
Walker—Jno H Peck, Jno Divens, W P Harris

Traverse Jurors—2nd Week.

Bellefonte Boro—Sam'l Van Tries, Geo H. Weaver, P Gray Meek, H D Yerger
Howard Boro—Balser Weber
Phillsburg—James Perks, W H M'Causland, Henry Dunkle, O Adams.
Milesburg—J P Shoope
Unionville—John Bailey
Boggs Twp—Frank McElroy, Thomas Adams, Simon Bathurst
Ferguson—John F Krebs, Charles Snyder
Gregg—S P Herring
Haines—Charles W Wolf, A J Burrell, Michael Feidler
Howard—Jas Antis, J M Hall
Half Moon—P W Burket.
Liberty—S H Koons, Thos Bower.
Miles—And Gramley, Daniel Strayer, Samuel Strohecker, Samuel Condo.
Potter—Ephriam Keller, Alex Kuhn, Jno G Sankey
Snow Shoe—Wm Holt
Spring—C C Taylor
Union—Thomas M'Ewen
Worth—Jos Thompson

—A RASH ACT AND FATAL CONSEQUENCE.—In our last issue we made brief mention of a horrid accident which occurred at T. C. Himes' saw mill, about one mile and a half west of this, at 9 o'clock on Tuesday morning, 2d inst., in which a Mr. Jacob Cruthers, of Bell's Mills, Blair county, was sawed entirely in two in two or three seconds, and now enabled to give the particulars We are induced to refer to this case again, not through a disposition to aggravate the mind with the relation to such sickening sights, but that it may be a warning to others employed in the dangerous avocations of all kinds, in this region, where the loss of human life has become so alarmingly fearful, and where we can trace so many of these fatal consequences to the reckless acts of the mangled victims. Mr. John Hays is the sawyer employed at this mill, and was in charge at that time. It was noticed that something was wrong with the carriage—a nut or something of the kind was loose on the under side of it. The carriage was standing in front of the saw, and Mr. Hays had crossed over for the purpose of adjusting whatever was wrong. Mr. Cruthers, who was his setter, took the sawyer's side of the carriage, threw himself flat upon the floor, within a few inches of the whirling saw, and endeavored to assist the sawyer in adjusting the difficulty. It is said that Mr. Hays warned him of his danger but he paid no attention to it; and Mr. Jack Speece, who is the engineer, and who was watching the efforts of the two men, told Mr. Cruthers of his proximity to the saw, but he remarked that an inch was as good as a mile. In his endeavors to reach whatever was wrong with the under part of the carriage, he had to lay flat to the floor and partly across the carriage, and in this way his feet would be very near the lever which is used to gig back the carriage, and it is reasonable to infer from this his feet struck the lever and started the carriage forward. After the carriage had started two seconds could hardly elapse before the saw would be whirling into his body. Mr. Hays sprang from the position he was in and rushed for the lever—Mr. Speece hurried below and stopped the engine; but all was of no avail. Two unearthly shrieks were uttered by the expiring victim, it passed entirely through the body, severing the upper from the lower extremities, and he was dead; and no power on earth could have saved him, considering the position he was in, after the carriage had once been put in motion.

Dr. Blandy was at once sent for and done all that could be done—attach together the parts with needle and thread.

Mr. Cruthers was a young, unmarried man, his parents living in the neighborhood of Bell's Mills, in Blair county. They were telegraphed to at once, and on Thursday the remains were interred in the burial ground outside of our town.—*Osceola Reveille.*

MILLHEIM FRAGMENTS.

MR. EDITOR:—When a certain young man, (not so very young either), engages a lot of furniture, and insists that it must be done by the *middle of May*, is it any of your business—or mine—what use he has for it? Answer emphatically—No. Should you come to a different conclusion, please let me know.

Enclosed please find check for the sum of one cent, which please forward to the editor of the Berichter. At a meeting held for the purpose, by the young ladies of Millheim, this amount was raised in appreciation of his labors in behalf of refined social culture, *vide* his article, "Der Mary ihr erst Sparken." For chaste thought and beautiful diction, it deserves to be preserved by some Professor of Belles Letters for the good of future generations.

Handy about Horses.—The Chinese Vermillion-Keystone Cultivator, manufactured by that enterprising firm, John D. Foote *and Company.*

Pompous.—That inflated, conceited, Teutonic chap of an ex-Squire, down in Strasburg, by the manner in which he delivers his big opinions on law, seems to think that what he don't know in that particular direction, is scarcely worth knowing. Pleasing.

"How vain are all *things* here below."

Resolved, That the *Ox* is more useful than the horse. This weighty question was lately disgust by a debating club, somewhere. Naturally enough, the *Ox* men largely predominated. This is as it should be, thinks I, as I listened to the arguments. For, "Truth crushed to earth, will rise again."

Gator Fergelstecker.—Our diminutive friend Johnny. The way he wipes out these common country squires, is a caution to the disciples of Blackstone. More anon. UNCLE JOHN.

PINE GROVE MILLS ITEMS.

The upper room of the Academy building, of this place, it is said, will be converted into an Odd-Fellow's Hall, as that fraternity is rapidly increasing here, their present room is too small.

At a meeting of the citizens of this place it was decided to build a board-walk on both sides of the main street. This is a step in the right direction—hope the enterprise will not fail.

We also need a new town-hall; who will undertake this important enterprise, this city cannot well do without it.

The P. O. has been removed to the prosperous and accomodating firm of Dunlap & Co., merchants.

Pine Grove has had two musical conventions this winter, and one about 2½ miles westward, at Meek's Chapel, all of which were quite a success and have awakened considerable interest in the divine art.

Pine Grove and Boalsburg are still hoping and quietly waiting for the railroad. We think the prospect is steadily growing brighter.

The Pine Grove brass band discoursed some charming music on Friday evening in the diamond of this town. This band is undoubtedly among the best in the county.

The grange excitement has also reached our township.

At the numerous sales in this vicinity, live stock was sold at pretty fair figures.

The high school in this place, will again be opened in the lower room of the Academy building by Prof. Sahm, of Aaronsburg. FERGUSON.

For the Reporter.

"BELLEFONTE SQUIBS."

Fine spring weather, and consequently a lively time for the merchants.

The frost has taken some of the panic out of business, and trade promises to open up lively.

The "woman's crusade" has not yet reached us, but we are looking for it every day, we are sure the indications are that it is near at hand. As we passed along the street the other day, we noticed our friend "Woolly" Brown dressed up, silk hat on, and looking as gay as a New York fop. He must have had some information of their comming, and prepared himself for the prayer meeting. He is very fond of the fair sex, and wishes to look nice when they come to visit the "spirit merchant."

"Jim" Hale it is said is looking District Attorney ward; Well, go in, "Jim," Jack will not object, as it will be no trouble at all to beat you.

Who is "Doesticks, jr" the anonymous correspondent of "Brown's Republican?" Some say Smith Barnhart, but then "Smithy" denies it, and in last weeks "Watchman" replies to what is generally believed to be his own production. Rather rough when a man writes nameless articles, in order to get an opportunity to grind out a "high-sounding reply." But then we don't believe that Smith wrote the "Doestick's communications," Only a few minor circumstances point to him as the author. Smith says, in his reply to his own communication, that his great-grandfather, was a "genuine lager beer Dutchman," well that accounts for Smith drinking an ounce of the "gutes beer" when he goes speechmaking, that his "grand daddy" voted for Washington, Madison, Jefferson and some other fellows whose names we forget, and that Joe Smith, had been "kicked and cuffed" by the Democratic party ever since he was a boy, that his teacher, who was a Democrat, commenced to "lave" him in his boyhood days, and the party in and out of Conventions, has steadily persisted in these ungrateful practices, that, notwithstanding all this he has always remained "loyal," "not for the sake of gain," for he never was an office-seeker, "but out of pure patriotism." Now we would like to know how any one can be so stupid, as to infer from those circumstances that Smith is "Doesticks jr."

In Brown's last issue that same "eccentric genius," the irrepressible "Doesticks, Jr.," threatens to have some more of "the unwritten work of the Democratic party" published, and no doubt will make things lively. Squire Gephart, who is to be one of the sufferers, says he don't care what he "Doesticks," may have to say about him. We have no objection to anything "Doesticks, jr.," may want to say, but would advise him not to touch the "rat question," or he will arouse the "firey Fortney," and surely then his career as a correspondent will be of a few days. More anon. S.

"TOO THIN" YET.

EDITOR REPORTER:—That "correction corrected" in your issue of last week, is certainly the richest thing out, and, should you be called upon to publish it in pamphlet form, please do so, as there is an astonishing demand for it, on account of its native originality. John, you well know that you have committed yourself, and, in order to get out of the strait into which you got by your own indiscretion, you offer an "explanation," which is as clear as mud. Now John, I will take your own figures, and prove that you are in error. You admitted that your average attendance of males was 16, and of females 12, total 28. I will now quote from our "School Reports:" "To find total percentage of attendance for month, annex two ciphers to the *total average* attendance of the month, and divide by the *whole* number of pupils on the roll during the month. Find the percentage of males and females in the same manner." Now my mathematical friend, take and divide 16 by 16, and 12 by 12, with two ciphers annexed, and the result in both cases will be 100, or, annex two ciphers to 28 and divide by 28, and the result will again be 100. With the above statement, made from your own figures, I will let an intelligent public decide whose "cephalic extremity" is affected. That you have committed an inexcusable blunder, is plainly to be seen, and I sincerely pity you, that in your envious ambition to present a better report than any of your fellow-teachers, you would so far outstep the bounds of propriety and good sense. Remember Johnny, that "to err is human, to forgive divine," and of the former you are unquestionably guilty, and the latter obligation I have already freely discharged. *Experto crede.* A NORMALITE.

The Lewisburg, Centre and Spruce Creek railroad will be opened to Laureltown, nineteen miles beyond Lewisburg, to-day.

For a local option town certainly Williamsport is obstinate. Neither the law nor the ladies can overcome the thirst of her topers.

THE TEMPERANCE WAR

The Ladies of Chicago Defeated.

Chicago, March 16.—In accordance with arrangements made at the Ladies Temperance meeting held on Thursday last and yesterday, 500 ladies met at the Clark street Methodist Church at three o'clock this afternoon. After appointing a committee of one hundred to present a memorial to the City Council against the proposed repeal of the Sunday saloon ordinance devoted the afternoon to prayer for the success of their mission.

At seven o'clock, the delegation started for City Hall bearing the memorial signed by 16,000 women. They were attended in the march by a constantly increasing crowd of men and boys. By the time they reached the doors of the council chamber, so great was the mob that gathered as to render the services of a large force of police necessary to secure entrance. Arriving in the council chamber, the delegation was courteously received and the chairwoman of the delegation was, on motion, after some debate, allowed to present the petition, which she did in a few well chosen words. The Petition was then read and placed on file.

Council then proceeded to the consideration of the special order, which was the ordinance permitting saloons to keep open on Sunday. A very warm debate ensued, in which most of the people's party aldermen claimed that they were bound to vote for the ordinance as it was one of the issues upon which they were elected. A vote was had and the ordinance adopted by a vote of 22 to 14.

Disgraceful Scenes.

Defeated, the ladies were escorted from the hall to the outer door by the police, who, with the utmost difficulty, kept back the howling mob of living scum which still remained outside. Reaching the street, the ladies, all of whom were of the highest respectability, numbering among them wives of some of the best citizens, were assailed with yells and howls from one of the vilest crowds that could be raked from the gutters of the city, who pressed so closely upon the little band that had they not been protected by a few men among the crowd, there is little doubt that violence would have been offered them. Indeed one brute did trip one of the ladies, but slunk away before the fist of a gentleman standing near. The mob followed the ladies the entire distance back to the church, yelling every moment like comanches, presenting one of the most disgraceful scenes ever witnessed in the city. After the committee had entered the church and briefly reported the failure of their mission, those present spent some time in prayer and then dispersed.

A HORRIBLE DEED IN MEXICO.

Religious Fanatics Inaugurating a Carnival of Blood in the State of Jalisco—A Congregational Minister Murdered Midst Cries of "Long Live the Priests."

City of Mexico, March 10—via Havana.—A fearful outrage was perpetrated by a mob at Ahualulco, in the State of Jalisco, last Sunday. In the morning a priest delivered an incendiary sermon, in the course of which he advocated the extermination of Protestants. This so excited his hearers that a mob gathered in the evening and proceeded to the residence of Rev. John Stevens, a Congregational minister, sent out by the Boston Board of Foreign Missions. With cries of "Long live the priests," they broke into the house, and seizing the clergyman, smashed his head to a jelly, and chopped his body into pieces.

They afterwards sacked the house and carried off everything of value. After much delay the riot was suppressed by the local authorities. The government has sent a detachment of troops to the place. A rigid investigation has been set on foot, and orders have been issued for the arrest of all the priests in Ahualulco and the neighboring town of Teshitan. A mob in Saguago, acting under similar religious frenzy, attacked the small garrison of the town, burned the public archives, and pillaged the houses of the authorities.

The government of Jalisco has arrested nine of the bandits who robbed the stage near Guadalajara and killed Westfall and Bartholy. A portion of the property taken from the passengers was found in possession of the prisoners.

The Governor of the District of Mexico has issued an order prohibiting cock-fighting as a practice unworthy of a civilized people.

Troops are guarding the roads leading to San Luis Potosi to insure the safety of travellers.

Santa Anna will remain at Jalapa some time before going to the capitol.

Quicksilver mines have been discovered in Sacatecas.

TURKEY.

A Terrible Winter—Circulation of the Bible Prohibited.

A correspondent of the Press, writing from Constantinople, Feb. 18, says:

From the interior we have sad tales of distress on account of the inclemency of the weather. In many places all kinds of provisions have risen to famine prices, and there is a scarcity of food at any price. In the provinces sheep and goats are being fed upon the grain that had been laid up for seed. The cattle are also suffering heavily, inasmuch as the fodder barned for winter use is exhausted, and they wander about bellowing over the snow-covered fields in quest of nurture. The poor of Constantinople are suffering fearfully from the dearth and high price of provisions and fuel. The stock of wheat and flour, too, is running short, as the grain ports on the Danube and the Black Sea that supply this city are all frozen up. The famished wolves, in their despair, have left the forests and have made their appearance in the outskirts of the metropolis, attacking the sheep folds at Chichli, half an hour's walk from my residence, and, in one instance, killing the shepherd who guarded them. Unless the rigor of the season soon abates some of those desolating epidemics, so common to the East, will be developed, adding the terrors of pestilence to famine.

A great excitement exists among the American Missionaries here, in consequence of the arrest by the police of the agents of the Bible societies engaged in the sale of the Sacred Scriptures in the Turkish language in Stamboul, and the taking away of their books and informing them that all further sales of the kind are prohibited. As permission was formally given several years ago for the printing and sale of the Bible in Turkish, the action of the police seems to indicate a change of government policy in this respect. They could have hardly adopted such extreme measures without special orders from the superior authorities. It is directly in the teeth of the Hatti-Sheriff of Abdul Mejid, and I hope will be resisted by the American and British legations with the same firmness and success as in 1869.

The Bible House in Stamboul is a large establishment, founded chiefly by American bounty, with a complete equipment of printing presses and electrotyping apparatus for the publication of the Bible in the Oriental tongues. It is in fact the Protestant college of the Propaganda. Neither the Mussulmen nor the Jesuits regard it with a friendly eye, and they have several times endeavored to close it, or stop its operations. As the Turks are gradually becoming a more reading people, owing to the increasing number of schools, the dissemination of the Scriptures has a too direct tendency to undermine their faith not to provoke opposition. This movement I hope is only a *ruse* to appease the clamor of the fanatical *sofis* and *ulemas*, and an admonition to the missionaries to temper their religious zeal with a little more prudence.

Speaking of schools, it may interest your readers to know that there are 466 at Constantinople, all public, and for the most part gratuitous. Of these 287 are Mussulman; 77 Greek; 48 Armenian; 8 Armenian Catholic; 44 Israelite; 5 Protestant; 8 Caraites or Arab. In the Turkish, although the Koran, which is supposed to contain the essence of human and Divine wisdom, is the chief subject of instruction, the standard of education has been much elevated of late. In the others the ordinary rudiments of general learning are taught, religious tenets, however, in every case, holding the first place. Every one in the East

Clings to His Religion

as to his life. Upon that point he will stand and fight to the last. The government has devised a system of universal education for the Ottoman population upon a comparatively modern basis, but it is not yet in general application, owing to the want of funds and competent instructors. The Christian communities maintain their own schools, and though the quality and range of instruction might be improved, there is no objection on the ground of quantity.

THE FESHVAL AT CHISELHURST.

Followers of the House of Bonaparte Assembled at the Residence of the ex-Empress Eugenie and her Son—Prince Louis Napleon Ready to Accept A Plebiscite.

London, March 16.—There was a great crowd of French people at Chiselhurst today to celebrate the eighteenth anniversary of the birth of Prince Louis Napoleon. Over 6,000 cards of admission were issued, and those to French person only.

In the morning mass and thanksgiving were held, after which the Duke of Padua addressed the Prince in the name of the people of France, congratulating him upon having attained his majority.

The Prince, in his remarks in reply, returned thanks to his countrymen for their faithful remembrances of the late Emperor, and in conclusion said:

"Despite the confidence inspired by the loyalty of MacMahon, an irresistable current of public opinion has pronounced in favor of a plebiscite. I am ready to accept its verdict."

Great enthusiasm was manifested, and Camden House, the residence of the ex-Empress and the Prince, was gaily decorated. Among the prominent Frenchmen present were MM. Ollivier and Rouher, and the Duke de Grammont.

British journals generally consider the Chiselhurst demonstration a succes. The Duke and Duchess of Edinburg will soon visit Empress Eugenie.

MODOC CITY.

The City in Ashes—Loss Over $100,000.

Modoc City, March 17.—Last night about 10 o'clock a fire was discovered issuing from the office in the Oil Exchange Hotel. The flames spread very rapidly reaching the Bateman House on the opposite side of the street. There were twenty-five buildings destroyed, and the total less is estimated at a hundred thousand dollars with very little insurances.

DAVID KALAKAUA ELECTED KING OF THE SANDWICH ISLAND.

San Francisco, March 17.—The steamship Mikado brings intelligence from Honolulu that Prince Kalakua has been elected King of the Sandwich Islands to succeed Lunalilo.

Advices from Honolulu to March 8, later than the published reports, show that the riot by the mob of Queen Emma's adherants when they learned of the election of Prince Kalakua was very serious. When the announcement of her defeat was made the mob attacked the House of Assembly, beat several of its members, one of whom afterwards died, tore up seats and desks, and set fire to the House, when the United States and British marines landed and dispersed the rioters.

W. L. Green, Minister of Foreign Affairs, tendered the thanks of the Government for the timely interference of the marines. The King is still threatened with assassination.

THE INSANE POOR.

We this week publish an extract from the Report of the Board of Public Charities in addition to what we published last week. We offer no apology, but regret that our limited space will not permit us to give the report in full. The case below is one of seven, six men and one poor girl, really existing in the Poor House of Northampton county, and are "not hidden away in any wild-cat country, in any back-woods settlement, in any poor, remote district." The story is almost too sickening to repeat, but we feel it a duty to make the facts known and to contribute our share in helping to correct the shameful abuses which have grown up under a careless, and we might say, reckless management of our insane hospitals and poor houses.

* * * * * Leaving these sickening sights, we crossed the road to the poor house hospital, and went through its rooms which were filled with the old, the infirm, the sick, the maimed, the blind, appealing with mute eloquence to all human sympathy, but not presenting any features particularly differing from those common to the average county poorhouse hospital. But we had not yet seen the worst. Our attendant, who showed no disposition to conceal anything, and who evidently did not think there was anything out of the way in what we had seen, let us down into the basement of the hospital; and there, in a cage like those we had already seen, except that it was perhaps one foot larger, and, being exposed to the outer air and some ventilation, was not pervaded by the deadly odor of the other cells, we beheld a shocking sight. Lying on a heap of loose straw, was a young woman, twenty years of age. She is dumb, uttering only an unmeaning clucking sound. She was born with but one hand and with her right foot so fearfully distorted as to be useless. Mentally, she has been idiotic from her birth. But how are we to describe her condition? For eighteen years has this poor girl dragged out her wretched life in this poor house, and the last six years have been passed in this sty upon this litter of straw, naked as when born, unless a wisp of coarse bed-ticking, originally shaped like a sleeveless shirt, but not reaching from her arm pit to her hip, can be called a garment. Shocking to all decency, outraging to all humanity, she lay there upon her side, her back toward us, unconscious, thank God! of her exposure, a spectacle of civilized heathenism in its lowest degradation. She lay with her apparently sound leg drawn up against itself, and we asked if she could walk about her cage. "No," said our guide, "she lay so long that way she don't walk. She can get round a little on her knees," and stepping in among the straw, he grasped her ankle and drew the limb down to show how far it would go. An expression of pain flushed across the poor creature's face, and we quickly bade him desist. Observing that she was extremely robust and almost swollen in appearance, we asked if it was the result of disease, the bare thigh which was turned toward us being so enormously large as to suggest some dropsical affection. But with the exact air of a farmer exhibiting some fattened animal, our guide assured us that it was "solid fat," and pressed his fist into this human flesh, as a butcher might do into the flank of a prize ox!

Eighteen out of twenty years of a woman's life in such a home! Six years of naked imprisonment on the straw litter of an almshouse cell! Never to have known woman's shame! Never to have known a mother's care! Grown to womanhood under the sore afflictions and defects which came with her into the world, and to have them intensified into such a horror as this!

As we turned away, stunned and sick at heart over such a spectacle of human woe and inhuman indifference we felt that this poor girl missed the one blessing of her life when her mother failed to strangle her at her birth.

We have told the story of this poor house without a desire or an attempt at exaggeration. The stern appeal of such facts need no exaggeration, and it is not easy to see how they could be made worse than the unvarnished truth. They are not the result of cruelty, at least not of active cruelty. They are the growth of ignorance, indifference, familiarity with the sufferings of the poor. We publish them simply because light and knowledge will sweep away these dreadful abuses in this place, as they are doing in other places.

ILLINOIS

Horrible Butchery—An Entire Family Murdered.

Belleville, Ill., March 21.—Yesterday evening the citizens of Centreville of this county, learned that a horrible murder had been committed four miles south of that town on a family named Stiltzenreider. The fact was discovered by a neighbor who went to their house to procure vegetables. The report having been made to the authorities in Centreville, an investigation was made. The family consisted of Stiltzenreider senior, aged seventy-five years, Stiltzenreider, Jr., aged twenty-five years, his wife and two children, respectively three years and eight months old were found dead. The murder was evidently committed on Thursday night. The body of the young man was found two steps from his sleeping room with his throat cut and skull split with an axe and hands with a knife, showing he made a desperate struggle. The wife was killed in bed while asleep with an infant in her arms, her skull mashed and throat cut. The children's skulls were crushed. The old gentleman who slept in an adjoining room appears to have been aroused by the conflict and to have been putting on a jacket when the murderer killed him. He was one of the oldest German settlers and was respected by the whole community. The county court offers a reward of $1,000 for the discovery, arrest and conviction of the murderers. The motive is now believed to be a family feud, and a brother in-law, Mr Stiltzenreider, Jr., is strongly suspected as he owned the family money and a hard feeling existed between them.

The Investigation.

At the inquest this afternoon held by Coroner Ryan, of east St. Louis, several witnesses were examised and facts elicited which lead to the belief that Frederick Boeltz, husband of a sister of Mrs. Stelzenreider committed the deed. He was present but refused to testify until forced to, and then his answers and general conduct were such as to excite the strongest suspicion of his guilt. He acknowledged he had been on bad terms with the murdered family and for some months entertained feelings of enmity toward them and was in the old man Stiltzenreider's debt several hundred dollars. These and other facts brought out together with another fact that the house was not ransacked and pillaged and that old man Stiltzenreider's money was found, establish beyond a doubt that the murder was not committed for plunder, and tend more strongly to fasten suspicion upon Boeltz.

BALD MOUNTAIN.

The Latest from the Supposed Volcano.

Willmington, N. C., March 20.—The following telegram contains the latest and most reliable information yet received here:

"The Bald mountain, in the southwesterly part of M'Dowell county, was shaken a few days since by volcanic throes and some of the inhabitants became much excited and alarmed. However, one of the oldest citizens says that the shock was not severer than in 1812. We have no reliable information of the emission of either fire or smoke."

Knoxville, Tenn., March 20.—A letter received in this city to-day by a gentleman whose mother resides near Bald mountain stated that near the summit of that peak an area of nearly an acre was agitated by subterranean upheavals, then sinking from which smoke and vapors issued.

NEW MEXICO WISHES TO BECOME A STATE.

The people of New Mexico are becoming anxious to be admitted into the Union. The population of the territory is now about 140,000, of whom nearly one-third are American and European descent. The territory is in a flourishing and prosperous condition, and as it has the requisite population, which has been the case with very few of the states admitted, there seems no reason why it should not come in. The territorial legislature has forwarded a memorial to congress asking the passage of an enabling act to provide for its admission.

A few days ago, says the Pottstown Ledger, the remains of Daniel C. Thayer, a soldier who died in 1861 of wounds received in front of Petersburg, was taken up from the church yard of the old brick church in Pottstown and removed to the new Mt. Zion cemetery. In doing this it was found that the body was completely petrified—turned to stone—and the features had assumed the appearance of plaster of Paris.

Already some good people are solicitous about Senator Sumner's religious belief. They have discovered that instead of attending church on Sundays, he remained in his library reading; and that, in fact, he never supported any particular denomination or even possessed membership therein.

A special despatch to the St. Louis *Democrat*, from Sedalia, says reports have reached there that the notorious Younger brothers, who are supposed to have been engaged in the Iowa railroad train robbery some months ago, were attacked, Tuesday at Monagar Springs, St. Clair county, in that State, by a party of detectives, and a desperate conflict ensued, in which one of the Younger brothers and two detectives were killed.

A special despatch to Pittsburg from Petrolia states a tank containing 12,000 barrels of oil on Trautman's farm, near that place, was struck by lightning and the oil set on fire. The fire was soon extinguished, and the oil is being pumped from the tank. The loss will be slight.

A terrific hurricane, accompanied by thunder, lightning, and rain, passed over Cairo, Illinois, on 18, causing considerable destruction to property. The centre of the storm seems to have passed south of Cairo, as the wires work as usual north, and no damages are reported from that direction.

In the case of a liquor dealer named Morrow, in Warren county, Ohio, who had petitioned the Court of Common Pleas against the women crusaders praying and singing in front of his saloon, Judge Smith decided that not only would an action for damages lie, but that a court of equity would interfere to prevent any such infringement upon the rights of others.

Dr. Paul Scheeppe was again brought before Judge Brown, of Baltimore, yesterday monrning on a writ of habeas corpus. An immense throng was around and in the court-house. A police officer from Chicago arrived and made oath that Schoeppe, alias Schulenberg, was charged with forgery in Chicago of various checks; also, in attempting to forge. He identified the prisoner. After arguments of counsel pro and con, Judge Brown remanded Schoeppe to jail to await a reasonable time for the requisition of the Governor of Illinois, which is now coming.

THE BENGAL FAMINE.

The following telegram from the viceroy of India has been received by the Home Goverment:

Area of probable severe distress now well ascertained; comprises parts of districts of Tirhoot, Sarun, Chumparum, Bhagulpore, Purneah, Dinagepore. Expect at the worst period to have something under 3,000,000 persons on the hands of Government in these districts for three months, from end May to end of August. A smaller number during April, May and September, and still fewer in March, October and November. There will be distress in nine other districts, but it will not be general.

Orders of Government rice amount to 420,000 tons, of which 350,000 from beyond sea. Of this quantity 100,000 arrived. We have been keeping up for some while a constant stream of from 2,000 to 2,500 tons a day into distressed districts. Private trade is bringing in grain from Northwest and Punjab at the rate of about 1,000 tons a day. Local transport, which has been the main difficulty, now fairly well organized. Over 50,000 carts now employed in districts north of Ganges, under contracts we bringing in Government grain, will shortly be increased to 70,000. In worst districts distribution of