# THE CENTRE REPORTER.

By FRED KURTZ.

The state legislature has taken a civil service spell. Let it first take a genuine reform spell, and stop the postage stamp and other swindles.

The U. S. Supreme Court last week decided the Civil Rights bill unconstitutional. In the court's opinion the law invades the province and duty of the several states. The decision effects sections 5,336 and 5,519 of the revised statues. The immediate case on which the decision was rendered involved an action against a hotel keeper in Tennessee. The law in question regulated the admission of negroes to hotels, railroads, steamboats and places of amusement.

The Lancaster Intelligencer, Hentzel's paper, says, it seems after all the gabble about Governor-elect Pattison declining to ride from the station to the Executive Mansion, on his arrival at Harrisburg, in a carriage sent for him by the local committee, that there was no carriage there for him at all, and that even the ladies accompanying his party had to be crowded into a dirty omnibus, the only conveyance at hand. The accommodations around the Harrisburg station are usually so limited that this can readily be believed, Governor Pattison would have preferred the privacy of a carriage ride to the publicity of a pedestrain tour, but, as there was no carriage to meet him, he was bound to walk-and to be misrepresented.

The Williamsport Banner wants to know how it would be for Republicans in the State Legislature that were there New England are reached. in former years to pay back the money they were allowed for postage stamps In this way they would show themseives true economists, and, perhaps, cause new Stalwart members to do likewise.

The postage stamp steal should be held up continually to the public gaze until it is done away with.

Dubiin, a lew days ago twenty-one prisoners were arraigned in the police court on the charge of conspiracy to murder the government officers. The investigation will be held in the Kilmainham court house as the government lears that the prison van might be attacked if the accused were brought before the police here. The court house in Kilmainham, which adjoins the jail, is guarded by mil itary. It is reported that astounding disclosures will be made in regard to the Phoenix Park murderers.

An exchange says a movement is on foot to have a law passed prohibiting the Paris created a sensation. She announsale of liquors on days on which primary elections are held. It might be well to pass, a like law to attach it to days on which political conventions are held.

Why not do away with that kind of nonsense and prohibit the sale of liquor only on such days as begin with an S. M. T. W. and F, leaving the balance to the liquor men?

The Delaware legislature has refused to abolish the whipping post. The whipping post is a right good institution for a particular class of evil doers.

A new danger threatens the tunnelledout mining sections-a caving in of the surface; the following telegraphed from Wilkesbarre, Jan. 24:

At ten minutes to six this morning the people of the Second ward were aroused at what they thought was an earthquake. The people rashed wildly into the streets, mothers with children in their arms. Three shocks were heard, houses swayed to and fro, and the ceilings of over fifty houses fell upon the floors. Chimneys tottered and fell, and windows were broken. The greatest excitement prevailed for a time. The disturbed district is over the abandoned mines of the Delaware and Hudson Canal Company, which were worked about six years ago. A large brick school house, which is attended by three hundred scholars, is damaged considerably. Two hundred and fifty acres is the extent of the cave. The disaster is accounted for upon a theory that the props put in the mines some years ago to sustain the roof have rotted away. A general apprehension is felt that this is only the beginning of more serious trouble. Old and reliable miners contend that the accident is the result of

pillar robbery. Whenever Centre county prop-timber is exhausted the coal regions will not be a healthy place to live in.

The Delaware Co. Democrat warns Just what the Reporter did six months reads. That the money charged and re- want reign supreme where the epidemic side and 80 feet high. The main tower in

ago, when we stated that the Mendelssohn Piano Co., meant Herman Conant and vice versa. The REPORTER don't bite at the offers of unknown parties, hence rarely gets cheated by foreign adv.

The fiancial exhibit of our county, as printed in this issue of the REPORTER shows a reduction in the county's expenditures which will be appreciated by the tax-payers. The available assests of the county, it will be seen, are \$70,530.13; the indebtedness of the county is \$68,781.38 -making a balance of assetts in favor of the county of \$1748.75, above its indebtedness. The amount of interest paid by county, on money loaned is \$4044.32.

The high protectionists, as represented by the Pennsylvania iron interests, are in a state of no little discomfort by reason of the action of the Senate on pig iron, scrap and Bessemer steel rails. In spite of all their efforts the duty on pig iron was reduced to \$6 per ton and that on Bessemer steel rails to \$15, and the proviso in reference to scrap iron was by request of the Senate Committee on Finance, passed over for further consideration. When the bill is again taken up bar iron will be next considered, and the outlook now is that some substantial reductions will be made on the rates proposed by the committee. Should this be effected tariff action for this session. it is generally believed. may be considered as good as ended, as the Pennsylvania iron interests will, to a man oppose the oill. It is also said that the representatives of lumber and Lake Superior iron ores are very much disgusted at the action of the Senate in reducing rates on these articles, and threaten retaliation when the parts of the Tariff bill affecting

Some one tells us that a paper at Millheim was talking about us. If true, we make an interesting subject to write about. But there certainly is a mistake, there is no paper printed at Millheimwe have written to several leading men can say whether the report is true. It here is anything of it, we'll let the felow have some rope and after a while we'll pull him in. Some fellow, in Millr rather, a bad fellow-perhaps some has got himself into a tight corner.

EUGENIE CAUSES A SENSATION. The arrival of ex-Empress Eugenie in ces that she ignores the Republic and comes to display her sympathy with

Prince Jerome in his incarceration. Her adherants claim that her presence means a demonstration in behalf of the name and family of Napoleon. She has not appeared in public, but she is known to be surrounded by active and proounced Bonapartists, some of whom, however, regard her visit just now as most imprudent. Eugenie's presence in the city has provoked not alone surprise, but in many quarters fears are felt for the safety of the Republic. It is thought this inopportune visit of Eugenie on the eve of a discussion as to the necessity of barishing the princes from France will provoke the moderate Republicans in the Chamber of Deputies to vote for M. Flouquet's bill. On the other hand it is rumored that Eugenie's defiance of the Government will result in a strong rising of Bonapartists adherents. Executive measures have been taken to repress any demonstration by either faction, whose leaders have an eye to the throne of France and the despoiling of the Repubic. There has been no popular approval of Eugenie's visit, but her presence is a opic almost as exciting as that of Prince Jerome a few days ago. It is said she was cognizant of the late manifesto.

### FROM HARRISBURG.

has petitioned the legislature favoring a

dentists to be registered. reference to certain state licenses and mony for the government may be looked giving relief to taxpayers by having the for to-day, when Albert E. Boone is exsame revert to the counties, was present- pected to take the stand. ed with an affirmative recomendation. It is an act providing for paying into the treasuries of the several counties of the commonwealth the money received from Irom Panama, Jan. 15, says the gover-

commonwealth for tavern licenses, liquor | were established round the Tierra Callicenses, retailers' licenses, eating house vente, the hot region where this sporadic licenses, brewers, licenses, auctioneers' outbreak of cholera raged with the flerelicenses, patent medicine licenses, ped- est intensity. The cold and temperate dlers' licenses, brokers' licenses, theatre regions were not affected. Whole famiand circus licenses and billiard licenses shall be paid into the treasury of the plantations there are only three or four county in which the same are charged people left alive. Many bodies have and collected for the use of said county. Mr. Jenkins holds, in support of the bill, who were s ricken were at once abandonthat the data in the premises warrants ed. The town of Tux la had 8,000 inhab the widest benefit to the state but that the state does not require the moneys in the same need as the counties. He figures the amounts that will revert to the counties in case the bill becomes a law as follows: Tavern licenses, \$493,862.32; retailers' licenses, \$305,934.92; eating house, \$79,632.26: brewers, \$9,188.42; billiards, \$16,534.60; brokers, \$9,883.34; auctioneers, \$6,538.01; liquor, \$36,076.50; peddlers, \$1,766.10: patent medicine, \$4,503 .-20; theatre, circus, \$6,940.08. Total \$969 .-

Senator M'Knight, of Jefferson, seems to have studied the REPORTER. He proposes to cut down the number of unimportant documents printed by the State so as to effect a saving in the cost of the public printing of some \$19,000.

Just what we advocated for years.

A bill was laughed through the house, at Harrisburg, the other day. The Pittsburg Post's correspondent mentions the incident thus:

The measure I alluded to as having been laughed through the House was a Pike county local bill and authorized the payment of a certain amount for each scunk skin by the constituted authorities. This was meant for the destruction of the odious "varmint" in question. Its author was a member of the name of Smith. He was an extraordinarily fat person and overflowed with the "milk of human kindness." It is said that he had laughed himself into the lucrative office of Sheriff of his county and then had laughed himself into the Legislature. I recollect when he arose to advocate his there and they say they know nothing | bill. It was to be his maiden speech, about a paper there. When we get time and the Speaker who was not familiar In Ireland there is still no quiet. In we will write to a man by name of B. O. with him applying for recognition did Smith, of Pike. The House immediately settled itself down to a roar. Smith heim, some weeks ago wrote to Rowell | then began to talk and to laugh, and the n New York, about us; this is too bad, laugh was infectious. When Smith was prepared to sit down and the yeas and ack-of-all-trades who can't manage his nays were called, it was found that the own affairs yet tried to attend to ours measure had received every vote affirwith Mr. Rowell. Evidently some chap | matively in the House. It had actually been laughed through. But ever afterwards the good-natured member was known as "Pike of Smith," and is to this day so far as I know.

The star-route trials keep moving along. A fresh and interesting witness has appeared upon the stand. The Herald of 25 ult., in alluding to his testimo-

In Mr. Andrew W. Moore the star route prosecution has found a witness quite as damaging to Stephen W. Dorsey as would have been ex-Senator Spencer. who is now on the ocean safely beyond the reach of government process. Moore's testimony is to the effect that he was engaged by Miner to render services on the Dorsey routes in the West and that he was "directed to report at Senator Dorsey's house for instructions and funds." He did so report, as he testifies, to "the head of the concern," from whom he received some very significant "instructions," and subsequently "funds" for services rendered. This was while Mr. Dorsey was still in the Senate. Moore did not hesitate to say on the stand that he knew he was joining "a conspiracy to rob the government" and that he was to get "one-fourth of the stealings" as his share of the plunder. This frank admission may prove that Moore was no better than the rest of the plunderers, but it does not impeach his veracity as a witness. On the contrary it shows him to be the most truthful of the star route jobbers. Indeed, Judge Wylie remarked yesterday that so far as Moore's evidence "stood unimpeached." The Presbyterian Synod of this state | As it has not been shaken by the rigid cross-examination of the witness himself constitutional amendment prohibiting it is obvious that Dorsey's lawyer can A bill was also introducing requiring dence of other witnesses, which he is not likely to find an easy undertaking. The bill of Mr. Jenkins, of Luzerne, in | Meanwhile some more interesting testi-

> Cholera is scourging a state in Central America most fearfully. A dispatch

ceived in the several counties of this has raged fiercely. Sanitary cordons the centre is 32 feet square and about 100 lies died in a single night. On some been devoured by the dogs, because those itants, 6,000 of whom are dead. Of the 6,000 inT nata upwards of 1,000 are dead. The town of Chiaupas suffered most se verely, twenty to thirty persos dying daily.

AUDITOR HEWES' PROTEST.

To the Honorable, the Judges of the Court of Com. Pleas of Centre Co.: I concur with the maj of the Board of Auditors in s-tilement of the accounts of the Sheriff and Treasurer, but I dissent from the report so far as it purports to be a sett ement of the accounts of the Comuns-ioners with the county, and ass go the following reasons:

1st. That in the settlement with the

Commis-ioners the auditors simply compared the vouch rs projuced by the ommissioners with the charges of en tries made without investigating whe h er the charges were le\_at; whether the expenditure was ench as the county was legalty bound to pay; that large amounts were claimed, to wit: Over heee thousand dollars for expend tures of county bringer, and no examination was made to ascertain whether the said bridges are county bridges of not, and tost in the pi ion of your Auditor is a question whether some of these biliges are couny bridges; that the majority of Auditors recused to go into a full investigatim of these different items; that your xaminations all I found various lireguiarities and credits claimed against the county, and from which investigation he is satisfied that other errors exit in the account as presenced by the majority of the Auditors.

2.d That in the item of cretit of \$402.17 for prin ing of the Commissione.s' statement, published in '82, your Auof or is or the opinion that at least one nal thereof is in excess of legal Charges and that it was an ulinecessary expelled to the county.

3rd. Inat the majority of the Audi wis devoted one had day to the examin ation of the Commissio. ers' accounts, ... B. no proper examination thereor could

> Respectfully submitted, C. P. HEWES, Auditor.

### CONVENTION NOTES.

Free entertainment on Monday evena fogramme as lonows: Opening Au tuem by the Joint thoors of centre flat. proyer, by Mov. 5 M Ropuer ; Quar.e.t.; tuem; elt. re audrees oy her. W. E. er; Vocal Bulus allu Giariens. Kev. W A. Foster will tach matroduce to the class on the ret red i.st. and audience Dr Ferains, who will wake a lew remaras, arter which he wast take charge of the charus. The even the Will be both pleasureaute and profitable, a...d 1. Is troped that a large addience will arcet the opening exercises of tule, the grandest Couvention Centre Co. has es-

A number of applicants can sing a supplied with barring, free. It I ESDAY MORNING, JAN 80 1888, Since ou postal Card before next Saturapplies to those Who have engaged board-

Reserved seats for Thursday and Frilay eventuas at 20 cents extra, may be plied at a charge or \$5 00 for each roo\_, est asolien their seats will be kept for of such furnithre as is turnished to stanew until 7:10 o'clock. Errs. Class plane and organ will be used turing the week, but of which will be such as light, bederothing, towels, e.c., utuloues by the enterprising him or

### MONTREAL'S ICE CARNIVAL

Bunnell & Agino, Of Beliefobie.

Montreat this week is enjoyt g the sen ation of an ice carnival, consequent on

one inauguration of its ice palace, just completed. Standing in the centre of Dominion Square, it contrasts with the great unfinished pile of St. Peter's Church, the Windsor Hotel, St. George's, Dorchester treet, Erskine, Knox, and several other Book-seeping for Faimers.

Guirches, Its westel, wintry appearance, 3. By Pros. J. rdan - Fifteen Lectures: one strangery, and when the eye detects | the semi transparent blocks used in its construction it seems like the centre piece the manufacture of intoxicoting linuors. now hope to meet it only by the evi- for a buge stage spectacle. It is built of blocks of ice 4) inches by 20, and varying from 14 to 20 mehes thick, as occassion re quires. The blocks were cut with the axe o adze of the workmen, and handled ex- Roads; their Construction, Maintenance, actly as cut stone, except that water sup plies the place of m. r.ar. The roofing is pread cedar branches, the ice formation | mais. being completed by using spray. This as it trickles or pours over the cedar branches freezes into solid masses and icicles tavern, liquor, retailers, eating houses, ment organ of the state of Chianupas The spires are made in the same manner. brewers, auctineers, patent medicine, Mexico, implores the government to ren Tas main structure covers a square of nearpeddlers and billiard licenses for the use der a-sistance, as the number of victims by 100 feet on every side. At the four cor sohn Piano Co., and Herman Conant. of the various counties. Section first of choiers is immense, and misery and ners are equare towers 15 feet on every

There are many exits to this palace, and should there be an audience admitted there will be no loss of life in case of any panic from fire at any rate. Should a pancarise from any other cause exits are everywhere easily accessible. Visitors may take away as many relics of the palace as they can carry in their pockets, but arecommended to line them with oiled cloth At night when seen by the intense cold

NEW ILLUSTRATED HISTORY OF CENTRE AND CLINTON COUN-

The above admirable work now ready

urely be a beautiful sight.

or delivery contains meanly seven hundred pages of historical matter that will be highy valued for its accuracy in describing the erritory treated has been over two yearn preparation by Hon. John B Linn, cf Bellefonte. The work is finely illustrated with maps of various localities in the two counties, besides portraits of many of their prominent cirzens living and dead. The work is bound in morocco and cloth, and will be a valuable acquisition to any gendeman's library. Tue delivery of the work we are informed will commence on or about February 1st.

The theory of a great many theologians based upon biblical authority that the wandering Israelites are soon to be gather ed back to the land of their fathers is doubtiess given some additional strength og the lact that according to consular reports real estate in Jerusalem has been advancing very greatly in value during the past year The rise in values is attributed Auditor, o satisfy himself, made private to the influx of Jews who have been driven out of Garmany and Russia. Instead of emigrating to A nerice large numbers of them are setting in their native land and contributing to revive its aucient prosper-

> The largest and most perfect ice bridge hat ever spanned the chasm below Ning ara Falls was formed on the recent cold Sunday night and soli remains intact. It s over a mile in length, and will probably remain the balance of the winter.

--- New York capitalists, backed by be made in hat dimed time. Theresun the Pennsylvania I ad, will build a road is that it was but a comparison without from winnamsport to offerfield, to conmy and my and examination Such as net with the Show Shoe, which the is D. IchaBOD, who knows everything— not for the moment recall his name. He the law requires, and therefore I can no. to be extended. I also the lab of the dice. It did see helped the Chair out and announced | 1 1.1 111 the salu report so tar as the com | tompetition introduced by Vanderbilt in | And the redeemed soldiers lived to he Clearness C as region. Firty some to dues not make a move to build auother 1044 through removadey, it would wase up the feat a Company to reacell its promises to our people.

> Paris, January 20,-The Ministerial but deaning with the preceders has been ing, ever, body invited to be present. Introduced in the culmber of Depaties It all nonzes the President of the republic oy a decree given in Counci, o expel members of tallities Whose presence la more accrese, by thev. J. K. M. der; An France Bould compromise the safety of the s are, those returning to be have to riscuss; ratio Solo, oy Prot. W. T. Me, ave years to petson the princes was now serve to the army me to be placed

## FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

A FREE LECTURE COURSE ON A course of lectures will be delivered at the rennsy value State Conege, begin-

to earnestly requested that an who ex- and ending filday afterhoon or evening, pect to attend as singers, send their February 9. The sectures will embrace a wide range of subjects, of special imporaid .y, to the selectary, J. W. Wolf This cance to agricultur.s.r, and opportunity will be siven, as hat as time will permit, ug piaces as well as otucts. It is infilter for questions and discursions in connecquested toat all singers arriving on don will them. It y will be open to Monday and Tuesday report at the ali, free of charge, and all interested are murcu before going to their boarding cordiary invit a contiend, any one secture, or the whole course.

A lew rooms in the college can be supor ered at any time, and applicants may this charge me.uning rem, such and use denis, Viz: bedstend, maturess, table, wa hasand and cours. Other articles. Will need to be furnished by the occu pants of themselves.

Table board can be had at the botel or with private families to tue Village, tue ioual charge of the latter being \$5 00 per anek. A lew, by early application, can procure board to the Codege Club at meir usua. rate of about \$2.00 a week. The sectures Will treat on a variety of important and interesting subjects, as

1. By President Atherton-Two Lectures: Industrial Education, and Političal Econ my for Farmers. 2. By Professor M. Kee-Oue Lecture

ock-breeding, 2; Caule-Feeding, 4. By Professor Buckhoot-Eight Lec-

tures: Brany, 3; Fruit Growing, 3; Vegetable Gardening, 1; Entemology, 1. By Professor Usm ad- Luree Leetures: Farm Mechanics, 2; Meteorology, 6. By Prof. Barnard-One Lecture:

7. By Prof. Ewing-One Lecture: made of wooden beams, upon which are The Anatomy of the Domesticated Ani-

> 8. By Professor Bell-Two Lectures : Drinkable Waters, and Adulteration of Persons proposing to attend the course

> win promote their convenience and ours, by notifying us in advance. Communi to PaOF. McKEE, State Conege, Centre Co., Pa.

The Dice Saved Them.

An Incident in the Prussian Military Service.

This story is found in the memoirs of a Prussian officer of distinction. He was at the time on the staff of Gen. Winterfield, one of the most skillful and competent captains of his day, and Winterfield was the general in command

at the time spoken of. Two soldiers had been condemned to death. In a drunken condition at night they had assaulted an officer of the line, and one of them had drawn a knife upglare of a hundred electric lights it will on him, but he could not positively say which of the twain held it. And the men themselves did not know. Neither of them remembered anything about it. So both of them were condemned to be

> They were both excellent soldiers and only one had been guilty of using

The officers of the division, including him who had been assaulted, asked that the men might be pardoned. At length Winterfield said he would pardon one of them. Only one had held a knife, and only that one ought to die. He would pardon one and the men must decide which of them should be shot.

"Let us shake the dice," said one of the condemned." And the other agreed to it. And it was agreed to by all interested. The two men took their places by the side of a big drum and were to throw the dice upon its head. Two dice were given them and a proper box for shak-

The first man throw two sixes. He groaned in agony. He felt that he had consigned his comrade to death. But when the second came to throw

he also threw two sixes. "Wonderfull" cried the lookers on. They were ordered to shake and throw again. This time the second man threw first and threw two aces. "Good! You will live, Peter. But when Peter came to throw, the dice presented two aces.

And now the beholders were wonderstricken indeed. Another throw was ordered and Peter threw a five and a deuce. The other threw-five-d-uce. After the excitement had again subsided the men shook once more. The first threw two fours. 'Oh, now throw fives and save yourself. Peter." Peter threw-two fours.

At this point the colonel ordered them to stop. He went and reported the marvellous result to Winterfield. Said he: "Clearly, gentlemen, providence will have those two men to be saved." And saved they were. The general cared not to oppose the wonderful fate of the dice. It did seem providential,

prove that the saving fate had given back to Prussia two of the very best and bravest of her sons.

The Ex-Empress Eugenie. Curious chance brought face to face the other day two famous persons, who had not met before in many years, nor, perhaps, wished to. The Duc d'Aumale was going from Chantilly to Paris, and as usual retained a private compartment in the train. Going to the train and seeing a carriage marked "reserved," he took it for granted that it was his own, and entered, only to find it occupied by two ladies. With an exclamation of surprise he was about to turn to the guard for an explanation when he recognized the supposed in-truders as the ex-Empress Eugenie and the Duchess de Mouchy, who were on their way to the death bed of Gen. Ney. The Duc bowed and hastily withdrew in confusion, to find his own compartment

A delightful instance of mixed metaphors, almost too good to be true, is given in a law manual recently published by a gentleman in Japan for the use of Japanese students. Learned counsel: "This man, gentlemen of the jury, walks into court like a motionless statue, with the cloak of hypocrisy in his mouth, and is attempting to screw three large oaks out of my client's pock-

From the r-p rt of the State Saperin-

tendent of Common Schools of this S ate we gleen the following information which presents matters in a tavorable light: Number of school districts in the Stat- 2,215, number of schools 10,183, number of graded sch ol- 7.812, number of s had directors 15,625 number of superintendents 102, number of mile teachers 9,051, number of female toacters 12,-778, average almy of male teachers per month \$35.12. female teachers \$29.89, ave erage leng hor school terms (in months) 6.09 number o' pu als 935,345, average number of pupils 611.317, cost of tustion \$4.868.717.01, c st of to i ding and purchasing and renting \$1,229.232.03, cost of \$2,058 394.64 expenditures of all kinds \$8 263 244 54, State appropriations \$1,-000 000, vaine of school property \$28,as well as its great proportions, impress Agricultura Che.mstry, 4, Ferulizers, 3; 341,560. As compared win the precessing ing year the increase in number of districts is 7, schools 348, graded schools 555, increase in number of male teachers is 308, female teachers 785, increase salary of male teachers per month \$1.40, decreose of salary of termie t-achers 14 cents per month, increase of length of school term in months 11, increase in number of pupils 13,497, increase in cost of tuition \$146,701.41. The increase in cost of fuel, contingencies, debt and in-terest paid is \$59,617.27, increase in value of school pro, ry \$1,736,239 In Prilad-lphia, at the close of the school year, there were 103,185 papils in the scho es, and the average during the year was 91,894 Teachers' salary am unted to \$1 038 39. There was expended for houses toe sum of \$89 876 50; for backs, stationery, fuel and costingencies, \$370,-381.64 The valuation for school or per-ty to Philadelphia is placed at \$6,500,-