About "Rings and Things." The New Era does not seem pleased rels in this county. We cannot help it. We did not coin it. The general impression is that it was started in the New Era office, and if the now classic names of the two rings which struggle for the spoils worry the Era people it is only another case of chickens come home to

Of course the Era says what it knows is not true when it denies that there is an impending disruption of its Hog Ring. We state only facts when we say that when the bundle of sticks with which "the Cameron ring was twice routed" in this county fell apart it was found to contain so many "crooked sticks" that it will be hard to get them together again in the compact bundle which alone can chastise the opposition. The cohesive power of public plunder, "the tie which binds," being loosed in the scramble for petty patronage, we repeat that there are threatenings of disruption, and it is literally true that "McMellen complains that he has not got his share, and those who expected to be the beneficiaries of his favor half suspect him of treachery and do not give him credit for his efforts on their behalf. Ed. Martin sulks in his tent and J. W. Johnson untimely claims his reward at Tom Davis's expense." And while some of the Hog Ring leaders are seriously considering "bustin' up this party of ours"-to use the language of the Era's classic friends-others have been for months negotiating with "the Cameron ring" to come in on good terms. We know whereof we affirm. As to "Ed. Martin sulking in his tent."

the Intelligencer intended to convey no such impression as that "he was forced off the track as a candidate for district attorney by others interested in and it is thought a thousand more can from Dion Boucicault. The defense deny securing that office for themselves or find homes in that section of Virginia. friends." If this journal had intended to "convey any impression" in the matter its language would not have been uncertain; since, as is usual in matters of news, the Intelligencer finds itself "to be in a position to know more about Ed. Martin's alleged 'sulking in his tent' than any other" journal. If Mr. Martin had any communication on the suject to make to the public he would hardly select as his medium a newspaper whose recent cowardly back out of the fight against "the Cameron ring" merited his contempt and augmented the dangers of a dissolution of the faction with which he has cooperated. If that journal honestly de- to M. Chotteau, containing articles on the sired to fairly state why "Martin sulks proposed Franco-American treaty of comin his tent," it might have done so with- merce, which were seized by the customs out such fulsome adulation of itself and authorities in New York as liable to duty, of what its editor did and said and how have been returned by order of Secretary he talked like a father to Martin. For to the public generally no better reason need be given for Mr. Martin's retirement from factional politics than the company in which he finds himself. Considerations of propriety no less than of policy would suggest to him dissociation from a fellowship so largely made up of cowards who shrink from the issue they have raised, of return tinkers and forgers of naturalization papers, of political cutthroats and blackmailers, and of men who of Tay, calls attention to the structure of after waging a fight on the high anti- the East river bridge, which he claims, ing themselves on their "society" man-Cameron issue would "bust up the party" if they did not get their share of the weight that is likely to come upon it, the prison or poor house spoils.

## Watch It.

We trust that public attention will be resolutely fixed upon the pending struggle in the House of Representatives to have the revised rules adopted. Those rules were agreed upon during the vacation by a committee with Speaker Randall as chairman, and including Garfield, Alex. II. Stephens, Blackburn and Frye, leading members of both parties and representatives of the five great divisions of the country. The feature of them which meets the most intense opposition is that which proposes to take from the commitlodges it where the control of all other appriations is placed-with the appropriapropriations have been a grand larceny on the public treasury, members of all parties and from every section, each putting in his claim to a divvy, and all log-rolling together at the close of the session to get millions of subsidies through which would have had no chance had they been subject to the rigid scrutiny and deliberate investigation of the appropriations committee. Any member from a close district who bethought himself to get \$5,000 or \$10,000 or \$20,000 to improve some trout stream in his district would "put in" for it, to gain the favor of his constituents by giving them a share in the plunder of the treasury.

The new rules, as we understand them, are framed to prevent this and the jobbers are arrayed against them. The issue is plainly made up and the contest ought to be watched closely.

General Walker, superintendent of the census, has announced his determination to appoint General Robert B. Beath as of oxen, but not a saddle horse, nor a fid- to fight bur battles against ring supervisor of the district of Philadelphia. The choice of the Philadelphia delegation was Dr. Sherwood, but Senator Wallace was opposed to him because Randall favored him. - Special to the Times.

Mr. Randall had no interest whatever in Dr. Sherwood and never saw nor heard of him until his three colleagues from Philadelphia-Harmer. Bingham and O'Neill-joined in his recommendation and at their request Mr. Randall verbally revolver was necessary to a Chicago grocer concurred. Mr. Beath was especially traveling, but that more was superfluous. urged by Kemble, who secured Congressman Kelley's aid; and Senators Cameron and Wallace, for reasons that were doubtless sufficient unto themselves, preferred Kemble's and Kelley's man to Harmer, Bingham and fraud creditors in connection with the O'Neill's man. We do not presume that operations of the banking house of H. E. Mr. Wallace would let his senatorial dig- Taylor & Co., which suspended a couple nity down to oppose a Republican appointee simply because Mr. Randall | new trial, ball given and the hearing on pointee simply because Mr. Randall | the motion put down for March. Judge ioined in his recommendation ; nor that | Mayer, of Clinton county, presided at the Mr. Randall is so anxious for a "fight" trial, which continued several days and in his own party that he would precipitate one over a Republican scramble for spoils. But the slangwhangers of the independent press cannot be expected to be content unless they can get the Democracy of Pennsylvania a-quarreling.

OUR racy Alabama correspondent writes freely of things in the sunny South, but it is more imagination than reality that depicts us shivering in the Northern blasts. With pansies blooming in our yards and plowing progressing in the with the nomenclature of its party quar- fields, hispicture of the tropical, perfumeladen breezes, is not so tempting as he fancies. " E. M." confesses to the political indifference of his people and their lack of national spirit, but it is reassuring to be told that their love of Anglo-Saxon liberty will oppose a third term leans yesterday, aged 24 years. and all classes will rejoice in the dawning material advancement in the South.

> WHEN Roman emperors fed their horses on gilded oats, and their guests on mission to John Stevens, of Hoboken, the ova of brook trout and dishes made the richest man in New Jersey, but he of nightingales' tongues, the empire was | don't want it. in its degenerate days, and its virility was being melted away in pampered luxury. The clamor for a third term for gives about \$75,000 to the Ohio Wesleyan Grant and of the need of a strong university, at Delaware, to endow a "Ripgovernment in this country is fitly sup- ley professorship." plemented by such experiences as that of which an account is published on our tro-Hungarian ambassador to Italy, had an first page, when a New York epicure interview on Friday with Signor Cairoli, entertained his company with strawber- the Italian premier, and very friendly asries costing tifteen cents apiece, and fur- surances were exchanged. nished them bills of fare that cost \$15

MINOR TOPICS. and 548 deaths in New York city last | 160 in number.

It is many years since the Hudson river has been open to navigation so late in the

THE tolls on the New York canals in 1879 were \$941,541.22. The total miles of boats cleared were 8,226,947.

THE New York children's aid society has recently found homes in Prince George and Sussex counties, Virginia, for 200 wards, theatre, having bought the copyright

THE Philadelphia Times has been polling the party papers of the state, and out of 66 Republican organs 26 declare for Blaine, 22 for Grant, 3 for Sherman, 5 for the field, 7 for the nominee, and 3 for the real name, Henry Carter, died in New

ently adorn the current coins of the British realm. It was about time. The present profile has done service ever since her majesty's accession, and is about as like to Hercules as to the Victoria of our day .-North American.

THE two cases of pamphlets belonging

THE Democratic president-elect of the of his time. Maine Senate, Lamson, did not wait for any supreme court decision to assure him\_ self of his legal right and duty to act as governor. He takes the chair to-day and itself and readers believe that there is he is reported to be a man with a back imminent danger of disruption in that

ENGINEER W. H. WEBB, of New York, in view of the recent disaster on the Firth editors having been so fortunate as to cision. will not support more than one-fifth of all ners, of which their paper is the unand will have no reserved strength for extra trains.

The great red spot on Jupiter continues to attract the attention of observers both enemy,' in this country and in Europe. Its vast editorial tongue into a single paragraph of extent (if it is an opening, the earth could moderate length, and pointed with the be dropped through it), its peculiar color, and permanence of form and position make remainder of the Intelligencer's polite it probably the most remarkable object on utterances about Capt. McMellen, J. W. the disk of Jupiter with which physical astronomy has ever had to deal. Bredechin, a Russian observer, has noted an interesting peculiarity about this spot. He has detected brilliant white ridges or faculæ surrounding the spot, resembling those tee on commerce the power to report the that are seen in the neighborhood of sun appropriations for rivers and harbors and spots. This seems to favor the view of forced off the track as a candidate for disthose who regard Jupiter as a kind of trict attorney by others interested in sehalf-lustrous sun-a sun whose fires are curing that office for themselves or friends, tions committee. Heretofore these ap- dying out, and which, in the course of some millions of years, may become a fit this county.

Ax English judge has decided that a set of artificial teeth is not one of th 'necessaries' of a farmer's wife, which the husband is bound to provide to pay for when furnished without his consent by a dentist. The question has just of life to a married woman. The good wife, during the temporary absence of her to him, and then ran away with another man. She soon returned to her husband. who received her, but obstinately refused to pay for the sacred volume which she had purchased preparatory to her clopement. The Connecticut court of errors has held that neither a pew in church nor religious instruction is among the necessafor his wife. It has been held that a yoke edge of the fact that he helped dle, nor fiddle strings, are necessary for a youth in his teens. While an English court denied to a worthy farmer's wife the necessary and very economical means of with the idle cry of "Buckalew Republienjoying her roast beef, it has decided that \$470 worth of lace and silver fringe for a petticoat and side saddle are necessaries to the wife of a sergeant. The supreme court of Illinois held in a recent case, that one

Peter Herdic Again in Trouble. In Williamsport, on Saturday morning. the jury in the case of Peter Herdic and Horace E. Taylor brought in a verdict of

### Stanley Woodward's Appointment.

has attracted a great deal of attention.

Examiner, Bull Ring organ. Under all the circumstances, we consider to abandon him. The prisoner is said to ture contest over the succession, involving, tain, in consequence of the forty-eight that Governor Hoyt has done an act which have previously offered to forgive his wife as it will, other personal and political hours' snow storm which ended on Saturis creditable to both his head and heart.

PERSONAL. General GRANT will probably sail this week from Florida for Havana, and may call at Nassau. N. P.

Prince OSCAR, of Sweden, was married on Friday to the Princess Helen, of Wal-

A dispatch from Lisbon announces that Mr. Moran, the American minister to Portugal, is seriously ill. Mrs ELIZABETH F. PARMELE, the wife

of General A. S. Badger, died in New Or-The Arkansas Repablican, published by

W. JASPER BLACKBURN, ex-congressman from Louisinna, has appeared at Little Rock. Haves is said to have offered the Russian

The will of WILLIAM L. RIPLEY, probated at Columbus, Ohio, on Saturday,

Count FELIX WIMPFFEN, the new Aus-

The Senate committee on military affairs will take up the case of General Fitz JOHN PORTER on Tuesday. The committee has decided to report for confirmation THERE were 577 births, 182 marriages all the pending army nominations, about

> JOHN HUMFFREYS PARRY, of London, the eminent surgeon at law, and one of the leaders of the home circuit, is dead, at the age of 65. His disease was congestion of the lungs. The death of Mrs. Parry, from grief at the loss of her husband, is also an-

> FRANK MAYO is endeavoring to obtain an njunction from the United States court in New York restaining the production of "The Poor of New York" at Aberle's Boucicault's authorship, saying that the play is taken from "Fraud and Its Victims," ctc. The court reserved decision.

"FRANK LESLIE," whose familiar nom de plume was much better known than his York, on Saturday, aged 59. Hs was born A REVISED portrait of Victoria will pres- taste for wood engraving. He came to America in 1847 and since 1854 has published many illustrated papers with varying financial success. He was divorced from his first wife. His second wife was the widow of the late E. G. Squier, the au thor and traveler, and she has been for some time past editor of three of her husband's periodicals. Two sons by his first wife survive him, Henry Carter (or Frank Leslie, jr.) and Alfred, and a third son, Scipio, died last year. Mr. Leslie was exdence at Saratoga, where he passed much

#### Who " Sulks in His Tent!" New Era.

The Intelligencer tries hard to make wing of the Republican party which routed the Cameron ring in the last two campaigns in this county. Both of its posed of. Judge Cheate reserved his desmattering of the classics, and both priddisputed Jenkins organ, they naturally use such refined phrases as "hog ring," "skinned and quartered," "the feed is scarce and every hog wants to get his feet in the trough," "ominous grundlessing its porcine all rolled from under the classic declaration that "Ed. Martin sulks in his tent." As there is no more truth in the Johnson and Tom Davis, than there is in the allusion to Mr. Martin, the reader will have no trouble in estimating the whole at their true value.

The impression the Intelligencer intends to convey is what has been frequently asserted of late by those whose wish is father to the thought," that Mr. Martin "sulks in his tent" because he was with whom Mr. Martin so efficiently cooperated in defeating the Cameron ring in

The Confession of a Modest Man. Now, it so happens that the editor of the New Era, of all other persons, finds himself to be in a position to know more about Ed. Martin's alleged "sulking in his this box contains the desired wax doll. tent" than any other person. His conclusion not to be a candidate for district attorney was reached through his own judgment, in accordance with the advice of the been raised in one of the county courts of writer. Had we given that advice as a Ireland whether the Bible is a necessary politician, looking only to the success of that section of the party with whom we both have been and still are in sympathy, we would have urged him to be a candidate ; husband, bought a Bible, had it charged for we then believed and still believe he would have been successful, as his candidacy would have done more to take rival 'claims' out of what will probably be a scrub race than can now be accomplished by any other candidate. But our advice was given as a personal friend who has never advised a young man to try to make his living by politics when he has anything better to do, with a fair prespect of succeeding in doing it. Our friendship for ries which a husband is bound to provide Mr. Martin was cemented by our knowlrule purely from honest convictions of right, with a courage which compelled the admiration of his political when they were trying to hound him down can," "Moonshine politician," and similar epithets. He lived down all aspersions of loyalty to Republican principles, fought his revilers in two hotly contested campaigns, in planning and executing the winning cards of which he had more to do than any other one man, triumphed in both, and judged as one who did it all to vindicate no doubt that Cora Norwood's Christmas his fidelity to honest convictions and Re- present was duly received. publican principles, he has now less cause to "sulk in his tent" than any other man we know of. Simply as a politician he can well afford to rest on the laurels he

# DOMESTIC TRAGEDY.

A Man Crazed by the Infidelity of His Wife Shoots Her Paramour, In New Haven, Conn., Robert Jacolman

tification of his friends, who could not imagine their meaning. Both are married men, Jocolman having one child. Curtis's wound is probably fatal. He claims that Jocolman came to him for the purpose of black-mailing, and had been to him on similar errands before.

BEREFT OF HIS FORTUNE.

John Lavin's Suit to Recover a Deposit in a New York Bank, Drawn by His Relatives, Who Believed Him Dead. On the morning of the 26th of June, 1879, John M. Brennan, esq., of Providence, R. I., while walking along Smith street, suddenly detected the clicking of a pistol. and turning about espied a rough-looking stranger, who aimed the weapon at his head, and shouting, "Give me my money or I'll kill you," fired a shot past his head. Mr. Brennan struggled with his assailant, and with the assistance of some bystanders, the stranger was disarmed and taken to the Central station by the police. He gave the name of John Lavin when committed, and was subsequently arraigned for an assault with intend to kill. The prisoner was interviewed by a Providence Journal representative, whom he informed that he had recently returned from California, after an absence of eleven years from his native town of Cranston. Prior to his departure for California, in the year 1866, he deposited \$500 In New York, having earned that amount while in the government employ at Hilton Head, in the previous year. Upon his application at the bank for his deposit with the interest, he was notified that Mr. Brennan had drawn the amount under the authority of administrator conferred at the request of Thomas Lavin, his brother, Lawyer Brennan acting under the law of Rhode Island, which permits the nearest relative to administer upon the estate after a three years' absence from the state, should no tidings be received from the absent one. The prisoner came to Providence in March, and met Brennan several times, who informed him that he could not recover his money and that he (Brennan) had acted in conformity with the law. After Lavin had employed counsel, and found that Brennan had been legally appointed, he became exceedingly disturbed, and purchased the five-shooter, not with any intention of shooting the lawyer, but of scaring him into returning the money. Mr. Brennan stated to a reporter. about the same time, that Thomas Lavin, brother of John, applied to him in 1877 to take out letters of administration, and the authority was granted and the record placed on file at the town clerk's office in Cranston. After receiving the money in Ipswich, Eng., and easly displayed a made over to him by Brennan, Thomas Lavin disappeared from the city, leaving his family behind, and has never returned. John remembered that he had a brother Thomas, but had not seen him for several years. The deposit, with accrued interest, amounted to \$784 or thereabouts, when drawn by Mr. Brennan.

At the September term of the common pleas court, Lavin was indicted by the grand jury and held for trial in the sum of \$1,000. He retracted his plea previous to the day assigned for trial, and the indictment having been changed from "assault with intent to kill" to "assault with a dangerous weapon," Judge Burgess imtremely popular with his employees, and posed a sentence of twelve months' imdispensed elegant hospitality at his resi- prisonment in the county jail. Lavin served out nearly the whole term, and then took his departure from the city. Recently Lavin appeared in New York and commenced a suit against the bank to recover his deposit and accumulated interests in United States circuit court, before Judge Choate. Lawyer Brennan appeared at the same time with papers of administration granted by the authorities of Rhode Island and New York, and accounted to Thomas Lavin, the brother, for the property dis-

### A MAINE GIRL'S CHRISTMAS.

Her Petition to Santa Claus Intrusted to Knit Glove. A customer trying on knit gloves in the furnishing store of Keith Bros. & Co., in Chicago, found in one of the gloves a scrap of paper. On the paper, in the awkward, heavy hand-writing of a child, was the fol-

"I am a little girl, 9 years old, and live in Bucksport, Maine. My name is Cora Norwood. I knit these gloves for eight cents a pair, and I wish the gentleman that buys them would send me a wax doll for a Christmas present. I have not got any and I want one real bad."

On December 17, 1879, a box accompanied by a way-bill, was started from Chicago. The bill was headed: "United States express company-to K. P. R. W. Co's Exp. Money and valuable parcels way-bill from Chicago, Ill., to Bucksport, Hancock county, Maine." The blanks near the head of the bill were filled out so that they read as follows: " Description, 1 box ; consignor, Keith Bros. & Co., furnishing goods, Chicago, Ill.; address, Cora Norwood; destination, Bucksport Me.; advertising charges, gift; K. P. charges, gift; collect, nothing-prepaid with love; remarks, be happy.'

On the way-bill was written, over the signature of B. Schermerhorn, Chicago, Ill., the following: "The letter pasted on is request found in a pair of gloves, and being the gift of the employees of the firm selling the gloves. Please let this way-bill go through and be delivered with doll. Those who handle the way-bill may endorse on back their happy New Year, &c."
On the back of the way-bill are the following endorsements:

Спісадо, ІІІ., Dec. 17, 1879. Merry Christmas, Cora.

B. Schermerhorn. A. Carlton sends his compliments. Mich. So. Rtc. Schneider wishes that all your requests in life be granted as readily as this.

Dunkirk and Toledo Route. J. C. Rae-Heaven's blessings be with you. Hoping you a happy New Year. To Miss Cora-As you gently glide down Life's Rugged Ricer, be ever watchful of the many deceitful rocks that so thickly line its banks and you will always have a happy Christmas. A. SHAW.

Train 12, Dec. 17, 1879. U. S. Ex. Co. Money Dept., New York. W. H. Phelon wishes Cora a merry Christ-A merry Christmas and happy New

Year to Cora Norwood. WM. HUTCHINSON AND PARTNER. Boston, Dec. 21, 1879. I fully concur with the above. A. D. KEITH, Bos, and Ban. Rte. The endorsements show that the box and way-bill reached Boston safely and on

time, and were started East, and there is

Stanley Woodward's Appointment. The letter of Gov. Hoyt, notifying Co Stanley Woodwerd of his appointment or Friday last, reads as follows:

JANUARY, 9, 1880. Colonel Stanley Woodward: My DEAR SIR: I have this day directed to be issued to you a commission as ad litional law judge of the several courts of Luzerne county. I am reluctant to modify mechanic, entered the house of Melvin in any way the satisfaction with which D. Curtis, a grocer, and shot him in the I confer the short term of judicial duty firing a load of slugs from a shotgun into left side. Curtis's family was absent at upon you. But it is only frank and fair church, and no one but the two men were to say to you that it is issued against present. Jacolman gave himself up at the earnest and deep-seated convictions of once. He appears deranged, and it is valued friends, politically, and that both claimed that Curtis won from him their right and my own inclinations will The snow blockade on the Central Pacithe affections of his wife and induced her forbid my promoting your success in a fuffic railroad, in the Sierra Nevada mountains the forby sight

refused to do so. Her refusal preyed upon his mind, and he has been in the habit of conferring, and any personal motives of my wrecks of the sheds, and trains again run repeating expressions apparently wholly own in the matter must, as you readily apirrelevant, in a crazed manner, to the myspreciate, terminate with this act, not Burglary grudgingly performed.

Very truly yours HENRY M. HOYT How Retreachment is Strangled.

New York Sun. It is more than doubtful whether the reforms proposed by the committee on rules for the better management of the business of the House of Representatives, which is constantly growing, and for removing ob-structive forms that now encumber the accepted manual, will be adopted. A long and a sharp debate is expected by the friends and by the opponents of the report. the proposition to refer the annual river jail at Rock Island. and harbor bill, now reported from the committee on commerce to the committee on appropriations, from which all the gen-

eral supply bills emanate. This bill, though not enumerated among the "general appropriation," has become as much so as any of the others, and if uniformity and a system of regulating the public expenditures are to be observed, it ought to take the same direction as they do. Otherwise, the work of retrenchment, if pursued as a policy, might be materially harmed by an exception which casts the country millions every year, without valuable return for the ex-Although there are important standing

ommittees, representing military and naval and diplomatic and Indian affairs, and the postal service, and pensions, yet all the money bills relating to them come from the appropriation committee. The committee on commerce wants to be excepted from this rule, and to be independent in its action, so that the river and harbor bill, which is made up by a combination of local interests, and without proper regard to public works of importance, may be log-rolled through the House as it was last year, with a grant of seven and a half millions, without even being read!

That surely cannot be called legislation in any proper sense, which takes the in-terest on nearly two hundred millions of four per cent out of the treasury to squander on trout streams, creeks and bayous, that by no possibility can be rendered navigable. Selfishness rises above party, and professed principles are cast aside when its desires are to be gratified. Democrats, Republicans and Greenbackers forget their differences and join hands in a common raid for the plunder of their to large and valuable fowls, but it allowed own constituents, who at last have to foot

If the proposed reforms are beaten on this test, as is probable, the interest in the rest of the work will necessarily be diminished, and the committee cannot look for any well sustained support on either side. Reform of any kind has a hard road to travel in these days, especially when its pretended friends, who got into power by a loud affectation of zeal for the cause, are the first to abandon it and to combine with their opponents in a waste of the public money, which ought to be branded as brazen stealing.

#### STATE ITEMS.

The Oxford mines, in Hyde Park, caved that the bulk of the valuable premiums in on Saturday night, badly shattering should fall to the breeders of these valu-Thomas McNicholls's and John O'Hara's able fowls, even though they happen to tall

William Rinehart, an extensive tobacco judged by the fancier's standard. dealer, and well-known citizen of Pittsburgh died on Friday.

Daniel Fahey, of Pittsburgh, an employee of Anderson & Co.'s steel works. was killed on Saturday by being caught in the belting of a wheel, and dragged under it. Nelson J. Lee, a former temperance

apostle, who lectured to large audiences in all the middle states a year ago, but who now keeps a saloon in Erie, gave a public lecture in that city last night on his fall from grace. Several hundred coal miners at Irwin's

station, who have been idle for two months have gone to work again, their demands having been acceded to. Railroad miners at different points are idle now, awaiting the outcome of Wednesday's con-

People on the upper Delaware are getting anxious about the ice crop. The river is free from ice and the houses are all empty. Hundreds of hands are patienty waiting for a cold snap to come and give them employment in cutting and storing

The regular criminal term of court for January, before Judge Cummin, ended at Williamsport, on Saturday evening, with the sentence of sixteen prisoners, ten of whom go to the Eastern penitentiary for terms ranging from twelve and a-half years to two and a-half. Two others, convicted of grave offenses, were not sentenced, motions for new trials having been made.

A large meeting of persons who claim to be heirs to the Blackmore estate, which is located in the District of Columbia, was held in Pittsburgh on Saturday. Some of the heirs live in Beaver county, some in Sewickley and some in Pittsburgh, and altogether number upwards of fifty. The estate of which they desire to possess themselves is said to be worth two or three million dollars.

### LATEST NEWS BY MAIL.

The semi-annual meeting of the Union of the American Hebrew congregations was held at Cincinnati yesterday. Three boys were drowned while skating

on the Connecticut river at Longmeadow.

Mass., on Saturday. Two houses and several small buildings in Taylorsville, Ohio, were demolished by a tornado on Friday night. No person is

reported injured. A large meeting of friends of Ireland was held at Indianapolis yesterday, and Mr. Parnell was invited to visit that

John Hall and Brunell Smith, both colored, have been sentenced to be hanged in Reading, was suspected, and a constable at Nashville, Tenn., for the murder of of Lancaster county was in Reading look-Major Pugh, committed in May last.

The work of improving the sanitary condition of Memphis, in conformity with the suggestions of the national board of health commission, will proceed at once.

A severe wind storm in Montreal on Saturday morning proved very destructive to trees, telegraph wires and chimneys. A massive cross on the dome of St. Ann's church was blown down. The exposures of grave robbing at Oak-

stopped the traffic in dead bodies, and it is now proposed to prosecute all who have have been concerned in the transactions. All the Catholic churche; Mass., took collections yesterday on behalf of the suffering tenants in Ireland. The m mey subscribed will be paid to Mr. Parnell on the occasion of his visit there to-The Democratic caucus of the Mississippi

Legislature to nominate a United States

senator to succeed Senator Bruce had six

ineffectal ballots on Saturday night. The

last vote stood-Barksdale, 52; Walthall, 38; Singleton, 36, scattering, 5. Martin Paquette, a former tenant of the his left breast. The affair grew out of a disagreement while settling their landlord

and tenant accounts. if she would discourage Curtis, but she friends. This term conferred on you th day morning, terminated last evenin

wrecks of the sheds, and trains again run

Burglars attempted to enter the Thayer jewelry manufacturing company's building, at Astoria, L. I., on Saturday night, but were driven off by the watchman, who tired several shots and wounded one of the burglars, a trail of blood being discovered in the morning. Two shots were fired at the watchman, but without effect.

John C. Keyser and John W. Paimer, painters, formerly of Pennsylvania, employed on a farm in Zume township, Rock Island township, Illinois, became involved in a fight on Thursday last, when Keyser fractured Palmer's skull with a hammer. friends and by the opponents of the report.

The principal point of controversy will be the hand of a young lady. Keyser is in

### LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

POULTRY PREMIUMS. A tientle Growl and a Few Words of Advice

Now that the poultry show is over and

he premiums awarded by the judges have been paid to the winners, it may not be amiss to call the attention of the society to what appears to have been a mistake in the arrangement of the premium list. An examination of the list will show that considerably more than one-half of all the premiums paid by the society were awarded to the pigeons and bantams exhibited in the small room of Locher's building, while considerably less than one-half was received by the owners of the magnificent display of fowls which filled the two large rooms. To be more exact, the pigeons twenty choice varieties, only

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were awarded \$38, the bantams \$30, and the other fowls, including more than from 10 to 13 cents. For '78 Connecticut 256 The best coop of pigeons received a special premium of \$5; the best coop of bantams, \$10, while the magnificent coops of Brahmas, Cochins, Plymouth Rocks, and other varieties of large fowls, received no special premiums, and only a few of them any premium at all. This remarkable result cannot justly be charged to any unfairness on the part of the judges, for they performed their duties with impartiality. The mistake was in the premium list itself. It not only awarded as high a premium to bantams as these pretty little pets to come in competition with the others as the "best birds on exhibition," and thus carry off the highest prizes. These remarks are not made in a spirit of fault-finding, but rather as a timely warning, so that the same mistake may not be repeated next year. A poultry so ciety to be of any practical value must do all in its power to encourage the rearing of the best varieties of fowls-those varieties best adapted for supporting the market with meat and eggs. These are the heavy Asiatics, the Plymouth Rocks, the Leghorns, Hamburgs games, &c. An exhibition premium list should be so arranged or point or two below the bantams, when

Swedenborgian Lectures. There were large audiences in the meeting room of the New (Swedenborgian) church, third story of Long's drug store building, yesterday morning and evening, to hear Rev. J. E. Bowers, the missionary of the church who has been visiting the society here, and whose Friday evening lecture we published in full on Saturday Rev. Bowers, preached in the forenoon and in the evening lectured on "Angels and Spirits-Where do they dwell? Their bodily forms and the garments in which they are elad. Their state of life, employments and heavenly enjoyments." The discourses on both occasions were expositions of the Swedenborgian doctrines, especially with reference to the relations of the angelic heavens and the human race. Rev. Bowers is a graceful, easy writer and a modest, unpretentious pulpit orator, and his addresses were listened to attentively by an audience that included people of his own faith, Catholies, Lutherans, Reformed, Methodists, Presbyterians, Episcopalians,

#### Moravians and nondescripts. The Dance.

There is quite a breeze in the Presbyterian circles of Marietta over the prohibition of dancing among the members of that denomination by their pastor. The recent brilliant masked ball at Mr. Duffy's, which was attended by some Presbyterians, furnished the special occasion for the anathema, and since that Rev. J. M. McElmoyle has several times announced his disapprobation of this feature of social life. At his last prayer meeting he announced that if his members persisted in dancing he would resign, and yesterday he said from the pulpit that if any of his members attended dancing parties, public or private, they would be "sessioned." A New Year party is to be given by some of the Marietta ladies this week and some of the Presbyterians say Rev. McE. will have a chance | day. to enforce the threatened discipline.

Arrest of an Alleged Horse Thief. John Lichtenberger, of Litiz, is under arrest in Reading, on the charge of stealing a horse, carriage and harness from John Dutt and Wm, Gantz, near Manheim. He was lodged in prison. At the time of the theft, a young man who formerly resided ing into the case.

Debt Paid.

The debt on the Millersville M. E. church has all been provided for. Some small subscriptions have not yet come in, but are expected soon. The people of the church are very grateful to their many friends in Lancaster and vicinity who have aided this society in saving its propwood cemetery, Richmond, Va., have erty.

Has Seven Foxes.

Brisbin Skiles, proprietor of the Mount ernon hotel, Salisbury township, a noted fox hunter, has recently caught at different times seven foxes, which he has chained on his premises. Mr. Skiles proposes to have a grand hunt with these foxes at no distant day.

Sale of Real Estate. Henry Shubert, auctioneer, sold at pub-

lic sale on last Saturday on the premises in Poplar street, 16 building lots belonging Passed Through.

Col. Mapleson's opera troupe of 246 persons passed west through this city yesterday. They were en route for Chicago.

Appointed Postmaster. Levi H. Gochnauer has been appointed postmaster at East Hempfield postoflice,

TOBACCO.

The New York Market--- The Crop Still Con C. S. Tobseco Journal

It continues to look lonely in our market.

Of course, as our friends of the Lancaster papers would say, "the best blood" of the leaf trade is packing new tobacco and, as we say, "the best blood" of the cigar manufacturing interest remains at home. Where are the buyers?" the wearied leaf men are now exclaiming, as the see day after day pass accompanied by no call for obacco. The fact of the matter is that the large manufacturers are gradually becoming wholly independent of our leaf market. They buy from country packers or themselves pack in the country. So do the great mass of Western jobbers. Only small parcels of goods-mere necessitiesare being bought here by them. High prices are the cause of this. The leaf market of New York city thrives only when prices are low. The folly of those who invested in '79 tobacco at unwarrantably high figures will bring about it own punishment. All the talk that, for example, the fine '79 Pennsylvania is the finest tobacco ever raised and therefore will sell at high figures, is but so much bosh. The limited jobbing trade does not risk buying bigh-priced goods when the country is flooded with tobacco which will sellat low figures, and contains fine tobacco as well. Cigar manufacturers cannot pay high figures, not alone for the reason just mentioned, but because of the iror-handed

competition which does not allow of the raising of prices of eigars. There was a little improvement in '78 Pennsylvania goods this week, and some small but fair running lots were sold at 18 and 19 cents. '78 Ohio again received considerable attention, and some 300 cases were sold at from 101 to 14 cents running. Pennsylvania fillers of the '78 crop realize very little call was made, and the sales reported amount to 100 cases seconds, at 133 cents, and 68 cases wrappers at 28 to 30

cents. Havana-Market active. Sales 550 bales, Strictly fine 79 goods sell at extraordinarily high figures. One sale of 107 bales was made at \$1.65. There is a large quantity of very good fillers, though, in stock, which sell from \$1.10 to \$1.25. Inferior styles can be bought in bond at from 35 to 50 cents.

The Local Tobacco Trade. The principal features of the trade deserving notice at this time is the unprecedentedly large receipts of baled leaf at the warehouses, and the continued activity among buyers. Although fully threefourths of the crop of the county has been secured, there continues a demand for "more," and there is scarcely a lot of good leaf offered for sale but there are two or three buyers eager to get it. This spirited competition which has been pronounced "ruinous," "stupid" and "idiotie" by certain would-be organs of the trade, appears to have been of great advantage to the packers as well as the growers. The latter have received an ample reward for their careful and well-directed industry. and the former are not only in possession of the finest crop of leaf ever grown, but they have by their enterprise and pluck added a tone to the market which has kept up prices to such a figure that they have been able gradually to slide off at a fair profit their large packings of '78 leaf, which had received such a "black eye" early in the season as to make it for a time quite an elephant on their hands,

Besides the advantages shared mutually by the packers and growers, the community at large has been greatly benefited by the early lifting of the crop. As is, well known, many small farmers and croppers are compelled to buy their household supplies on credit from the country storekeepers, depending on the sale of their tobacco to liquidate their debts. In years gone by, when the crop was not lifted until late in the winter (and sometimes not until spring) the croppers could not pay their store bills and the storekeepers could not pay the wholesale merchants with whom they dealt. As a consequence there were hundreds of petty and vexatious lawsuits among the parties, involving heavy losses and sometimes ruin to the litigants, and of no possible benefit to anybody except the justices and lawyers. Now, all this is changed; the croppers, with pockets full of money, pay their store bills, the store keepers pay the wholesaler, the packer works off his old stock and supplies it with a better one, not one lawsuit is heard of where formerly there were scores of them; 'here are few or no failures; constant employment is given to thousands of men in stripping, sorting, marking and packing the crop, and there is a general "boom" of prosperity all around, instead of the bankruptey that was prophesied by the organs of the

Of the erop of 1878 nearly 400 cases sold in this city during the past week, the terms being private, but reported satisfactory. Of the crop of 1879, not less than \$200,000 worth was delivered at the warehouses in this city, and paid for on Satur-

The York Dispatch of Saturday says: · Messrs. Skiles & Frey received at Wrightsville 125,000 pounds of tobacco from the lower end of the county, all of which was brought by teams. Samuel Koches sold 275 cases of his 1878 crop to a Philadelphia firm."

Large numbers of sales continue to be reported, showing that prices are being fully maintained. Only a few of the city warehouses are receiving to-day. Among John S. Rohrer's receipts we notice a five-acre crop grown by C. V. Kendig, of Conestoga, for which 25, 8 and 3 was paid. Five acres grown on the same farm by William and Jacob Caldwell was sold to Wertheimer for 251, 10 and 5. Jacob Morrison, of Manor township, sold 24 acres of tobac-

co to Schuberth & Co., for 28, 10 and 5. Purchasers generally commend the growers for the excellent form in which they deliver their goods. There are, of course, some unworthy exceptions, where the avaricious grower attempts do palm off seconds for wrappers, and in one or two instances we hear of turnips, stones, and other foreign matter being tied up in the bales. The short-sighted rascals guilty of these practices are almost always found out, docked, and their names placed upon the black list.

Kevival at Brownstown.

A revival of great interest is now in to the estate of Henry C. Locher, de- progress in the church of the Evangelical ceased, at an average price of \$155 per lot, association, in Brownstown, West Earl township, of which Rev. F. Sechrist is the pastor. It has been going on for thirty\_ five days and already sixty persons have been converted. On next Saturday and Sunday the quarterly conference will be held in this church, and Rev. Joseph Saylor, the presiding elder, who has been a minister for a great many years will preach his farewell sermon.