Lancaster Intelligencer.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, FEB. 11, 1880.

The County Assessment.

Our county commissioners are engaged in the throes of an effort to equalize the taxable values of the county, but they do not seem to appreciate the magnitude of the job they have undertaken, and they are likely to leave it in a worse state than they have found it. There is no doubt at all that real estate is very unequally valued not only by the different assessors but even by the same assessor. It is a very difficult thing to determine the value of every piece of real estate in a district, and to put upon each one its proper rate. It requires experience. skill, honesty and industry, to do it with any near approach to accuracy, and then it is only approximately done. Very few assessors come up to the needed standard, and it is not at all strange, therefore, that there should often be gross irregularities in the values they put upon different pieces of property, and it is quite impossible that there should not be great unevenness in the assessments of different assessors. The county commissioners are authorized to act as a board of revision to correct these irregularities, and in fact it is their sworn duty so to act. The present commissioners are entitled to credit for their manifested wish to discharge this duty, but it is obvious that it will be a great work and cannot be satisfactorily performed in the few days that are assigned to the hearing of appeals. The theory of the law seems to be that all persons too heavily taxed will appeal from the impost and that thus provision made to secure the review of about the same time he will publish his justice will be done. But there is no cases where a too small valuation has been placed upon property: and, since a certain tax has to be raised, great injustice is done to the citizen whose property has been assessed at its proper value by the fact that other properties are appraised at less than their value, and so an unduly heavy proportion of the tax required is put upon him. The trouble is not that any particular property is rated above the market value: that does not often occurand when it does it is soon remedied. The difficulty lies in a too low assessment of many pieces of property. It does not really matter whether property is assessed at its full value, or at a half, or a fourth of it, so that every piece is assessed at the same proportion of its value; but it is easier to secure this result by assessing women. at market values, as thus the accuracy

of different classes of property in differ- makes a number of charitable bequests. ent sections of the county, and if they do this intelligently they may be able to do something of value towards the correction of the irregularities of as- corps last night was the most brilliant ment. We fear, however, that, being all entertainments ever given at the executive countrymen and farmers, they incline mansion. to show a blind eye to the low valuation of farm property. Undeniably farms are assessed at a price much below what terviewed Senator Wallace in Washington they would bring in the market; and on the presidency, reports him as saying: when the attention of the commissioners | "I am a Penasylvanian and always for is called to this they excuse it on the Pennsylvania, whether it be Hancock or ground that farms pay but a small inter- | Randall ; you understand?" est upon the investment. The heavy valuation of city and business property they defend on the ground that it can well afford to pay the impost. They forget the rental of property is to control the rived at the port was 3,982, of whom 2,tax, and not market value, it would be necessary to relieve all property from value in the market so much greater prison. proportionately to their yield than that of any other class of property. A farm will always yield some revenue; while a manufactory often times not only yields Norwich, Conn., was \$1,300, and the state or from the (by that time) crowded city of Basle. nothing but even costs a great deal to attorney, with a view to economy, em- Spokane, to pass a quiet summer among the care for in its periods of idleness.

commissioners in seeking to equalize tax- cost at less than \$1,000. Professor Johnation; and that is to put upon every prop- son's bill is, however, \$2,380, and it is and rollicking sons brought the goberty the price it would bring in the mar- understood that the state will dispute it. ket, and to let the taxable value be affected by no other consideration whatever. That is the law and that is their duty.

The Anti-Cameron Folks.

ington, at whose belt hangs a Cameron the way in which the caucuses were held; scalp, still dripping with the blood of new primaries will probably be called. of the tall cross lashed in the bow, falling 1878, has been telling some of the news. Business men are to organize a club in paper men there that his friends in this New York city to advocate the nominacounty are not going to stand the Camer. tion of Secretary Sherman. on dictation. Though he himself was but lately a Grant man, he does not propose to see his birthright to political supremacy in Lancaster county shameless- Appopos of the Sensenig-Furniss Pool and ly bartered away, nor himself remanded to an insignificant position by having his inveterate enemies carry the county for science, although no exactly an exact one, all their plans. It is war to the knife in Lancaster. That county, which with between him and Cameron and he tells all its rugged honesty, manages to keep a the reporters of Newspaper Row that his people will hold a mass meeting politicians, has presented nothing more like their neighbors in Chester coun audacious in the line of partisan rascality ty and denounce "the family" rule. than is set forth in a letter printed here-Some Lancaster county politician has been talking to a Tribune reporter in the funds to carry a certain slate of same style, and of course there is even county candidates through a primary greater pretext for the proposed formal and the county election. expression of indignation here than in Chester, because of Lancaster county's greater importance and because, after greater importance and because, after ment, secured by notes, in case of success, all, Chester county got her deserts and and with an understanding as to the disthe local nominee was approved by the tribution of the spoils of the offices that Cameron convention. In Lancaster were to be bought. The scheme was only county the masses of the party were ighard planned it fell out and had the nored, their wishes defied, their rules effrontery to go to the courts for a settleviolated and every element of fairness ment of their dispute. It is an interestdespised.

But the anti-Cameron people here are escence. There are no bills posted yet while they are careful enough to allow hall has been hired, and no order has gone private business.

forth to "let the band play." Congressman Smith had better come home and see about it, and the man who talked to the Tribune reporter must "enthuse" his brethren a little if he wants his hopes On the Forty-ninth Parallel, Forty Westto be realized.

PERSONAL.

JOSEPH SELIGMAN, the well-known New York banker, is ill in Florida.

General WILLIAM B. TIBBITTS died his residence in Troy, N. Y., last night. FRANCIS D. MOULTON was yesterday elected president of the International Dairy fair association.

M. ISAAC ADOLPHE CREMIEUX, Republican life senator in France, who had been suffering from bronchitis, died last night at the age of 84.

John Rice, who participated in Perry's victory on Lake Erie, and the only survivor of that famous fight, died at his home in Shelly, O., yesterday.

Capt. THOMAS AULD, who was formerly the owner of Frederick Douglass, died on Sunday last at his residence near St. Michaels, Talbot county.

Governor Roberts, of Texas, is over seventy years of age; but nevertheless was sprightly enough to dance at a party the other evening with seven young ladies. His dress suit was of homespun.

Mr. EUGENE SCHUYLER, the American consul in Rome, is living in the Altemps palace, where he is about to entertain M. and Mme. Waddington. Mr. Schuyler married Mme. Waddington's sister.

The name of REAR FRAZER, of this eity, who is assistant paymaster of the United States navy, was sent to the Senate for confirmation on Monday as passed assistant paymaster.

Victor Hugo will be seventy-eight years old on the 26th of this month, and new books, "Religions et Religion" and "Toute la Lyre." The poet is hale and vigorous.

Rev. CHARLES H. PARKBURST has re signed the pastorate of the Congregational church at Lenox to accept that of the Madison Avenue church of New York, at a salary of \$8,000. Mr. Parkhurst has been the Lenox pastor for five years at a salary

Sir EDWARD THORNTON and his two daughters ride on the roads about Washington every pleasant day; the whitewhiskered father on a handsome bay, the young ladies on two beautiful mousecolored horses. The English girls' high hats and short blue habits are mentioned as being of the most delicately trim fashion. and they are remarkably graceful horse-

The late ADOLPH E. BORIE, in his will, gives all his property to his wife, Elizabeth D. Borie, for life, with the power to use as much of the principle as she desires and The commissioners need, to properly to dispose of the residue by her last will. discharge their duty, to inform them- In default of such disposition he makes selves of the present market value of the following disposition of the residue. each piece of real estate in the county; After sundry legacies to personal friends which is a task of a magnitude that they and relatives, amounting in the aggregate will shrink from. They may content to \$34,000, and including therein a legacy themselves with inquiring into the value | to General Ulysses S. Grant of \$10,000, he

MINOR TOPICS.

The reception of Hayes to the diplomatic

A. Pittsburgh correspondent who in

during the month of January, 1880, 7,512 high premium for transportation, than to passengers, 5,839 of whom were immi- attempt repairs where labor is so dear. that law imposes the tax not upon the grants. During the corresponding period revenue but upon the land, and that if of 1879 the total number of passengers ar-331 were immigrants.

POINDEXTER, who is now in the Virtaxation that does not yield an income : ginia penitentiary for the murder of Curbut whoever heard of a tax being remit- tis, has taken out a marriage license and it ted because a dwelling, a store or a man- is understood will be united shortly to ufactory stood idle? Farms, while their Miss Isabella Cottrell. The young returns are small, are a safe investment woman's foot, it will be remembered, cost of capital, and this it is which makes their | Curtis his life and sent Poindexter to

Professor Doremus's bill for services There is but one safe guide for the lege, in the Riddle case, estimating the quite as orignal, as the placid old

REPORTS from Illinois state that Grant has been weakened there by the action of his friends in Pennsylvania. Six of the ten delegates elected from Albany county aries and the great "Hudson Bay comto the Utica (N. Y.) convention have re- pany" vied with each other in piercing Congressman A. Herr Smith at Wash- signed on account of the protests against this new Norse land. Their boat prow

THE DISHONEST FACE TO THE FRONT.

Philadelphia Times. Political jobbery has been reduced to a dishonest face to the front about all the time through the misrepresentation of its with. Several Republican traders in votes formed a ring which was to raise the ing story of the greed and treachery of political bosses that came out on the trial and has a moral which may be comused to this sort of treatment. Their mended not only to hucksters in votes and opponents have visited it upon them and offices, but to the voters who, not alone in rubbed it into them so often that they Lancaster, entrusted the management of can presume very far upon their acquiTHE FAR NORTHWEST.

A YOUNG ARMY OFFICER'S OBSERVA-

Among a Peculiar People—W They are and What they do. Special Correspondence of the INTELLIGENCES

FORT COLVILLE, W. T., Jan. 15, 1880. Nothing strikes one more forcibly in new country than the absence of that character so often unappreciated, "The Oldest Inhabitant." A stranger yourself, you at first are given to asking questions but find everyone else as much of a stranger as you are, and that their information results, not from any knowledge. but from the truly Western talent for handling unknown subjects with imaginative complacency. Profiting by one or two impositions on his eredulity, the "stranger" strikes boldly out and always knows more about the country than any one he meets, whether the latter be from St. Louis, Chicago, Philadelphia or New York, from which four points every one seems either directly or indirectly to hail. An air of mystery pervades the doings

and conversation of all your traveling companions, and a tacit etiquette prevents any allusion to occupations or intentions as you near the line of the railroad this be comes more and more apparent, and, lying over a day or so to obtain conveyance-you see the whole party scatter helter-skelter on Indian ponies, mules and on "shanks mare," after the most hasty breakfasts Later you run across one at work on a quartz vein with hammer and micro scope, others are seen wading streams in search of mill-sites or listennote book in hand, the concurring reasons for some embroyo town becoming the metropolis of the Spokane country, as they are emphatically exposed, by its half-dozen citizens, whose tent-covered houses are supposed, with the assistance of a stake or two, to indicate a labyrinth of avenues and streets and the sites of the omnipresent court house, church and school house, upon one of which, all unconscious, he may be standing. The far greater number of your companions only turn up dusty and weary as the sun drops behind the "buttes," and, from the general remarks about others being ahead of them and the determination to "try it further out on the line" (you are already three hundred miles ahead of the first pick on the N. P. R. R.), you discover that these are the contractors, speculators, miners, land agents and mill men, who are always found on the outer edge of emigration, looking for "a good thing" of any description with money in it.

A striking feature of this immigration is that the foreign element is entirely want. ing, leaving it not only purely American, but modern (not to say young American). Wagons, harness, ploughs, arms and tools are all of the latest and most improved patterns. The wagons are all from one or two large manufactories, with their parts made by exact patterns and interchangable; so that you can pick the part you break from the nearest wreck. Here, what the uninitiated would call a wagon is a Bain or a Studebaker, just as the word rifle has been superseded by the terms "Winchester" and "Remington."

Clothes, too, show similar peculiarities; everyone, even the Chinaman and Indian, wears the brown canvas hunting suit with its riveted buttons, seams and game pockets, its braces, reinforce straps and buckles, conveniently distributed to meet every possible requirement of wear and tear; and all bearing the trademark of some New else up here, when they begin to wear out they are 'thrown away and new ones There arrived at the port of New York | bought; a cheaper plan, even with the

Yet here, as in certain parts of our East_ ern country, there are districts which seem destined to be passed by, undisturbed by the tide of progress. The valley of the Colville, differing as it does in its historical associations (for it has a history), in its inhabitants, institutions, and language, from the country around it, may, like Hudson, withdraw itself from the world, forefathers, undisturbed by the jostlings of from West to East. civilization outside its guardian mountains. Some "Irving" of the 20th cenin the Cobb-Bishop poisoning case, at tury, fleeing from the bustle of Walla-la ployed Professor Johnson, of Yale col- pines, may find here a race quite as quaint, Dutchmen whose pretty daughters lins about the ears of "Ichabod Crane." Quite as romantic as the landing of old Hendrick Hudson is their pilgrimage across this continent, wild as it was fifty years ago and earlier, when the Jesuit missionploughing unknown water; the shadow in weird outline on the placid surface, while to the splash of the paddle is tuned the French boat song of the voyagers or the chants of the missionaries. Or else scudding over the frozen snow crust in dog sledges and camping under snow drifts, while bringing in the "catch" of costly furs from some "Hudson Bay company's" factory (as their forts were called) or carrying to the "Facteur" (the lone "Scotchman" in command of the "factory" and the score of the French "servants" of the company stationed there) his yearly mail; and the replies from bonnie Scotland to letters written

two long years before. Hardship came in full measure to these explorers, but no sooner past than it was forgotten by their buoyant, suffering, careless nature, which, as well as the language, has strangely enough been perfectly preserved through so many changes and whose wife died on the 21st ultimo., com-

A strong infusion of Indian blood, has, in most cases, done little but exaggerate these traits. "Mitlite! C'est le mien celui-ci. You bet !"-a sentence I heard to-day !"-explain by -- "Stop! This is mine! You bet-in three languages, how the euphonious French is introduced by the startling Indian and backed up by the emphatic Anglo-Saxon, and illustrates the character of our rising generation.

At one end of the valley, surrounded by its colony of log cabins, each with its for the alleged indignation meeting, no none but honest men to attend to their Indian "teppee" beside it (for, though the was taken to the Morgue. "Siawash" [Indian] will keep his pigs in a George F. Slosson, of New York, and given out after the burial.

log cabin he must have his lodge to live Maurice Vignaux. of Paris, France are in), you will find the "Mission," with its Brothers' house (or monastery) and its Sisters' house (or convent); where, if you are as lucky as we were, you may hear a large class of Indian girls at the Convent school sing several choruses in purest English. As to whether they know what they are saying, or can speak the language otherwise than poetically, you will not stop to inquire: neither should you question the utility of a highly cultivated rendition of "The Sweet By-and-By" as a means of practical education. For, what Eastern seminary would tolerate a similar inquisition, and how can you call the "Sisters" to account? On a slight knoll in the valley stands the foundation of what is to be a large handsome church, in the form of a cross, while lower down a steam saw mill is gnawing away at the logs that are to furnish lumber for it. All around stretch the wheat fields and pastures, where the farming and stock raising is carried on by

tend to the sawing, building, &c. Our chief being well known to the fraternity, we found, when about to leave, that a most bountiful and excellent repast had been prepared, with hospitable forethought, by one of the lay brothers, and we willingly proceeded to discuss it with the "Father," whose tales of early adventure were appropriate seasoning; though, in truth, little condiment was needed after a spin of eight miles in a sleigh with four in hand. As we left the table, whose height had all along been perplexing my curiosity as well as upsetting all my theories as to the transfer of food from plate to mouth, we were informed that it was also used as an altar when the cold prevented the use of the chapel.

some of the lay brothers, while others at-

I must acknowledge that the "habitant" of Colville valley, this grandson of France, with all his poetical or romantic association, is, in a proper spirit of frankness, like the Indian, the Italian peasant and other favorites of romance an, unpleasant object for practical contemplation. Ignorant, lazy and dirty, his lack of energy, ambition and enterprise, limit his highest aim to bread and meat enough for the present, only; and his ideal of happiness never surpasses a break-neck gallop down the valley with half a gallon of whisky aboard.

Established for a score of years in one of the most fertile valleys of this fertile country he does not yet know what a kitchen garden is; and has not deigned to take example from the soldiers, who stake out half an acre right by his ranche, and take home wagon loads of magnificent vegetatime, every week or two, while he was away on a social visit to a friend in the neighborhood? These "dairymen" won't bother themselves about such small matters, and it is therefore no wonder that butter sells for \$1 per pound, and eggs for the same price per dozen, right in the midst

his apples at " four for a dollar." weight of its competition; or else, as I am British possessions. "Good Queen Vic" York sporting emporium. Like everything | will no doubt find in them a tractable set | that has elapsed without enlightening them on the succession of monarchs of the British throne, they seem to be constitutionally unfitted to grasp the rapid changes

N. B. "Out-fit" is a word used to desig nate anything and everything in the Northwest (synonymous with "rig" "circus," "celebration" and "boom, "Sleepy Hollow," on the highlands of the in their now general meanings); and which of the fight were made public. is perhaps to work its way into public and live over and over the traditions of its favor; for slang, unlike the sun, travels

LATEST NEWS BY MAIL. Haves has nominated Frank H. Mason, of Ohio, to be United States counsul at

Miles Conrad, of Wyandotte, Michigan, was shot by an unknown assassin on Monday night.

Scott Cooper, a prominent stock dealer was chloroformed and robbed of \$3,000 in hotel at Brookville, Indiana, yester

Benjamin Rowell, another member of the Finn gang of counterfeiters, has been

The French steamship Valentine, from Cardiff, for Dieppe, has foundered. Sixteen persons were killed. Madri Gras was observed yesterday at

New Orleans, Mobile and Galveston with

from Northern cities being present at New Orleans. On Monday night a bridge was burned on the Petersburg and Weldon railroad, at said. Hickford, over the Meherrin river. It was

200 feet long, built in 1866, and the finest bridge on the road. While at the Powhatan steamboat company's wharf house, yesterday, Andrew Boisseaux, a respected citizen of Petersburg. Va., was caught between the warehouse and a passing freight train and crushed to death.

Frederick Eagle called at a New York police station last night and stated that he ed or the damage estimated at present. had murdered his mother-in-law, in Buffalo, six years ago. He was locked up and the authorities of Buffalo telegraphed

The body of Alexander Campbell has been stolen from the grave in the parish cemetery of St. Malache de Ormstown, at Montreal. The medical colleges have been searched by the police, but without discovering the remains. George Beck, a Swiss, 31 years of age

enerations since its importation from mitted suicide on Monday, by shooting, on from under the car. He will his wife's grave, in the Lutheran cemetery, Queens county, Long Island. He bruises. was crazed by grief at his bereavement. Mr P. Lorillard's brown gelding Parole (aged) is first favorite in the betting for the race for the Lincolnshire Handicap, which will take place at the Lincoln

Spring meeting, on Wednesday, March 17, by 100 to 6. Fred Archer will probably de Parole. At 4 p. m., yesterday, the body of a girl the alleged murder, and charged with hav-5 years old, dressed in a brown sacque, ing killed Guennette and placing his body trimmed with blue, gray petticoat, button shoes, and white stockings was found in shoes, and white stockings, was found in the Harlem river off 16th street, New but on Monday stated that her conscience

matched to play 4,000 points in Paris for a stake of \$1,000 at the regular three-ball game of billiards, the Collender challenge cup rules to govern the contest, said rules permitting unlimited rail play.

In Peoria, Ill., yesterday, Jacob Frye, an old resident of that city and Chicago, was shot and instantly killed by his sonin-law, Luther B. McKinney. Twenty years ago the father of the murdered man. Smith Frye, was shot in the same place. McKinney quarreled with his wife and blamed her parents for their trouble.

South street, N. Y., yesterday was lined with idle 'longshoremen. Probably not one man of the 'Longshoreman's Union No. 1 could be found that was willing to work for less than forty cents an hour, day and night, as was agreed upon some time ago. They are to have a meeting to-night at which the subject af wages wil be dis-

FIGHTING OVER A LOVER. Sanguinary Duel Between Two Girls in Vir was in Doubt as to Which he Liked Best—One Takes a Club and

Other a Pitchfork. In Onancock, Va., a sanguinary duel was fought between two women last Saturday, which resulted in the probable fatal wounding of both. Miss Louise Wise and Miss Margaret Downing had for some time excited much comment in the little village because of their jealous quarrels over the attentions of a young man named Benjamin Young. On one or two occaions they had come to blows in his preence, and were only restrained from seiously injuring each other by the efforts of Young. This young man seems to have been in doubt as to which of the maidens possessed his heart, and realizing the force of the axiom :

How happy I could be with either Were t'other dear charmer away, temporized with them and had little difficulty in convincing each that she was the object of his admiration. At length on Friday evening he went to a party with Miss Wise, and while dancing with her the assemblage was thrown into intense excitement by the sudden appearance of Miss Downing, who, in a tragic manner, stalked up to the couple and forbid her lover to dance with her rival. As she stood facing the couple, with her eyes inflamed with passion, it was thought that violence would be the next act in the drama. Suddenly, however, with a piercing shriek she sank to the floor in a swoon, frothing at the mouth as though suffering from an epileptic fit. She was removed by her friends

and Young and Miss Wise withdrew. The following day Miss Wise received a note from Miss Downing, requesting her to call upon her as she wished to see her about an important matter. Miss Wise went to her rival's house, as requested. She entered the yard, walked around the kitchen entrance, pushed open the door and walked inside, saw her rival seated by the stove, with her head resting moodily upon her hand. When Miss Downing caught sight of Miss Wise she sprang to her feet and, seizing a stout club, rushed at her, shricking with rage. Miss Wise bles of almost any kind in the fall. What ran into the yard and, seeing the other folwould one of our Laneaster county farm- lowing, she picked up a pitch-fork, and, ers say to leaving a herd of twenty milch facing her enraged rival, warned her to Miss Downing exclaimed "All right; we will fight now.

have a weapon, so have I. Both being strong, healthy, country girls, they found no difficulty in wielding their weapons. As Miss Downing rushed at the other, she was met by the threetined fork, which was driven into her breast. The next instant she struck Miss Wise a stunning blow on he head which of their settlement, and that a Scotchman staggered her, and followed it up by a who has a small 10-year-old orehard, sells second blow which felled her to the ground. Miss Wise soon regained her feet, and, assuming the offensive, impaled This race can not hold its own against Miss Downing's hands on the prongs of the Anglo-Saxon, and must either fall to the fork. Again she received a blow the position of its servant, when it feels the on the head from the club, which felled her to the ground, While in this position she thrust the pitchfork into Miss Downinclined to believe, it will gather its lodge- ing's face making three terrible wounds. poles and, deserting its cabins, will drive By this time both were weakened by loss its ponies further north into the wilderness of blood and dropped to the ground inof King George's land, as it still calls the sensible. In this position they were found by some neighbors, who gave the alarm. Dr. Drummond was summoned and was soon in attendance. Both girls were terof subjects; judging from the time ribly injured, Miss Downing having been wounded fourteen times by the pitchfork. and Miss West shockingly bruised and beaten about the head. They are now suffering from a high fever, and the physician has little hope of their recovery. In in our national politics; and we can watch | lucid intervals they gave the particulars their forms grow beautifully less as gladly of the fight, and at the same time each begged pitcously to see Mr. Young. The as we watched the exodus of Sitting Bul's latter, evidently not relishing the notoriety into which he was brought by the strange infatuation of the two girls, has left the town, and no trace of him can be discovered The affair has caused the most intense excitement and the usually quiet little town has been in a turmoil since the particulars

STATE ITEMS.

John Ruth, aged 24 years, had one leg crushed by a blast in a quarry in Upper Merion, Montgomery county, on Monday. nate a candidate for alderman against

Henry L. Diffenbach, esq.

John Liebtreu, aged about 28 years, son of Conrad Liebtreu, proprietor of the Fifth Ward house, corner of Third and Boas streets, Harrisburg, was found dead under the ice in the canal yesterday.

Mr. Daniel O. Hitner, who is Mr. Taylor's colleague to the national convention from the Seventh congressional district-Montgomery and part of Bucks countyproposes to faithfully reflect the sentiment of the people of his county and has declar-

ed enthusiastically for Blaine. The drawings for the class K engines arrived at the Pennsylvania railroad com pany's machine shops at Altoona, on Monday. Work is ordered to commence immedelphia and New York on exceedingly fast time-ninety miles in ninety minutes, it is

In Easton yesterday a leak in the Lehigh water company's reservoir was discovered. The water was running out ou Northampton street for a distance of five squares and then into a sink hole. The property owners fear it will undermine the ouses. There was 1,500 gallons of water in the reservoir when the leak was discovered. The water has fallen four feet and is still running. The leak cannot be locat-

Railroad Disaster.

An engine, tender and a baggage car on the Pictou Branch railway ran off the track yesterday, about a mile from New Glasgow, N. S., tearing up a hundred feet of rails, throwing the engine and tender on one side and the car on the other side, over an emankment of forty feet and crushing the engineer, James Cameron, to be amputated before he could be got die. The fireman escaped with slight

Murder Will Out. A servant girl in Francoui's hotel. St. Henri de Devis, Quebec, died on Monday, making deposition before a priest and other witnesses respecting the Guennette murder. The girl was one of the witnesses in the case of Patton, who was tried for York. The body was not identified and | would not allow her to die before revealing the terrible secret. The story will be

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

OBITUARY.

Death of Adam Gable in Altoons. The following from the Altoona Sun of Laneaster:

The announcement this morning of the

leath of Mr. Adam Gable caused genuire

sorrow to hundred of citizens of Altoona who were accustomed to daily see his good-humored countenance upon the streets, and for a long time there were few who could realize the melancholy fact. Mr. Gable, though not an old resident of Altoona, was one of her best-known citizens. The cause of his death was heart disease, and his taking off was extremely sudden, although Mr. Gable himself of late frequently expressed the belief to his family that he had not a very long time to live, as he recognized the danger of his disease. He returned but a few days ago from the funeral of the husband of his sister at Lancaster, and since that time he seemed more than ever impressed with the conviction that his days on earth were for but a short time. Yesterday, however, he felt considerably better, even to the hour of retiring late last night. About halfpast 5 o'clock this morning he awoke and complained of difficulty in breathing and of an oppressive pain about his heart. He felt very cold, he said, and Mrs. Gable said she would have a fire made. Mr. Gable demurred to this, and intimated that he would soon rise and build the fire himself. Soon after he told his wife he was feeling better-that the pain had left his breast and seemed to be settling on his stomach. Mrs. Gable then rose and went down stairs for the purpose of procuring something warm with which to bandage her husband. While thus engaged she heard a dull thud on the floor above. Thinking one of her children had fallen out of bed she hurried to the room, only to find Mr. Gable lying on the floor, to which he had fallen in an attempt to rise, moaning and gasping for breath. Physicians were despatched for hurriedly, but before they arrived Mr. Gable breathed his last, never having spoken a word after she left him to go down stairs. He died on the floor in the spot where he his last mements by an effort to replace him in bed

Mr. Gable was born in the town of Grosszimmer, in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, in 1839, and was consequently in his 41st year. When 14 years of age his parents emigrated to this country and settled in Lancaster, where his youth was spent and where he learned the business of a confectioner. In 1862 he came to Altoona, and on the 1st of January, 1864, went to Philadelphia and enlisted the army, serving until the war closed. After this he returned to Lancaster and lived there for four years and a half. when he removed to the West, remaining fourteen months and returning again to Altoona, where he lived ever since, a period of nine years, all the time being engaged in the confectionery business on of this city, on the 25th of May, 1863, and was the father of seven children, five of whom are yet living. Mr. Gable was a and his family deeply deplore the great he was a model, and was one of God's no-

olest works, an honest man. The deceased was a member of the German Catholic church, of the Froshinn singing society and the Good Will fire company. No arrangements have as yet been made for his funeral, as one of his brothers is expected this evening from Laneaster, when the place and time of interment will be decided upon. It is very probable, however, in accordance with his expressed wish, that his remains will be removed to Lancaster.

Mr. Gable has two sisters and a brother residing in this city. He learned the confeetionery business with Charles Eden.

St. Luke's Reformed Mission. The chapel of the St. Luke's Reformed mission, situated on Marietta avenue, near West Orange street, which has been in finance committee an opportunity to disprocess of building for a few months past, play his prowess, since he has been "spoilis about being completed. The lot on ing for a fight" of this kind for months. I which the chapel stands was donated by hazard the prediction, however, that he Mr. John C. Hager. The building is of brick, 30x50, Gothic style, with a seating board here at home that they can do some capacity of about two hundred. It is a thing more to complicate the situation and very beautiful little church, adorned and give me trouble by suing me outright for strengthened with buttresses with sandstone caps. Above the door is a large rose levying on my house and lot. They will be window, surrounded with a chaste border quite as likely to succeed in this way as by

The interior is in harmony with the exterior. Exposed rafters with cross beams and braces add both to the beauty and from all the subterfuges, behind which he acoustics of the chapel. All the wood- has for years been attempting to hide his work in the interior is grained in oak. Instead of pews, or settees, it is the intention antly commences to do his duty, but h In the second ward of Lock Haven the of the congregation to use chairs, at least petty spite towards the board of directors Republicans have determined not to nomi- for the present. So as not to contract a that compelled him to do it, he says in debt at the outset, the pulpit will be temporary, while the altar and chancel rail will be dispensed with until they will be I will make you suffer for it; I will issue able to furnish it for permanent use.

> which the congregation and the committee having charge of the erection of the chapel desire in this public way to express their sincere thankfulness.

The chapel will be consecrated to the worship of God on next Sunday, the 15th inst., the service beginning at 3 p. m. The sermon on the occasion will be preachgreat spirit, immense throngs of visitors diately on an experimental locomotive that ed by Rev. C. Z. Weiser, D. D., and other is to be run over the road between Phila- prominent elergymen will also be present to take part in the exercises.

WASHINGTON ITEMS.

Man Nearly Frozen-Cutting Ice-Revival

Samuel Kitch, an unmarried man, aged about 65 years and residing about a mile north of Washington borough, came near freezing to death on Monday night. He had been to Columbia, and at a late hour and under the influence of liquor he left for home. When near Truskett & Co.'s stone grist mill he fell to the ground and, being unable to rise, lay there till Tuesday morning between 6 and 7 o'clock, when he was found by two young men who carried him into the mill. He was entirely helpless and speechless. Dr. Hinkle, of Columbia, was summoned and was soon in almost completely severing his left leg be- attendance. Kitch's recovery is doubtful, tween the knee and the hip. The leg had as he is very badly frozen and his advanced age is against him. Cutting Ice.

> Mrs. Barbara Kane has engaged in cutting ice, and filling her ice house. She is receiving it in a boat at an island below the Columbia dam, and will use it in her going to do about it?" ice cream and confectionery trade. The ice averages about 51 inches in thickness. Revival Meetings.

The revival meetings still continue to be largly attended, and the church altar is nightly crowded with anxious seckers after the truth.

Committee Meeting.

UNPAID SCHOOL APPROPRIATIONS. Dr. Wickersham Avows his Official Derelic-tions and Defies the School Board— "Let the Band Play."

Readers of the INTELLIGENCER need not be reminded of the delay, which, under this morning concerns an old resident of Dr. Wickersham's administration of the department of public instruction, has marked the issue of warrants for the state appropriations due the several school districts for some years past. Time and again the INTELLIGENCER has called attention to Dr. Wickersham's dereliction of official duty in this respect; time and again the Lancaster school board has requested him to draw his warrant on the state treasurer for the amount due the Lancaster schools; and when these requests have been unheeded a formal demand has been made that he shall perform the simple madatory duty of drawing his warrant. These several appeals have been met by Dr. Wickersham in the most inconsistent, shuffling, and evasive manner. He has acted upon the assumption that he was the sole judge as to whether the warrants should or should not be drawn; that he was the custodian of the state treasures and knew when they might or might not be safely drawn on for school purposes. When this unreasonable and arrogant assumption was exploded he took refuge behind the more humiliating one, that his failure to perform his sworn duty was at the request of the state treasurer, and that he would draw his warrants as soon as the state treasurer was able or willing to eash them ! In this manner Dr. Wickersham continued to shuffle and shamble and offer lame excuses until the Lancaster school board at its last meeting by a unanimous vote resolved that legal measures be taken to compel him to draw his warrant for the appropriation due our schools. All these things are familiar to our readers, but we apprehend most of them will be astonished and indignant at the unblushing arrogance with which Dr. Wickersham responds to had fallen, his wife not wishing to disturb the action of the board. In his letter to the state treasurer dated January 5, 1880, he confessed that he had neglected his duty; that that duty was mandatory; that the act of Assembly says the state superintendent shall draw his warrant for the amount due the several districts "that the duty enjoined by that act is positive and clear;" that he had no better reason for his two years' neglect of duty than the notice the state treasurer gave him of his inability to pay the warrants if issued, All this he confessed and then with a whine that "the school interests are suffering terribly," and that "there is a universal demand that he shall issue the warrants," he told his friend the state treasurer that he would be "compelled to adopt Twelfth street, above Eighth avenue. He a different policy," and would commence was married with Miss Rosanna Dankyn, issuing the warrants on the 12th of January. The above are Dr. Wickersham's loving husband and an indulgent father, quickly following them comes a long and peevishly written communication publishloss they have sustained. As a neighbor ed in the New Era, of yesterday, wherein he complains of the action of the Lancaster school board in general, and of Thos

> B. Cochran and Robert A. Evans in pagticular, and then adds: Had it not been for the proceedings of last Thursday evening, the warrant for Lancaster city would in all probability have been reached and issued within the next ten days. The issue of this warrant. however, will now be postponed for the purpose of enabling the finance committee to carry into effect their instructions, by doing me the favor of procuring the settlement in a proper court, if they can find a court willing to assume the right to settle it, of the question as to the conditions under which the school warrants must be issued by the state superintendent. A decision of this kind will lift a heavy weight of responsibility from the shoulders of that officer. Besides, it would be cruel not to allow the chairman of the will come out of it a wiser man. * * Let me suggest to my friends of the school the money due the city from the state and the one they propose, and the "fuss" they

can make will be greater. There's statesmanship! There's a champion of the schools! After being driven official derelictions, he slowly and relucteffect : "I'm mad at you ; you have compelled me to adopt a different policy, and warrants in favor of the other school dis-The cause of this mission has been pre- tricts, but I won't issue yours: you may sented to the generosity of the community | sue me; you may impeach me, but I'll and the response has been very liberal, for keep you out of your appropriation as long as I can, no matter how terribly the school interests may suffer."

> Had Dr. Wickersham been the disinterested champion of the publis schools he would have the people believe him to be he would not when he saw the school interests suffering have shilly-shallied and hesitated, and conformed his action to the wishes of the state treasurer, from whom he draws his salary, or the governor, to whom he owes his appointment, or to the Senate, to whom he owes his confirmation. He would have issued his school warrants as the law commands him to do; and if they were not duly honored he would have thundered at the door of the treasury to know the reason why; and if the treasurer's plea of "no funds" was made, he would have arraigned the Republican Legislature for gross negligence, and pointed out to its members, the constitutional provision which says the General Assembly "shall appropriate at least one million dollars each year" for school purposes and he would have exposed the selfishness and villainy of the soulless corporations that have defaulted in the payment of their taxes and cheated the school children of the state, so that the money due m the might be used in electing to the Legislature agents of the defaulting corporatious, or in buying the votes of unprincipled members and lobbyists. But instead of acting thus Dr. Wickersham has been content to see the schools despoiled, to see the corstitution violated, to see corrupt corre tions fatten on the funds due 'the schools, and when the school board of his own city seeks to right the great wrong, to insolently defy them and say, "What are you

> > Assault and Buttery

Julia Patterson, colored, called on Alderman Barr last night with her face badly bunged and made complaint against Jacob Woods, colored, charging him with assault and battery. Officers Stormfeltz and Flick arrested Woods after some resistance on his part, and locked him up for the night. The Democratic city campaign commit- This morning he was taken before Aldertee will meet this evening at 71 o'clock, man Barr, and in default of bail was com. mitted for a hearing,