WEDNESDAY EVENING, MAY 19, 1880.

Now and Then.

The decision of the supreme court in the Robesonia ore right case is of interest not only to the Colemans and the Fergusons, who are pecuniarily affected. but to the world at large as showing upon how small a matter a great fortune may be gained and lost, and how the progress of mechanical development may alter the effect of a Heistand slept under one blanket last contract. Nearly a hundred years ago Peter Grubb, jr., the owner of a sixth interest in the great Cornwall ore bank in the neighboring county of Lebanon, sold it to Robert Coleman, the owner of a large part of the mine, reserving, however, sufficient ore for the use of one furpace forever thereafter. Then the cold blast charcoal furnace, with an output ly yesterday morning at his late residence of but thirty tons a week was the only smelting furnace known. The Coleman heirs insist that this is the proper measure of the ore right reserved; and when the owners of it, some thirty years ago, tore down the old furnace and erected a new one capable of turning out ten times the amount of metal, they objected, and twenty-four years ago the disagreement culminated in the suits which have just been decided. The supreme court holds that the right to take ore for any one furnace is unlimited. The decision follows the language of the stipula tion; but the opinion goes farther and finds that this construction also carries out the intent of the parties. This is not so clear; and Judge Paxson's argument that under it each party in interest is equally at liberty to draw upon the ore with the improved modern appliances, and that therefore it is equally fair to each, is hardly sustained by the facts. It is true that when Coleman and Grubb made the bargain, each desired the use of the ore for the same kind of furnace ; and that the parties to-day all want it for the improved furnace. It seems plausible that each should have their desire gratified now as then, and that each should have the same measure of privilege in using the ore that they had a hundred years ago. That is plausible and would be right; but the present adjustment of the supreme court does not accomplish this result, since the Robesonia owners get the first "hack" as the sixth part of the ore bank; and

about 400,000 tons of ore. A furnace with all the modern improvements may be erected by the Robesonia owners cawhen owners have the incentive now offered to the Robesonia owners to but equal what has already been done more than a sixth of the present product. That product can no guson and his associates of Robesonia them. It will be a matter of serious consideration for the Colemans as to Pearls in the hair. whether it will not pay them to surrender the whole of the sixth interest in the and don't leave the mine owners even Sunday of last week, was a sort of whistthe cinder. Judge Paxson's comparison ling to keep up courage. Skepticism, he oxygen, don't leave any for the Coleman candles to feed on. The Colemans can't dles, for the simple reason that there is it very well. only enough oxygen for the Grubb candle, which has the call on the supply.

will hardly do to base it on the inten- was a Miss Robinson, and her father a tions of the parties. They did not con- whaling master at Bedford, Mass., owned template the use of anything but the a fleet of ships known as the blue line of cold-blast furnace; and so did not pro- whalers and was known as "Blubber vide for anything else. The supply of Robinson." He died when his daughter such a furnace would hardly have been was a mere girl, and left her a fortune of felt by the owner of the sixth of the about eight millions. She lived slenderly her discharge. mine. By neither parties could it have and prudently, and gave the management been supposed that it would be a of her affairs to Mr. John J. Cisco, of New serious tax on the mine, else the York. As her tastes were simple and her amount to be supplied would have been wants few she was able to transfer her more definitely fixed. All of which enormous income almost every year to the teaches the necessity of carefully describ. | body of the fortune itself, and it has now | David Wilhelm and several dwellings were | ing and limiting a right that is sold to be accumulated to more than \$27,000,000. exercised "forever." If Robert Cole- Her husband, Mr. Greene, was a very rich man had been prudent enough to put a man when she married him, and has been limit to the tonnage to be used by the successful since. It is said by one who furnace, or to have described it as a char- should know that the income of this couple coal furnace of its existing dimensions, is \$2,500,000 a year. Mr. Greene is about men managed to confine the flames as he would have saved his heirs the several 47 years of age and she is about 43. millions of dollars which his little omiss ion now promises to cost them.

A BAPTIST church in Jamestown, N. Y., has been disgraced by the moral downfall of it pastor, Rev. Geo. Peltz, D. D., who stood very high in society urer Butler, Auditor General Schell, Senaand in the church; and the convincing tors Cooper and Greer, and Representaproof and self-confession of whose gross immorality compelled him to quit his pulpit and the town. But his congregation has injured itself far more than he could have hurt it, by accepting from him a letter of resignation on the ground Philadelphia, September 21, for the purof ill health, when the real cause of his withdrawal was confessed moral rotten- nity to be heard on the subject of taxation.

To-DAY is the centennial of New England's famous "dark day." It may be another dark day for the Republic if the Philadelpia Times, Illinois Republicans force upon the country the issue of electing such a clod as Grant to a position which Washington would not take and which Jefferson

WASHBURNE sends word to his friends n Illinois to stand by Grant, but they do not seem to hear him. Meantime Hamilton Fish chimes in with the Robeson-Belknap-Babcock cry, "Give us back our old commander."

WHAT is this we hear about the publisher of the New Era talking for Griest for Congress and entering the councils of the County house?

Politics make strange bed-fellows. and they say that McMellen, Griest and night.

#### PERSONAL.

Attorney General PALMER is so far recovered as to be able to supervise the grist

of the pardon mill. CHAUNCEY BROOKS, one of the best known citizens of Baltimore, died suddenon Eutaw place in that city.

Rev. Dr. F. W. CONRAD, editor of the Letheran Observer, has committed to memory the entire hymn book of the Lutheran church, and when giving them out quotes the number of the hymns and recites them correctly without looking at the hymnal.

JOSEPH SELIGMAN will give \$5,000 to the society for Ethical Culture, of which he was president, and \$25,000 to be distribed by his executors among such charitable, benevolent and educational institutions as they shall think best, "without regard to creed, race or religion."

Rev. HENRY WHEELER, by invitation from General Welsh post, G. A. R., will pronounce the oration on Decoration Day in Columbia. The services will be held in the opera house on Sunday evening, May 30th. The music will be furnished by chorus of voices consisting of the combined chorus of Columbia.

HENRY JAMES, ir., is very popular in the cultured society of London and Paris-Women think that he is charming. His old New England friends believe that he has become over-refined by his study of French literature; and one lady said that if she met him and she dropped her fan, laughed or sneezed, he would regard her as another discovery and that each of those actions would be regarded by him as profoundly indicative of female charac-

D. W. SEILER, esq., and Major ELBRIDGE McConkey, secretaries of the state agricultural society, returned from a trip to Ohio when they are done there may be nothing left for the owners of that sixth in-That is just the situation. The annual product of the Cornwall ore bank is and blooded horses.

> may be consoling to the Mulligan Guards. Les belles Americaines in Paris: At

build the biggest one possible. If they the ball given the other night by Mme. Eakin, rue de la Perouse, Mrs. Noyes was they will draw on the Cornwall in cream-colored satin marveilleux, with a ore bank for a hundred thousand tons tablier covered with lace and white jet. of ore a year, which is considerably Mrs. Mackay wore a court train of ruby- full of schemes and devices, and to send doubt be greatly increased; but it looks American colony was represented at this applying to it a sound temper and sober very much as though Mr. Fer- ball) were an orange brocade foulard, with discretion." a gathered satin tablier of the same color, have secured all the meat, leaving to the low-necked Marie de Medici style, with Coleman heirs but the bare bones of the sleeves a la Juive. Diadem of pearls. fowl the supreme court has carved for Mrs. Stevenson in pale pink satin marveilleux, the tablier trimmed with beads.

Rev. Myron Adams, a "thoughful and eloquent" Congregational preacher of Romine to the owners of the right to "the chester, N. Y., has been telling his people ore for one furnace forever." So that it is that the popular idea of hell is leading peonot clear, as Judge Paxson says, that ple to skepticism. He thinks the church Peter Grubb's candle burns no faster is declining, and says Bishop Simpson's than the Colemans'; it smelts all the ore statement in his sermon at Cincinnati, on is that of a number of candles all lighted says, is crushing the church, and the together and burning down equally fast. | church is to be blamed for preaching a false It is a bright comparison but don't seem | doctrine about the future condition of the to cover the case. The Grubb candle, race. The affair produced a profound senwith its improved mode of consuming satlon, and Mr. Adams kindly tells his church folks that if if they do not like it he will take his hat and leave in good feeluse the improved methods for their can- ing. The trouble is that they seem to like

The richest woman in America is Mrs. E. H. GREENE, wife of the vice president Probably the division is right, but it of the Louisville and Nashville road. She

The Tax Commission The commission appointed to revise the tax laws met in the executive chamber, Harrisburg, yesterday. There were present Attorney General Palmer, State Treas-Simpson and Hand, of Philadelphia, explained why limited partnerships, engaged in manufacturing, should be exempt from taxation. The commission took no definite action on the subject discussed and ose of giving manufacturers an opportu-A similar meeting is expected to be held

#### in Pittsburgh a few days subsequently. A Happy Thought.

Senator Don must not forget to reserve a couple of extra seats in the national convention for the two additional delegates who are to be chosen in Lancaster on Sat-

MINOR TOPIUS. EBERLY is happy, Johnson is scared, and Davis is jubilant.

THE salt song of "Nancy Lee" has brought its owner \$30,000. THE Boston Traceller is a strong and

successful newspaper, deriving its support from well-to-do church-going people, and yet it declares that, next to Grant, it prefers Blaine.

SUPERVISOR OF THE CENSUS WHITE, of Philadelphia, speaking of his appointees as enumerators, with characteristic Republi can nairete, admits that twenty of them may be jail birds for all he knows, and that he should not wonder if some could not read or write.

THE Germantown Telegraph can see no argument for allowing stock to run at large on public highways. The "poor man's cow" cry it pronounces a delusion. "In all those places where cattle are allowed to run at large, it is mostly found that the stock belongs to people who are not poor, but miserly people who can very well afford to keep cattle in their own pastures if they were so disposed. Thousands of poorer men who do not own anything of the kind, are in continual danger of annoyance and trespass from the cattle of their richer neighbors." As for the roadside stock eating noxious weeds, on the contrary they carefully avoid them and eat away good herbage, making room for the spread of the pernicious.

MEIMGANG. Heimgang! So the German people Whisper when they hear the bell Tolling from some gray old steeple Death's familiar tale to tell; When they hear the organ dirges Swelling out from chapel dome,

And the singers chanting surges, "Heimgang!" Always going home. Heimgang! Quaint and tender saying In the grand old German tongue, That hath shaped Melanchthon's praying, And the hymns that Luther sung;

Blessed is our loving Maker, That where'er our feet shall roam, Still we journey toward "God's Acre"— "Heimgang!" Always going home. Heimgang! We are all so weary, And the willows, as they wave,

Softly sighing, sweetly, dreary, Woo us to the tranquil grave. When the golden pitcher's broken, With its drags and with its foam, And the tender words are spoken,
"Heimgang?" We are going home.

—A. J. H. Duganae.

MR. HENRY WATTERSON does not pitch his tune in as high a key as he struck some months ago. Then he said: "Thirty and Kentucky on Saturday, whither they days before the assembling of the Demohad been on business connected with the cratic convention here in Kentucky, we approaching state fair. These gentlemen | shall place at the head of the Courier-Jourmet the prominent blooded stock raisers nal a preamble reciting the situation and a of the two states and received assurance resolution instructing the delegation to that they would send to the state fair at vote in the national convention as a unit Philadelphia some of their finest herds of for Mr. Tilden. We shall submit this preshort horn cattle, the best sheep and pigs amble and resolution to our state convention. Democrats who have been amusing WM. H. KEMBLE, who is reported by the themselves by gratuitous wanton abuse of pable of smelting a thousand tons of iron | Cameron people to hold a \$5,000 check as | the unselfish statesman and upright citizen a week. The furnace of the Edgar proof of Blaine's legislative venality, has may prepare to waltz up to these." As Thomson steel company, just completed, been talking politics to a New York World he might have foreseen, that crazy sort of insurance was light. The following are if 21 feet bosh, and, using coke and fifty- reporter. He says that in 1876 forty-two talk raised the dander of as good men as among the buildings destroyed: four per cent. ores, turns out this pro- of the Pennsylvania delegates out of fifty- himself who are still to be found in Kenduct. The Cornwall ores are not so readily eight were for Blaine, and if his friends tucky. The "waltz up" idea was not smelted as the ores used at the Edgar had not broken up the unit rule in the del- pleasant. So now he softly says: "We smelted as the cres used at the Edgar had not broken up the unit rule in the del-pleasant. So now he softly says: "We C. H. Armstrong's store, Olmsted and Thomson, but a still larger furnace is egation, it would finally have voted for shall not ask the Lexington convention to Larrabee's law offices, the Enterprise possible, and it is not possible to fix the him solidly-except Kemble himself-and instruct, but in the meantime we shall not limit of capacity of a single furnace, Blaine would have made the landing. This be deterred from appealing to the Democratic people of Kentucky to send nobody to Lexington who does not go there to meet the self-sacrificing spirit of this grand old man with a kindred spirit; to send nobody there who shall carry with him a heart full of bitter prejudices or a mind colored velvet, with a tablier of gathered nobody there who is not capable of apprepale blue satin. Mrs Gordon (all the ciating the magnitude of the occasion, and

### STATE ITEMS.

Easton now has fire plugs up on Lafayette college hill. Jacob L. Rynick, a well known Norristowner, dropped dead while weighing out sugar to a customer in Sheetz's store. Philadelphia Times: Two deaths in pri-

son, John Riggs, wife-beater, and Ismael Jones the bad old blacksmith. Philadelphia's Milton relief fund has

mounted up to \$18,513. Where's New Philip Peshir, a well-to-do farmer, living near Flecksville, Northampton county,

while walking in his garden, fell dead from heart disease. He was aged about sixty-five and leaves a family of grown A heavy fall of top earth occurred at the Packer colliery, operated by the Philadel-

phia coal company. The concussion occasioned by a terrific rush of air through the gangway killed a man named Wm. Hennessy and slightly injured five others. Mrs. Isabella S. Smith, a well-known

member of Philadelphia society of a past generation and the widow of Richard Penn mith, a well-known Philadelphia wit and litterateur, died on Monday evening in Newark, N. J. Ellen Swayne, on trial in Crawford

body of her infant, has been acquitted. Popular opinion supports the verdict, and she is believed to be the victim of persecution to hide another's shame. Stranger spectators made up a purse for her upon Bens Creek, a small mining and lumber village in Cambria county, was destroyed by fire on Sunday. The flames swept down upon it from the forests, and noth-

ing escaped except Smith's coal wharves

and one or two shanties. The sawmill of

county, for murdering and secreting the

among the property destroyed. The destruction of Blake & Lacy's planing mill and lumber yard in Pittsburgh was complete. The entire mill, machinery and four million feet of lumber were consumed. By extraordinary efforts the fireabove indicated, although for a time the property on all sides was in eminent danger. The loss is estimated at \$100,000.

Insurance, \$50,000. About six months ago Amos Bodder, a step-son of Peter Lewis, of Northampton county, was committed to jail for incorrigible conduct and the larceny of a revolver. At the next term of court he was allowed to return to his step-father on the presumption that the boy would do better. After this Bodder again commenced stealing, but was not arrested. One day last week he got on a boat and went to Philadelphia, at which city he was drowned in the Dela-

The Philadelphia steam fire engine comgine house, built a cost of \$5,000, on the 12th of June, upon which occasion there will be a grand firemen's parade. The fire departments of Reading, Allentown, Norristown, Conshohoken, Phonixville. Boyertown and Hamburg have been invited to participate. Also the members of the old Northern Liberty hose company and clothing and general supplies to Milton,

LATEST NEWS BY MAIL.

"King George," a St. Catharine (Ont.) stallion, has kicked his owner to death. Walcutt, who attempted to murder his wife in Columbus, O., also attempted to

Daniel Leonard, who killed a shipmate, was sentenced, in New York, yesterday, to tan years imprisonment. In the six days' mustang race at San Francisco, Anderson is ahead. He has

covered 767 miles in three days. Fire destroyed Palen's sash and blind factory at Kingston on Monday night.

Loss, \$25,000; insurance, \$4,000. Wood fires are spreading rapidly in the nountains around Kingston, N. Y., and the whole brow of the Catskills is one mass of smoke and fiame.

At a meeting of representatives of the four trunk lines in Baltimore, yesterday, it was decided to make no change in the tariff of East-bound freight. Baseball: At Baltimore-National 10, Baltimore 4. Princeton, N. J.—Brooklyn

, University 11 (8 innings.) Cincinnati-Buffalo 6, Cincinnati 5. Fletcher Lafferty and Mrs. Euchner were drowned, while out rowing on Lime

lake, New York, on Sunday evening. Two others had a very narrow escape. Eight thousand persons attended a Conservative mass meeting at Richmond, Va., last night. The city was alive with citizens from all parts of the state, who came

to attend the state convention. Charles Miller, a young man living with E. A. Brigham, of Russel, Mass., was shot n the left breast by a man supposed to be burglar, who mistook him for Mr. Brignam. The wound is not dangerous.

James F. Turner died suddenly n Buffalo, N. Y., while being put under the influence of chloroform for the purpose of performing a surgical operation. Twelve doctors were in attendance to witness the A fight on board of a train earrying a

large number of excursionists from Riverside, Burlington county, N. J., on Monday evening ended in the death of William Gavin, who was playing the part of Col. Thomas A. Scott, has just sent to

the treasurer of Washington and Lee University the sum of \$4000, being the balance of a subscription of \$10,000 made a short time ago to the endowment fund of the university.

A young man named Purdy was found before daylight yesterday morning, bound hand and foot, on the roof of Dickey' drug store, at Milton, N. Y., with some pieces of money lying around him. He claimed that he had been drugged with chloroform and did not know how he got there. The drug store had been robbed, and they think Purdy robbed it and Whittakered himself.

#### ANOTHER TOWN BURNED OUT. The Capital of Potter County in Ashes-Loss

Condersport, the county seat of Potter county, which contains about 1,500 inhabitants, was visited yesterday afternoon by a fire which destroyed most of the buildings and completely devastated that por-tion devoted to business. The fire originated in an oil warehouse in the rear of Stebbins Bros. store, and being unimpeded made rapid headway, until all the buildings in the neighborhood were destroyed. The loss falls heavily upon the town as the

The Coudersport hotel, P. A. Stebbins's store; all the buildings in that block, including the postoffice, E. A. Reese's store. building, Mrs. Haven's dwelling house, Z. J. Thompson's wagon shop, all the blacksmith shops, French's drug store, Foster's grocery, Jones & Sons' bank, Gressel's harness store, Jones & Co.'s dry goods store, Andrews & Olmsted's grocery store, E. N. Stebbins's dry goods store, M S. Thompson's drug store, Norton & Doane's hardware store, Chas. Reinman's dwelling house.

### The Chicago Convention

Most of the delegates to the Republican convention in Chicago have been elected and they are classified thus by leading

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## The State Medical Society.

To-day at 11 a. m. began the meeting of the Pennsylvania medical society in the opera house, in Altoona. A large number of delegates are present among them Dr. Nebinger, who will deliver the annual address at the evening session. The address of welcome was made by Dr. Rowan Clark, of Bell's Mills. The visitors during their stay, will be invited to make the delightful excursion over the Bell's Gap railroad, will visit the Pennsylvania railroad shops and will have a social supper at the Logan House. In connection with the reception of the Blair county medical society on Thursday evening, Dr. Pancoast, Dr. Levis, Dr. Packard and other prominent Philadelphia physicians will be on hand.

#### Gatchell. Philadelphia Chronicle-Herald.

We regret to see that our esteemed contemporary, the Lancaster New Era, is not only unfavorable to the re-election of our friend, Dr. Gatchell, to the Legislature, but it connects his candidacy with the ring power which pardoned the riot bribery convicts. Dr. Gatchell did his best to whitewash the jobbers, and he deserves something for it. Just what that something is we are too tender-hearted to say. There are many worse men than Dr. Gatchell, and Kemble had a narrow escape from going to live among them.

A Schoolgirl's Death, In Hyde park, Vt., Miss Flora V. Heath of Johnson, died under such suspicious circumstances as to warrant a post mortem examination. Dr. M. E. Smith, a physician with whom she had been living for five weeks, was arrested for malpractice. He is now in jail, and asserts that a legal city. investigation will vindicate him. Flora is the daughter of Herman A. Heath, a merchant of Cambridge, and has been living for the past four years with her divorced

#### Through Whitelaw Reid's Spectacles. New York Tribune.

ing the normal school.

mother at Johnson. She had been attend-

What as pectacle it would be, if the state of the martyr-President, Abraham Lincoln, should so vote as to turn over the government to Democratic hands! What a spectacle if the state of Thaddeus Stevens and Edwin M. Stanton should prefer to gratify tae stubborn pride of a Cameron, even though the act should cause the national capitol to ring with confederate yells of victory.

### Free Transportation.

The Philadelphia and Reading express and freight line will transport, without DEVASTATED MILTON

Notes of the Great Fire and its Results. In their flight before the irresistibly rap id march of the fire flend at Milton many children became separated from their parents and were not restored to them until

Many laboring men and mechanics who had built homes by the exercise of the most rigid economy are penniless. The wealthier classes generally were better insured, and they will less difficulty in bridging over their losses. Sunday in Sunbury put one in mind of

war times. Over seven hundred yards of material for garments were cut and made up by ladies who had congregated at different points, in vacant store-rooms, dwellings, etc. The people of Milton are very grateful for the aid which they have received from

many towns and cities in Pennsylvania

The telegraph wires are almost inadequate to carry the messages of substantial sympathy received by the local relief commit-Mr. W. H. Smith, of the Independen Weekly and Daily Argus, has secured two cars, which have been switched off the rails,

ing on his printing business. Postmaster Bogle, who had done a pro digious amount of work ever since the breaking out of the fire, gave way under the severe pressure Monday afternoon, and had to be carried to his home, being com-

and are to be occupied by him for carry-

pletely prostrated. Rooms will be secured in many of the houses still standing in the upper and lower parts of the town by business men, and they will open as soon as possible.

Six clergymen of Milton having lost all their library by the fire, Rev.I.H. Terrence has sent an appeal to the publishers of the country asking a contribution of a library for the Milton clergymen. Contributions of books may be sent to Bible House, 701 Walnut street, Philadelphia, or to Danville, Pa., when they will be distributed as soon as the clergymen have room to receive them.

The principal buildings will be rebuilt as early as possible, and there appears to be no doubt that the car shops, which added so much to the prosperity or Milton will rise from their ashes and again exert their potential influence in a business point of view. The firm has been in receipt of a number of telegrams proffering it pecuniary assistance in loans if it should determine to rebuild the shops burned

Reber's tannery, which employs about 75 men and was valued at about \$125,000, will be among the first enterprises to start up again. The people of the town realize that no time should be lost in rebuilding the waste places, as such a movement would give the poor people employment and induce them to remain in the vicinity. One of the objects in securing 200 tents from the governor to shelter the homeless was to prevent them from seeking other places to obtain a livelihood.

### LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

THE MILTON RELIEF.

The Good Work Goes Steadily On. The subscription of John Sener, of Wilow street, acknowledged in the Sixth ward list yesterday as \$1, should have been credited at \$5. Mr. Sener having be thrown into one. Across the passage lately been a sufferer from a most disastrous fire himself, his examplary liberality has a special significance.

John Brooks's subscription from the Seventh ward was \$2, not \$1 as reported. The \$5 subscription credited to Geo. M. Steinman & Co., was the subscription of

Geo. Steinman. The firm subscription as noted below is \$50. The Third ward committee report the following additional subscriptions, and their work is not done yet : E. H. Brown, \$5; Myers & Rathfon, \$25;

Jos. Preston, \$2; John H. Barnes, \$2; Wm. B. Snyder, \$1.25; Anthony Lechler,

The Eighth ward committee add the fo'lowing to their former report: Adam Snyder, \$2; Mrs. Diehl, \$2; Patrick Donnelly, \$1; cash, \$1; Martin Kæmpf, \$1; C. A. Oblender, \$1; Michael Snyder, \$1; Henry Rohrer, 50c; Charles Sheaffer, 50c; Lucas Fritz, 25c; Robert

Wetter, 25c; Jacob Sheaffer, 15c. The following subscriptions have been paid in at the mayor's office in addition to those previously acknowledged in these

P. D. Baker, \$5; F. P. Coho, \$5; H. zog, \$1; S. H. Metzger, \$5; Schleich & Bro., \$5; Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Nevin, \$10; Mrs. E. M. Black, \$5; cash, 50c; C. Hiller, \$1; A. Reichenbach, 50c; P. Nagle, 50c; C. G. Herr, \$5; C. F. Eberman, \$2; George M. Steinman & Co., \$50; Thoma I. Davis, \$5; B. F. Davis, \$2; Capt. E. McMellen, \$5; John M. Lowell, \$2; John R. Diffenbach, \$10; Mrs. Henrietta Dorwart, \$5.

The total subscriptions now amount to about \$2,900.

### THE WIDOW'S MITE.

Aunt Hannah Sterret's Contribution. Almost everybody in Lancaster knows Hannah Sterrett, a poor old colored woman, who lives on North street. When the committee of the Seventh ward were making their tour of collection for the Milton sufferers, they passed Hannah's humble residence without stopping ; unique product of the electric current. but when she learned what they were after, she called to them to take her contribution as well as others; and saying that she was very poor, and only had five cents, she cheerfully gave them that for the benefit of the homeless sufferers. Now, who in all Lancaster has given so

A Remarkable Speller.

liberally as Aunt Hannah?

Miss Etta M. Stauffer, having withstood the storms of daily spelling contests in the Berwyn academy for several months, has maintained her leading position every day. with such remarkable talent Webster's unabridged dictionary withers into utter insignificance. She can spell thousands of words without a single miss. She is a daugher of Mr. F. H. Stauffer, and grand-

John Sauber Pardoned. Upon the rehearing of the case of John Sauber, of this county, convicted of rape, the board of pardons have decided to pardon him. He was sentenced on Feb. 28, 1879, to three years in jail and \$50 fine. He was convicted on the oath of a git since proven to be notoriously bad, and who has boasted of having sent him to jail on false testimony. B. F. Davis, esq., appeared before the pardon board in his behalf and

Strawberry Festival. The ladies of the St. Paul's M. E. church held a meeting last evening to make arrangements for the holding of a strawberry festival during the first week in June. They agreed upon Thursday. Philadelphia fire engine company, No. 18, of Philadelphia. These companies were prominent members of the volunteer fire prominent members of the volunteer fire the fire of the 14th inst.

Pa., when consigned to the committee in charge of the relief of the sufferers from the fire of the 14th inst. of the church as the place.

MICROSCOPIC WORLD.

BOUNDLESS REALM OF MICROSCOPY The Compound Microscope Better that Fast Horse or Fancy Buggy, as Good in the Home as Cabinet Organ or Grand Piano."

The third monthly conference meeting of

the Lancaster Microscopical society was held at their rooms in Diffenderfer's building, North Queen street, last evening at 8 o'clock. The business of the meeting was the report of work done during the month, the report of the recent reception given by the Philosophical society of West Chester, and the reading of a paper by Mr. John C. Burrowes on the staining of vegetable tissues. These matters having been disposed, of formal adjournment was followed by the examination of microscopic objects, in great variety, through the half-dozen instruments on the tables. Upon two of these the polarizing attachment was placed, the wonderful effect of which, as seen in the crystallizations upon a number of slides, were an unfailing source of delight during the evening. Diatoms, seeds, pathological specimens, etc., were shown under powers of the instru ment ranging from fifty to four or five hundred diameters.

Among visitors present we observed Charles S. Moseley, esq., superintendent of the Lancaster watch factory; Mr. Alden Webb, chief adjuster, and other experts of the West End, all of whom were much interested in the microscopes.

We give the report of the reception at West Chester, as made by Mr. J. P. Me-Caskey, which will afford the reader some idea of what is done and shown at these very attractive and highly instructive ex-

hibitions: Reception of the Philosophical Society. The Philosophical society of West Cheser a few days since suddenly resolved upon a reception. The call went forth at once. and the response was hardly less prompt than that to the bugle-blast of Highland Roderick. Almost within the day there was the gathering of the clans at the headquarters of the scientists. Lancaster sent down five instruments and seven members. Professional engagements that were imperative-much to the disappointment of us all-prevented our worthy

president, with his excellent binocular, from being one of the party. Leaving home at 3 p. m., we reached West Chester about half-past 5 o'clock. The reception committee met us at the lepot and conducted us to the rooms of the society, where our instruments were placed in position, after which all guests adjourned to the Mansion house. Supper over, a short stroll around the town, to visit old friends, to find a greenhouse, or to see the handsome normal school building of which West Chester is not a little proud, and the nour for the reception was come.

The Philosophical society has its headquarters on the second floor of a large building on Gay street, near Church. The spacious front room was occupied by the exhibit of twenty-one instruments belonging to this society. Those of the Camden and Lancaster societies occupied tables in the room directly to the rear, the large folding door, enabling the two rooms to lar rooms, the front containing the exhibit of the West Chester Microscopical society, and the rear, the Beck and Crouch instruments of London, exhibited by the agents of the manufacturers.

Two hundred and seventy-five tickets of invitation had been issued, so that the rooms, although well filled, were at no time unpleasantly crowded.

As has been said, the exhibit of the Philosophical society included twenty-one instruments. Three of these belonged to Dr. John R. McClurg, one of which showed the circulation of the blood in the salamander, another the circulation in the frog-both animals, of course, being alive -and a third, the circulation of the sap in a living leaf. The extraordinary magnifying power of twelve hundred (1200) dimeters was used in showing the last named object, or 1,440,000 surfaces. That is to say, if we touch the paper with a fine pencil-point and magnify it under this high power, we have our point increased in size nearly a million and a-half times, extending much beyond the field of the instrument. And yet in this very minute section of the leaf we see distinctly the flow of the sap and the movement of the pioplasm. The objective used on this instrument is what is known as a "twenty-W. Sheibley, \$2; Dr. Apple, \$2; J. Her- fifth inch," needing to be handled very carefully, and showing hardly a hair's breadth between the lens and the thin glass by which the section of the leaf

under examination seemed to be covered.

Other objects of much interest were the

fruit of the fern, sori and spores, transverse

sections of seeds and other woody structure; proboscis of blow-fly, trichina spiralis, sheath of wing of the diamond beetle, etc. Among those of special interest to the average visitor in this exhibit was a microscopic edition of the Ten Com-mandments, photographed into a very small spot upon the glass, but being easily read in the field of the instrument. The exhibit of the Microscopical society, which is the older of the two scientific organizations of West Chester, included some twenty instruments, two of which, belonging to Dr. J. C. Green, attracted much attention. One of these showed cumulose gold, deposited by the galvanie battery on a fine gold base, a rare and Dr. J. B. Wood, burgess of West Chester. showed, along with other objects, some chlorate of potash, crysta's that were a delight to see. Dr. H. C. Wood exhibited specimens of pond life, one of these showing the breathing apparatus of the water flea in the living animal. Other objects from the various kingdoms of nature were here in variety, as seeds, leaf sections, pure copper, minute seaweeds, injected preparations, etc. Dr. Rothrock, the botanist, had two microscopes, one showing the leaf of the floating heart, and the other a successful staining of one of the western woods. This gentleman sails for Europe about No word seems too difficult for her, and the middle of June, to be gone for several months, for the purpose study under a distinguished specialist of Strasburg on the Rhine. He inquired cordially after the family of the late Dr. Thos. II. Burrowes, with whom he was associated at the Agricultural college some ten years since, when daughter of the late Jacob Stauffer, of this | Dr. B. was president of that institution, and was pleased to learn that his youngest son John, a valued member of our Lancaster society, has manifested so active an interest in the study of nature. The Camden society showed some very striking objects, but nothing more won-

derful in the brilliantly-illuminated field than the anthers and pollen of two of the ordinary mallows and one of the abutilons. No one can have any adequate idea who has not seen them under the magnifying power of the compound miscroscope, with nice adjustment and well-managed light. At this table, also, crystals of silver, arranged diatoms, the spiral tissue of the castor-oil plant, and infusoria representing he simplest forms of much attention.

The Lancaster Microscopical society exhibited as objects of special interest a very beautiful diatom under a high power, some striking crystallizations and scales of fish in the magic play of polarized light, the wing of a fly and seeds of the portulacca. An interesting feature of this table and one which attracted much attention was the microscope, probably a hundred years old, belonging to Mr. Charles A. Heinitsh, druggist, of this city.

The dealers in microscopes also made an attractive display with choice instruments and the finest selection of objects in their catalogues, including crystals of gold, seeds of the wild catch-fly, pollen of scar-let sage, diatoms from Cuxhaven, and crystals of arsenious and oxalic acids in polarized light—a half-dozen slides which would of themselves suffice for an evening entertainment of the most enjoyable character to lovers of the beautiful.

The exhibition over, at 9:20 p. m. we took the train for Philadelphia, one of our number, Dr. Rile, remaining to spend a day-under instructions-with the Camlen men, the rest reaching Lancaster at 2:40 a. m., having been less than twelve hours absent from home.

And now, for the moral of the storywhich is, that Lancaster can do no less than Camden and West Chester have done; that our Microscopical society will, in a few months, when enough instruments are owned by individual members, announce 'open house" to our enthusiastic friends from abroad. We will have such an exhibition of the wonders of microscopy as will astonish and delight our citizens, such as will be to them a revelation of beauty and design in the world of little things for which no one unacquainted with the powers of the compound microscope is at all prepared.

Lancaster has the means, in men, money and public spirit, to do such work as should be done in this direction, and we shall not be surprised to see the day when, with the son of many an intelligent farmer, the compound microscope shall divide honors with the fast horse or the new buggy, at equal prices. Or when this wonderworking instrument shall rival, in the home of culture and refinement, the cabinet organ and the grand piano-not taking the place of either, but dividing profitable attention with both, a desirable improvement upon "things as they are," because a happy realization, in part at least, of "things as they ought to be."

### NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Events Across the County Lines. York's donations for the benefit of the Milton sufferers amount to over \$2,000 in eash and about \$1,000 worth of supplies.

A portion of Pennypacker's plumbago mines, near Chester Springs, caved in, killing Joseph Miles and James K. Brown. Their bodies were crushed and mangled

horribly. In Harrisburg a colored man named Fisher while cleaning out a cess pool on the premises on which Kate Gould, a domestic, lived, brought to light the body of an infant, of whom she is alleged to be the mother. She has been arrested, as the post mortem proved the babe to have been born alive.

The Harrisburg Telegraph says the fishermen of that wicked city seine and seine. but catch no shad. They gather plenty of black bass in the nets but piously throw them back. A good enough "fish" story.

The Reading councils and the Firemen's Union of that city propose to put a stop to beer drinking around the hose houses.

Right. Oliver D. Schock, of Hamburg, Berks county, who threw \$5,000 worth of at the head of the stairway were two simi- carrier pigeons in the air on Sunday, has heard from the owners in Hoboken and Jersey City that the fastest time made was two hours and twenty seconds, distance one hundred and five miles air line. The smoke from the forest fires considerably

#### interfered with the tournament. SERIOUSLY HURT.

The Perils of a Free Ride. A young man about 18 years of age, named John Van Buskirk residing at No. 467 High street, this city, met with a serious accident between 9 and 10 o'clock this morning while taking a free ride on a freight train on the Pennsylvania railroad. It appears he boarded the extra freight train east, drawn by engine 375, as it passed through this city, and in the vicinity of Ranck's, a mile or two east of the city, he was caught and squeezed between some lumber that projected beyond the

#### Lancaster on the mail train west and taken to his home. He was unable to stand, being badly injured internally.

ends of the cars. He was released from

his perilous position and brought back to

An Old Relief Subscription. This morning one of the policemen found in the back office of the mayor, on old subscription book, containing the names of contributors residing in the "Southeast" ward, to the relief of the people of Norfolk and Portsmouth, Va., in September, 1855, at which time those cities were devastated by cholera. The book contains Mayor Albright's receipt for \$319.66, as the total sum subscribed by residents of the "Southeast" ward, now the Third and Seventh wards. Many of the contributors are still among us, and their names are to be found in the list of contributors to the Milton fund, but many others, alas! have passed to that undiscovered country from whose

# bourne no traveler e'er returns.

Music and Fire Works. Last evening a great crowd was atracted to Fulmer's (late Franke's)garden, North Prince street to see the display of fire-works and hear the music of the City cornet band. Nothing need be said as to the merit of the music, as our city readers are well acquanted with its excellence. The display of fire-works was very creditable. Hundreds of rockets, roman candles, fire-wheels, red and blue lights and other pyrotechnics being "set off" for the entertainment of the guests. The garden has been fitted up in first-class style and is a delightful place to pass a sultry day or evening.

Case Continued.

The case of H. E. Minnich, of Landisville, charged with robbing the U.S. mails, which was set down for trial yesterday before the U. S. district court, at Philadelphia, has been continued until Tuesday next, on account of a number of other cases having precedence which will occupy the attention of the court for the balance of this week.

For An Express Agent's Relief. The agents of the Philadelphia and Reading express company have started a relief fund for the benefit of H. E. Huff. who was express agent at Milton and lost of the marvelous beauty of these things his property by the fire. Posters have been sent to all the stations, and the amount raised will no doubt be large.

Child Kun Over.

A little child named Rappe while playing on Manor street last evening, was run over by a buggy, in charge of a countryman whose name we did not learn. The child had no bones broken but was considerably injured otherwise.

Atter a New Leg.

John P. Good, the one-legged recorder of Lancaster county, went to Philadelphia to-day to get a new artificial leg, the one he now has in use causing him some discomfort.