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The Way It Is Done.

The incident narrated elsewhere, of constable undertaking to swell 42 miles actually traveled into 882 miles legal mileage, admirably illustrates the prevailing practice of extortion among our public officials. Had the officer of the law been less grasping in his attempt to rob unfortunate litigants and increased his fees four or five hundred per cent. above their legal amount, his demands might have been satisfied without challenge; but when he made the excess about \$20,000. some two thousand per cent of his rights it was a little too stiff to be paid without guest of General Beale and the "boys in remonstrance, ending in examination | blue." and an abatement of the unlawful de-

The example, however, will prove use- of the law and give his attention to his ful to all classes of the public in exhibit- private business. ing to them the process by which fees subjected who, by accident or by his own | braska. will, is placed in the position of a litigant. As we have frequently demonstrated.this system of multiplying indictments and increasing fees was reduced to a science in J. W. Johnson's term as | due, and there is but \$50 in the treasury. district attorney, and since that time dation for manifold writs, subpenas instant, commitments, mileages, indictments and we doubt not is familiar to constables. traced to Montreal. service of subportas shall be paid for himself. In another case brought to our six children. notice, eleven complaints arose out of a single fight. There were eleven hearings --all at the same time- and eleven subenty-six services had they been in the from under now. country there would have been that many sets of mileage for cleven witnesses

much if it would, and more than it does, if it would see that costs were allowed for only one indictment where one would suffice under the law.

THERE is a great deal of feeling around and fidgeting around in Philadelphia concerning municipal reform, apparently in advance of and preparation for the February city elections. But it is pretty hard to tell what the various movements are heading at. They all speak in a general way about the necessity of reform and the demand for it, but when it comes down to the hard pan of definite suggestion the oracles are mostly dumb or as equivocal as Maj. Norris in his senatorial acceptance. Stokley is mayor now; he wants to be mayor again. Is he to be " reformed " out or is it " reform" to keep him in. We suspect that he is too good for the politicians and not good enough for the reformers. If the politicians succeed in beating him for the Republican nomination the reformers, the Stokley people and the Democrats could beat the man who beats Stokley. Is that to be an outcome of the present man-

A non-partisan police force is a great stride toward municipal reform. That cannot be secured for Philadelphia by Mayor Stokley's renomination and election as a Republican, nor by his defeat by a more partisan machine candidate.

The presence of better men in councils is needed. The reform of the deabuses is demanded, but they need legisof things aimed at by different elements of reform in Philadelphia makes it difficult to shape the battle lines there. Probably they never will be shaped in any municipality so as to obtain true reform until local and national politics are entirely divorced, and candidates for town clerk are chosen with regard to other considerations than those which prevail in presidential elections. The present divisions of politics in city | The cause of this inconvenient alteration affairs must be utterly broken down be- in her sentiment remained a mystery for years. Sentence in this case suspended fore municipal reform can make much two days, and then she was married quietpractical headway.

THE people who have the selection of slow in getting through with their work. unmarried lady. Both are people of or at least in announcing its result. The attempt of the Philadelphia Times to

than Grow, but when it comes to draw the winner they may find a new field bunched against him. The Legislature will have to soon meet and the election of senator comes early in the course of its business. Possibly events wait on Mr. Garfield's attitude toward Camereron's preference for a cabinet office; and Garfield's disposal of his cabinet places waits on the Ohio senatorial election, so that altogether Pennsylvania affairs are put into a very embarrassing position of painful expectation.

PERSONAL.

SALVINI, the tragedian, lives the life of a farmer when off the stage. He is worth

GRANT has arrived in Washington, the

Senator WALLACE on his retirement from the Senate will resume the practice

Mrs. John Jacob Astor has sent a font are illegally increased, and the danger with basin of solid silver to a mission of being robbed to which every citizen is chapel which she has established in Ne-

Dr. TALMAGE'S Tabernacle is reported in desperate financial straits, Four months' arrears of salary are due him, notes to the amount of \$9,000 are falling

Hon. R. W. Thompson called on Mr. district attorneys, aldermen, constables | Hayes and requested him to appoint his and clerks seem to have been banded to- successor as secretary of the navy in time gether to promote their interests by per to permit his retiring from that office on feeting it. The imposition begins when Monday next. Mr. Hayes accepted Secrethe committing magistrate encourages or tary Thompson's resignation, and has allows separate indictments to be made since designated Secretary Ramsey to act against the different parties to a sin- as secretary of the navy, in addition to his gle offense. These form the foun-duties as secretary of war, from the 20th

IMOGENE, the actress, who was arrested office costs. When one complaint and for complicity in the embezzlement of 890,one indictment would answer every pur- 000 from the Boston city treasury, pose, three, five, seven or a dozen are was discharged. Evidence of her knowldrawn and the costs mereased three, five. edge of the doings of John A. Woodward, seven or twelve-fold to the cost of the the absconding cashier, was clear, but as county, prosecutor or defendant and the she proved she was his lawfully wedded great seandal of our local administra- wife, she escaped trial on a technicality of tion of justice. In the case cited, by a the law, and accordingly the grand jury perfectly natural process and one that found no bill. Her husband has been

lawful mileage was increased twenty- Lieutenant Commander HENRY C. fold. This is one of the commonest Nields, United States navy, died at his devices. The law contemplates that the residence in West Chester yesterday of pleuro-pneumonia after three days illness, miles actually traveled, and yet officers | He was a brave officer and gained his think nothing of serving a subporna at rank by meritorious services. Recently the same time on the same witnesses in he was transferred to duty at the League each of a half dozen cases and de Island navy yard, Philadelphia, where he riving six-fold mileage. In the case was stationed at the time of his death, in point the constable actually had He was universally beloved, and the whole charged for met milest, weiled to subperna community mourn the loss of one of its himself. A man must be badly lost indeed most respected citizens. He was forty- to catch himself, but failed, falling to the when he has to travel that far to find one years of age, and leaves a wife and

MINOR TOPICS.

panas were assued for each of sixteen Gould, is about to lay two new Atlantic Rettberg it was found that his neck had witnesses, making one hundred and sev- cables. England and France must stand been broken by the fall; that his left wrist

At the time that circulars were sent by summoned to the same place at the same the Times to the Republican members of the Legislature to get some idea of their These are sample lots. The people preference regarding the senatorship simcannot stand it any longer. Lawyers ilar circulars were mailed to the Republi- Europe, brought \$1,750,000 in coin and cannot afford to be liberal with the pub- can newspapers. They have generally gold bar. lic officers at such expense to their clients | been very prompt in responding, and the and such discredit to the practice of result shows 31 papers for Grow as first their profession. It has come to an exchoice, 2 for Quay, 3 for Stone, 2 for tremity of extortion when no bill of Ward, 2 for Lear, 2 for Scoffeld, 2 for Shircosts ought to be paid without a bill of as, 5 for J. B. Packer, with 1 each for Eugene Hale, was struck by a lever in a items and a rigid examination of every Daniel Agnew, Charles S. Wolfe, Benjaitem. Meantime the court could do min Harris Brewster, Lennuel Todd, Harry cannot survive. White, General Lilly and John Stewart.

> taat" sermon on Thanksgiving Day, is taken to account for some of his statements by a correspondent of the Tribune. The critic reminds the preacher that all the great explorations in this country were made by Catholies; from Quebec to San Francisco are still traccable the footprints of the pioneers of Catholic civilization and the missionaries of Catholic faith; of the forty states now under the stars and | cause. stripes twenty-seven were settled by Catholics; the Jesuit written constitution of Maryland offerred Protestants a refuge from Protestant intolerance; and that many of the republics in the world to-day are Catholic-France, Peru, Mexico, Columbia, Hayti, Bolivia, Equador, San Domingo and the Argentine Republic.

Mr. Myers, of Indiana, has offered in the House an answering resolution calling placed in charge. upon the secretary of the treasury to furnish Congress with a detailed statement | Allens for the purchase of their controllof how much money the government has ing interest in the St. Louis, Iron Mounpaid General Grant since his entrance into | tain & Southern railroad. Mr. Allen yesthe military academy. This includes his Mountain stock to Mr. Gould for \$2,000, cadetship, his service in the Mexican and | 000, or fifty cents on the dollar. the late war, thereafter while general of Thos. Allen and the stockholders who cothe army, and his two terms in the White operate with him in the Iron Mountain House. The resolution went to the military affairs committee, which also has in This transfer will put the control of the hand the bill to retire General Grant as | road into Gould's hand. general of the army. It is understood that Mr. Myers intends to combat the relinquent tax office and recorder's office tiring bill, and to use for that purpose figures from the treasury departmet, if lation to reform them. The complica- he can get them, to show that General those by whom she was known she is well tion of issues arising out of the variety Grant has already had enough of public spoken of. Her intimacy with Wardman

> English Social Eccentricities London Truth says: "An extraordinary circumstance took place the other day in a settled, when, on the morning fixed for the the parish to say that she was 'very sorry,' but she had 'changed her mind.'

ly by special license to another bride-"I hear of a peculiarly scandalous elopement from a Midland county. The a United States senator from Pennsyl- gentleman has left behind a wife and vania in their hands seem to be very family, while his companion is a young friends, but after the election of Beer-

'society.'

Starved to Death. grab time by the forelock has proven A woman 80 years old was starved to before the shooting Fricher had been imquite a misventure. A very small pro- death in Boston. She was weak from old portuning Beerstecker to obtain for him portion of the Pennsylvania legislators, and the newspapers which might be supposed to speak for them, show any willingness to disclose what they know, if they know anything. The Grow people know what they want, but they cannot be very confident that they are going to for two days were wholly without food.

STATE ITEMS The Altoona Sun starts bravely on its

econd year. Blair county has another "disgusting' Lloydsville, dropped her male infant into a sink and it died there.

He was not intoxicated, but had gone insane.

"Judge Sterrett, of the supreme court, is in Washington pushing the claims of Paxton to a seat on the supreme bench of the United States.'

The prosecution of the Pittsburgh gamblers has now taken a new turn, and, instead of light fines when brought before the mayor, they are to have an opportunity to stand trial before the courts.

A heater attached to a boiler in Randolph & Jenks's mill, at Clifton, Delaware county, blew up, killing Frank Lee and seriously injuring Mark Cloud, both opera-

The chairman of the finance committee of the university of Pennsylvania, announces that Mr. Henry C. Gibson has offered to creet the new wing for incurables in connection with the university hospital at the cost of about \$50,000.

The Western Union telephone mangers in Harrisburg having refused to put a telephone into the office of their rival, the American Union telegraph company, the court has been asked to compel them to admit the American Union to equel privileges with the other general public.

The Keystone wringer factory of F. F. Adams & Co., at Erie, caught fire and was burned to the ground. While endeavoring to save the building Firemen Charles Schugart, George Smith and George Claws were killed by the falling of a burning wall. The loss is about \$25,000; insurance, \$50,000.

At last the identity of the burglar killed in Baker's store, Ebensburg, a few weeks since, has been established. His companion, Albert Wilson, who was sentenced to the penitentiary, says that the name of the individual was given as Charles Weaver, but his right name appears to have been George Connor. He was aged 64 years, had served two terms in the penitentiary and was generally "a bad man. James Larkins, city tax collector of

Meadville, committeed suicide on Saturday by shooting himself in the forehead. He had city and county tax duplicates unaccounted for to the amount of \$35,000, which is supposed to be the cause of the suicide. All is secured by responsible bondsmen. Larkins was forty-five years of age, and leaves a wife and five chil-

William McIntyre, aged thirteen, son of a track foreman at Hollidaysburg, rolled off a lounge in his fathers house and fell on the point of a rusty bayonet with which he was playing. The bayonet entered his neck near the right ear, and was forced clear through his neck, emerging just below the left car. The father drew the bayonet, but there is no present hope of the boy's recovery.

In Harrisburg, yesterday, George Rettberg went out upon the roof to paint the dormer window frames of his houses. A strip of wood on which he depended for a foothold gave way, allowing Mr. R. to slide down feet foremost. He endeavored pavement, striking the wooden steps with foremost into the gutter, striking on the leave. Hardly had he reached the door the vital spark was just leaving the body his hands and fell senseless. He was AMERICAN capital, represented by Jay. of the unfortunate man. Upon examining was broken and that he had a deep wound bricks in the gutter, and that he had re- ran madly through the streets, and has ceived several bruises besides.

LATEST NEWS BY MAIL. The steamship City of Richmond, from

The board of directors of the Northern Central railroad recently declared a dividend of two-and-a-half per cent., which was the first dividend for years.

J, Sullivan Hale, aged 74, father of Hon. mill at Lewiston, Me., on Saturday, and

The trial of William Parker, at Raleigh, N. C., for the murder of General Bryan REV. J. B. YOUNG, a Method ist preacher Grimes, has been suspended and postof Altoona, having preached a "Protes- poned until next spring, owing to the dangerous illness of a juror.

> In the case of Schroeder for the murder of Dr. Lefevre, at Oakland, Cal., the jury, after being out seventy-two hours, returned a verdict of not guilty. He had killed him for crim. con. with his wife.

> Hiram S. Holbrook, agent of the American express company at Dubuque, Ia., while lying abed fatally shot his two year old daughter and then fatally shot himself dead. His poor health is the supposed

Medicine Bull, a chief of the Brule Sioux at the Lower Brule agency, in Dakota. As a sign of good faith he gave his best horse to the clerk and forbade his warriors to molest the whites.

Dr. Glacier, assistant surgeon, recently attacked with yellow fever at Key West, Fla . died at 2:30 Sunday morning. Hospital Steward Greene was placed in charge of the hospital, but was taken sick with the fever when Dr. F. W. Lester was

Jay Gould had been treating with the road owned two-thirds of the 214,589 shares of the capital stock of the road

Miss Avis Pinkham, whom Knapton Wardman shot and killed in Lawrence, Mass., before attempting to take his own life, was twenty-nine years of age. Her appears to be the only blot on her character. Wardman was a man of dissipated habits,

but formerly was held in high esteem. A negro rag picker named Isaac Smith was convicted in the criminal court in West Midland county. A marriage had Washington vesterday of rape on a colored been arranged between two parties of good | child nine years of age, named Hattie position, and everything was completely Beckett. He was sentenced to thirty years imprisonment, the full period alceremony, the lady went to the rector of lowed by the statutes, in the Albany penitentiary. A plea of guilty was entered against him in the second case for committing a rape on Elizabeth Harris, aged ten

until Saturday. Railroad Commissioner Beerstecker has been shot in San Francisco by Antoine Fricher, president of the German Workingmen's club, of which Beerstecker was a member. They had been close political stecker to the commissionership and the corder at the last election, Fricher beame a bitter enemy of Beerstecker. Just

An Insane Bridegroom.

A wedding party was assembled at Cleveland, and everything was ready for the cer-emony, except that the bridegroom had house of Mme de la Chevardiere, instead venders in town who have neglected to get it. The Cameron people know equality well that they are most anxious to beat Grow, and that the field is stronger would not go to the authrities for relief.

for two days were wholly without food. The old woman lay helpless in bed, moanling: "I am starving," yet the daughter would not go to the authrities for relief.

for two days were wholly without food. The old woman lay helpless in bed, moanling to limit the field in the room of one of the young lighted in the room of one of the young lighted in the room of one of the young lighted in the room of one of the young ladies, which opened into that which her vending milk on the street without it.

Then a policeman came in and said that friend was to occupy. They retired in he had driven from the door a drunken good health and spirits, but next morning infanticide. Miss Annie Gardner, of man, who was the missing bridegroom.

DECIDEDLY PARISIAN.

Strange Sulcide of Two Lovers. A remarkable duel has just taken place which for its novelty and fearful termina-

tion has set Parisians agog. Two brothers, Auguste and Andre Berni, the former aged 40, the latter 33, both employed in the great glass manufactory at Saint Denis, became enamored of Adele Vergeri, a cook at La Villette. Adele Vergeri is described as a young woman of plain, simple habits, who had, by dint of hard work and economy, managed to save a few hundred francs. In appearance Adele is but a humble representative of France, but she is modest and retiring, and not given to resorting to balls and theatres. She formed the acquaintance of the brothers at a baptism. Both, it appears from the very first, began paying her attentions.

Adele Vergeri received the visits of the brothers with much sang froid. To her it was amusing to see first one, then the other, come puffing and blowing in his desire to be the first to greet her. Neither would give in to the other, and Adele had to escort them both out, as neither would leave the other alone with her. So terrible became the jealousy between the brothers that they would not speak with each other. It had, however, to be settled at last, as Adele Vergeri threatened that unless her courtship ceased to be mixed with hatred she would have to ask the brothers to desist from calling upon her. The brothers met. They had parted with Adele Vergeri, and both confronted each other in one of the great wine shops of the Saint Denis quarter, so appropriately called by Zola, "Assommoir." glared at each other, and their friends saw at once that mischief was brewing. They finally motioned to each other to withdraw to a table. They spoke low, but excitedly, smoked quickly, and the blue smoke of their pipes was hot.

"A duel! Yes, a duel!" This was distinetly heard, and then the brothers beekoned to Jules Remi and Alfred Poulier, friends of theirs. They had decided upon fighting a duel, but not with swords or pistols. It was to be a duel to the death. Two bottles of rum, brought from the cellars of Jacques Barbier's Assommoir de Saint Denis, were put on the table. Two tumblers were set by the side of the bottles, and then this contract was made by the brothers in the presence of wit

"It is agreed between the brothers Auguste and Andre Berni to drink rum until neither is unable to driak any more. The first who succumbs will consider himself beaten, and surrender all claim to Adele Vergeri."

The contract was signed, the bottles tipped, and the tumbler filled. At first the men drank slowly, but as the liquor began to excite their brains they fairly poured it down their throats. At the ninth glass Auguste, the younger of the brothers, gave a yell of pain, and sank senseless to the floor. Andre Berni then arose, and, his feet, then rebounding pitched head- with a smile on his face, turned to top of his head. When the doctor arrived of the cabaret when he threw up quickly carried to the hospital Tenon, but died shortly after reaching it, of concussion of the brain and paralysis of the heart. Auguste Berni, crazed by the rum on the side of his head where he struck the he had drank, recovering from his faint,

not been seen since. Adele Vergeri, the humble cook of La Villette, when she heard of the death of Andre and the disappearance of Auguste,

DEATH IN A POT OF VARNISH.

merely shrugged her shoulders.

Three Palatal Accidents, One of Which has a Fatal Ending.

A most painful accident occurred on penter, living in Bushhill township, Northnish which had been placed over a stove boiled over and the contents, catching fire, ran over the floor, setting fire to it and filling the room instantly with smoke. There were in the room at the time Mrs. Hall, her two daughter, Mrs. ruary, 1876, but their commissions, which Patrick McGrath and Mrs. Spengler, and several children these ladies, Mrs. Hall rushed daughters, after bursting the winnow year thereafter, shall continue in office sashes and throwing out their children ran to the assistance of their mother, who lay directors excepted. The question is, do on the floor unconscious, as the flames consumed her flesh and clothing. They extinguished the flames, but were themselves injured. William Hall, a son ran if they expire in November, 1981, shall in to assist and was badly burned about was accidentally shot by the agency clerk the head, face and hands. A six-year-old February election. Under the provisions son of Mr. Hall has died. William Hall is of the act of March 10, 1875, common expected to recover, but the McGrath councilmen elected in October of that year child will not, it is feared, survive. The held over until the 1st of April, 1877. But iouse was badly damaged.

Fatal Casualties.

John F. R. Brown, owner of the Pleasevening and received injuries which may prove fatal.

A carriage containing a party of young road crossing in Dublin, Ohio, on Saturday night, and a young woman named Clara Hansborough, was killed. Another young woman and a young man were severely in-

The residence of Charles D. Fisher, on The family escaped, but Mary Tasker, a also. colored woman, and Perry Diggs, a colored boy, were fatally injured by jumping from a tifth-story window. The woman died in half an hour after the disaster, and the boy was dying last night. The fire is supposed to have originated from the furnace in the cellar. The loss on the building, furniture and library is estimated at 840,000.

A Deal Too Long.

An old lady of his flock once called upon Dr. Gill with a grievance. The doctor's neck-bands were too long for her ideas of ministerial humility, and after a long har- skeleton and prepared slides of tissues and angue on the sin of pride, she intimated that she had brought her scissors with her and would be pleased if her dear pastor would allow her to clip them down to her notions of poverty. The doctor not only listened patiently to her lecture, but handed her over the offending white bands for her to operate upon. When she had cut them to her satisfaction and returned the bibs it was the doctor's turn. "Now," said he, "my good sister, you must do me a good turn also." "Yes, that I will, doctor; what can it be?" "You have something about see it shorter." defeat of Fricher as a candidate for re- not hesitate; what is it? Here are the Daniel Fegley, for violating the act of As- like Jones's coon as soon as the gun was scissors, use them as you please." "Come sembly which requires milk-venders to pointed at him. then," said the sturdy di ter, put out your tongue."

> A Paris Sensation. The best society of Paris has been purchased a new wagon for which he had shocked by the sudden death of two young not yet received the painted curtains. He to the theatre, and it was arranged that once,

man who wanted to enter. A search in when the maid entered their room with the neighborhood resulted in finding this their chocolate, they were found in their beds dead. They had been asphyxiated

by the carbonic acid gas from the stove. LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

the Eyes of Others.

A TOBACCO SHARP. How He Swindled a Dealer out of a Small Amount and Came Near Shutting Up

A piece of sharp practice on the part of bogus tobacco buyer has just come to light, though the parties most immediately interested succeeded in keeping it quiet for a week. A good-looking, well-dressed, well-informed man calling himself S. Sellser, and representing himself as an agent of the extensive eigar manufacturing establishment of Huan & Co., made his appearance in Lancaster and sought an interview with David G. Hirsh, dealer in leaf tobacco. After dickering for some time and examining samples with the utmost care he made up his mind to purchase 150 cases, cash on delivery. He selected 40 cases for immediate shipment, the price agreed upon amounting to \$1,946. As Mr. Sellser required some loose change for immediate wants he suggested that the draft on Huan & Co. should be made for the even \$2,000, and that Mr. Hirsh should hand over to him odd \$54. This was acquiesced in by Mr. Hirsh, who suggested, however, that it would be the proper thing to telegraph to Huan & Co. and acquaint them with the transaction. To this Sellser readily agreed, but urged Mr. Hirsh to keep the matter from the knowledge of other packers and manufacturers, as Huan & Co. had a reputation of using only Havana tobacco and it wouldn't do to let outsiders know they were using Pennsylvania. This matter being satisfactorily arranged, the two walked down street, took supper at the Stevens house, telegraphed to Huan & Co., at Jacksonville, went to the theatre and had a good time generally-all at Mr. Hirsh's expense. As it was late Saturday evening when the telegram was sent off, no reply was received until Monday. In the meantime, Mr. Sellses had hired a team from Fred. Brimmer and gone to Manheim to ply his arts among the rural tobacco men. Mr. Hirsh at once followed him and overtook him, finding that he had negotiated with several parties for a large number of eigars. The fellow begged, tion of the mill twice over. At the begin- hip-pocket of his pantaloons, he effectually and cried, and plead so carnestly, that ing of the war the company had a fair scared molestation from their pates and Mr. Hirsh, who had at least saved his to- working capital and were in first-rate they retired. The victor then went home. bacco, that he was induced to let him standing. Supposing that the war would off without a prosecution-a thing which be of short duration, operations in the mill Church of God, says that the little girl he ought not to have done; but as were suspended, the result of which was who is collecting money for his church, an evidence of Mr. Sellser's tender-heart- that the establishment was idle until about from our citizens, was not authorized to edness it may be here mentioned that 1865. By this time a number of the di- do so. Whether she is acting in a surrepwhen Mr. Hirsh took him to the theatrethe play being "The Child of the State" -he wept at all the more affecting pas-

sages of that delightful drama. The same fellow, under the name of Goodman, on the same day on which he made, however, the bubble burst and the true character of Sellser, alias Goodman, was exposed. Dealers in other localities should keep an eye on him

A QUESTION OF CONSTRUCTION.

When Do Their Terms Expire ?

of the Third ward, and Aldermen McCon-omy, Good and Donnelly, of the First, successful men in his line in the country. ees of the company were paid for work performed in the month of November. omy, Good and Donnelly, of the First, Fifth and Eighth wards, shall or shall not be had at the ensuing municipal election in February.

Last February Major R. W. Shenk was claimed by some that this is illegal and dalous and oppressive. Saturday, at the home of Paul Hall, a car- that the vacancy should be filled by an election by the people at the next succeedexpired term.

As to the case of the aldermen there is cution was begun against them all. more doubt. They were elected in Feb-Henry ran for a term of five years, bear date Nountil the first of April following, school the aldermen of the wards named hold over until April, 1882, or do their commissions expire November; 1881; and their successors be elected at the ensuing common councilmen are not commissioned by the governor, and aidermen are! And are aldermen "city officers?"

The act of May 23d, 1874, says: "Each ure Bay house, at Long Branch, was of the wards of the said cities shall be enthrown from his carriage last Thursday titled to one alderman: * * said alderman shall be elected at the municipal election next preceding the expiration of the commission of the justice of the peace people was demolished by a train at a rail- resident in the district out of which said

ward shall be created." It will be necessary to have an "official" decision pretty soon, as the mayor is obliged to make timely proclamation of all the offices to be filled at the ensuing election. The city solicitor has been asked Charles street, Baltimore, was destroyed for an opinion, and it is probable the matby fire before daylight Sunday morning. ter will be referred to the attorney general

Class in Physiology.

by Dr. Crumbaugh at the Young Men's

The talk on "Digestion" last evening

Christian association before the class in anatomy; and physiology was well attended, some forty to tifty youths and young men being present. The subject was set forth on the black-boards in brief heads which were discussed at length, first as to the organs themselves, and then as to their structure, sceretions and functions. The lecture was of a practical character. being illustrated with diagrams, charts, parts of organs shown under the compound microscope. Three very fine microscopes were on duty upon the table in the room to the rear of the audience hall, to which

the attention of all present was invited at

the close of the lecture. This physiology

class affords young men an unusually good

chance to learn something of "the house

they live in." It is, of course, free to

everybody. Another Milkman Fined. Wilson Brubaker, jr., a milkman residave on their wagons their names and th location of their dairy. Mr. Brubaker acknowledged that he knew he was violating the law, but did so only because he

HARRISBURG COTTON PACTORY.

The Capacity of its Machinery—A Shor Sketch of the Enterprise The Harrisburg papers and people continue to express great satisfaction at the purchase by George Calder, jr., of this city, of their cotton mil,. The Telegraph gives quite a history of the mill. Its ca-

pacity is as follows: Looms, two hundred and eighty one. Spindles, eight thousand. Operatives two hundred and fifty. Productions, seventy six thousand vards

per week. Hours per day, under the old organization, eleven.

The mill made brown sheetings, shirting and drillings. Cotton used per week sixty bales. The average pay per year, 860,000.

The first floor was used for carding second for weaving-third for spinning, and the fourth for dressing. The cloth room is located in the second story of the new brick building, where the goods were

brushed, trimmed, folded, stamped and baled for the market. About the year 1846-47, the success of the cotton mills at Lancaster, built by Gen. a day or two since. The boats were being James, of Providence, R. I., induced a number of the enterprising citizens of Har- by a tug, which with the fifth boat got risburg to consult with that gentleman as to the erection of a similar mill in this (then) borough. General James's knowledge of cotton spinning was very exten-sive, and at a meeting held in the court running thick, that the boats appeared. house, he presented the practical points to | To battle the ice was impossible and four be considered by those who were asked to subscribe the necessary capital to erect was loaded with merchandiss, the value of such an establishment, and a joint stock company was organized, which embraced No lives lost. many of our most prominent capitalists -James McCormick, William Calder. Isaac G. McKinley, Michael Burke, John H. Briggs, Philip Dougherty and others. A contract was entered into with Gen. James for the erection of a first-class mill, and the company started in its operations about 1849-50. James McCormick, president; William Buehler, treasurer. All the original board of directors are standing that he was to name his substilead, the only surviving officer being Wm. tute should be be unable to go himself. Buehler. Starting with a limited knowledge of the business, the directors were superintendent. The success of the enterprise was varied, but on the whole profitable. One of the effects of the mill was to increase the value of real estate in the upper end of the city, the men advanced towards him, but by a quick indirect profits of which paid for the erecrectors had died, and those remaining titious capacity, or not, does not appear on were not willing to undertake its management. In this condition of affairs the mill called on Mr. Hirsh, called also on Messrs. was the first superintendent. When the this morning and came to Columbia They

Skiles & Frey, and, representing himself mill was put into operation under the new were pursued by two other inmates of the as agent for Huan & Co., bought 40 cases, ownership, a Mr. Kelly was superintend-institution until they reached here when at reweight, and desired them to be ent for about a year. In 1866 Samuel Fisk they eluded their pursuers. They are yet shipped at once. Before the shipment was | took charge of the mill, conducting its af- at liberty, but will probably be eaught be fairs until 1870, when Edward Andrews fore long. took charge of it, by whom it has been aary, 1881. Mr. Andrews, whose man-Mr. Calder until the establishment is un- were elected. There appears to be some doubt as to der full operation, and for aught we know

ILLEGAL FEES.

How They are Manufactured.

A case just brought to our notice illuselected select councilman of the Third trates in a remarkable degree the folly and ward. He died and Adam R. Barr was expense of "going to law" over trifles elected his successor. Heretofore the and the rapacity of petty officials in inpractice has been for council to elect a sue- creasing their fees at a rate which makes cossor "for the unexpired term" but it is the local administration of justice so scan-

Two brothers had a dispute as to their rights in a certain property of no great ampton county. A kettle containing varing city election. The more prevalent value at its best. The invasion of it or opinion is that council has a right to fill rather the use of it by one of the brothers the vacancy for the full length of the un- and his men was regarded by the other as a malicious trespass and a criminal prose-

A counter civil and criminal suit foilowed. By which time the trouble of at tending court, the law's delays, the lawof vember 6, 1876 and would therefore expire vers' fees, the bad blood created, and November 6, 1881; but the act of Assem-other considerations involved, brought the stove and endeavored to lift the pot bly of March 10, 1875, provides that them to their better senses and a brotherly from it, but her dress caught fire and in an "city officers" whose terms of office compromise was effected, by which all instant she was wrapped in fiames. Her would expire in November, 1876, or any suits were withdrawn and the costs divided. It cost each of the parties to the quarrel about \$100 for their experiment at litigation over trifles.

But this is only incidental to the main fact which it is desired to illustrate-the facility with which costs are worked up by constables.

When the aggrieved party sought re dress he readily found a magistrate who showed him how to make nine complaints and nine cases out of one and the same offense committed at the same time. The nine suits were brought and nine sets of costs incurred. One bill was ignored and one case otherwise disposed of. When there remained seven suits on the docket the agreement was reached by which seven were to be nol.prossed upon payment of the costs, half by each of the brothers

When it came to the payment of these costs it was found that the subdivision of the offense, and the multiplication of indictments had resulted in seven sets of costs for the prosecution of the single offense. The sheriff, the district attorney, the clerk of quarter sessions, the county, the justice and the constable's return each had seven-fold costs included in the bill. The first brother who paid his costs found his half amounting to \$77.90. The settlement was made to the August term.

litigant, original parties to the dispute.

Meanwhile subpoenas were issued to the witnesses to attend the October, Novem ber and December terms of court, and after the latter the other brother came to town to attend to the payment of his half of the costs and was startled to hear that they had mounted up to about \$150. Here comes the rub!

There were three witnesses for the comnonwealth. One of them was the prosecutor and another was the constable himself to whom the subpænas were sent to be served by him. He had to travel 6 or 7 ois. With the common school system, the miles and back at most to serve on the public works and the state politics of a byprosecutor and the other man.

How do you suppose he managed to foot up a bill of \$17.64 mileage on the commonwealth's subpœna for each court? This way— He traveled his seven miles and back

each of the three times. Then he returned 14 miles circular for each of the three witnesses, in each of the seven cases at each of the three courts: 14x.06x3x7=317.64. \$17.64x3-\$52.92. That is to say that this constable-and

he was not a city constable-charged ing on the New Holland pike, near Muddy | 852.92 mileage, representing 884 miles travyou which is a deal too long and causes Springs, had a hearing before Alderman eled at 6 cents a mile, when in truth and me no end of trouble, and I would like to McConomy this morning, to answer a fact he traveled only 42 miles and was "Indeed, dear sir, I will complaint preferred against him by only entitled to \$2.52. He came down

THE LATE PREEZE. Hydrants and Water Pipes Damaged.

fect of swelling the ice in frozen hydrants and a certificate of his banker, showing ladies, Mile. de Thamberg and Mile. de was made pay the fines and costs, and and frozen water pipes and bursting a the amount of city funds on deposit on the la Chevardiere. They went with friends promised to have his curtains put on at have already been reported as have already been have already been reported as burst, and 1st of November. The treasurer, who is to repair on Saturday. While so many appear. The committee approved the bill private pipes have been burst, it is gratify. of Mr. Clarkson, who had been employed ing to learn that there has not been a as an expert to examine the city treasursingle break in any of the city water mains | er's books, and having no other business nor a single fire plug frozen.

COLUMBIA NEWS.

OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE

Yesterday, the occasion of his 58th birthday, William Hiteshue was agreeably surprised, on reaching his home, at the dinner hour, to find a number of his friends awaiting him to commemorate with him the day. Mr. Hiteshue's Sun-day school class of the Church of God were among the number.

Officers Fisher and Lyle arrested four men yesterday on North Front street. charged with drunken and disorderly conduct in the neighborhood of Baker's ca-

Messrs, S. S. Detwiler, L. W. Richards and several others, left here this morning for McCall's Ferry to procure greens for decorating purposes in St. Paul's Episco-pal church. The decorations, which will be of an elaborate nature, will be put up soon and will be kept up until after New Year's day.

John L. Denny, of the Paxton rolling mill, Harrisburg, was in town yesterday. Information reaches us of the demolition of four canal boats in the Chesapeake Bay towed from Baltimore to Havre De Grace away. The ice had gorged at a point above the scene of the accident a couple of days before and it was shortly after the break, of the boats succumbed. One of them

Col. C. S. Kauffman has returned from a visit to the western part of the state. The Vigilant fire company, at a meeting held last evening appointed George W. Schroeder a delegate to the state volunteer firemen's convention to be held at Reading on Thursday next. The Columbia company appointed their president a delegate to the convention with the under-

A young man while on his way home on Saturday night discovered a couple of wholly dependent on the judgment of the tramps standing at the open door of a dwelling house on one of our streets. He asked the men what they were doing there and they answered "What the hell business is that of yours?" He stopped, the hand movement to the neighborhood of the Rev. J. 11. Esterline, pastor of the

the surface. Two sons of William M. Johnson, a vetwas sold at public auction, Hon. J. D. Cam- eran of the late war, of this place, who eron and others becoming the purchasers. were placed in the Mount Joy soldiers' or-Samuel D. Mason, of Providence, R. I., phans' school a few months ago, ran away

At the monthly meeting of company II managed until its late suspension. The last evening, it was decided to give a supmill will begin spinning on the 1st of Jan- per on February 18th, 19th, 21st and 22d 1881. The receipts will be used to pay the agement of the mill under the late owner- company's expenses to Washington, D. C. ship was so satisfactory, will remain with on inauguration day. Two new members

The Penasylvania railroad pay car was whether an election for select councilman longer. He is certainly one of the most here yesterday afternoon, and the employ-Corporal A. M. Slade was acting first ergeant of company H last evening.

Market this morning was not very lively. One of Samuel Filbert's mules fell into the river above the bridge yesterday.

THADDEUS STEVENS. Further Demand for the Publication of His Biography.

New York Sun. Thaddeus Stevens was buried in the graveyard for colored people of Lancaster. He declined to lay his bones with those who were too proud to associate themselves even in death with the race whose sufferings had excited his sympathy. In his public conduct, in his domestic life, and in all his testamentary arrangements, he made clear his detestation of the distinction which society had always main-

tained. Stevens was certainly the great commoner of the war period. He was for a while in the House of Representatives; its action lay in his voice. Opposition wilted before his strong will. Weaker men, and sometimes more conscientious men.cowered beneath his lash, and were driven into measures they would fain have escaped. Gen. Gartield, for instance, did not believe in the constitutionality of the reconstruction laws; he had, indeed, demonstrated their unconstitutionality in the supreme court; but he voted for them under Stevens's stern command, as obediently as if it had been high treason to have an opinion of his own. Stevens tolerated "no nonsense," as he called it. When a member offended him, or was slack in his service of the party, he had no hesitation in writing to the gentlemen's constituents that he had no further use for him and they had better keep him at home. He never pretended that he thought the reconstruction laws constitutional. On the contrary, he candidly stated his opinion that they were entirely "outside the constitution," and as candidly expressed his sovereign contempt for the intellect of any man who supposed they were inside. His docfrine of political necessity covered the case. He had no notion of pausing to consider matters of mere legal right when the interests he had in charge required

him to go ahead. With much of the moral coarseness of Danton, he had many of the high mental qualities of Mirabeau. He was one of the greatest of revolutionary leaders. He rode the storm, and rode it for a purpose. There was a time when Mr. Lincoln's power was not comparable to the actual power wielded by Stevens. No other man in American history has ever occupied the singular position which courage, genius

and stern conviction gave him. The story of Mr. Stevens's life is also closely interwoven with the most interesting chapters in the history of Penusylvagone age, his name is inseparably connected. On the whole, Thaddeus Stevens's biography, if executed with a frankness and courage similar to his own, would be one of the most instructive biographies ever written. Mr. Edward McPherson is his literary executor, and the public expect tation has more than once been aroused by announcements that he had the work in hand. The time has arrived for a candid and dispassionate review of the political conduct of the group of anti-slavery leaders, of whom Mr. Stevens was the most powerful and for a time the most conspicuous; and it is to be hoped that his appointed biographer will not longer withhold the materials for a proper judgment.

Meeting of the Finance Committee. Last evening a meeting of the finance committee of city councils was held select conneil chamber. The city treasurer had been notified to attend the meet-The moderating weather has had the ef- ing and bring with him the tax duplicates one plumber reports that he had eighteen acting under advice of counsel, declined to before them adjourned.