We suggested the other day to the Messrs. McCalmont and the other gentlemen who are agitating themselves to secure a change in the direction of the Reading railroad, that they had better find out what the judge thought about it before they put themselves to much trou. ble or worry. They have ascertained now, but not on their application, nor been to them an intolerable nuisance. probably much to their satisfaction. If there is anything reasonably certain to- His principal function since his beginning day, in this changing world, it is that Mr. of service as a representative, has been Gowen will retain the control of the to say, "I object," a very offensive cus-Reading railroad property, and even of tom to the majority in a legislative body, the empty presidency of the suspended but not always without valuable corporation. He and his fellow directors having applied to Judge McKennan for leave to postpone the stockholder's meet- he did not frame much good legislation ing called for the 10th inst. by them, the judge refuses to grant them such leave, upon the ground that it is at present this we would be less governed and betnone of his business whether they do or | ter governed. do not hold the proposed meeting, as its holding is of no consequence at all to the creditors of the railroad company who now hold all its property and who do not care a cent who the stockholders elect to be the president of their empty corporation. Nevertheless the judge gives advice to the directors and a warning. Though he will not give them the leave they ask, because it is none of his

concern, he tells them they will be very

silly to hold an election or permit any

other important business to be done at

the stockholders' meeting, as he gravely

doubts whether it will be lawful, and

will be sure further to complicate exist-

ing matters.

In other words the judge holds, as a man of sense, that since the officers of the railroad company have nothing at all over which to exercise authority, and cannot do anything to help their company, it is unwise to seek to change them when there is any doubt at all as to the authority to do so. It is advice the judge nod not have tendered. It was no more his duty to advise this company than to give them leave to postpone their election. But having a lot of "'tarnal fools," as the Yankees say, before him, the temptation was irresistible to try to drive a little plain sense into them. The astonishing part of this is the citadel of power; and where it in. did not require any very great intelligenre to discern that Judge McKento disposses Mr. Gowen, was not at Mr. Gowen and respects him. He is great strength and his great weakness; and he knows that the exuberance of his self-confidence, hopefulness and courage, which caused him to rush the company under his management to the abyss of rain, are the very qualities that scheme is impossible and proposterous on will be most valuable in extricating it. engineering grounds, and that the United guineas each. A despondent man has no business now States are too much interested in any proin charge of the Reading's fortunes, whatever his wisdom. These wretched McCalmonts must be senile, with their immense interest in Reading stock, to stir up this worse than useless disturbance heard it.

Mn. HEWIT, the speaker-elect of the state House of Representatives, indulges in some very fair words. We hope they will be justified in the appointment of his committees. He can, if he will, select men who will carry out the ideas of equity which he so admirably, and we believe sincerely, expresses. For he owes his unanimous election to no special element of his party and takes his sent without any further obligation than to do what is right. Especially should he aim to enforce the views he expresses about the apportionment of the state. Apportionment is a simple matter with legislators who want to act fairly and honestly. The map, the constitution and the census tables are all the authorities that need to be consulted. By no other should the Legislature be guided. But the assured. He strongly denounced the contemptation is great to heed the "claims" of party interests, shricks of locality and the last moment to propose repressive the selfish aspirations of individuals. measures in Ireland and said the circum-The contemplation of the law is that ju- stances warranted an amendment to the gion. The storm was accompanied by dicial, congressional, senatorial and address in that sense. But the state of Irc- snow and high winds over eight hundred representative districts be made up com- land required speedy measures. He there- miles between Omaha and Green river. pactly of contiguous parts and that fore recommended that the House proceed they be of as nearly equal population as immediately to discuss the ministerial opened by the operator, a steady electric they can be organized, without too much | measures for restoring order and liberty to | light burned at the connecting points. cutting up of counties or towns. They long-suffering subjects of the queen. have seldom in the history of our legislation been so apportioned and gerrymandering has been the scandalous abuse of power all over the country. It is little better to rob districts of their representative rights than to rob them of their money, and reprisals in this matter are natural, as well as the reciprocity of fairness. Some party must begin to be he would serve the county, if elected, for decent in this matter, and if Mr. Hewit \$1,200 a year, though the salary was \$2,500. proposes to do it he can begin a reform Mr. Thornton was elected, and has served that will be a credit to himself and his as county judge since January, 1879, and, the camp followers, for nothing is more

An esteemed Democratic contributor, one of the kind of men whose views we are always glad to publish, expresses the opinion elsewhere that the Democrats ought to sympathize with Grow's candidacy. We think not, and our correspondent's views do not convince us. Mr. Grow did venture into the Liberal movement; he failed to follow its failure. to secure it. He is not a very to declare the office vacant. able man. His hard money speech in 1878 was made at Quay's suggestion and under his direction, and it was revised

gag" resolution that prevented Wolfe rom making a speech against the riot loss bill corruption to the Republican state convention, which sadly needed to hear it. The managers called into service his trained parliamentary ability to her. cheke off free speech.

WE can believe that Mr. Conger's colleagues in the House, on both sides were glad to hear of his nomination for United States Senator. The Republicans were pleased because he is an active, able partisan; the Democrats because he has Conger is ugly and smart and fussy. results to the public. John Randolph was a great objector, and if he prevented much bad. If more legislators would content themselves with

Conger is a man of some good parts, but those which he has displayed in a minority and in the lower house will not avail to make him shine. Driven to other resources of his talents he may four pound daughter of a twelve-year-old rise to a higher plane and attain better mother, has died. distinction. Some men who have been conspicuous in the House sink into nothingness in the Senate. Some men unfitted for House service take higher rank in the more deliberative body. Conger will be irrepressible. Right or month aggregating \$180,000. wrong, for good or evil, he has a future.

MINOR TOPICS. HAYES first offered it to a Virginia confederat i brigadier.

THEY have counted Plaisted out in Maine; whether they will keep him counted out has not yet been decided.

THE Examiner's imperfect view of the senatorial contest is painful. Won't some of the FAMILY please enlighten its "mud-

THE German Jews are being helped by persecution. One of them has just been elected by a handsome majority president of the municipal council of Berlin itself.

THE revised census of South Carolina shows that population is even greater than whole movement to oust Mr. Gowen has first reported. So Senator Conkling's last been its intense stupidity. It was such campaign speech is spoiled for future use. an objectless effort, where he was so His "greatest effort" now should be to firmly lodged in the receivership, which tell the truth about what he has falsified

nan, in whom only lay the power to disposses Mr. Gowen, was not at wants to be minister to France: Levi P. Caused her death by using a red-hot iron.

Charles A. Brown, a special policeman, all likely to exercise it. He knows ship to any cabinet office that he may be his son, Frederick N. Brown, aged 20, inoffered since he cannot get the treasury flicting a wound in the left breast which aware of his faults and his virtues, his portfolio; the colored population will be has caused the young man's death. The satisfied with a foreign mission for Fred elder Brown was assaulting the boy's Douglass.

> transit Grant is expected "to demonstrate very clearly that the DeLesseps Three animals have just been purchased at of intelligent estimates of the canvass. ject of an isthmus canal to allow it go forward under any but American control."

MRS. MOLLIE GRIZZAUD has been elected engrossing clerk of the House of Repat present. Now that they have heard resentatives in Tennessee. The Republiwhat the judge has to say, possibly they cans generally voted for Broughton, colwill have sense enough to cease from ored. Twenty Democrats combined with troubling; as he holds their property by her Republican friends and elected her. the throat, they may be wise enough to Her husband was a young man, who was over by Slosson and on which the last heed his advice now that they have killed the first year of the war while hiding match was played.

ership. Should Robeson be elected to the Senate from New Jersey, as he expects, to-day. and Frye from Maine, as he hopes, the Republicans will be left practically leaderless and utterly incompetent, except by sheer numerical force, to cope with the opposition, which will have among numbers fitted for leadership such members as Randall, Carlisle, McLane, Morrison, ment says "everybody must pay." Springer, Wood, Knott and Cox.

In a speech in the House of Lords last night Beatonsfield declared the accession of the present government had unsettled everything in Europe, Asia and Ireland by reversing the policy of their predecessors, at the time of whose overthrow peace was duct of the government in waiting until

MR. THORNTON, who ran on the Greenback ticket, was elected as county judge of Sullivan, New York, in the fall of 1878, for a term of six years, defeating County Judge Bush, who was a candidate for reelection on the Democratic ticket. During the canvass Thornton announced that part in the contest. Sharon was said to true to his promise to the people, has only taken \$1,200 a mar, though the board of visitors raised usual salary. The unsuccessful Democratic candidate brought a trade in the gambling soloons of Carson quo warranto suit, setting up that Thorn- is very slim. Col. Fair went to Virginia ton's agreement to serve for \$1,200 per an-dispatch stating that all the Democratic num, if elected, was in the nature of a members had pledged themselves to sup bribe, made to influence the voters of the port him. county, and he prayed that Thornton should be declared ineligible, and that he (Bush) should be installed in the office as tain Stuart, from New York, lost one hune aged 23, Hugh Harrington aged 19, Pathowever, where his convictions, if he the one who had received the highest num- dred and eighty two head of cattle out of was moved by them, would naturally ber of legal votes. The highest courts the four hundred and fifty which were have led him. He is not a sincere man. have just decided that Thornton's promise He is an office-hunter; he has been seek- to take \$1,200 was in the nature of a bribe, ing this senatorial election in a mendi- and remove him as ineligible for service on cant style. He would put his neck that account, but they refuse to place Bush under the Cameron voke any time on the county bench, only going so far as

Place Aux Dames.

Was it in grim obedience to that old motto, "Ladies first," that Mrs. Meierand largely interpolated by Quay with hofer was hanged yesterday before Lamfrom Middlesborough bound to Yoko; what he considered "good enough Mor- mens, her alleged partner in crime? She gans until after the election. . In 1879 it was Grow's skilled hand which drew the cially strangled also.

The Pacific coast is being moved to make Gen. McDowell secretary of war. Madame THIERS left an estate of four million dollars. She couldn't take it with London Academy says that the position filled at one and the same time by Dickens,

Thackeray and George Eliot can perhaps

be claimed at the present moment, if

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claimed at all, only by a single English novelist-by Thomas HARDY. Citizens of the United States residing in Mexico deeply lament the death of Major CLARKE, who for many years defended their interests in his journal, the Two Republics. The publication of that journal will not be interrupted by the death of the proprietor, but will be continued by

his son, Mastella Clarke. The fact that General Goff, the new secretary of the navy, has relinquished the office of United States district attorney of West Virginia, to which he was recently reappointed, and which is said to be worth from \$10,000 to 12,000 per annum, is construed by his friends to mean that he will be continued in the navy department by President Garfield.

LATEST NEWS BY MAIL. The Nautch baby, born in New York,

contest in Maine, insuring, it is said, Hale's Four manufacturing corporations in Lewiston, Maine, representing \$4,000,000

Frye has withdrawn from the senatorial

of capital, have declared dividends this A mob of 300 persons burst into the prison at Entre Rios, Argentine Republic, and hacked to pieces four slaves who had murdered the son of their owner. A dead pauper's coat, at Fort Scott,

Kansas, was found to be lined with \$500 in good money, which goes to the state, no heir appearing. Beaumont B. Buck, of Texas, now a

military cadet at West Point, who shot and dangerously wounded John G. Thompson, jr., on the 4th of last June, is to be tried for that offense next week. There was a terrible explosion at about twelve o'clock last night in Balbach's ex-

tensive refinery works, in River street, Newark. One person was killed and one fatally injured. Several are missed. Russia has ordered the withdrawa! 10,000 men from the Chinese frontier in order that they may go to the assistance of ity succeed by urging all the local candithe corps operating against the Turco-

In the House of Commons last evening Mr. Henry Labouchere (Advar end Liberal). said he would shortly move that a hereditary chamber cannot be a permanent institution.

August Leffler's wife had pneumonia at Fond du Lac, and he was advised to lay a warm flat iron on her chest. He was "CALICO" CHARLEY FOSTER, of Ohio, drunk when he applied the remedy, and of Brooklyn, on Wednesday night, shot

mother and the lad interfered. In his forthcoming article on interocean at the steadily increasing demand from the United States for Jersey cattle. Farmers are obtaining high prices for cows. and this trumpery is sent to take the the previously unheard of price of 200 Oliver's election is as certain as any event

> The first party of engineers and their assistants for Panama left Paris yesterday for St. Nazaire, where they will embank on the steamer Lafayette. M. DeLesseps accompanied them to the railroad train. Their departure was attended with great

> The billiardist Slosson is coming home. having refused to accept the conditions of M. Vignaux for a match, that the latter should be allowed to practice four hours daily for a fortnight on the table brought

The Indiana House elected the officers nominated at the Republican caucus. The CONGER's translation takes another of Senate is at a dead lock. Candidates were the Republican leaders out of the House presented by both the Democrats and Reand helps Kasson's chances for the speak- publicans. Majors and Davis, Nationals, voted with the Democrats. After a number of ballots the Senate adjourned until

John D. Locke, of Whitestone, L. I., Corona, on that road, on Tuesday, for refusing to pay his fare. Mr. Locke had always had a pass, but the new manage-

In the little town of Coalvil e, in Kansas, in passing an open fire place, the dress of a young lady named Davis caught fire, and she immediately rushed out into the yard, where her clothes burned off and she him. died at her mother's feet. The latter's clothing also caught fire and she was so badly burned that she died in twenty-four

For twenty-four hours a singular atmospheric phenomenon, known as the annual electric storm, raged between Omaha and Ogden. During that time the telegraph whee have been useless through that re-The intensity of the storm is shown by the fact that when the telegraph key was

FAIR SURE OF ELECTION.

The Nevada Democrats Pledged to the Bonanza King.

The undisputed election of Col. Fair a There was a rumor that Adolph Sutro, of special train from San Francisco to take have espoused the cause of the great tunneler. The combination was accredited with willingness to throw \$250,000 into the fight. The news caused much joy among discouraging to Nevada than a tame senatorial election. Sutro's special train has not yet arrived, and the prospect of a combination purse being opened to stimulate

News by the Sea. The steamship City of Liverpool, Cap-

The English steamer Heralda, from Palermo, bound to London, has been in collision with the Spanish steamer Leon, from Liverpool for Manila, twelve miles from Cape Roca. Both vessels sank. Nine Englishmen and fourteen Spaniards have been landed at Lisbon. Nothing is known

hama, has been wrecked near the entrance to the Thames river. Eighteen persons were drowned and eleven saved.

THE PENNSTLVANIA SENATORSHIP. Has Cameron a Reserve Nigger in the Wood Pile?

Astute Felix Craycraft in the Pittsburgh

That Grow is a "gouer" all admit, but Oliver's succes is not so fully conceded. There seems to be no doubt that Colonel Quay was originally booked for the place, but the riot bill investigation and the parnon of Kemble by the pardon board, of which he is thought to be the leading spirit, placed him outside the line of the possibilities. There is no doubt that Quay coveted the place and that the Camerons were anxious to aid him in his aspirations. But it was discovered long ago that the people would not stand it, and the chief argument used by Magee and others in favor of Oliver among members of the Legislature who were instructed for Grow is that the instructions were given against Quay rather than for Grow, and now that Quay is not a candidate those instructions have not a binding force. Quay gave up his great ambition reluctantly, and when he did, he sought to turn it over to his friend Gov. Hoyt. Many believe that he is still seeking that end, and neither he or Cameron are earnestly for Oliver, but are awaiting their opportunity to unblanket Hoyt and lead him to the race course. A congressman said to-day that Cameron would certainly remain in the Senate and tion, Delaware county, between two ache wanted a colleague who was a speaker and that Hoyt was quite an able one. George Alfred Townsend claims to have it direct from the managers that the senator will be either Quay, Hoyt or Oliver, and this together with some other circumstances, gives color to the impression that two or three of the senatorial Warwicks scratches. have their eyes on Hoyt.

In the event of Oliver not being able to concentrate the Cameron strength, Cessna is by no means to be overlooked in consid ering the probabilities. It will readily be seen that Oliver has an important advantage over Quay and Hoyt and Cessna, in a practically solid delegation of fifteen (or while nobody is committed to Quay but George Handy Smith, of Philadelphia, and bets are even that he will not carry out his pledge. Hoyt's county is instructed for Grow, in the face of his own possible candidacy, and Cessea's county is represented by a solid Democratic delegation. With all the doubts and suspicions that can be thrown around Oliver's candidacy, the "Dungannon Boy" seems to have the best of the light, and a strong and cohesive following. There is no doubt what ever that Oliver is earnestly for himself and nobody else, and that Chris. Magee and Russell Errett are true to his interests whatever may be the feelings or purposes of the other managers. If any of the managers want to throw Oliver they can readdates to hold on to their strength, and get up a dead-lock. With Grow, Stewart, Snowday, Gilfillan, White, Thompson, Cessna. Dick. Morrell and the others who will probably get votes all in the field, Oliver cannot get the regisitie 77 votes to nominate him, and with two or three days' balleting a propitious time to spring Hoyt,s name would come, just as it came for Garfield at Chicago.

Oliver Reported Safe.

Harrisburg dispatch to the Telegraph. Oliver's strength, and his growing strength, may be accurately measured by the efforts made to distract and alarm his friends. To this end telegrams are sent from here announcing that a dark horse is being trained to take his place in the race, and that this is being done by those whom he trusts for his election. You may dis-In St. Heliers much gratification is felt miss all this rubbish. Correspondents not admitted to the inner circles of accurate knowledge must send off something, can be when not decided. His strength is solid. His friends are true and his success is assured.

> THE DARK HORSE. The Oliver Leaders Growing Uneasy—The Speaker Hewit" Boom."

Harrisburg Patriot. The Oliver leaders were showing some uneasiness yesterday over the movement to concentrate the opposition to their faverite on Speaker Hewit. It is said that Hewit can command a considerable number of votes which would not be cast for Grow if he allowed his name to go before the caucus. Colonel Quay is working with might and main for Oliver, as if a supreme effort were necessary to make success sure. Chris. Magee cannot see that Hewit possesses more strength than Grow. The same individual declares that Senator Cameron has taken no more part in the selection of a successor to Mr. Wallace than to indicate a desire for the defeat of Grow. Colonel Quay left for Philadelphia who subscribed \$75,000 towards building vesterday afternoon and Mr. Magee for the North Shore Long Island railroad to Pittsburgh. Both will return by Tuesday Whitestone, was ejected from a train at next to resume the fight with increased determination. Harry Oliver left for home last night and will return next Monday. Mr. Grow, who left for Philadelphia last Wednesday, will be here in time to prosecute his claims. Speaker Hewit takes very kindly to the mention of his name for the

senatorship. It will not be hard to force

him to accept, should the lightning strike

The New Secretary of the Navy. General Nathan Goff, jr., of West Virginia, who has been nominated to succeed Richard W. Thompson, of Indiana, as secretary of the navy, is less than forty years of age, and is a resident of Clarksburg, W. Va. He served throughout the war on the Union side, and rose to the rank of brigadier general. In 1872 he was appointed United States district attorney for West Virginia, an office which he still holds, his commission having been renewed by Mr. Hayes in May last, at the end of his second term of four years. In 1874 he was the Republican candidate for Congress in the First district, and although defeated, succeeded in cutting down the Democratic majority from 1,500 to 143. In 1876 he was made the Republican candidate for governor of the state, but was defeated by Henry M. senator of Nevada is now almost a certainty Matthews, the Democratic candidate, by There was a rumor that Adolph Sutro, of about 14,000 majority. General Goff Sutro Tunnel fame, was coming on a is an able lawyer, and stump speaker, and a man of large acquirements. It is possible that his appointment to the head of the navy department has been made after consultation with the president elect, and that he will be the "Southern Republican" in Garfield's cabined.

The senate in executive session took up General Goff's nomination as secretary of the pavy and immediately confirmed it without the usual reference to committee.

BOILER EXPLOSION.

Fatal Results at Allentown. The boiler in the big puddle mill of the Allentown rolling mill exploded at 9 o'clock last night, damaging the mill to the extent of \$20,000, and instantly killing John Shak, aged 48 years, married, and fatally wounding Hugh Gallagher rick McGee aged 16, James Roarity aged 18, and Charles McCloskey aged 18.

The following persons were also badly injured : Samuel Burger, aged twenty-six ; James Harkens, aged twenty-two: John Harkens, aged thirteen, and William Gibbons and James Boyle. The boiler, which was thirty feet long and three feet in diameter, was sent in the middle and the two pieces were thrown in opposite direcof the fate of the rest. Forty-five of the tions, distance two hundred feet. The passengers and crews of the steamers are greatest confusion and excitement prevailed.

Don't Know Wno Don is For. Examiner, muddled Cameron organ. The whole question appears to be very

most intelligent looker-on.

STATE ITEMS. A new pulp mill is to be started at Cuba.

Allegheny county. The Sunday school superintendents of Blair county have organized an associa-

The Chambersburg Valley Spirit favors whipping as a punishment for one grade of offences.

John F. Dravo, is opposing Rutan for renomination as internal revenue collector at Pittsburgh. Josiah Riegel, senior member of the firm of Riegel, Scott & Co., wholesale dry goods merchants, died yesterday of paraly-

sis, at his residence, No. 1517 Girard avenue, Philadelphia, aged about fifty years. The public sleighs of the Herdic company brought back to Philadelphia the old omnibus day's when somehow or other there were heavy snows every winter, and huge sleighs were run by the omnibus

"Boneless ham" from Wisconsin was offered for sale in Pittsburgh. Somebody took a notion to investigate the prepara tion, and discovered it to be decayed ham and flitch put up like corned beef. Large quantities were confiscated by the author-

A collision occured at Lamokin June-

commodation trains caused by a misplaced

switch, by which two employees suffered severe injuries-one, a bridge carpenter named John Flynn, of Wilmington, has since died, and the other, Baggage Master Morris, had his thigh and ankle fractured. No passengers were injured beyond a few Speaker Randall does not think that Mr. Oliver will be elected. He has no confidence that either Grow or Hoyt will be

elected. He says that the Philadelphia delegation can control the election of a senator, and he is informed that the delegation stands thirteen for Mr. Snowden and four for Mr. Brewster. State Senator seventeen) members from his county, Lee, Venango, says that the Philadelphia delegation will not support Oliver.

THE ICE ON THE OHIO.

Trying to Prevent a Disastrous Flood Breaking the Ice at Cincinnati. The recent cold weather covered the Ohio river with a solid mass of ice from shore to shore. But the recent rains and melting of snows have raised the tributaries, and a sudden and disastrous breaking up is feared from Pittsburgh down. The coal shippers and river men, to protect their property moored along the banks, began the difficult work of breaking up the mass of ice opposite the city. The process was witnessed by crowds of people along the banks. Several strong boats were called into service, but few of them were found to be strong enough for the task. The Champion, No. 8 broke the ice about her in the Licking, and plowing her way with powerful force into the Ohio river, proceeded above the Newport bridge, where the hardest part of her task lay. Backing away from the floe, she would put on a full head of steam, and, rushing at a high rate of speed, allow her bow to run on the ice. The weight of the vessel would break the ice, when she would retire from the part- entire cost would be only about \$4. The ing masses to repeat the operation. In committee recommended that the books this manner the attack was kept up throughout the day. The Liberty, No. 4, started out in the ice to work below the suspension bridge. She went into the mass with great determination, but only broke her own length through the ico when she was ordered back and laid up.

The ice as as it is broken floats down and lodges in a mass, and, to make the work complete, it will have to be thoroughly broken all the way to Collum's Riffle, far below the city. The ice broken by the Champion, above the Newport bridge, has floated down against the solid mass extending from shore to shore at the foot of Vine street, and completely fills the harbor to the foot of Broadway. Coal men are much divided in opinion as to whether the break-up will come. The closing of the rive has run the price of coal up from 83 to 85 per ton, and if there is not a rise soon a coal famine is apprehended.

What Hort 'Em.

New York Sun. As a preliminary to the projected surrender of the Sionx, Major Ilges, last Sunday, "surrounded them, shelled their camp, and compelled them to surrender,' as his dispatch runs. "I burned up about sixty of their lodges," he adds, "which will hurt them badly." This last is quite credible, as the final words of the dispatch are: "Themometer 212 below

## LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

A DESTRUCTIVE FIRE.

Michael Hossier's House Burned-A Seriou

The bright light seen north of Mount Joy borough by a number of the citizens early on Thursday morning, was the resuit of a fire which laid in ruins the dwelling, a two story brick with frame attachment, belonging to Michael Hossler, and located in Rapho township, about three miles from Mount Joy. It was occupied by his son John D. Hossler, who first no ticed the fire after it had gained considerable headway. With much difficulty an alarm was raised, communication with the bell having been cut off by the fire. Neighbors came to the rescue too late, however, to render much assistance. Some of the furniture was saved. A strong eastern wind was blowing at the time, and at no time was the barn endangered. It is not known how the fire originated, but it is supposed from slumbering coals on the hearth, which had been used to wash and bake the day before. There is \$1,100 insurance in the building, in the Mount Joy township insurance company. The loss on the furniture will reach \$500.

Mr. Michael Hossler has been very unfortunate the last few years. Last spring the violent storm blew down a wagon shed and a brick church close by which Mr. Hossler rebuilt this summer. The gable end of a brick house on another of his farms was also blown in.

The damp weather has made tobacco in good condition to strip and farmers have taken a big part from the poles.

Pennsylvania Fruit Growers' Society. The twenty-second annual meeting of this society will be held at Gettysburg, Pa., commencing at 3 o'clock, p. m., Wednesday. January 19, and continue over Thursday. Henry M. Engle, of this county is one of the vice presidents; E. B. Engle, of Marietta, the secretary, and Prof. S. S. Rathvon, professor of entomology; Casper Hiller is on the general fruit committee; L. S. Reist on the committee on nomenclature; S. S. Rathvon on the entomological committee, and so was the late J. Stauffer: J. G. Engle on the committee on orcharding; P. C. Hiller and W. P. Brinton on the floriculture and arboriculture committee, and E. B. Engle on the committee on arrangements. Numerous papers will be read and topics of timely interests discussed.

Better Game Than Euchre.

A fire lot of game can be seen at the City hotel. It was purchased in New York yesterday by Mr. Power and con sists of two deer, wild turkeys, partridges. pheasants, prairie chickens, canvas back ducks and a piece of bear.

Mayor's Court. This morning the mayor discharged one The whole question appears to be very much muddled to the observation of the Seven lodgers were discharged. OUR EDUCATORS.

Meeting of the School Board-Change of Teachers-A New Loan-Committee Reports-Night Schools.

The board of directors of Lancaster school district met last evening in commo council chamber. The following name members were present :

Messrs. Baker, Breneman, Cochran, Eberman, Erisman, Evans, Haas, Harris, D. Hartman, J.I. Hartman, Johnston, Levergood, Morshall, McComsey, McConomy, Morton, Oblender, Reimensnyder, Richards, Samson, Schwebel, Slaymaker, Smeych, Spurrier, Westhaeffer, Wilson, Christian Zecher, Geo. W. Zecher, Warfel president

Mr. D. G. Baker, from the superintending committee, made report that owing to the illness of Miss Lillie Clarkson, one of the teachers, the city superintendent had recommended and the committee appointed Miss Bear to take charge of her school until Miss Clarkson was able to do so, and that Miss Harkins in the meantime take Miss Bear's position. The board on motion approved the action of the committee

Mr. Evans, from the finance committee, presented the following bills which, being approved by the committee, were ordered to be paid :

Joseph Samson, brushes, \$8.40; Geo. M. Steinman & Co., merchandise, \$9.08; Henry Schmid, labor and use of horse and cart, \$11; Lancaster gaslight and fuel company, for gas, \$30; Levi Powl, labor, &c., \$7.20; Pontz & Pro., brick, \$41.25; Miller & Hartman, brooms, \$2.50. Mr. Evans also offered the following resolution relative to a loan.

Resolved, Section 1. That for the purpose of paying the indebtedness contracted by order of this board, for the erection of the Lemon and James street school houses, registered bonds of the board to the amount of ten thousand dollars shall be issued, in denomination of five hundred dollars. The said bonds shall bear interest at the rate of five per centum per aunum, from February 1, 1881, payable semiannually, and shall be redeemable at the pleasure of the board, at any time after February 1, 1882, and shall be payable on February 1, 1891. Each bond shall be signed by the president, secretary and treasurer, and the corporate seal of the board attached thereto.

Sec. 2. An annual tax of one-sixtieth of one per centum on all subjects of taxation for school purposes is hereby levied to pay the principal and interest of the above loan, collectible and payable as other school

Mr. McConomy moved to amend by making the bonds redeemable in ten instead of one year, urging that better terms could be had from money lenders if the period were lengthened.

Mr. Baker moved to further amend by making the term five years, but after some discussion the amendments were withdrawn and Mr. Evans's resolution was unanaimously adopted. Mr. Baker, from the book committee,

reported that the city superintendent rec emmended that the teachers be furnished with copies of two small text books on drawing, to enable them the better to teach that branch in their schools. The be furnished. Agreed to. Mr. John I. Hartman, from the commit-

tee on buildings and grounds, reported that the committee had had gas put in the office of the city superintendent; that the janitor of the Rockland street school had resigned and Christian Nauman had been appointed in his stead. Mr. Hartman also stated that the Rockland school building was insufficiently heated and suggested that a portable heater be placed in the building

Mr. Spurrier corroborated Mr. Hartman's statement and moved that the property committee be instructed to procure : heater. The motion was agreed to. Mr. Samson, from the night school committee, reported that the night schools had been opened; that the boy's school was well attended, but that attendance at

on the roll being only 23 and the average attendance 13.

The city superintendent's report read as follows: LANCASTER, Pn., Jan. 6, 1880. To the Board of School Directors : GENTLEMEN: Your superintendent herewith submits to you his reports of the publie schools of the city of Lancaster, for the month of December. The whole number of pupils enrolled was 3,188; the average attendance, 2,381; and the percentage of attendance, 76. In addition to these, the night schools report an enrolment of 70, with an average attendance of 41, The small number in average attendance, in day schools, is accounted for by an extraordinary amount of sickness among the pupils, and the approach of the holidays. The number of visits made by the visit-

ing committees, as reported by the teachcas, was 15, as follows: A. K. Spurrier, esq., 2; Joseph Samson, 5; Dr. M. L. Herr, 3; Peter McConomy, 2; A. Oblender, 1; F. W. Haas, 2; by the other directors, 125, as follows: Hon, J. B. Warfel, 22; J. W. Jackson, 14; C. Zecher, 31; J. M. Westhaeffer, 1; D. Smeych, 14; L. Richards, 16; H. E. Slaymaker, 2; D. Hartman, 5; J I. Hartman, 1; Wm. McComsey, 6; J. Schmid, 1; Rev. C. Reimensnyder, 1; H. R. Breneman, 6; F. W. Haas, 2; H. Z. Rhoads, 1; J. M.

Johnston, 1. The numbers of visits made by the city superintendent was 37. The examination of all the classes in the secondary schools, and one week's sickness, prevented him from making a greater number of visits. The examinations, except in reading, were entirely written, and the papers are now in the superintendent's office, where they can be examined by any person desiring to do so, and where they will remain for reference, and comparison with future examination papers. In this way a definite idea ridge and requested him not to fail to get of the condition of the schools relatively J. B. Clay (son of the great Henry Clay) and absolutely can be obtained at any time. and the consciousness that their work will be used for such a purpose will stimulate both pupils and teachers. As considerable change will no doubt be made when the new buildings will be occupied, few promotions were made, being such only as

were demanded by peculiar circumitances The Child's Book of Nature, parts I and II, is now being supplied to the schools, and the course of study is therefore now carried out in all its details, as it was probably never before. Respectfully submitted.

R. K. BUEHRLE. The report contained the following sum mary of the pupils enrolled and the attendance at the several schools:

schools.	tendanco	ercentage
J. P. McCaskey's	70	91
Miss S. H. Bundell's 13	3 128	93
W. H. Levergood's 14		93
R. S. Gates' 13		91
Miss I. V. Hantch's 4	3 39	84
" Georgia Bundell's 14		94
	0 116	8
" A. C. Brubaker'.s		8
Charles Matz's		8.
Miss M. E. Zuereher's		58
" M. Zug's		4:
" Mary Dougherty's 16		7
" M. J. Bruning's 15		Ġ.
" L. C. Marshall's 15		71
" Ella Carpenter's 14		70
" Kate Buckfus's 16	1 117	.2
" E. J. Downey's 16		72
" A. M. Etter's 150		65
" M. E. Stahl's 100		65
" L. H. Clarkson's 4:		69
" D. R. Bair's 57		87
Dauddridge B. Couzzins' 66	46	70
Totals and Averages	2381	76

SIGHT SCHOOLS. Total.....

A petition of colored people praying that the colored night school may be opened was presented. Mr. Johnston moved that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and the

proceed to the election of a teacher: Agreed to. Dr. Levergood nominated Mr. Couzzins as teacher, and he was chosen by acclama-

Mr. Breneman moved that the committee on buildings and grounds be instructed to purchase a lot of ground in the Eighth ward whereon to erect a public school

Mr. McComsey seconded the motion, saying that the Eighth word was the most populous in the city, and the least pro-vided with school accommodations.

Mr. Cochran also spoke in favor of the notion, and it was unanimously adopted. Mr. McComsey called attention to the fact that there were many valuable records of the school board for which no suitable place of preservation had ever been pro-vided. One volume of the minutes had been lost and other valuable records are liable to be lost for want of a proper place in which to keep them. They should be gathered together, properly catalogued and kept in a place of security, either in the meeting room of the board or the superintendent's room. He moved that the committee on furniture and apparatus be instructed to purchase a suitable safe for the purpose of preserving the records of the board.

The motion was agreed to. Adjourned.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS.

Events Across the County Lines, The organist, W. C. Keller, of Spiece's church, Berks county, has occupied that position for twenty-eight years. He refuses to play modern music, and the younger portion of the congregation are determined to oust him. One election that installed him has been declared illegal. Two of the old trustees were put out be-cause they favored Keller. These men resisted, and now the congregation is fighting for the possession of the church. Both

livisions are very determined to win. Mayor Patterson, of Harrisburg, having been elected resident clerk of the House, has resigned his position as executive head

of the municipality. Considerable excitement prevails in the vicinity of Moslemen, ten miles above Reading, owing to the charges made that the grave of a daughter of James Rothermel has been opened by unknown parties and the body stolen. The daughter's appearance at the time of the burial was very natural and life-like, and many per-sons expressed a doubt as to her death. The corpse was buried in a private cemetery on the farm of a relative. Certain queer stories are whispered and an investigation is being made.

Jacob F. Murray, while rocking his grandchild, at the residence of his son in Harrisburg, died suddenly. Mrs. Holstein, who was killed at the bridge over the Pennsylvania canal at Middletown on Wednesday, had one of her

legs and an arm cut off before the body fell into the canal. A tramp was taken off of the pilot of a freight engine at the Lewistown junction the other night in an almost frozen condition. He had rode on this cold place from Harrisburg, and was so near dead that he had to be carried into the depot in a help-

less condition. Capt. James Dunlap, a leading citizen of Centre county (whither his father, Samtel Dunlap, moved in 1812 from Lancaster county), has died there recently.

On New Year's eve, at East Berlin, Adams county, a loaded anvil exploded, and a twenty pound piece passed through the front and dining room doors of Michael Dellone's dwelling. Mr. Dellone and his wife were in the sitting room at the time, the former occupying the lounge and the latter seated in front of the stove the girl's school was small-the number mouth. Had they been in almost any other parts of the room, they could have hardly escaped fearful if not fatal injury.

BUCHANAN'S LETTER.

His Interest in the Defeat of Know-Noth-In his Progress Col. Forney this week publishes two letters from Buchanan, the first showing his earnest interest in the defeat of Know-Nothingism in Virginia in 1855, and the second on a local subject which appears from the text :

LEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES, ? LONDON, June 8, 1855. My Dear Sir: I have received yours of the 12th ultimo. I am nervous about the Virginia election, and this both for the cause and for the man identified with it. Heaven grant that we may receive the news of Wise's election on Monday. If the reverse, he has done his duty as no other man would, and will eventually reap his reward. Although three thousand miles from the scene of action, and having no personal interest in the result, I feel as auxious in regard to it as though I were a

party in the contest. · LANCASTER, Sep. 25, 1850: My DEAR SIR : I have consulted Hiester and Swarr, and they concur in opinion that three or four good speakers who would go into the townships, might be very useful in this county. They ought to be prudent men. But before they commence they should come to Lancaster and be instructed on the topics on which they ought to speak. We all concur that this is essential. We are much indebted to you for your kind offer to send us such speakers, and the sooner the better. All looks well, they inform me, in this county. I have written to Breckinto be present in Lancaster on the 8th of October. He can do more good in this county than anywhere else in the state.

Ever your friend, JAMES BUCHANAN. COLONEL FORNEY.

OBITUARY.

Death of George Reed, Esq., The venerable George Reed, father of John K. Reed, banker, died at the residence of the latter about 10 o'clock this morning, aged about 90 years. Deceased was a native of Earl township, this county and in his earlier years followed the occupation of a tanner. He was a soldier during the war of 1812-14, and was, we are informed, at the battle of Baltimore, September 13 and 14. He was for many years a justice of the peace of West Earl township. Some fifteen years ago Mr. Reed discovered a remedy for rupture, which attracted a great deal of attention and which was said to have effeeted many marvellous cures. For a long time past Mr. Reed made his home with his sen John, on East King street. For a man of such advanced age he was of a remarkably lively and genial disposition, and until a very few weeks ago enjoyed excellent health. His death was caused by a general breaking up of the physical forces, and for some days past his mind was also impaired. He lived far beyond the time allotted for man's life, and yet many relatives and friends will sincerely grieve that his pleasant smile and cheerful voice shall no longer greet them.

Clearing Up the Street. The snow on Water street, which has

been lying in immense piles along the Quarryville railroad track, obstructing Water street, is being hauled away in freight cars.