

FATAL ACCIDENT.

Killed in a Pit by Falling Earth.
Yesterday afternoon about 5 o'clock Frederick Kahl, foreman in the employ of Urban & Burger, was almost instantly killed by being struck by a mass of falling earth in the property on South Queen street, known as "Oppen's vaults," now belonging to Urban & Burger. The company has followed in the wake of Urban & Burger are about erecting dwelling houses on the site of the vaults and had a force of men at work removing some nine or ten feet of earth with which the top of the vaults is covered. This earth has a frozen crust of some two feet in thickness, and it was removed by undermining it and then breaking in the frozen crust with dredging-irons. Just as the men were quitting work last evening, Mr. Kahl said he felt cold and would warm himself up by working a little. Taking a shovel he commenced to dig under the overhanging crust. A number of the workmen were around him, when some one called out that the crust was giving away. All the men ran from beneath the melting earth and escaped safe. Mr. Kahl, who moved back a few steps, though in the cold, there was no danger. Instantly a large cube of frozen earth weighing several tons fell into the pit. The outer edge of it struck Mr. Kahl a glancing blow on the left shoulder, pushing him forward, throwing him to the ground and falling on his lower limb. For a moment he held up his head, resting upon his hands, and then sank helpless to the earth. In a very few moments he was extricated and carried to the residence of Amos Urban, on the opposite side of the street, but died before reaching it. Dr. B. F. W. Urban and Dr. L. A. Warren were almost immediately on the ground and attempted to resuscitate him by artificial respiration, but without avail. Dr. M. W. Raub was also soon in attendance, but the man was dead entirely and, therefore, was soon removed to the late residence of Mr. Kahl, St. Joseph street, near St. Joseph's church.

Courier Mishler being unable to panel a jury and viewed the remains. The body was in no way disfigured except a slight abrasion on the left shoulder, and few bruisings on the lower limb. The jury adjourned to a reasonable time in the orphans' court, adjourning at 9 o'clock to hear testimony. Dr. B. F. W. Urban, Jacob C. Hess, Edward Webb, John Link, and John McManus were witnesses, and their testimony as to the circumstances of the accident were substantially as above given. The jury rendered a verdict of death caused by injuries received by the deceased.

Mr. Kahl was about 39 or 40 years of age, a honest industrious man, with a wife and two children, aged ten and seven, and the other about two years old. For two or three years past Mr. Kahl had been in the employ of Urban & Burger, and by reason of his meritorious conduct was made a foreman of twenty or more other workmen. He was the leader of the Spring Garden drama corps, a member of Lancaster Lodge No. 68, K. of P., and of Lancaster Division, No. 6, Uniform Rank K. of P., and also a member of the American Mechanics. He was implicitly trusted by his employers and highly esteemed by a large circle of friends and acquaintances, who are greatly grieved by his sudden death.

THE FAIR
OF THE KEYSTONE BAND AND BROWNS' AERONAUTS.

A large crowd of visitors were again in attendance at the Keystone band fair last night. The bands were well represented, and a good many visitors, a large number of whom were gathered round the sides of fortune, and others were investing in the articles to be obtained off. Mr. N. Roberts, a maker of vases; Miss Lydia Strain, pair of vases; Miss Katie Light, pair of vases; Joseph L. Cogley, a silver glass. On Saturday evening the carpet, gun, Davis sawing machine, and a silver watch will be voted on. The committee of arrangements has thought it advisable to continue the fair until Wednesday, March 2. From present appearances the fair will be a grand success, and we hope the Keystone boys expect to appear in fine new uniforms.

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USES OF FORESTS.

A Thoroughly Able Treatise. Simon P. Eby, esq., librarian of the Lancaster County Agricultural and Horticultural society, and one of the most intelligent and public spirited of its members, has published in a neat pamphlet of 35 pages, printed by Steinman & Hensel, his address on "Uses of Forests in Lancaster County." Their influence on the climate, temperature, springs and streams. Their protection against storms and floods. How forests improve the soil. The question of the influence of forests on the rainfall considered. How orchards have been affected. Reasons why new forests should be planted and the timber belts of the country should be stocked and preserved."

All these themes are of the highest importance, upon whose prosperity largely depends the welfare of every other interest. To the intelligent discussion of the topics stated Mr. Eby brings careful study, wide experience and ample research among copious authorities. His essay is written in a pleasing style and his logical conclusions are fortified with irrefutable facts. The destruction of forests is without doubt a cause for most serious alarm, and the restocking of timber lands is a subject for profound consideration. We know of no better means to check the evil and promote the remedy than the wide distribution and the extended restocking and study of Mr. Eby's address.

Mr. Buehrle as State Superintendent.

The term of Prof. Wicksell as state superintendent expired last week, and he has not been re-appointed. He will hold the office for four years. A number of names have been suggested as suitable candidates, and among them is that of our former city superintendent, Mr. R. K. Buehrle, now of Lancaster.

Mr. Buehrle has every qualification for the office, and his appointment by Governor Hoyt would be a graceful recognition of his ability as an educator, and one that would meet with general approval. Mr. Buehrle possesses excellent administrative capacities and his administration of the office of state superintendent would be done to the credit and honor of himself and the state.

Sheriff's sale.

Bills have been posted in the court house announcing that several properties will be sold at sheriff's sale on Saturday, March 12.

COLUMBIA NEWS.

OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE.

DISASTROUS FIRE.
Barn and Live Stock Burned—\$10,000 Loss.
The large barn with other buildings and all the live stock on the farm of S. Graybill, three miles from Manheim were totally destroyed by fire at midnight last night. Loss \$10,000; partly insured. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Mr. Jacob H. Mace, P. M., writing from Penn, advises us as follows: "Last night between 11 and 12 o'clock the barn of Seth Graybill (about a mile from this place) was destroyed by fire. All the live stock except one pig, together with all the farming implements except one wagon was destroyed. All the hay, straw, 200 bushels of wheat, 100 bushels of oats, 300 bushel corn and the tobacco from 5 acres, 6 fat steers, 7 head of horses, 6 cows were consumed. Loss about \$10,000."

County Accounts.

It appears that the annual accounts filed a month ago by the county treasurer, prison inspectors and poor directors were not sworn to, and when they were presented for audit the county auditors declined to examine them until the necessary affidavits were made.

Treasurer Gross promptly swore to his account, but the other officers have not yet been heard from.

Matthew H. Carpenter, of Milwaukee, in his second term as senator from Wisconsin, was born at Moretown, Vermont, in 1824; entered the military academy at West Point in 1843 and remained there two years; studied law with Rufus Choate, and was admitted to the bar; removed to Wisconsin in 1848, and entered upon the practice of his profession; was elected to the United States Senate as a Republican in place of James R. Doolittle, and served from March 4, 1869, to March 3, 1875, when he was defeated for re-election with Christianity, by a combination of boltin Republicans and Democrats. He practiced law at Washington and at Milwaukee; was again elected to the United States Senate as a Republican in place of Timothy O. Howe, to March 3, 1879. His term of office would have expired March 3, 1885. Mr. Carpenter was a man of rare brilliancy and independence. He too high rank in the Senate as a debater, though he dissipated his intellectual energies. A scandal associated with the Tribune with his name helped to kill him off, and his devotion to Grantian defeated his re-election; but the Democrats often mourned the day when they helped to retire him for such an old stick and hide-bound partisan as Christianity. He antagonized his party on federal usurpation in Louisiana; was one of Mr. Tilden's council before the electoral commission, and was associated with his friend and ardent admirer, Judge Black, in the recent prosecution of the riot loss bill bidders in this state. His shattered nervous system and his ill health for some years past are attributed to excessive smoking. He was of fine personal appearance and admirable social parts.

He died at Milwaukee, Feb. 21, 1881, at the age of 57 years.

We have a general statement of the wine produced by Mr. Alfred Speer, and do not hesitate in pronouncing it pure. It contains all the qualities of the Oregon grape, and therefore, for my belief, it is superior to other wines, its principal effect upon the system are mild stimulating, diuretic, sudorific, &c. It is particularly good in cases of the kidneys, & male glands, with general debility of the constitution. Physicians may safely recommend it to their patients in place of the many doubtful mixtures too often sold as pure wine.

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This wine can be had of — and is a most valuable article for weak persons, especially females, in a very superior table wine, and the most healthy drink now in use. It is not a spiritified or saccharated article, this wine is endorsed by Drs. Atlee and Davis and sold by H. E. Haymaker.

Port Grape Wine.

This wine is made in New Jersey, and is surpassing anything in the way of wine ever made. It is called Speer's Wine, produced by Mr. Speer. Since the true analysis of this wine has not been made, I do not know who could afford it adopted me in preference to foreign wines. Prof. Clinton used it in his own family, and has written to the public the following card:

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